

SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL eNews 11-27-20

Dear Parents and Friends of South Eugene High School, Here is the latest eNews from SEHS. Stay safe everyone. . . Best.

Jeff Cook (Parent Council Volunteer)

Links to SEHS resources: Main website, Full calendar, Athletics calendar.

THE SEHS JUNIOR/SENIOR EVENT is now posted! Recordings about the college application process at South, junior-year essentials, reasons to consider Lane Community College, earning college credits while attending South, career-experience options, and more are viewable at your leisure for the foreseeable future.

PARENT TECH TRAINING

A recording of the Eugene School District 4J Parent Tech Training from Nov. 9 is available here.

RePlay The Music Forward Project

Learning an instrument and playing music can help ease feelings of fear and anxiety and offer an avenue of comfort, creativity and confidence to help our kids get through this unprecedented situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, social distancing and virtual learning.

The Replay the Music Forward Project is an ad hoc group of community members working to benefit Roosevelt Middle and South Eugene High School music students that may not be able to afford to purchase their own instruments.

If you have an instrument, new or used, ½, ¾. or full sized that's not getting played and would like to donate it please email us at replaythemusicforward@gmail.com or contact us thru Replay The Music Forward Project on Facebook. We will be happy to arrange a covid safe pick-up from one of our trusted participants. We will be accepting donations thru Dec. 4th, 2020.

Thank you for your generosity, upcycling, your help in making a difference, and Replaying the Music Forward!

Find and Like us on Facebook

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP OF SCHOOL ITEMS

School distribution dates are now the first and third Thursday of the month. The next distribution date will be **Dec. 3** from 1pm-4pm. If there is a need for mass collection/distribution, we'll publish a new plan. Please call the Main Office if you have any questions.

CANVAS:

For Students: https://www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/canvas/

For Parents: https://4j.instructure.com/login/canvas

Parents have the ability to become an **Observer** in a Canvas course and see coursework planned for students and their student's grades by following instructions at the link above.

What is Canvas?

Canvas is the learning platform that all 4J high schools are using this year. Canvas is where students and parents can view all of the course content, assignments, grades, and announcements. As a parent, Canvas is the place where you can monitor your student's weekly progress in each course. You can view grades, assignments, and even how much time your student is spending logged in to each course.

How do I become an Observer in Canvas?

You will first need a pairing code. You can get this code from your student (instructions below), or from an SEHS Canvas administrator. It may be simplest to request the pairing code from your student, but there is also a request form below if your student is unable to provide the code. There are also instructions below on using the Canvas Parent App.

How can my student create a Canvas pairing code for a parent (2 minute video):

https://www.loom.com/share/33d85e2c1c7d4b6087ae0a708d63afac

How to request a pairing code from SEHS (Google form link):

https://forms.gle/o36xMZZD1WbNsQ2C8

How to log in once I have my pairing code (2 minute video):

https://www.loom.com/share/e43915b20581420e9a59c5fb251d19b1

Canvas login page for parents (please bookmark this page for future logins):

https://www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/canvas/

How to add more than one student to an already existing Canvas Observer account:

https://www.loom.com/share/df9d05f1692d45d08f42c815db7296b5

4J Technology Support Resource Page for Families:

https://www.4j.lane.edu/technology/tech-help/

ATTENDANCE & GRADING

High Schools are making adjustments to how attendance is documented, and students should make certain that they access each of that day's classes within Canvas to be counted as present. Students continue to be expected to access synchronous classes via Zoom as well as engaging in modules in Canvas. On Advisory (Flex) Days, students should open up each of their courses in Canvas. Most attendance reporting will be done through the Attendance Team in the main office and attendance will be viewable in StudentVUE/ParentVUE. Each week on Monday afternoon, an automated phone call will go out to parents with information about the previous week's absences.

The last class day of Trimester 1 will be Thurs., December 10, and we encourage families to review student progress in Canvas by becoming an Observer in Canvas courses. Helpful information is linked here.

Students seeking to withdraw from a course must do so this week and will have a WD recorded on their transcript with no credit awarded. It is important to note that there is not a guarantee that the student will be able to take the same course in a later term this year because not all courses are offered each term.

Students with an Incomplete from Trimester 1 last year (2019-2020) have until the end of this trimester to resolve their Incomplete.

GRADUATION

It is now time to begin the ordering process for the Class of 2021 Graduation. Due to the pandemic, the process to order will be done remotely. Orders need to be placed through Miners Graduate Services.

Orders need to be placed by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 9th</u>, <u>2020</u>. Orders placed after this date will be subject to late fees and product restrictions.

Please visit Miners Graduate Services webpage to place your order.

Ordering packets are available in the school for students that do not plan on placing an order online. Please call the school if you wish to pick up a packet. If you have any questions call them at 541-689-4588 or watch this video for more info.

COUNSELING INFORMATION

Attention Seniors! We know many of you are working on your college applications right now, or will be soon. Please refer to our <u>Class of 2021 webpage</u> for a video and instructions on how we're gathering and tracking what you need from us. You will find the *College Materials* Request Form and Senior Interview Newsletter which leads you through the entire process.

Live Chat with the Counselors: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3:00 counselors are online available for immediate assistance. The live chat bubble can be found on the Class of 2021 and <u>Counseling Department webpage</u>.

Advanced Placement (AP) The AP exam ordering has now passed. If you successfully joined your AP course or AP exam only section on your MyAP College Board account, we have ordered an exam(s) for you. After the exam fee is set we will be sending out a notice to pay the exam fee(s). If you do not pay the exam fee by the to be determined designated deadline or decide not to take the exam, the exam will be cancelled. There will be a reduced exam fee for those who qualify for free or reduced meals. If you need assistance paying for the exam fee, please contact your student's counselor. Please continue to monitor the AP webpage for the most up to date information.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Friends of South - FOS is for parents first...not just alumni

FOS Board meeting: **Monday, Dec. 14 from 6:00 to 7:00pm by Zoom**. All parents and volunteers wishing to support South programs with fundraising are invited. Email Dan.Ambrose@ambro.com for a zoom invitation/link.

Send an email to dan.ambrose@ambro.com to join or go to the <u>Friends of South website</u> to learn more. Friends of South is a great non-profit point of connection for SEHS alumni and community members interested in supporting South Eugene. Meetings are usually held the second Monday of each month.

Parent Council: All parents are automatically considered to be part of South's Parent Council and are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings, which typically are held the first Monday of the month at 6:00pm. Our next meeting is coming up **Monday**, **Dec. 7 6pm-7pm via Zoom**. Interested parents can contact Jen Doerr at brad.jend@gmail.com for meeting details.

Site Council: South Eugene's Site Council meets monthly. In 2020-2021 we will be meeting the third Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 and the meeting is accessible via this <u>link</u>. Meetings are virtual this fall and open to the public, and interpretation can be made available.

NUTRITION SERVICES

http://www.4j.lane.edu/nutrition/

Eugene School District 4J is offering free meals 7 days a week for all 4J students and youth 18 years old and younger. Meals are available to grab-and-go from 10 sites across the district, from 10:45 a.m.–2 p.m. each school day. Daily meal menus are available online. Extra meals for the weekend are provided on Fridays.

The district also offers <u>home delivery of meals</u> to children who don't live near a meal pickup location or need assistance accessing meals. To request delivery to your home within the Eugene School District please complete the <u>request form</u> in <u>English</u> or <u>Spanish</u>. Families who can't access the online form can call 541-790-7654.

CHILDCARE OPTIONS

https://www.4j.lane.edu/2020/10/4j-partners-to-offer-childcare/

Eugene School District 4J is providing space and partnering with local childcare providers to offer families childcare options for their elementary school students. Childcare will be offered at the school sites at least until students return to in-person learning in a hybrid model, which will be January 5 at the earliest.

Please contact the providers to enroll in childcare or to ask about financial assistance (provider info in link above). Per their agreement with 4J, these childcare providers must offer some scholarship opportunities.

SCHOOL TO CAREERS

Junior and Senior Students, do you have a job after school? If you work 10 hours or more each week, you can earn elective credit. Please contact Kathy Ruggles at ruggles_k@4j.lane.edu for more information.

Did you take a College Now class last spring? Please check your MyLane account to verify that you registered and received your LCC credit. Email Kathy Ruggles if you have questions or need help with your L#.

CAREER CENTER CHECK IN

Lori Sauter, SEHS Career Center Coordinator: Welcome to the Career Center Check In! I invite you to contact me with any questions that aren't answered in the e-news or on our website. That includes questions about applying to college, filling out the FAFSA, deciding about the SATs and ACTs during Covid, and any other college or career prep questions that plague you.

- sauter_l@4j.lane.edu541-790-8052 (msg)
- I'm happy to arrange a Zoom conversation with you, as well.

College and Program Virtual Visits:

Check out South's College/Program Visits and Fairs page.

Scholarships:

- Upcoming South-Supported Scholarships (due dates in parentheses): Unified Caring Association Scholarship (11/30); Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Scholarship (12/1); National Honor Society (12/1); Oregon Opportunity Grant (12/1); Generation Google (12/1); LEDA Scholarship Program (12/14); Equitable Excellence Scholarship (12/15); Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship (12/23).
- This Week's Featured Scholarships: The Oregon Opportunity Grant is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program for students attending college at an Oregon school. Approximately 40,000 students receive Opportunity Grants each year. Awards range from \$2,800 for students attending community college to \$3,600 for students attending four-year college. Apply by filing the FAFSA as soon as possible. There is no firm application deadline because grants are awarded until funds are exhausted on a first-come, first-served basis. Generation Google awards \$10,000 to students interested in computer science who are from historically underrepresented groups, including Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Selection based on financial need and a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Also based on demonstrated leadership and academic performance. Requires resume, financial information, transcript, and three short-answer essays. Apply by 12/1.
- Check out our Scholarships web page for more information including links to applications. And please give at least two weeks' notice (preferably four weeks!) for requesting any letters of recommendation.

High-Demand, High-Wage Apprenticeships in Oregon: Carpenters and electricians are projected to be the most in-demand occupations, while power-line installers make the highest average wages.

The <u>Virtual Industry Tours</u> offered all fall by Elevate Lane County were recorded and are now available to watch.

PSAT: If South is unable to offer this test on January 26, students may be able to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program using this alternate method.

SAT/ACT: Lori's Thoughts With Regard to the Virus

College Application and Essay Assistance from Pacific University admissions counselors (no need to apply to Pacific U to get help). Called PacU Pop-Ups, these assistance sessions take place every day of the week all fall.

More College and Scholarship Essay Assistance. South students are invited to contact Lori Sauter in the career center (<u>sauter I@4j.lane.edu</u>) to arrange for help with their essays, as well

The UO's SAIL Program guides high-school students and their families in college and career preparation. Here are some of the free, virtual programs they're offering this year. Strongly recommended! (All SAIL faculty presentations are recorded and students can access the earlier presentations at UO SAIL Recorded Faculty Presentations.)

How To Complete FAFSA If Your Parents Do Not Have a Social Security Number

Researching Whether a College is at Risk of Closing blog post by financial-aid journalist Lynn O'Shaughnessy

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11/30/20: Due date for UC schools admission applications. <u>UC application video tutorial</u>. Register <u>here for UC application webinars</u>.

12/1/20: Due date to register for **Elevate Lane County**'s **codeORcreate**, a 3-day virtual hackathon for coders, designers, and entrepreneurs to take place from 12/11-13. Teams will be presented with tech-based challenges to solve by creating either a website, an app, a video game, or a marketing campaign. They will be paired with a professional mentor for daily check-ins and support. Students needing technology for the event may borrow it from Elevate Lane County. Once registered, students will be sent an info packet, due back to Elevate by 12/2. Register here: https://lesd.link/Register 4 CodeORcreate.

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