Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system. Sidney Hook

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. Maya Angelou

Upcoming Events:

October 28 – November 1 Red Ribbon Week
Tuesday, October 29 Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Eastridge, 6:00 p.m., SHS
Friday, November 1 Red Cross Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m.
Monday, November 4 BPT Meeting, 2:25 p.m., Conference Room
Tuesday, November 5 Faculty Meeting, 2:25 p.m., PAC
Monday, November 11 Veterans Day, No School
Tuesday, November 12 Department Meetings, 2:25 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Office
Thursday, November 14 Teacher Leader Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room
Thursday, November 14 Musical Production, 7:00 p.m., PAC
Friday, November 15 First Quarter Report Cards Mailed Home
Friday, November 15 Musical Production, 7:00 p.m., PAC
Saturday, November 16 Musical Production, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., PAC
Monday, November 18 BPT (STA Only), 2:25 pm, Conference Room
Tuesday, November 19 Faculty Meeting, 2:25 p.m., PAC
Thursday, November 21 ASVAB Test, 7:30 p.m., Room 401
Monday, November 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 26 Board of Education, 7:00 p.m., District Office
November 27 – November 29 Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Student/Staff Updates
On Tuesday, October 22, senior class members of the Service Learning Internship Program volunteered at St. Peter's Soup Kitchen. The students learned the history of St. Peter's and the background history of the city's "Deutschtown" neighborhood. The day was spent preparing a delicious hot lunch and then serving the guests.
On Saturday, October 26, members of the Service Learning Internship Program (SLIP) volunteered at the 5th Annual Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival at the Ogden Baptist Church. The students arrived early to decorate the hall for the trick-or-treaters. During the festival, the volunteers helped with the arts and crafts, games, face painting and treats! This was the SLIP program’s fifth year of involvement and every year the students share what a great experience it is. The director of youth services Dale Shonk shared "We look forward to working with your wonderful students again as they do the most phenomenal job each year!"
Red Ribbon Week
Thank you to our CARE Team and Tom Kanaley’s multi-media class for all of their work on Red Ribbon Week. All staff is certainly invited/encouraged to participate! 😊

Musical performances during Advisement
On Wednesday, November 6, (D Day) and Thursday, November 7, (A Day), there will be an abbreviated performance of the school musical (“Annie”) during Advisement. This is a great opportunity for our school to celebrate the talent and dedication of our students who are participating in the school musical. Please plan on students being 5-10 minutes late to class on each of these days (an announcement will be made when students are dismissed from the PAC). Students in grades 9 and 10 will attend on Wednesday, November 6, and students in grades 11 and 12 will attend on Thursday, November 7. A seating chart for each advisement teacher will be placed in mailboxes a few days before the assembly. All staff are invited and encouraged to attend one of the performances. A list of all of the students participating in the musical will be sent out the week before the performance, and they will be expected to make up any work that they miss while participating in these performances. Each of our elementary schools along with Cosgrove will be attending modified performances at 10:00 a.m. on these days as well.
Upcoming Faculty Meetings
11/5: Cory Allen’s email from 10/21: During the November 5th faculty meeting, we will engage in an Edcamp(ish) format. Participants will collaborate in two fifteen minute breakout sessions. The topics of these sessions will focus on Digital Conversion and the implementation of instructional technology. With that said, we need your assistance in generating topics for these breakout sessions.

11/19: We will be in the same break-out groups we have used for our meetings on discipline/code of conduct. For this meeting we will get updates on that topic but we will also look for feedback/reaction to our work on Cultural Responsive Education from Superintendent’s Day and what staff would like to see as the next steps for the high school. I will send out those groups a few days before that meeting.

12/10: This will be our only faculty meeting in December. Like last year, we will have health and wellness activities to choose from, and then we will have our holiday party in the East Cafeteria 😊.

Staff Reminders/Updates
• There will be one emergency drill this week. Steve will send out an email to staff prior to this drill. This drill will take place during a passing time so we can continue to practice how we would handle that type of situation. Please continue to make sure your emergency plans are in an easily accessible location for your reference (and if you have a substitute teacher). When the drill is occurring, everyone is expected to take part in it and model the seriousness/importance of the drill.
• All staff should now have a PM key which will let you into almost every room in the building (the only exceptions are District Tech/Computer Room closets). Please continue to make sure all classroom doors are locked and secured when empty. At no time should any students be left unsupervised in a classroom. Our wonderful custodians are also asking that if you open a hallway door that is locked during the weekend/off hours to make sure to lock it. This helps to close off certain sections of the building when school is not in session. Everyone’s help with this is appreciated.
• Please continue to reinforce our building-wide expectations with students signing in and out of classrooms. Extra sign out books are now available in Maria Bash’s office. Another point of emphasis is that during Advisement, honor passes are not in effect for any students. Students must have pre-signed passes to visit teachers. In talking to teachers who have hall duty during Advisement, this continues to be an issue for a few students/teachers. We will do a modified hall sweep during
Advisement in the coming weeks to reinforce this expectation. Everyone’s consistency with this expectation is appreciated.

- Please remind your students that after the 1st marking period we will be transitioning to electronic report cards (so starting 2nd quarter). We have been reaching out to parents/guardians through other means, but the more we can get this message out the better 😊
- Please continue to make sure you have your ID badge displayed in a manner in which it makes it easy for anyone to see it. If you lose you ID badge, report this immediately to Toby Toscano (ext. 5197). If you ever encounter someone in the building without an ID, badge please let security and administration know immediately.

**District Learning Center (DLC)**

Please be aware, that when a student is at the DLC, we need to make sure that appropriate work is provided for them in a timely fashion. Schoology is a great tool to support both our students at the DLC and their tutors. With that being said, specific directions are needed for our tutors at the DLC on what students should be doing in Schoology. Please refrain from simply writing down/sharing, “The work is in Schoology.” All of our tutors at the DLC have accounts in Schoology. Kerry Geedy will be reaching out to teachers if they have students who are at the DLC so that you can add the DLC tutor to your Schoology course. The tutor will simply be a participant in the course, not an administrator, and this will allow the tutor to access course content and preview information prior to meeting with the student. This should maximize the student’s and the tutor’s time together while at the DLC.

**Principal’s Message**

Hard to believe we are preparing for Halloween! I always look forward to seeing how creative our seniors are with their costumes. Please note that while I usually don’t dress up, I also love seeing our staff dressed up….so please feel free to participate…maybe one of these years I will get motivated enough (and creative enough) to participate 😊!

As I have been completing observations (both formal and unannounced), I have been so impressed with the teaching and learning that is happening on a daily basis. I have been able to see a wide range of uses of instructional technology and a number of examples of blended learning. Simply fantastic. I would encourage all of the teaching staff to review their copies of the NYSUT’s Teacher Rubric as they are planning their lessons and being prepared to discuss with the admin completing your observation which standards you feel your lesson plan really “hits/focuses on.” This just helps to make the pre-observation conference as productive as possible.

As always, please feel free to email me or stop by with any questions, concerns or comments! 😊 I hope everyone has a great week! All the best. Sean