

Freshman Orientation

Parent Involvement: Parents are encouraged to join the Scott High Local School Improvement Council, the Band Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, and to help with Student Council activities. Children still need your involvement, even though they are in high school. Extra help is always welcome!

Absences/ Make-up Policy: Students must bring a written excuse from home or a doctor's excuse to Mrs. Sheets in the cafeteria during Freshman breakfast. Students must bring their excuse the **FOLLOWING DAY**. If the excuse is not brought the following day to Mrs. Sheets—it will be counted as an **UNEXCUSED!**

6 Home Excuses- All students are allowed 6 home excuses

5 Unexcused- You will receive a warning letter from the school and a certified letter from the county.

10 Unexcused – Parents will be taken to court by the County Truant Officer

15 Unexcused- Students will lose Driver Licenses or the privilege to get their drivers' permit or license. ****Suspension days will count towards unexcused absences regarding drivers' license. Students have 1 full school day to make up work for each day absent. There is a 10 day cap for all make-up work for extended absences. The 10 day cap may be extended by the administration under extenuating medical circumstances.

**** POLICY CHANGE PENDING! ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Tardies:

ASD- (After School Detention) After school detention may be assigned as a sanction for a wide variety of student violations. ASD will run from 3:00 to 4:40p.m. on days designated by the Administration. A form will be sent home to be signed by a parent /guardian that will describe the reason for placement and the dates that have been assigned. Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation home on assigned days. Failure to report may result in ALC/out of school suspension.

ALC- (Alternative Learning Center)- Suspension of students from the school setting has increasingly become a last resort sanction imposed by the schools. The in-school suspension program is a means of dealing with student discipline problems that would normally result in suspension from school. While the student is in ALC, he/she shall complete their normal their normal classroom assignment provided by his/her regular classroom teachers under the supervision and guidance of the ALC supervisor. During this time, the student is totally restricted. The student will be with the ALC supervisor in a designated place for the entire school day until re-entry is earned to the regular program by meeting specific requirements.

3 tardies – 3 days noon detention

6 tardies – 2 days **ASD**

9+ tardies- 1day **ALC** every 3 tardies (9,12,15)

18 + tardies- 1 day of OSS for every 3 (18, 21, 24, etc)

Sign-in/Sign-out:

Without parental and school permission, it will be treated the same as skipping. Students must sign out with their parent/guardian present. Refer to Sign In /Sign Out policy for further information. Admit slips are required for admittance to class the next day, or it will be considered skipping. **STUDENTS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN AN ADMIT FROM THE ATTENDANCE DIRECTOR. THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE HOMEROOM.** Each block the teacher will initial the sign-in/sign-out slips.

Dress Code:

Scott High follows the Boone County Schools Dress Code policy, listed in the Parent-Student Handbook. Inappropriate clothing includes:

- *Shorts and skirts that are above mid-thigh or as deemed appropriate by administration.
- *Spaghetti-strap shirts
- *Tank tops with less than 2” straps (including undershirts)
- *Clothing with alcohol, weapons, or vulgar “double meanings” (the students think we are too old to “get it”!)
- *Baggy pants that hang far below the hip
- * Holes in Jeans are below the bottoms of the pockets.

Students almost always know when they have crossed the line!

Counselors: Mrs. Bird and Miss Gogas

Call the office at 369-3044 to schedule an appointment with the counselors or to speak to them by phone.

THE COUNSELORS NOW HAVE A LINK ON THE SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE AT www.scotthighskyhawks.com.

Edline:

Edline is the website that parents and students may visit to check their grades and email the teachers. The freshmen students and parents will receive their passwords within the first few weeks.

It is up to your child to keep up with his/her password!

Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Open house is held twice a year-once in the first few weeks of the first semester, and once in the first few weeks of the second semester. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and visit our school.

Parent-Teacher conferences are held after progress reports are sent home. Please check with your child for these dates, and watch **for the announcement in the newsletter.**

Individual conferences: please call 369-3044 at least a day in advance to set up an appointment. Many times, it is not possible for us to talk to you without prior notice.

Address Changes:

Please notify the office in the event of an address or phone number change. This is extremely important for you to receive report cards, etc.

Clubs:

There are several clubs and activities that students may get involved in. Please encourage your child to participate!

*HSTA *Band *Student Council
*Partner's *Athletics *Forensics
*STAGE productions

Yearbooks: Order forms are sent to you in the mail from the yearbook company. **Don't overlook this!** The yearbook is mailed to you at your home. We use fall delivery to include spring sports, graduation, prom, etc. sections.

Academic Honor Banquet:

*****Students must have a 3.5 each of the nine weeks. This is not an average of all terms.*****

Honor Society:

In the fall of their Junior year, students may apply for the National Honor Society. **They must have an overall average of 3.5, plus meet the requirements of volunteer community service (approximately 20 hours), and demonstrate school involvement.** There is a form for students to fill out and have signed by an adult in charge, to verify the hours.

Students may earn community service through the Leo Club, Partner's Club, HSTA, and Student Council, just to name a few. Also, volunteering at Little League, Bible school, etc. are excellent ways of gaining hours.

WESTEST:**ACT: **Applications in the counselor's office or online)*****

It is never too early to start taking the ACT test – remember, the Promise Scholarship requires specific scores on the ACT. The majority of the math on the ACT is Algebra, and most 9th and 10th grade students have Algebra. The test an essay. Practice makes perfect!

Promise Scholarship: Requirements are subject to change:

3.0 overall GPA in high school
3.0 cumulative core GPA
22 cumulative score on ACT
20 on ACT on all subscores

Class Ranking Policy:

It may seem early to think about this, but there are always people who say “If I had known that since my freshman year...” Students who have this as a goal are advised to **take every AP class, honors level class and dual credit class offered in the list of requirements for graduation.**

Four-year colleges require 2 credits in the same foreign language, 4 credits in math, and recommend that students have 4 credits in science.

Classification of students who do not progress in normal succession

Grade	Minimum Units Required
9	0
10	6
11	13
12	20
Total Required For Graduation	28

Credits:

The Class of 2015 must complete the following requirements to graduate. **IF THEY FAIL A REQUIREMENT, THEY MUST REPEAT THE CLASS UNTIL THEY PASS, TO GRADUATE.**

High School Graduation Requirements

Total Units For Graduation

Courses Required For Graduation	Credits Required
English	4
Social Studies	4
Math	4
Science	3
Health/Intro	1
Physical Education	1
Keyboarding/Intro	1
Business Computer I	1
Electives	4
Career Major Units	4
The Arts	1
Total Credits Required	28

9 TH GRADE	10 TH GRADE	11 TH GRADE	12 TH GRADE
ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS 9	ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS 10	ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS 11	ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS 12
WORLD HISTORY 1900	US TO 1900	20 TH -21 ST CENTURY	CIVICS
MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	BIOLOGY	SCIENCE	CAREER MAJOR UNIT
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	HEALTH/INTRO MAJOR	CAREER MAJOR UNIT	CAREER MAJOR UNIT
BSC KYBD/INTRO MAJOR	BUSINESS COMPUTER I	CAREER MAJOR UNIT	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE
THE ARTS (ELECTIVE)*	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE
UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE	UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVE

*An elective in **The Arts** is required. Classes that will meet this requirement are in **bold** print.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY –OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12--

REQUIREMENTS---A 3-5 minute essay on a standard cassette tape or cd on this year's theme. This year's theme will be available at www.vfw.org. Label your cassette or cd and neatly typed essay with your name and complete the entry form. All recordings must be in your own voice, without music, special effects or background sounds. Songs and poetry are not acceptable. You may not provide anything in the essay or recording that will identify you in any way. **Deadline: To VFW- Will Be Announced.**

10TH GRADE

THE NEW ACT EXAM INCLUDES A WRITING COMPONENT. It is listed as an option for students who sign up to take the **ACT exam**. Students who take the optional writing test will receive all the same scores that students who do not take the writing test receive. In addition, students who take the writing test will receive: 1. A scaled score, ranging from 1-36, that reflect their performance on the writing test and the English Test combined. 2. A writing test subscore ranging from 2-12 that reflects performance on the writing test only.

There is a new student-centered site available at www.actstudent.org. Students may use the website to register for the ACT assessment, answer practice questions, see their scores, send additional score reports, and do all the other things they used to do at the main ACT Website. Seamless Navigation between the student site and the corporate ACT SITE at www.act.org assure that all audiences find the information they need, regardless of which URL they first access.

The **PSAT Test** will be given in October. The exact date will be announced through the school newsletter. **Sophomores may take this test. Their scores are practice scores for the National Merit Scholarship.** Juniors take the PSAT Test as the first step to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition.

*****High School students who take the PSAT/NMSQT will have free access to Myroad-----the college board's online college, major, and career exploration tool-----for the duration of their high school careers. Myroad's unique features include: **Personality Profiler**, the online assessment students take to learn about their personality types and receive major and career suggestions, **Profiles of Academic Fields**-----from Aeronautics to Zoology, representing 175 instructional programs, **Timely Articles** covering more than 450 occupations-----everything from new fields like web development to more traditional pursuits like law and medicine.

The **PLAN Test** will be given to **all 10th graders** during the month of October. Plan Assesses each students' ability to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the core subject areas most important for success in college: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science reasoning. Plan includes a component that helps each student develop a personalized career plan, which gives students a stronger sense of purpose for doing well in school. There will be no cost to students.

WV EDUCATION PLANNER- Is designed to help students with customizable planning resources and information for Higher Education. Go online at www.wveducationplanner.org to explore career and college searches, a free scholarship database, on-line admission and financial aid applications for more than 3,000 colleges, a college comparison worksheet, use the on-line financial aid award analyzer, resume builder, learning-style quiz and access many more free materials, including tips on how to avoid financial aid scams.

Any athlete planning to play ball for a Division I or a Division II School following graduation from high school must meet certain standards. The NCAA Clearinghouse determines whether or not an athlete is eligible to play. All rules and regulations may be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

In an effort to continue the NCAA Clearinghouse emphasis on the educational mission of intercollegiate athletics, the responsibilities of the NCAA Clearinghouse will expand to include evaluating the amateurism status of these prospects. This process will focus on amateurism issues by asking the prospect several questions about his/her athletics participation prior to enrolling at a Division I or II institution. The intent is to determine if a prospect is still an amateur, and therefore qualified to participate in college athletics at the Division I or II level.

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HOBY AMBASSADOR--HOBY'S purpose is to bring together a select group of high school sophomores who have demonstrated leadership ability so that they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The informal questions-and-answer format during these seminars meets HOBY'S specific goals. Members of the staff of Scott High will be nominating sophomores for this opportunity. Interested sophomores may nominate themselves by signing up with Mrs. Bird by the Deadline that will be announced in the School Newsletter.

DISCOVER GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS –To find out more about careers in Graphic Communications visit www.makeyourmark.org. Go behind the scenes with real graphic communications professionals. Find the career path that matches your talents. Get information on college programs, scholarships, job openings, and more.

BENTLEY –Headed for a career in Architecture or Engineering? Practice with professional CAD software. Earn a scholarship to your school of choice. Details of the scholarship competition are available at www.Becareers.org.

If you have a talent in writing, dancing, singing, acting, painting or drawing, or in playing an instrument and would like to **spend three weeks** on a college campus **Free**, apply for the governor’s school for the arts. Applications are available online at www.wvgovschools.org.

11TH GRADE

The PSAT **Test** will be given on in October. Sophomores may take this test for practice. Juniors take the PSAT Test as the first step to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition.

The **PSAT/NMSQT Score** report arrives in December. Go to www.collegeboard.com/psatextra for explanations of the answers to all PSAT/NMSQT Questions.

ACT Packets are available in the counselor’s office. You may also register online at www.act.org. Juniors need to take the ACT Test no later than April of their junior year.

THE WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR’S HONORS ACADEMY the site for the academy will be at a university or college. The dates will be announced through the school newsletter. Students must be residents of WV, attend a high school in WV and plan to be in attendance next year. Students must be a junior at the time of application and must not graduate before January of the following school year, must have a GPA of at least 3.5, must have no term grade below a “C”, must have scored at Distinguished level on two of the three subtests of the WESTEST taken during the sophomore year (Math, Science, Language Arts) or have earned a composite score at or above the 90th percentile or higher on a nationally normed test of academic achievement taken during or after the 9th grade, be dedicated to learning, possess an outstanding native ability and be willing to accept academic challenges. Information and applications are available online at www.wvgovschools.org. A committee from Scott high will rank them. All applications will then be sent to the Boards Office for a county committee to make the final selection.

The Kanawha County College Fair is held at the Charleston Civic Center in October each year. This is a great opportunity for parents and students. Many colleges from other states are represented as well as colleges from within WV. The Charleston newspapers announce the date each year.

The **ASVAB Test** is given to juniors each year in November beginning promptly at 8am. This is a multi-aptitude test battery. It helps the student identify his/her abilities. This test is free. Representatives of the military administer the test. Students planning to take the **ASVAB Test** sign up with Mrs. Bird. The deadline to sign up is announced each year in the school newsletter.

VISIT COLLEGES. Take campus tours at colleges you're serious about, schedule interviews with admissions counselors.

ACT SUGGESTS THAT YOU LIST, COMPARE AND VISIT COLLEGES.

Compile information from several resources. Prepare a college comparison checklist. Weigh advantages and disadvantages. Contact the office of admission. Schedule an appointment for your campus visit.

CHECKLIST FOR A CAMPUS VISIT—Meet with an admission counselor, verify admission requirements, determine actual college costs, ask about financial aid opportunities, take a campus tour, investigate your academic program(s), attend a class, talk with students and faculty.

WEST POINT UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY – To start your admissions candidate file, fill out the candidate questionnaire and return it with a copy of your high school transcript. **You should do this in the spring of your junior year or as soon as possible.** You may fill out a candidate questionnaire on line at www.admissions.usma.edu.

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US MILITARY ACADEMY- JUNIORS, The U.S. Military Academy will host the Annual Summer Leaders Seminar in June. For more information and to request an **APPLICATION, GO ONLINE AT www.admissions@usma.edu**. **DEADLINE: THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM PRIOR TO APRIL 1.** There is a rolling admissions program for the seminar so we urge students to return completed applications as soon as possible. West point will notify applicants of their admissions status by May 1.

FREE ENTERPRISE CONFERENCE—**COST:** The conference fee is \$400. We have two \$370 scholarships for **one Male and one Female student**. Students will pay **\$30 each**. This is an educational opportunity for **9th -12th grade** students. The conference extends classroom lessons. Business, entrepreneurship, career and educational opportunities are coupled with community development, civic leadership and service-learning. Students also build social skills and have a good time with a purpose as they make new friends and build a network of peers from across the state. Students who are interested are to see Mrs. Bird for the application.

WVU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MINERAL RESOURCES—is encouraging Sophomores and Juniors to participate in a visitation day. The goal of this event is to familiarize the students with the Engineering, Computer Science and Biometric Systems Professions, as well as to inform them of the opportunities available at WVU. They are looking for students who excel in Math and Science. Contact Migri Pruez at 304-293-4821, Ext. 2218 to register. **Deadline: Will Be Announced.**

CONCORD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF EXCELLENCE SUMMER ACADEMY—is looking for the region's most impressive students, both in terms of academics and character. Nominees must: be high-level performers in their academic class, be a **Sophomore or Junior** at the time of application, have a strong dedication to both academics and ethics, be mature and prepared to accept challenges both personal and academic, be prepared to live by the academy's Honor Code. Successful graduates are guaranteed at least **Four Thousand dollars scholarship**, to be paid over a four-year period while attending **CONCORD UNIVERSITY**. Students who are interested are to see Mrs. Bird for an application. **Deadline: Will Be Announced.**

WEST POINT – If you are a second-semester junior or a senior in high school, you should start your admissions candidate file by filling out a candidate questionnaire on line at <http://admissions.usma.edu>. To request additional information about West Point, write to the Director of Admissions, United States Military Academy, 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1905. You will receive an admissions prospectus with a candidate questionnaire. You should do this in the spring of your junior year or as soon thereafter as possible.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE—The High School Leadership Academy, held annually on the campus of Bridgewater College. The Academy provides **Rising High School Juniors and Seniors** with an opportunity to develop and improve their leadership skills. One Male and one Female may be nominated from Scott High School. Each nomination form submitted must include a description of the student’s school and/or community activities, an essay of 250 words describing the person who, in the student’s opinion, embodies the essence of leadership through service, a letter of recommendation for the nominator, and a letter of recommendation from another teacher, counselor, pastor, or other community leader. For more information, go to <http://hsla.bridgewater.edu>. Interested students are to see Mrs. Bird for a nomination form. **Deadline: Will Be Announced.**

WV STATE POLICE JUNIOR TROOPER ACADEMY—It’s primary purpose is to provide, to approximately 30 students who are interested in a career in law enforcement or related fields, a hands-on view of the WV State Police. Participants will participate in activities similar to those experienced by a WV State Police Cadet. The Junior Trooper Academy is designed to familiarize participants with the WV State Police and the Criminal Justice Community in general through relevant classroom lecture and interactive participatory programs. **One Boy or Girl, 14 TO 17 years of age**, will be chosen by a committee at the county level to represent Boone County. Interested students must write a letter (maximum 250 words) expressing why he/she believes they should be selected to attend this academy. **Deadline: Will Be Announced.**

CONCORD UNIVERSITY– Is seeking to recognize two outstanding Junior Males and Females from Scott High by honoring them with the Concord Book Award and \$500 scholarship. **Students must be planning to attend Concord College** to receive this award. The nominee will be announced to receive their award. You must see Mrs. Bird if you are interested in being nominated for this award.

Miss WV USA—Entrants must be single (never married nor have given birth to a child), a U. S. citizen and at least a six-month resident of WV. They also must be at least 15 years of age and under 19 years of age to qualify. As a contestant, each will be judged in three equal categories consisting of Personal Interviews, Swimsuit, and Evening Gown. **Deadline: Will Be Announced.**

12TH GRADE

SENIORS who have not taken the ACT should do so in October. Packets are available in the counselor’s office. You may also register online at www.act.org.

SENIORS planning to attend a college or technical school in the fall need to get their applications mailed with their transcripts during the month of September. Some majors have early deadlines.

SENIORS need to check the scholarship file located in the counselor's office for scholarships about every two weeks throughout the school year.

SENIORS may request applications from colleges. Check important dates---some Universities have early dates or rolling admissions.

REGISTER FOR THE SAT at www.collegeboard.com. Visit the SAT Preparation Center at www.collegeboard.com. Take a free full-length official practice test and get a practice score report. Sign up for the SAT question of the day. **You can't take both the Reasoning Test and Subject Tests on the same test day. You can take either the SAT reasoning test or up to 3 SAT Subject Tests. Plan your testing schedule carefully.**

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*******The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) is a State Government Agency** whose mission is to enable and empower people with disabilities to work and to live independently. What is a disability? Disabilities are conditions such as: learning disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech impediment, hyperactivity, diabetes, respiratory disorder, cerebral palsy, spinal bifida, major depression, heart condition, knee, back, arm, leg or joint injury, epilepsy, eating disorder, and other physical or mental problems. You may have a disability if you have limitations in: lifting, standing, climbing, driving, hearing, seeing, reading, math, writing, or coping with stress.

You may be eligible for services such as: Diagnostic Medical or Psychological Tests, Vocational Evaluation, Career Counseling, Training, Assistance with college costs, Therapy Prosthetics and Orthotics, Adaptive Equipment or Placement Assistance. **Call Marcia Vanhook to find out more at (304) 766-2634.**