



# SEPTEMBER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Summer 2009

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Program Courses End.....	July 31 (Fri)
ACT Practice Test.....Westby Community Building 8:30-12:30.....	Aug. 5 (Wed)
SAT Practice Test.....Westby Community Building 8:30-12:30.....	Aug. 6 (Thurs)
Fall Registration Day.....(see below).....	Aug. 31 (Mon)
First Day of Classes.....	Sept. 1 (Tues)
Labor Day National Holiday.....(No School).....	Sept. 7 (Mon)
Family Potluck Gathering.....Westby Community Building 6:00 PM.....	Sept. 9 (Wed)
Fall Trip.....	Sept. 16-18
Early Dismissal 12:00.....	Sept. 18 (Fri)
Fall Clean Up / Cookout.....	Oct. 3 (Sat)

## Welcome New Families!

September High School warmly welcomes our new families and students to the community! As the summer progresses, we anticipate even more new additions before the school year begins, so mark your calendars for the upcoming Family Potluck in September – Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Both new and returning students and families are encouraged to enjoy this great opportunity to meet one another and connect early in the school year. If you have questions on what to bring, just call the office for some ideas.

## Summer School Update

September High School's Summer Program is under way! Over 30 students are enjoying our courses in Geography, Government, English Composition, English Literature, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Physical Science, Spanish, and Pre-Calculus. In addition to classroom instruction, we'll be having a few adventures as a school community this summer including field trips and community lunches. Missing out on the fun? Stop by and visit us this summer! We'd love to see you! Summer school ends on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 2009-2010 Fall Registration

If you have not yet submitted your registration packet for the 2009-2010 school year, please turn in all materials and your registration fee by Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. During the first week of August we will be pre-registering all enrolled students to make sure they are scheduled for required classes. If we do not have confirmation of your student's enrollment, we will be unable to pre-register classes for them. The final registration process will occur on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Westby Community Building at the following times (please arrive on time – students will be registered according to when they sign in).

9:00am: Seniors            10:30am: Juniors  
11:30am: Freshmen and Sophomores

If you have any questions about the registration process or your student's current academic standing, please call Lena or email [lena@septemberschool.org](mailto:lena@septemberschool.org).

## THANK YOU

September High School's faculty and Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers who put forth effort towards our program needs and events in the last school year. We greatly appreciate your support and would not be the success we are without people like you. To help you help us, we are developing a few new programs that will hopefully make your volunteer experience easier to plan and more rewarding including:

- An online calendar program that will be able to access a calendar from our website containing all of our volunteer service needs. You will also be able to sign up directly on that site for opportunities that fit your talents and availability.
- Our new "Culture of Giving" publication that will include members of our community that are giving above and beyond to our program. Please look forward to receiving a publication that discusses the culture of giving in this community and all of the awesome opportunities you can take advantage of to help support our school.

## Substance Abuse Prevention Program Grows Stronger in 2009-2010

September High School is committed to a sober campus and has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the William Donner Foundation in recognition and support of our innovative three-tiered Substance Abuse Prevention program. Our personal approach emphasizes a balance of **education, support, and enforcement**. We believe September High School has made significant progress in preventing substance abuse and having a drug and alcohol free campus during our pilot year and we have set new goals for the upcoming school year.



Beginning this fall, we will continue our current programs and also focus greater attention on prevention of tobacco use, implementing new regulations for students who use tobacco products and increased resources for non-smokers to avoid starting and to help smokers who want to kick the habit.

## SAT/ACT Practice Tests Offered At September High School

Due to many requests from students and parents, we will be offering an informal opportunity for September School students to practice taking each of the general standardized tests required by colleges and universities – the SAT and the ACT. These tests will be administered with similar structure and expectations imposed on the real test day and allow for students to gain experience with the test content and process. The approximate scores will be available prior to the start of the school year. The practice ACT will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30 and the practice SAT will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the same time. Please RSVP by July 31<sup>st</sup> to participate in this program.

## Updated Wish List

An updated in-kind donation wish list will soon be found on our website. In the meantime, here are our top 5 wishes for 2009-2010 – if you or someone you know may be able to fulfill these needs, be in touch!

1. Program - **Van or SUV** that can safely transport 8-10 people. In a perfect world, we'd have TWO.
2. Curriculum - **New Science Lab Tables** – 2 or 3 – call for dimensions.
3. Maintenance - Large free-standing outdoor **Shed Structure** for storage.
4. Software - **Quickbooks** Non-Profit 2009 (or 2010) Premier Edition – multiuser with 3 licenses.
5. Program - **Gift Cards** of varying small denominations for attendance and achievement incentives.



## AFTER HOUR ARTS 2009 ART SLAM

September High School partners with the YMCA Breakthrough Arts program 2-3 times a year to provide FREE, fun, supervised after school activities for Boulder Valley teenagers through a program called After Hour Arts. Participation in at least one course is required for SHS students each semester.

**This year's After Hour Arts program will kick off with our second annual ART SLAM!** This event offers students the opportunity to sample some of the After Hour Arts classes that will be offered this fall and is a celebration of everyone coming back together and welcoming all of our new students. We look forward to seeing everyone and welcome your participation in this event. You will be receiving a brochure in August with all of our class offerings and will have the opportunity to sign up for classes at registration. Please contact Joy with questions or to volunteer for this year's **ART SLAM**: [joy@septemberschool.org](mailto:joy@septemberschool.org)

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT MAILING

During the month of August, you will receive an informational packet in the mail that will contain our 2009-2010 Family and Student Handbook, any additional paperwork that needs to be completed for your student's registration to be complete, and our new Culture of Giving Pamphlet. This new publication describes all the ways you can help support the school – from donating to the annual fund to volunteering your time and resources for ongoing programs or special events. Should you fail to receive this mailing in August, please give us a call to make sure we have your current contact information and mailing address.

## REFER A STUDENT

Do you know a teen who isn't so excited to return to school this fall? Tell them about September High School! Our goal is to enroll at least **FIVE** additional new students before the start of the fall semester, something we have been able to do every summer with the help of referrals from friends and families. If you know of a family that may be looking for resources to help their teen re-engage in education, please suggest they visit our website or simply give us a call – we're available throughout the summer.

## COLLEGE FAIRS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities to learn more about in-state and out of state colleges and universities. For more information see <http://www.collegefairsdenver.org/Programs.html>

### **Out of State College Fair**

Wednesday, October 7, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Monarch High School  
329 Campus Drive  
Louisville, CO 80027

### **Saturday College Fair and Workshops**

Saturday, October 10, 2009  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Cherry Creek High School  
9300 E. Union Ave.  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

While all families can benefit from these events, families of Juniors and Seniors who are exploring college or gap year options can gain valuable perspective on programs and resources available as you continue your planning process. All Juniors and Seniors will have an initial check in appointment in September to track progress towards graduation and post-graduation opportunities and will be reminded of these fairs.



## VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Volunteer Resource Center on the CU-Boulder campus is hosting a volunteer fair on Thursday, September 10th. This annual event will highlight area non-profits and other organizations in need of ongoing volunteer support. The VRC will be hosting the fair outside of the University Memorial Center (UMC) from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Although this event takes place during the school day, September High School feels strongly about supporting our students' interest in community service and will be organizing an opportunity for interested students to attend. We are also scheduling guest speakers from Boulder Volunteer Connection this fall to help match students with rewarding volunteer experiences.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Being on time and prepared for class (with materials and mind) is an important component of our collection of Community Agreements. You can help your student get off to a good start by having the following supplies available for the start of school. Some quantities will vary depending on the classes your student is taking. In addition, some classes may have additional supply requests during the first week of school.

Pens	Pencils	Highlighters	
Loose Notebook Paper	Spiral Notebook(s)	Pocket Folders	
3-ring binder(s) or other organizational system		Scientific Calculator (Chem, Alg II and above)	
Dividers for 3 ring binders as needed		Compass and Protractor (Geometry and Alg II)	
USB Flash Drive for personal file storage		*Student Planner, Assignment Book or Calendar	

Any student interested in using a locker at school to store supplies is welcome to register a locker space. **We highly recommend each student have a backpack or other way to bring materials to and from school and stay organized.** \* This supply may be required for daily participation credit in some classes.

## HOPE YOU'RE HAVING HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Don't forget to stop in and say hi this summer when you're in the neighborhood. We hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!