

The Seymour Community High School

Thunder Buzz

September 2024 Newsletter

Empowering Students... Embracing Partnerships... Ensuring Success.

SCHS News

Issue 2

The Thunder Way

Here at SCHS, we value student voice and how it contributes to student success. With that in mind, check out our mixed grade level groups of students helping build the "Thunder Way" (the fabric of who we are at SCHS):



Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

1-4	Homecoming Week
4	Homecoming Football Game 7PM
5	Homecoming Dance 8-11 pm
9	FOCUS Field Trip all Sophomores
14	PSAT Test 8 am
14	No School, Teacher PD Day
17 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
25	No School
24-27	Fall Play

To view the entire school year, including "No School" days, please reference the District Calendar [HERE](#).

To view all events at the High School, please reference our webpage [HERE](#).

NOVEMBER

4	Freshman Athletics & Activities Orientation Meeting
27-29	Thanksgiving Break

Did you know?

Students with Free and Reduced Lunch status also have the AP Exam fee waived. (\$99) Please complete Free & Reduced applications by 10/16/24 to ensure your status for the 24/25 school year

FALL PLAY

The fall play production is coming up. This year's shows will be held on:

October 24th - 26th at 7pm

October 27th at 1pm

For more info go to the Theater's website [HERE](#)

[Click HERE for all your yearbook info, including how to order and Senior photo submissions.](#)

Parent Teacher Conference Time



October 17 5-8pm

October 22 5-8pm



Academic Progress

As we move through the school year, we want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of staying engaged with your student's academic progress. Regularly checking in on grades and assignments can make a significant difference in their learning experience. Here are a few ways you can support your student:

- Use the Parent Portal: Our online system allows you to view your student's grades and assignments.
- Talk about school: Ask your student about their classes, what they're learning, and any challenges they may be facing.
- Set goals together: Encourage your student to set attainable goals and discuss strategies to achieve them.
- Reach out for support: If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for support.

Go Guardian Parent App

Looking to help your student use their school device more wisely? Check out this Google Form for more information on how to control some device settings outside of regular school hours.

SCHS Grades

You will continue to see letter grades reflected in PowerSchool to demonstrate a student's level of mastery. However, we have made a few adjustments that will provide some clarity as to what you see in PowerSchool.

- Designations of "NG" (no grade), and "I" (incomplete) have been added.
- A designation of "NG" communicates that an assignment has not been turned in or no attempt has been made to complete the assignment.
- A designation of "I" communicates that an assignment is less than ½ complete.

Launch of Wisconsin's New Driver Education Grant Program

Hello champions of young, safe, and well-trained drivers!

Teens who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch can apply [here](#) to have their classroom and behind-the-wheel driver training paid for by the state. Students receiving grants may enroll in any driver education program offered by an authorized provider, such as a public school, CESA program, Tribal or private school, or [DMV-licensed driver training school](#).

SmartPass Updates

We have implemented SmartPass, a more efficient and effective process for hall passes. SmartPass is a digital version of the planners that we have used in the past. It provides school staff an accurate account of a student's location when they are outside of the classroom during the school day.

We are pleased with how the electronic pass system is working for students and staff. As we continue to have this as part of our regular routines, we are reminding students to check SmartPass to ensure they know if they need to stop by the Main Office or Student Services to pick up something or to see a pass to leave for an appointment, for example.

24-25 Meal Info

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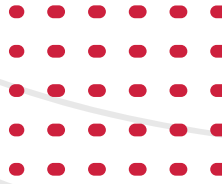
REMINDER - applications need to be completed each year for eligibility

Applications are now available online at our District Website, Family Links or [CLICK HERE](#).

Lunch Prices:	Breakfast Prices:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 5K - 5 \$2.70/day• Grades 6 - 12 \$2.80/day• Reduced Priced \$0.40/day• Extra milk \$0.40/carton• Adult \$4.65/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades 5K - 5 \$1.40/day• Grades 6 - 12 \$1.50/day• Reduced Priced \$0.30/day• Adult \$2.60/day

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HOMECOMING 2024



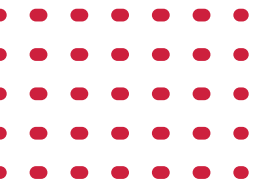
In order to embrace school spirit during Homecoming Week, please see this link for this year's brochure. Please note the schedule changes on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, and Friday, Oct. 4th.

Junior THUNDER Talks

- Junior Conferences will be starting October 15 and will be available into December. Each junior and their parent/caregiver are invited to sign up with their school counselor for this essential conversation.
- These conferences focus on each student's strengths and successes and their Academic Career Plan, which helps them plan for high school and beyond.
- To sign up with Mrs. Van Dyke (Last names A-Mc) Schedule Here
- To sign up with Mrs. Secor (Last names Me-Z) Schedule here

Athletic Schedules

For live, up to date schedules fans can view Seymour Community High School Athletic Schedules. Individual or multiple schedules can be viewed. You can also be notified of schedule changes by going to the Notify Me option on the right side of the schedule page.



Live Streaming

Seymour Community High School has a new live stream platform, Hudl Fan, for athletic events on Thunder Stadium and the main court of our field house. Live streams can be watched live or on demand for free at Hudl Fan.

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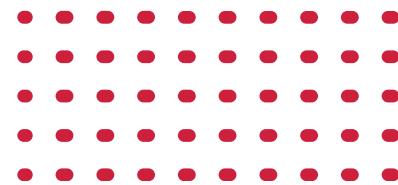
College Application Event

On September 30, October 1 and 2, college representatives will be in the high school library during WYN to help seniors with college applications or scholarships.

Seniors should plan to take advantage of this opportunity and can come in all three days!

The Wisconsin Guarantee

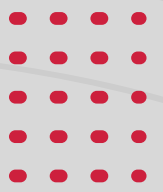
Top 10% of seniors are offered guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin with the exception of Madison which will admit the top 5%. Students must apply by November 1 and submit all required documents. [Click here for more info.](#)



Direct Admit Wisconsin

An initiative to proactively offer admission to students prior to their senior year. The Class of 2025 was the pilot year for the state of WI. It does not yet work with PowerSchool. Seymour plans to opt in and hope it is available to the Class of 2026. UW Madison, UW La Crosse and UW Eau Claire are not participating in this program. [Click here for more info.](#)

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GoGuardian Seymour Schools



Sign up for GoGuardian Parent Access

Students in grades 6-12 bring home devices, GoGuardian Parent access allow Parents and Guardian the ability to manage the school device outside of the school day.

[Sign Up Here for GoGuardian Parent Access](#)

GoGuardian Highlights :

- Set Time Limits
- View Internet Access
- Filter the Internet

Video Tips

- [Bringing Devices Home](#)
- [Mindful Tech Use](#)
- [Internet Safety.](#)

