What’s next for the Class of 2020?
Counseling Department

- Jen Prestegaard  A - B
- Krista Koenen  C - Fal
- Becky Hopper  Fam - Hic
- Sandra Weaver  Hid - Lam
- Kristina King  Lan - M
- Jesse Davis  N - Rod
- Liz Nelson  Roe - S
- Dan Ralston  T - Z
Graduation Requirements

- 8 cr. Language Arts
- 8 cr. Social Studies
- 6 cr. Math
- 6 cr. Science
- 2 cr. Arts
- 1 cr. Health
- 1 cr. P.E.

- 11 cr. Electives

Total 43 credits
Credit Recovery

If you are missing required credits for graduation, go to the SAHS website and click on the Credit Recovery link to register. If you are unsure what credits you need please see your counselor ASAP! Fall Session begins September 24th!
Career Goals:
What do you want to be?

- What training/certification do you need to get there?
- Use MCIS: Minnesota Career Info System
  - Career Cluster Inventory
  - Interest Profiler
  - Reality Check
  - Resume Builder
  - Occupation Sort
  - School Sort
  - Application Tracker
MCIS: Minnesota Career Information System

- **Login**: first five letters of last name, first three letters of first name followed by 000 (three zeros) - ie: weavesan000

- **Password**: is First letter of First name (upper case letter); first letter of last name (lower case letter) followed by your six digit student ID number - ie: Sw901907

- Build your Personal Learning Plan (started in middle school)
- Account stays active even after high school
- See your counselor for assistance!

https://mncis.intocareers.org or link on the SAHS website
School Profile Decile Chart

**Grading System**
Stillwater Area High School has a dual ranking system for grading in all of our Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS), concurrent enrollment, ACP I, ACP II and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses. These courses are weighted with a 1.2 multiplier to establish the weighted rank. Academic letters are awarded to students who earn a GPA of 3.750 or above.

**Cumulative GPA and Decile Range is for the Class of 2019**

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**Post-Secondary Plans for the Class of 2018 Graduates**
(Total of 626 respondents)

- Four-year colleges/universities: 73.3%
- Two-year colleges/vocational schools: 14.7%
- Military: 2.4%
- Employment: 4.8%
- Undecided/Unknown: 4.8%
- Graduation Rate: 93%
Your SAHS Transcript

- Course Selection
- Cumulative GPA weighted and unweighted
- Decile Ranking system
- Confidentiality
- SAHS Profile
Directions for sending transcripts

Go to:

www.parchment.com

OR:

1. Go to SAHS Webpage
2. Click on Request my Transcript (scroll down on right)
3. Set up Parchment Account
4. Request Transcripts to Common App/Specific School/NCAA.

*Cost is $6.00 each (credit/debit card)

5. SAHS releases records electronically
SAHS Registrar

- Registrar: Tess Radecke
- Hours: 6:15am - 2:45 p.m.
- Location: Main Rotunda across from the Main Office
- Duties include: paper transcripts ($6); social security forms; car insurance grade verification
College Admission Tests: ACT/SAT

- ACT/SAT scores accepted at ALL colleges - ACT dates this fall: October 26th (registration through Sept 20th) December 14th (registration through Nov 8th)

- To sign up for a test or to send your scores to a college, including ACT scores from SAHS last spring, visit the corresponding website below:
  - ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
College Application Process

- Fill out college application on-line
  - Watch deadlines!
  - Have a plan B
- Request transcripts from Parchment
- Request test scores directly from ACT/SAT
- Track progress of application/completed file – most can be done online
- If required, essays need to be written and proofread carefully
Recommendations *(if needed)*

- Colleges, Scholarships, Job applications
- Some applications require teacher recommendations and have a separate counselor recommendation (ex: Common App) - see your counselor for more information
  - many of these can be submitted electronically
- Request for Recommendation Form: hard copy available in Pony Centers & electronically on Career Center website
- For hard copy letters please address envelope, stamp and give to recommender to mail - we do not give LORs directly to students

**Request at least two weeks before due**
Early Action vs Early Decision

- **Early Action**
  - More Flexible
  - Apply early/receive decision early

- **Early Decision**
  - Contract between student and college
  - If accepted, must attend
  - Can only apply Early Decision to one college
  - Make this decision carefully
University of Minnesota specifics

- All grades and test scores must be self-reported
- 4 years of math required in grades 9-12
- Use Golden Gopher App for U of M - Twin Cities
- “Share My App” – available in October via U of M TC - request to share App for free with all U of M Campus: Duluth, Rochester, Morris, Crookston
First Year Students

Sign In

First year student? Great! Enter your email and password below to sign in, or create an account to get started.

* Indicates required fields.

Email *

Password *

Forgot password?

Sign in
Common App

- http://www.commonapp.org/
- Must be completed online
- Invite Recommenders: enter Counselor & Teacher name and email (Ask recommenders ahead of time)
- Transcript requests: select to Common App as recipient – NOT individual colleges
  - $6 total instead of $6 per school!
    **See your Counselor with questions**
October: COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH

- A statewide effort that encourages prospective students to take a significant step toward college by providing the preparation, opportunity, and support needed to apply.
- All Minnesota State colleges and universities are waiving their application fee October 28-November 1, 2019.
Five Common Mistakes on College Applications

- Incorrect Details
- Not addressing a dip in academic performance
- An unoriginal application essay
- Failure to follow directions
- Sending incomplete applications
Additional considerations...

- Be cautious when posting information on social networking sites.
- Create a professional email address and check your email regularly.
- Colleges are looking for students who are ready to attend and graduate from college – not just students who qualify for admission.
- “Senioritis” can result in colleges rescinding admissions offers from students.
Changes to Senior Schedule

Some colleges may require approval for changes in senior schedule, including a pass/fail designation, and it may impact the student’s admissions decision.

- “Be aware that a change that results in a less academically rigorous course of study may jeopardize your admissibility or offer of admission.” (From UW Madison)
- Final high school transcript is reviewed for course completion and grades earned.
- Final admission is contingent upon successfully completing all courses identified on the application.
College/Career Center

Located Across from White Pony Center
CCC Specialist - Amy Carr: Hours 7:30 am-3:00 pm

Scholarships
Job & Volunteer Opportunities
College Admission & Military Rep visits

Visit Schedule listed in:
  Announcements
  Pony Centers
  Newsletter

*Sign up for weekly enewsletter:
  http://www.stillwaterschools.org/subscribe
*Follow on twitter: http://www.twitter.com/ponyccc
College Campus Visits

Contact admissions office and request a campus visit/tour before a final admission decision is made

Consider appointments with department chairs/professors

Meet students, visit dorms, sit in on classes, etc.
Scholarships and Financial Aid

- College/Career Center
- Daily Announcements
- Specific Schools’ Financial Aid Offices
- Parents’/Guardians’ employers
- FAFSA Information Night
  October 22\(^{nd}\) 6:30 – 7:30 pm
  Main Forum Room
- FAFSA: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
SAHS Community Scholarship

- Application available **Tuesday Oct 29th, 2019**
- Informational meeting in the MAIN FORUM ROOM to begin **promptly** at **7:10 am**.
- **Application Deadline: TBD (January)**
  - Completed application submitted via Schoology
- Two and Four College Scholarships available
- Vocational/Technical Scholarships available
- Review requirements for each scholarship carefully!

**This year’s essay topic:** Describe a problem you’ve solved or a problem you’d like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.

*Scholarship Award Ceremony: May 11, 2020 7:00pm*

See Amy in the Career Center with questions!
Class of 2020 News & Information

Attention Seniors

For Cap and gown orders click HERE. Orders are due by December 1st.

Important Dates:

- SAHS Community Scholarships Informational Meeting - Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 in the Main Forum at 7:10 am.
- SAHS Community Scholarships - Due Date TBD
- Senior Graduation Meetings with Principal Bach - DATE & TIME ARE TBD.
  All will take place in the Main Forum. The schedule will be as follows:

  8:00 am - 8:45 am  A - B
Diploma

- To order your cap and gown go to “Class of 2020 News and Info” ****located on the front of the SAHS website****

For Cap and gown orders click HERE. Orders are due by December 1st

- Graduation Fee $30.00
  Fee Pay on SAHS Website
Graduation: May 30, 2020
Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul

● Must have ALL requirements met to participate
● Students arrive at 6:15 pm
● Ceremony at 7:00 pm
● 6 tickets per student
● Pick up diploma after graduation ceremony
● Senior all night party at SAHS after graduation
Class of 2020 All Night Party!
Pay by 12/31 for the Early Bird Discount

The Stillwater Area High School Senior Class Party is a long-standing tradition dating back to 1980. Each year, the graduating seniors come together one last time to celebrate their accomplishments and wish each other well on their next journey of life.

Traditionally, over 85% of the graduating seniors attend this event. It is an event they don't want to miss! Every year, we hear comments such as “Wow! I had no idea this would be so much fun!”

This event is organized and run by a team of parent volunteers. A steering committee meets throughout the year to plan the event. It takes nearly 300 parent volunteers to make this party a success.

All funding from the event comes from a nominal registration fee, as well as family and company donations.
Make it a great year!

Questions?