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Important Dates

January 16
ASVAB testing– Juniors

January 16
School Board Meeting
7pm, MS Library

January 21
MLK Day– No School

January 25
End of Semester 1

January 28
Grading Day– No School
for students

February 1
Semester Awards
Assembly– 2:20pm

February 9
Winter Formal– SHS Gym

February 12-13
State Writing Tests

February 15
In-Service- No School for
students

February 18
Presidents Day
No School

February 19-22
FFA Week

February 20
School Board Meeting
7pm, MS Library

March 1
End of Grading period 5

March 5
FFA District Convention

March 9
AFS Dessert

March 20
School Board Meeting
7pm, MS Library

March 22
In-Service– No School for
students

March 25-29
Spring Break



THOUGHTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The 2012-13 school year is moving along very quickly. First semester ends on Friday, January 25, 2013. Our students continue to work hard academically, athletically and in extra curricular activities. The football team had another amazing season and our volleyball program has new enthusiasm and momentum. The Forestry club hosted their own competition in November placing first. Scio FFA state winning dairy foods team placed 13th in the nation back in Indianapolis. The FFA winter banquet was well attended by students and parents with FFA alumni members preparing and serving the meal. The high school band students hosted a wonderful concert along with the middle school students in December.

The class of 2013 will need to demonstrate mastery in the area of reading and writing in order to graduate, by either meeting the state standards on the state test or by successfully completing two reading work samples or three writing work samples. Our seniors who have not passed the state reading test will have opportunities to show proficiency through completion of reading work samples or continue to retake the state test. On February 12 and 13 our students will

have the opportunity to demonstrate their writing abilities. These two days our juniors and seniors who have not passed the state writing test will take the state test and all other students will complete a writing work sample.

One of our goals as a school this year is to continue promoting the honors diploma and college entrance. Our desire is that every student is challenged academically and stretched in their education. If your son/daughter is interested in PACE or the honors diploma they should visit Mr. Sydow in the career and guidance center. PACE applications are due to Mr. Sydow by Thursday, March 21.

Boys and girls basketball will be well into their season by the time this newsletter comes out. Both varsity teams are very excited about the season, with goals of post season action. Our leadership and National Honor Society groups are very busy organizing activities for the school and community. In addition to basketball and wrestling, we have FFA, band, forestry, Spanish, chess and art clubs at SHS to be involved in. It is very important for high school students to get involved in extra curricular activities.

In February/March, we will focus on preparing for the 2012-2013 school year as we begin the forecasting process for next year's students. This is an opportunity for your son/daughter to select those classes that will provide them with a challenging schedule and to provide us with accurate information to create a master schedule that will meet their needs.

Thank you for your continued support of Scio High students, staff and events! You do make a difference in the life of your son/daughter, and in their academic success.

Due to recent events involving gun violence in our nation every single school is examining the protocols they have in place. Our staff did just that and decided to lock a few more outside doors and limit backpack and bag use on campus during the school day. Keeping backpacks and bags in the lockers during the day will also help with our crowded halls and classrooms. Teachers will no longer have to step over bags laying on the floor. We hope you understand as we work to make Scio High School a safer place.

Bryan Starr

Chess Club

The High School Chess Team is off to a great start this year. We have practices every Tuesday and Thursday after school and matches every Wednesday at Lane Community College in Eugene as a part of the Midwestern League. We have had two matches so far. We lost to Pleasant Hill, the 3A state champions from last year, and won decisively against Cottage Grove. We have 4 new members this year who are learning very quickly and have a lot of potential. We hope to place at least 3rd in the Midwestern League and score higher than Pleasant Hill at the State Tournament this year.

Scio High School Art Club News

Fresh from the success of our completed mural from last year, we have started a new year with some new faces. Our new Art Club President is Michaela Rushing. She will lead the courtyard patio project. Our goal is to create a mosaic with patio "pavers" that will add to the ambiance of the school courtyard. The patio will not only enhance the area, but will provide a much needed space for students to eat lunch on nice days and cut down the mud tracked into the halls. We are looking for supplies. We need "pavers," sand, gravel and help digging out the old gravel and mud. And if you have not checked out the new mural...you should. It is located in back of gym, on the courtyard.

We can be contacted at Deah.Shelton@scio.k12.or.us or call the high school at 503-394-3276



Student Fees

If there is a balance on your student's accounts, we ask that you please make at least a small payment each month, if possible. **Remember that seniors must have all their fees and fines paid before they can participate in graduation or receive their diploma.** If you have any questions about your bill or feel there is an error, please contact Mrs. Blumenstein.

From the Office of the Counselor

All students interested in the PACE program need to have their applications in to the office by March 1st 2013. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Sydow in the Counselors office.

Seniors interested in college scholarships need to be aware that many of the deadlines are in January and February. If you have questions please contact Mr. Sydow in the Counselors office.

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State Writing Test February 12 & 13

Please be sure your student is well rested and eats breakfast to best be prepared for testing.

Senior Projects

All seniors must complete a senior project to graduate. They should have their presentation and all requirements met by the end of April.

Yearbook Information

Yearbooks are for sale- \$50

Attention parents of SENIORS: senior pictures and senior ads are due by the end of January. Please get these in to Mr. Peck ASAP.

Scio High School Website

Be sure to check out the Scio High School website. There are lots of resources that are helpful to parents, including the Daily Announcements, The Weekly Schedule, the lunch menu, the sports schedule, and school closure information.

School Closures

Winter is here! Sign up for FlashAlert on the Scio District webpage (www.scio.k12.or.us) to be notified of school closures by email or to your cell phone.

P.ersonal Space
O.pen Minded
W.illing to Accept
E.ffective Communication
R.espect

P.O.W.E.R.

The POWER Store is open most days between 2nd and 3rd period. School supplies and snacks are available for sale.

The POWER teams meet every other week during Mentor Mentee.

The Leadership team will be working on promoting P.O.W.E.R.

The Locker team will be choosing Students of the Week and preparing cards for student birthdays and random "Have a Nice Day" cards to be placed in lockers with POWER dollars that may be spent in the POWER store.