

Sunlake High School Notes

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Garry Walthall, Principal



Principal's Perspective

The school year is well underway. We are excited about this year and are planning to continue to build on the outstanding traditions of SLHS. This past year was a great one for Sunlake and our successes are directly attributed to our wonderful staff, parents and community members for the support they provide to our students.

Once again we have experienced some changes since last year with a new administrator and several new staff members. We will continue to build relationships, provide an outstanding education for all students, and make our community an even better place. As we move forward this school year, we would like to continue to build partnerships with our community and the parents of our students. We are all in this together as we provide opportunities for student growth and success. If we work together, we have an increased chance of success.

Please continue to check the school website for new and important information. It is our most direct and powerful communication tool for disseminating information to all of the members of the Sunlake community.

Important Dates:

End of Quarter 1:	October 20
Teaching Planning:	October 21
Report Cards:	October 28
No School:	November 11
Best of Pasco Cheerleading:	November 19
Thanksgiving:	November 23-27
Progress Reports:	November 29
End of Quarter 2:	December 21
Winter Break:	December 22- January 6
Teacher Planning:	January 9
No School:	January 16

School Hours

The front office will be open from 7:00 am to 4:00pm daily. Please call 813-346-1035 for guidance appointments.

Find us on the web at:

slhs.pasco.k12.fl.us





CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

ASL 4/ASLHS Students have been preparing for the Florida Aquarium Project taking place this fall. Lauren Goldsworthy, a senior at SLHS, volunteers as a docent at the Aquarium. It was her desire to make the Aquarium a more "ASL friendly" place. She offered the idea to Mrs. Leslie and helped make the initial contacts at the Aquarium. Meetings for brainstorming and planning took place over the summer to prepare for this fall project. ASL 4 students will be on hand at the Aquarium the first Saturday of October, November and December as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community visits the Aquarium and takes in the Stingray, Penguin, Otter and Dive shows. Lauren, Sarah Stukey, Tracy Wilson, Liz Ruby, Wes Wood, Cayln Waddington, and Emily Green are a part of this pioneer project.

OUT OF FIELD TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing: Patricia Ferraro-English 6-12, David Pike-Biology 6-12 and Middle Grades General Sciences 5-9, Joshua Aguiar-Middle Grades General Sciences 5-9, Amy Graff-Social Sciences

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Amy Ramos, Bonnie Recupido, Susan Slater, Sam Jackson, Maura Craig, Tracee Fisher, Julieanne Usry (Lewis).

Sunlake Students Celebrate Academic Achievements:

Band

On Saturday October 1st, the Sunlake Soaring Sound Marching Band competed in a FMBC regional competition at Seminole High School. The band received the FIRST PLACE for class 3A! They also had the best woodwinds, best music, best general effect, best visual, and best percussion (by ten points!) in class 3A. The band's score of 69.66 qualified them for state competition for the second year in a row!

Their next competition is October 15th at Tarpon Springs High at 5:25p.m.

Dramahawks

The Dramahawks are currently in rehearsals for the District 14 Thespian Festival that will take place on November 19 at Land O' Lakes High School. Thirty Sunlake students will compete in five events. Additionally, we are rehearsing for the District 14 One-Act Festival that will occur at Nature Coast Technical High School on December 3rd. Students are preparing "Betsy's Inconvenient Garden" for the competition.

All students who place a superior at the District festivals will perform their pieces for a home audience at our Second Annual Evening of the Arts on December 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The Evening of the Arts will be held in the building 4 commons area, affectionately known as the Dramahawks Atrium. The evening will also feature students from the Soaring Sound band, the Creative Writing classes and the Art program.

Auditions for the spring musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, will take place early in December. Stay tuned for further details!

FCAT

FCAT retakes are taking place October 10th through October 20th.

Trick or Treat around the Track

October 31st our annual Trick or Treat around the Track will take place from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Athletic Information

Varsity Football is undefeated!



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Volunteers Needed!!

The SLHS Athletic Booster Club would like to invite parents to join and support the many student athletes of Sunlake. If interested, please contact a current Board member.

The PTSA is looking for students, parents, teachers, family members and business partners to join the organization. The PTSA supports many academic activities throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining, please see the website for additional information.

Pranks

Student school pranks will not be tolerated. Any type of prank, no matter how minor, will be investigated. Students involved will be punished and may face legal charges.

Make good choices!