



# THE SRMHS PTSA NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Monday, March 22 marked the beginning of the final quarter of the 2009-2010 school year. It's hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from exams and graduation. Third quarter report cards were issued to students on Thursday, March 25. We applaud the hard work put forth by all students who earned third quarter honor roll status. We had 548 (approx. 35%) students on the honor rolls. Many, many thanks to the PTSA for funding and serving ice cream to all of those students.

This is an exciting time of the year for our seniors who are anxious to leave us. We see several signs of "senioritis." A fortunate number of seniors will meet the exam exemption criteria (A/3 absences or B/2 absences). Both excused and unexcused absences are included. Students may not exempt End-of-Course tests and CTE Post Assessments. Graduation announcements and caps and gowns have been delivered and the senior assembly has been held to discuss graduation logistics, behavior, attire, etc. Parents were also given this information during a meeting on March 2. Excitement in anticipation of Prom on April 24 is heightening. Everyone is looking forward to graduation. We want all 362 seniors to wear caps and gowns on May 29.

Course registration for the next school year for rising 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders was completed in March. Please check with your student to make sure he/she has selected courses for next year. Our master schedule (courses taught) is based upon the choices students and parents make now; therefore, it is imperative that much thought go into the process for all grade levels. It is vitally important for students and parents to carefully think about course selections, including alternates since some courses may have to be dropped if they are under enrolled. Due to delays in the Board of Education's decisions about magnet applicant selection and notification, as I write this article, we are still finalizing our decision on the date for Open House for rising ninth graders and their parents. Notification of that date will be via phone message and our website. During the Open House, parents and students will get important information about our school and course requirements that will help them make wise choices about course registration. We also encourage all new magnet students in grades 10-12 to attend this Open House. Many new faces are expected next year. We anticipate filling new magnet seats and enrolling students from newly assigned base nodes.

Changes are always occurring at Southeast. We welcome several new staff members who have joined the Bulldog family since January: Melanie Zinger- Family and Consumer Sciences, Phillip Dew-Mathematics, Rhonda Eller-English, Gwen Brown-English, Katie Cronk-English, and Larry Martin-Custodian. Dr. Judy Smith, Career Development Coordinator retired in February. We appreciate the years of service that Dr. Smith contributed to educating students and supporting our school. We anticipate on June 30 the retirement of Mr. Jesse Tillery, Custodian who has also contributed many years of service to supporting our school and students.

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I appreciate all stakeholders (students, parents, and staff) who participated in interviews during the two-day visit by the Quality Assurance Review Team. In the exit meeting with the staff, the Team announced their intent to recommend that we be re-accredited for the next five years. The Review Team commended us for:

- **Commitment to the Vision - Passion among stakeholders for success and growth of students and staff**
- **Effectiveness of Professional Learning Teams - Use of data to make decisions affecting instruction, and**
- **Use of Technology - Supportive of instruction, communication, management, and innovations**

Their recommendations for improvement are:

- **Plan for Increasing Communication - includes consistency of discipline among teachers and administration and updates for parents on students' progress**
- **Sustainability of Magnet Program- involves development of a plan to maintain positions and to enhance accomplishments of the school within the community**

Based on this feedback, in-house observations, discussion during the stakeholder summit in February, parent feedback/input from phone calls, emails, and the recent parent survey, the Positive Behavior Support Team and the School Improvement Leadership Team have already discussed and written strategies for improvement in our School Improvement Plan.

Parents and students, with the coming of spring and warmer weather, I have seen an increase in the number of students with dress code violations-- inappropriate attire for school. This is a good time to review the dress code policy. As a reminder, short shorts and skirts, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, leggings with short clothing on top of them, and tops that show cleavage should not be worn to school.

There are many activities planned for the months of April and May. Please check our website often ([www.srhs.net](http://www.srhs.net)) and ask your child about scheduled activities so you will not miss an opportunity to get involved and provide support. Ask your student to keep you updated about what is going on at school. Please schedule some time to see our spring musical on April 16, 17, or 18. Look and listen for announcements about concerts, performances, athletics, the General PTSA meeting, and Awards Programs.

I truly appreciate the encouragement, cooperation, support and feedback you give our school. Let's continue to work together for the success of our students and school.

--Beulah C. Wright

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## Southeast Raleigh High School Business Alliance

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The school-based Business Alliance Initiative is currently enjoying its thirteenth successful year in the Wake County Public School System. The Business Alliance process is a collaborative partnership between business leaders throughout Wake County and the educators at our middle and high schools.

The career and life expertise of the business leaders provides students with the relevancy between education and future careers. Through career-related events, businesses can help prepare students to be future employees of Wake County.

A business member can expect a nominal time commitment of approximately 2-3 hours a month during the school year, either in monthly alliance meetings with key school personnel, or in direct participation in a career-based alliance activity such as:

<b>Career fairs</b>	<b>Guest speaking</b>
<b>Practice job interviews</b>	<b>Dropout prevention</b>
<b>Graduation projects</b>	<b>Resume reviews</b>
<b>Business ethics discussions</b>	<b>Site tours</b>

In addition to direct participation, the networking ability of our business leaders allows the alliance initiative to tap an extensive resource of talented individuals to which students would not otherwise have access.

The immediate result of this partnership is to help prepare every student to make responsible, productive career choices, by assisting with school-based and work-based activities. The end result is preparing students for the career of their choice, ultimately benefiting the employers of this county and state.

In the fall, one of the Business Alliance member organizations sponsored some Southeast Raleigh High School Future Business Leaders of America students at the Fayetteville State University Center for Entrepreneurship annual Youth Entrepreneurship Conference. The Youth Entrepreneurship Conference was a full-day conference to teach and inspire young adults interested in entrepreneurship. Other alliance members sponsored students in the AABE Youth Day Conference.

This spring, the Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Business Alliance has conducted multiple Smart Lunch Presentations to introduce students to a variety of careers as well as providing assistance in a number of areas including financial aid, resume writing, job searches, and interviewing skills. The Smart Lunch Presentations series offers students the opportunity to learn information and ask questions in a small group setting.

The SRMHS Business Alliance provides another opportunity for parents and the community to collaborate with the teachers and administrators at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School to provide as many opportunities as possible to our students.



Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Upcoming Events

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*SRMHS Dance Department Spring Concert  
Night Shift*

*May 1st—7pm — May 2nd — 4pm*

*Teacher Appreciation Week*

*May 3-7, 2010*

*Interim Distribution*

*May 6, 2010*

*PTSA General Membership Meeting & Officer Installation*

*May 12, 2010*

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be on May 18, 2010 at 9:20 a.m. All seniors need to complete the information form and return it to Ms. Reid by Friday, May 7th. Seniors not completing a form will not be recognized at Awards Day. Presenters are required to complete the Presenter form and return it to Desiree Stover, Dean of Students, by May 12th.

*Final Exams*

*May 24-28, 2010*

*Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School Class of 2010 Graduation*

*Progress Energy Center - Memorial Auditorium*

*Saturday, May 29, 2010—7:00pm*

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## Southeast Raleigh High School Parent, Teacher, Student, Association—The School’s Booster Club!

The mission of the SRHS PTSA is three-fold:

- We will support and speak on behalf of our school family before governing bodies that make decisions affecting our school.
- We will assist parents in becoming knowledgeable partners in the educational process.
- We will encourage student, parent, and community involvement at our school by creating a positive school climate.

The SRHS PTSA does not exist solely to raise funds. Our goals are to support our school and our students with programs and initiatives that add to the educational environment. However, to implement strategies to accomplish those goals, funds are needed!

We encourage you to participate in our *Annual Giving* campaign. If you have already given, we thank you, if not please consider doing so. You may mail your tax-deductible contribution of any amount to SRHS PTSA, 2600 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610.

Some companies, such as SAS, will provide funds for volunteer hours donated by their employees. Check with your employer today.

Wake County Special Education PTA has put out a comprehensive list of employers participating in matching gift programs. Please visit their site at <http://www.wakesepa.org/EmployerMatching.html>

### Passive Fundraising—Support Southeast In Your Everyday Activities

If you would like to keep giving throughout the year, you can with many passive fundraising efforts. When you shop at certain participating stores, you can elect to link your rewards card to SRHS. Rewards earned will be returned to SRHS for programs to support students, teachers, and parents.

Use the following instructions to link your store card to SRHS--Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Office Depot, and Target. You may also link your card at the register in the grocery stores.

#### Food Lion - Lion Shop and Share

1. Go to <http://www.foodlion.com/>
2. In the side bar labeled “In the Community”, click on “Lion Shop and Share”
3. Click on the link for “Register MVP Cards”
4. Press the button labeled “Select Organization”
5. Select State (NC)
6. Select City (Raleigh)
7. Select Organization (Southeast Raleigh HS PTSA)
8. Click on OK
9. Add MVP Card (make sure the all 12 digits on the back of the MVP card is used)

Note: MVP members must re-register annually (in the fall) to participate in the next year.

#### Harris Teeter - Together in Education

1. Go to <http://www.harristeeter.com/>
2. Click on the “Community” page.
3. Click on “Together in Education”
4. Click on the “click here to link your VIC card now” link.
5. Enter information to register the card including our School ID #4387. You may also link your card at the register. You must re-link your card annually in August.

#### Office Depot

<http://www.officedepot.com> (School ID# 70062194) Tell the cashier you will donate a portion of your sales to Southeast Raleigh High School before your purchase is totaled.

#### Target - Take Charge in Education

A portion of your Target VISA and Target Guest Card purchases made at Target stores, including <http://www.target.com> is returned to SRHS.

## Your Contribution to Southeast Raleigh High School Makes A Difference

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### Volunteer Interest Sheet

Please consider volunteering at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School. Our high school students and teachers need parent volunteers just as much as elementary and middle schools. We encourage you to get involved! When you KNOW MORE, you want to DO MORE.

Please check the committees for which you are interested in volunteering below. Almost all correspondence is by email, so please remember to provide your address. On behalf of the students, teachers and administration we say, THANK YOU!

Please print:

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Interest:

- Academic Boosters—Assists with honor roll socials
- Reflections—Assists with art, music and submissions to national Reflections program
- Hospitality—Coordinates Staff/Teacher Appreciation events and other social events
- Newsletter—Collects news for online newsletter and helps with production using MS Publisher (optional)
- Parent Involvement—Helps plan and implement parent programs
- Scholarships/Teacher Grants—Coordinates or assists with Senior Scholarship award program and teacher mini-grants
- Student Involvement—Works with Student Government on collaborative events
- Volunteers—Coordinates and recruits volunteers for various school-sponsored events such as test proctoring and graduation projects

What times are best for you to volunteer?  mornings  afternoons  evenings

Please return to:

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