

# SOUTH WASHINGTON ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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## ***SWAHS GRADING SYSTEM***

SWAHS does not issue letter grades. Progress is recognized in units. The student must earn 60 units to earn one credit.

The following are important items to know about SWAHS's grading system:

- \* Students are required to earn 30 units to receive .5 credit for each half trimester per class.
- \* If a student earns between 25 and 29 units in a course, per half trimester, they have up through the following trimester to complete it independently.
- \* If a student earns between 0-24 units as of the end of the half trimester they will receive an "NC" (NO CREDIT) for that trimester (losing all units earned).
- \* Dec 4th begins the Part 1, Trimester II grading period.
- \* January 25th is the end of the Part 1, Trimester II Grading period.
- \* For each day of school, a student should earn 1 unit in each course.

During the duration of the trimester he/she may earn a total of six credits.

Please call 651-425-7017 if you have any questions.

## ***FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE***

In October, we had 18 students apply for colleges as a part of the free application week and College Knowledge month. Not only did they take that next step, we already have students bringing in acceptance letters. So exciting! For those students still in the research step, websites that have great information on colleges, career assessments and financial aid information that can assist students in their future plans are available. *Naviance* is a great resource for our students. It has great information regarding each student's plans and career/ college information. Students and parents can log into it through our website. Feel free to check this resource out!

As always, feel free to contact Kate Jenkins at 651-425-7004.

## **ADVENTURE CLUB**

Mark your calendar for our first adventure club of the year! Adventure Club is an after school activity where students and staff participate in an event, usually once a month. December's Adventure Club will once again be our cookie baking night! On December 12th, students and staff will meet in the SWAHS cafeteria after school to bake and decorate holiday cookies and treats! There is no cost for students to participate. There will be a sign up outside of Jill's room the week before the event. Sign up to ensure we have enough ingredients for everyone to enjoy some holiday cheer and fun together!



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**November 30, 2018**  
End of Trimester I

**December 3, 2018**  
Workshop Day—No Students

**December 24, 2018**  
Start of Winter Break

**January 2, 2019**  
School Resumes

**January 21, 2019**  
MLK Jr. Day—No School

**January 25, 2019**  
Mid Trimester II—30 units

**January 31, 2019**  
Conferences 4:00 pm—7:00 pm—plus 1/2

**February 15, 2019**  
No School

**February 18, 2019**  
President's Day—No School

**March 7, 2019**  
End of Trimester II

## FREE MEAL PROGRAMS

### Free Meal Programs & Community Partner Resources.

Need a little extra help putting food on the table? District 833 and community partners are providing free food year-round.

### FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Nutritionally balanced, low-cost meals for children each school day. For information, contact Nutrition Services at 651-425-6280. To apply visit [schoolcafe.com/application](http://schoolcafe.com/application).

### SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

SNAP helps you stretch your food budget and buy healthy food. We can assist with eligibility screenings and applications. For more information, call Emily at 651-307-9033 or email [ebowman@2harvest.org](mailto:ebowman@2harvest.org).

### FOOD SHELVES

Friends in Need—651-458-0730—[finfood.org](http://finfood.org)  
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Christian Cupboard Em. Food Shelf—651-233-1296—[ccefs.org](http://ccefs.org)

Visit [nokidhungry833.org](http://nokidhungry833.org) to learn more about all the free meal resources in your area.

## STUDENT OF THE TRIMESTER

*Shelby Whitmore—nominated by Katie Harmeyer*

*Angel Kuehnl—nominated by Brad Kobilka*

*Anton Saice—nominated by Mike Shelhamer*

*Joe Stoll—nominated by Jon Krahn*

*Kelly Jackson—nominated by Sue Hartman*

*Kallie Kortus—nominated by Jill Richardson*

*Gisselle Segura—nominated by Jon C.*

*Jenna Jeszewski—nominated by Anne Piasecki*

*Colton Kesteloot—nominated by Lane Swansson*

*Olivia Remington—nominated by Nicole Mills*

## CONGRATULATIONS

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVERS

The SWAHS offers an incentive program to students that earn their goal units for the period (30) in a minimum of 6 out of 7 classes. The following students have earned 30 units for part two of Trimester I.

6/7

Anton Saice  
Joe Stoll  
Tyler Stumbo  
Shelby Whitmore

7/7

Michelle Baig  
Damian Clayton  
Sydney Fielden  
James Hansen  
Terry'on Mitchell  
Riley O'Connor  
Vidced Thor

### ADOPT A FAMILY FUNDRAISER

For the fourth year, the SWAHS advisory classes will be doing a service project for the holiday season. Advisory classes will be fundraising throughout the month of November, with each week focusing on a different way to raise money. All money raised will be used to "adopt a family" through Neighbors, Inc. in South St Paul. SWAHS students hope to raise enough money to provide holiday gifts for children who would not otherwise receive much for presents, and to make everyone's holiday season brighter!

