

# SCIENCE HILL TOPPER TIDBITS NEWS

## 2009-2010 WINTER ISSUE

Athletic Events, Daily Announcements & Topper Tidbits

can be seen on the WEB @ [www.jcschools.org/shhs](http://www.jcschools.org/shhs)

Dates are subject to change.

Check Daily Announcements on our Web Page for up-to-date information.



\*The master calendar is continually updated on the SHHS website [\[www.jcschools.org/shhs\]](http://www.jcschools.org/shhs). In addition, the full 09-10 SHHS Student Handbook is available on the school website.

Tidbits will be available for viewing online at [www.jcschools.org/shhs](http://www.jcschools.org/shhs)

Copies are available in the Administrative Offices

### COUNSELING INFORMATION

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST

The tests will be administered May 3rd - May 13th. Registration will begin Monday, February 1st and will end Tuesday, March 23rd. The registration fee is \$86 per test. Students should watch the announcements and register early. Make checks payable to Science Hill High School.

#### ASVA ARMED SERVICE VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY (ASVAB)

ASVAB test will be given to registered juniors and seniors on Tuesday, February 23rd. Students should have signed up in the Counseling Office for the test in January. This free test is necessary for anyone who may be considering the military and is also a good occupational interest test for all students.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS (Local)

There are many local scholarships available at Science Hill High School. The competition is among Science Hill students only, so the chance of being awarded money is much greater. Scholarship applications will be available in the Counseling Office in January. Watch the announcements and check the scholarship board in the Counseling Office as well. The scholarship winners will be announced at the Awards Program May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

#### SENIOR CHECK OUT FORMS

Forms will be given to seniors on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the 10-12 Auditorium during the senior meeting. This form is very important since it instructs the counseling office where to send the final high school transcript. Please make sure your student completes this form and returns it to the counseling office ASAP.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Remember the 40 hours Community Service Requirement for graduation. Please see your counselor for more information.

### GRADUATION INFORMATION

Seniors: If you have not ordered your cap & gown or graduation supplies, orders can be placed on-line at [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com). A late fee will be added to all orders received after November 24, 2009. Orders will be delivered on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 11-1pm and 2:40-6pm in the cafeteria on the 10-12 campus. Payment in full is expected upon delivery.

#### ACT/SAT Testing Schedule

ACT		SAT	
Deadline To Register	Test Date	Deadline To Register	Test Date
1/5/10	2/6/10	12/15/9	1/23/10
3/5/10	4/10/10	2/4/10	3/13/10
5/7/10	6/12/10	3/25/10	5/1/10
		4/29/10	6/5/10

### NORTHEAST STATE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

This program can be very beneficial for Science Hill students. They can earn college credits (books and tuition free) while at Science Hill. Participants in this program can then earn an Associate Degree after completing two years of college work, qualifying them for jobs paying from \$45,000 to \$60,000 with a local employer. Fast Track programs include Chemical Process Operations, Electromechanical Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Welding/Metal Fabrication, and Health-Related Professions (R.N. in two years). For more information see Ms. Bray in 10-12 Counselors' office or contact Mr. Gary Lee, Northeast State's Director of High School Transition Programs at 423-354-2505 or [gelee@northeaststate.edu](mailto:gelee@northeaststate.edu).

### FAFSA

In order to receive Federal Pell and/or State Grant monies, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) needs to be completed after January 1, 2010. As soon as families gather tax information for the 2009 tax year, the FAFSA may be completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Completing the FAFSA allows students to be eligible for the Tennessee Hope (Lottery) Scholarship. Students and parents should apply for a PIN number NOW. Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and request a pin number which will be used to electronically sign the FAFSA. Parents, if you have an older student and you already have a PIN number, you will use that same number to complete the FAFSA. Save the pin numbers and passwords since a FAFSA will be filed every year the student is in college. For students with low family incomes, the FAFSA should be filed no later than February 15th, 2010.

### STUDENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. Parents may call Mrs. Deel at 232-2206 for 8/9, and Mrs. Bray at 232-2184 for 10/12 to check the obligation book. Seniors MUST have all obligations cleared before a transcript will be mailed to colleges or employers.

#### Report Card Schedule

Report Card Dates	
1/13/10	Distributed in 1st period
2/10/10	Mid-terms distributed in 1 <sup>st</sup> pd
3/24/10	Distributed in 1st period.

### SPORTS PASSES

Sports passes are now on sale. Student passes are \$40.00 and adult passes are \$60.00. Sports Pass forms are located in the main office. Sports Passes can be used for admission to all regular season home games with the exception of Varsity Football. Please contact Janet Phillips at the SHHS Student Activities office 232-2205 for additional information.

### RESERVED SEATING BASKETBALL TICKETS

A limited number of RESERVED SEASON BASKETBALL TICKETS are on sale now. The ticket cost is \$80. The ticket can be used at all regular season home junior varsity and varsity basketball games. For more information please contact Janet Phillips in the Student Activities Office to purchase a ticket. 232-2205 or [phillipsj1@jcschools.org](mailto:phillipsj1@jcschools.org)

### THE LOCKER

Stop by the LOCKER for gift ideas. Many new items for the winter months have arrived (toboggan hats, sweaters, sweater vests, and the famous long sleeve HILL t-shirts. We now have Science Hill license tags for \$10.00 and car magnets for \$4.00. Pictures and prices are posted on the school web page in the bookstore link.

## **CHEERLEADING 2009/2010**

### **Tryouts for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Squad**

- A required parent meeting will be held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6pm in the SHHS 10/12 Cafeteria for all 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who wish to tryout for the SHHS 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading Squad.
- All students who wish to tryout MUST have their parent/guardian at this meeting or you will not be able to tryout out. It is important to be on time for the required parent and student meeting.
- Required tryout clinics will be held on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Auxiliary Gym at Freedom Hall from 3:30pm-6:30pm.
- Informal tryouts will be held Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and formal tryouts will be held Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30pm-6:30pm in the Auxiliary Gym at Freedom Hall.

### **Tryouts for Junior Varsity Squad**

- A required parent meeting will be held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30pm in the SHHS 10/12 Cafeteria for all freshman, sophomores, and juniors who wish to tryout for the SHHS Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squad.
- All students who wish to tryout MUST have their parent/guardian at this meeting or you will not be able to tryout out. It is important to be on time for the required parent and student meeting.
- Required tryout clinics will be held on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the SHHS 10/12 Gym from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Formal tryouts will be held Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm-6:30pm in the SHHS 10/12 Gym.

### **Tryouts for Varsity Squad**

- A required parent meeting will be held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30pm in the SHHS 10/12 Cafeteria for all freshman, sophomores, and juniors who wish to tryout for the SHHS Varsity Cheerleading Squad.
- All students who wish to tryout MUST have their parent/guardian at this meeting or you will not be able to tryout out. It is important to be on time for the required parent and student meeting.
- Required tryout clinics will be held on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the SHHS 10/12 Gym from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Informal tryouts will be held Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Formal tryouts will be held Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm-6:30pm in the SHHS 10/12 Gym.

If school is dismissed due to weather, meetings will be rescheduled and posted in the daily announcements and school website: [www.jcschools.org/shhs](http://www.jcschools.org/shhs)  
All forms and physicals must be completed and submitted to Janet Phillips between the hours of 7 am-12 noon or 1pm – 3pm on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Forms and physicals will not be accepted at any other location. Parent signatures are required when turning in forms and physicals.

## **WINTER SESSION HOLIDAYS**

Students will attend school ½ day on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will return to school on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be no school Jan 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Spring Break '10 is April 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>.

April 2nd is a holiday for students and faculty. There is one inclement weather days built into the 09-10 calendar. This date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. If JC schools are not closed for inclement weather, then there will be no school on that day.

Athletic and extracurricular academic activities will be held as scheduled.

## **OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR WINTER HOLIDAYS**

The SHHS offices will close on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please plan accordingly.

## **EMERGENCY PLAN FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Now that we are in the winter season, please make sure student(s) know what to do in the case of an early dismissal or school closure due to inclement weather. Students should know whether to ride a bus home or wait at school to be picked up by a parent or guardian. Science Hill High School is listed as Johnson City Schools - not Washington County or Johnson County schools.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Over 5000 students have enjoyed lunch at SHHS thanks to Food for Thought. School Board supported and approved – Food for Thought has been providing lunches to all students since 1994. Keep this program strong for our students by sending tax deductible donations to: Food for Thought, 2717 Cherokee Road, Johnson City TN 37604.

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

The SHHS Band will be presenting their winter concerts on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the 10-12 Auditorium. Each performance will include traditional holiday selections. Monday's concert will include the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, under the direction of Mark Foster, and the Percussion Ensemble, lead by Dan McGuire. Tuesday's concert will include the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band directed by Mark Foster, and the Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Carson Vermillion. Admission to the concerts is \$5

## **SHHS PTSA NEWS**

Through our membership campaign and the 3rd Annual 5K Run For The Hill, PTSA was able to fund more than \$4,000 in Wish list Requests from teachers and staff at SHHS. Highlights of funding include classroom calculators, library requests, science materials to meet new state standards in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, lab supplies for a new 9<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science class, classroom sets of books, and video editing software. Requests were submitted and then prioritized by SHHS Administration and PTSA. SHHS PTSA could not have funded these requests for our students without the support of our volunteers, members, and race participants. Thank you for showing your support of education!

Thank you to everyone who has joined SHHS PTSA. It's not too late to join and receive exclusive member benefits from BarnesandNoble.com, Kids-ldz, Liberty

Mutual, MedicAlert, Sharpe, Southwest Vacations and T-Mobile. Contact Jennifer Byerley at 975- 0104 to join or pick up a membership form in the office.

We would like to thank Warren Broyles of Roadrunner Markets for donating \$25 gift cards for random drawings of PTSA members at SHHS events. Thank you for your continued support of Science Hill!

As the winter season approaches, many students are in need of winter coats and clothing. If you have clothing donations for the SHHS clothes closets, please contact Kim Livesay at [kimberlylivesay@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlylivesay@gmail.com).

SHHS PTSA always welcomes parent volunteers. Show your child that you believe that education is important and volunteer at SHHS. Please contact Melissa Bennet (8/9 campus) at 926-9917, Sue

Price (10/12 campus) at 929-2706 or Misty Davis at 341-3142 for ways you can become involved with PTSA. Upcoming events include Winter Hospitality, Grounds Beautification, Four-Year Planning, Teacher Appreciation Week, Activities Day, and Senior Tea. Volunteers are always needed for clothes closet maintenance, library support, and die-cut requests.

TOPPER PRIDE signs are available for \$5 by calling Nancy Storie at 833-2065.

For students who need Community Service Hours, contact Harvey Byerley at 975-0104 to assist with Grounds Beautification.

Please check our website at <http://shhsptsa.org/aboutus.aspx> for committee contacts, information and links.