



# SEPTEMBER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## December 2009 / January 2010

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic first semester and our community has grown and been strengthened by the involvement of all our students, families, and staff. We anticipate a lot of exciting developments as we begin 2010, including developing new all-school trips, helping our seniors finalize their post-high school plans, increasing our after school programming, and welcoming in more new students and families! We are so thankful for your involvement in our community and will continue to seek ways to enhance the September High School experience.

As the holidays approach, there is an excitement in the air. Follies, our performance night,—please come!--is a great culminating experience for our teens who have been challenged to express themselves through various artistic forms. We also invite our students to participate in a holiday buddy program during the week before break which culminates in a holiday party during the last class before break. Lastly, we take time with our students to reflect on the holidays, the personal meaning they get from them, and the intention they have for themselves during that time. The whole experience is a great process for our community, as we celebrate this season with our students.

If we don't cross paths before break, I wish you and your family a happy holiday season. - Dan Fox, Principal

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Follies Performance Night.....(Community Arts Building, 6:30PM).....	Wed., Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>
Last Day of Classes before Winter Break.....	Fri., Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>
Classes Resume.....	Tues., Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.....(NO CLASSES).....	Mon., Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>
Pre-Eval Prep Day.....(NO CLASSES).....	Tues, Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Semester Evaluations.....(NO CLASSES).....	Wed., Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri., Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Second Semester Begins.....	Mon, Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>

### WINTER FOLLIES

Its here! The night you've all been waiting for! Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment as your students showcase the hard work they have been putting into their art classes this fall. **We are hosting Follies at September School's Community Arts Building!** (NW corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Walnut). The show starts at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and will feature exciting performances and amazing artwork from students. We will also be having an intermission period and are requesting that families bring a dessert, appetizer, or beverage to share with the rest of the community. Please call or email Alexis if you are able to bring something or if you have any questions about Winter Follies. See you there!

### WINTER BREAK

September High School's Winter Break begins Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope you and your family have safe travels, an enjoyable break, and a great start to the new year!

## **END OF SEMESTER EVALUATIONS**

Shortly after returning from Winter Break, we will be finishing up the semester and having student evaluations. Much like mid-semester evaluations, this is a time for the student, parent(s), and teachers to sit together and talk about how things went and to receive semester grades. Evals will occur on January 21<sup>st</sup> (Wed) and Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs) from 8:30 until 3:00pm and Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) from 8:30am until 12:30pm. Each appointment will be about 25 minutes in length. To schedule your evaluation time, please email or call Alexis.

If you are interested in bringing breakfast, lunch, or snacks for teachers during these three days (and, really, who wouldn't be interested?), please call Alexis and let her know. We look forward to coming together to help your student get the most out of their experience at September High School.

## **SECOND SEMESTER REGISTRATION**

This year, we are planning to preregister students for spring semester and provide them with their second semester schedules at evaluations, avoiding the need for a separate registration day. Prior to evaluations, the administrative team will be reviewing student files, meeting with students, and pre-registering required courses. Students will be consulted about selecting electives and any other options they may have in their schedule. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to review and discuss student schedules while you are at the school during your evaluation. We believe this system will reduce the difficulties that come up during registration day and allow us more time to problem solve individual scheduling challenges.

## **AFTER HOUR ARTS PROGRAM BEGINS NEW SESSION JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**

We are proud to announce a new session of After Hour Arts programming that will be offered starting the week of January 19<sup>th</sup> until Mid-March. The full PDF brochure is attached to this email and can also be found on our website starting next week. This session will feature favorites like Screen Printing and Hip Hop Dance and brand new offerings such as Figure Drawing and How to be a Rock Star. After Hour Arts is offered free to all Boulder area high school students through a partnership with the YMCA Breakthrough Arts program.

## **ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE**

Thank you to our families, alumni, and community friends who have already made a year-end (**tax-deductible**) contribution to keep September School healthy and growing. Our Annual Giving campaign has already raised over 16K! Our target for this year's donation total is to raise \$45,000 and report 100% participation from our current families. With your help, we can get there! While large gifts and multi-year pledges make a huge difference, smaller gifts not only add up, they make a critical difference to the participation levels that we can report to potential grantors. If you haven't yet responded to the annual giving letter, please consider what you can do – at whatever level – and donate today.

## **FUTURE SHS STUDENT BORN DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>!!!**

We are delighted to share the good news that Joy Eisenhower had her baby at 12:51PM last Friday! Sophia Rose has brown hair, blue eyes, weighs 7lbs. 3oz. and is 19" tall! Baby, Momma, and Luke (a.k.a. Daddy) are doing very well—healthy, happy, and enjoying their first week home together.

Have a safe and happy winter break – we'll see you in 2010!