

Hello SHDHS Families,

We hope you had a nice Thanksgiving holiday weekend and were able to find time to relax with family and friends. The purpose of this email is to update you on some important events happening at SHDHS in the coming weeks. Please refer to the items below and contact the school if you have any questions or comments.

Ed Havenga, VP at SHDHS

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A Career and Pathways Night has been planned for October 17 at Central Huron Secondary School in Clinton from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. See [this poster](#) for more information on this very worthwhile and informative night.

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Elementary progress report cards will be going home on October 29.

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Secondary at-risk reports will be sent home soon. At-risk forms are only sent home to students who are having difficulty in one or more of their courses. These reports serve as an early warning sign that your student needs to come up with an action plan to become successful. If you receive one of these reports, please review the information in the report with your child.

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Parent/Teacher interviews for all grades will be on Nov. 1 in our large gym for secondary students and our small gym for elementary students. Secondary interviews will be from 6 to 8 pm. Elementary interviews will be from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Parent/Teacher interviews for elementary students will continue the morning of Nov. 2 in our small gym from 8:45-11:45 am.

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On Wednesday, October 17 grade 8 and 9 students at SHDHS will be watching a play called "Far From the Heart". The play deals with sensitive issues that students may not have openly discussed before.

From the Heart is presented as a live, interactive play as part of an educational dating violence prevention strategy. The 22-minute play is followed by audience interaction and critical analysis. The play will run from 12:45-2:15. There will be a debrief for students from 2:15-2:45 in regular classroom spaces.

Far from the Heart helps youth answer key questions:

- What is dating violence
- How to prevent dating violence
- How to stop dating violence

- How to help rape victims
- What is an abusive relationship
- What is sexual abuse
- What is physical abuse
- What is emotional abuse
- What to do when in an abusive relationship
- How to stop sexual assault
- Where to get help for abusive relationships
- Where to get help for sexual assault

The live play presents problematic scenarios that end in a dilemma to deliberately stimulate audience members into action. Audience members can stop the performance at a moment when a character is being oppressed in some way. The audience suggests different actions on-stage in an attempt to change the outcome. The student acts out their idea with the professional cast. Then students are debrief about the intervention. As a result, people gain knowledge useful in everyday life to resolve conflicts, negotiate relationships and avoid risk, and thereby gain problem-solving skills.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in this interactive play, please contact the school before October 17.

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Tea & Teach for Seniors at SHDHS on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month starts in October (10th and 24th) from 1:45 pm-2:45 pm in the Learning Commons. Come out for great conversation, fun activities, and mutual sharing. Refreshments provided.

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The Huron OPP Police-Youth Advisory Council (YAC) 2018/2019 year will host their next meeting on October 25th at 6:30 pm at the Clinton Fire Hall. New members are welcome to attend. OPP K9 handler PC Harness will be putting on a demonstration. The council is co-chaired by a member from the Huron OPP Detachment and a student representative. Meetings are held monthly throughout the school year, with a one-year commitment expected from members. More information can be found in [this poster](#) and [information letter](#). This is a great opportunity for all students, but especially those students interested in law enforcement.

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SHDHS will once again be participating in the COMPASS survey. This survey asks Grade 9-12 students a broad range of questions about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drug-use, bullying, school connectedness, academic achievement, and mental health. More information about the survey and how to potentially opt out can be found in [this letter](#).