

# PenSPRA Excellence in Education Communications Contest

Publications: *Spring-Ford High School Headlines*

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High School Headlines is a weekly newsletter for staff, parents and students in grades 10-12. This targeted newsletter shares important school-wide information, grade level information, and information about extracurricular activities. High School Headlines is sent to about 5,000 individual email addresses, and has a 60% open rate. Note: High School Headlines is sent through Skylert (SchoolMessenger), and does not include a direct web version of the newsletter at this time.

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To: Crew, Erin

Friday, January 28, 2022 at 4:11 PM

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#### Message From Dr. Colyer:



In August of 2019 we introduced our students to Smart Futures. I wanted the opportunity to share with you how we are utilizing Smart Futures to support our students with college and career requirements.

The PA Department of Education requires Career Planning and Portfolios for every graduating student under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Students will graduate with at least twenty artifacts in their portfolios from interest inventories, to resumes, financial awareness and post-secondary planning. There are benchmark years in which certain grades need to have their pieces of evidence completed to help keep them on track. Spring-Ford Area School District has opted to use an online tracking site known as Smart Futures. This online career portfolio allows student access both in school and at home. Students find Smart Futures in Clever at [www.smartfutures.com](https://www.smartfutures.com)

Spring-Ford students are introduced to Smart Futures beginning in grade 3. All of the high school students are required to complete activities in grades 9, 10, and 11. All eight activities need to be completed before the end of 11th grade. Activities - 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14

Grade 9  
My Personality Type - Activity #2  
Personal Interests - Activity #8  
My Program/Majors - Activity #14

Grade 10  
Career Choices/Pathways - Activity #7  
Selecting Your Career Goal - Activity #9  
My Programs/Majors - Activity #10

Grade 11  
Job Application - Activity #3  
Job Interview - Activity #12

We have created a framework with which lesson activities are assigned in grades 9, 10 and 11 to engage our students in college and career readiness. Students are free to complete any additional activities within Smart Futures.

Grade	Department	Evidence Smart Future	Strand
9	Counseling	MA Personality Type	Career Assessment
9	Counseling	Personal Interests	Career Assessment & Prep
9	Social Studies	Career Choices Pathways	Career Assessment & Prep
10	PA	Career Choices/Pathways #7	Career Assessment & Prep
10	Social Studies	Learning Your Career Goal	Career Assessment & Prep
10	Health	My Program/Majors #10	Career Assessment & Prep
10	Health	Job Application #3	Career Assessment & Prep

Students in grades 10 and 11 will be re-visiting this topic next week in an extended homeroom.

The course selection process for next school year has begun! Please take a moment to watch the [course selection video](#).

All students grades 9-11 must schedule an appointment to meet with their school counselor. Students should visit their school counselor's Canvas page and follow these instructions for scheduling your course selection meeting with your school counselor. All students are to schedule an appointment with their school counselor prior to March 6, 2022.

Course Selection - On the [Senior High Course Selection](#) web page, you will find the [2022-23 Course Selection Guide](#), and all other information you will need to choose your courses for the 2022-23 school year. Please spend time gaining information about and mapping the courses you plan to take next year. Students will consult with teachers and counselors throughout the process. Please remember that after teacher recommendations are submitted, students will use Skyward to choose minor classes, and students and parents will verify all selections electronically in March. Thank you for your attention to this very important process.

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**SNAP (Students Need an Alternative Party)** will be having general goodie distributions. A large selection of new and gently worn dresses will be available for purchase (reduced cost). Students can enter the 10-12 Center through door 24.

**SNAP From Dress Boutique Dates (Cancelled)**  
Tuesday, February 8th from 9AM to 1PM  
Saturday, February 12th from 9AM to 1PM  
Tuesday, February 22nd from 9:30 to 10:30PM  
Tuesday, February 22nd from 5:30 to 8:30PM  
Tuesday, March 22nd from 9AM to 1PM  
Saturday, March 26th from 9AM to 1PM  
Tuesday, April 5th from 9:30 to 10:30PM  
Saturday, April 9th from 9AM to 1PM  
Tuesday, April 12th from 9:30 to 10:30PM  
Tuesday, May 3rd from 9:30 to 10:30PM



**Information for Biomed Program**  
Are you interested in the Biomedical Sciences? Not sure what it is? Want to learn more about it? RCTV Biomedical Science Courses at WHICTC allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals. You will study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health. In addition, students work collaboratively to understand and design solutions to the most pressing health challenges of today and the future.

**Requirements**  
-Students must be in 11/12th grade  
-3.0 GPA (B's+, or higher)  
-Ability to drive  
-Recommended Good Attendance  
-Taking higher level science coursework  
-Completion of Algebra 2 (B or higher)

If this is something you are interested in learning more about, there will be an informational meeting for students on February 2nd during 2nd period in Principal's Conferences Room. Please sign up in your house office and get a pass.

**Junior Prom**  
The Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, March 12, from 6:30PM to 12:00PM at the Satoru Broski Ballroom in Potstown. Tickets are \$50 per person, and buses can bring one guest each. Guest forms are available Jan 11 in all 11th house offices and must be turned in by Feb 11 for graduates under the age of 21 and students from other schools. Tickets will be sold during lunches from Monday, Feb. 14 to Friday, Feb. 25. Student obligations must be paid in full for purchasing tickets. Please read our [Junior Prom rules](#) prior to purchasing tickets.

**Course Selection**  
Meetings with your School Counselor will begin in February. Look for information in the next few weeks regarding scheduling an appointment on our Canvas Page.

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**Senior Prom and Post Prom**  
from is May 14, 2022 at the Sheraton Valley Forge. Post Prom to follow at Arnold's Farms Fun Center in Oaks. More information to come.

**Cap and Gown Information**  
If you haven't already ordered your graduation cap and gown, please do it as soon as possible.

This year, you will work directly with Mark and Luke Judy from Justens to order your cap and gown. Below are links to two video presentations from Justens. The first video you will watch includes information about your cap and gown and the additional items Justens offers for purchase. The second video will provide you specific directions on how to order the correct size of your cap and gown. Remember, you paid for your graduation cap, gown and tassels through Skyward as part of the Senior Fee. The Senior Fee is for your graduation cap, gown, tassels, diploma cover, and diploma. All students must pay the Senior Fee whether you plan to walk at graduation or not.

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#### Future Planning Center

**Seniors:** The second marking period ends January 25. If your transcripts have already been submitted and the college is now requesting mid-year grades, you can request to have your mid-year grades sent by completing this form. DO NOT re-request your transcripts through Naviance. The FPC will process these requests after all mid-year grades are finalized starting on Monday, February 7.

**The ASVAB Test** will be offered to students at no cost on a limited basis for students trying to develop a list of potential majors/careers. For more information about the ASVAB and to find study materials to prepare for the test, please visit <http://www.asvabnps.com/>.

In order to take the ASVAB you must complete this registration form and return it to the FPC by Thursday, February 17. Space for this test is limited, so please do not wait to register.

#### Spring-Ford Food Service

**Cost of Breakfast and Lunch**  
All reimbursable meals in-person and for registered Spring-Ford Cyber Learning students will be free through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. CSC guidelines are followed by employees as well as students during food service transactions.

**SHAHS Breakfast**  
Did you know we have breakfast? All students must go to the cafeteria for this option, and the meal is free. Stop in before 10:30 period!

The menu can be found [here](#) as well as on the Spring-Ford website.

#### Extracurricular

As a reminder when attending an athletic event at Spring-Ford we require you to wear a mask to indoor events for spectators, game media, coaches, players on the sidelines. Players engaged in the game do not have to wear a mask.

**Athletic Event Protocol - Winter Season 2021-22**

**Reminder: Yearbook**  
To view all of the ordering details for this year's yearbook, visit the yearbook site on the [For Students](#) page of the High School's website. Yearbook orders are placed online.

**Sports Registration**  
Spring registration is due by February 21, 2022. If you are participating in sports, we'll be mailing out completed the online registration and required forms by the due date listed above. In addition, a student must pass a PIAA physical exam. Physicals must be administered by a doctor June 1, 2021 or after.

**Athletic Schedules** can be found on the athletic web page under [Schedules](#).

#### Many Thanks, Spring-Ford

Have you observed a Spring-Ford student going the extra mile for a peer? Want to send a special shout out to the stranger who said for your morning coffee? Have you experienced great customer service from a Spring-Ford employee? Many thanks is an undisciplined acknowledgment of anyone in the Spring-Ford community who has demonstrated a caring or sensitive attitude, gone the extra mile, made a special effort to include someone, or simply deserves recognition.

Who can you thank? Send a special message to students, parents, teachers, administrators, administrative assistants, bus drivers, custodial staff, your favorite food service staff, a coworker, stranger, business owner, or community member.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

#### Important Reminders

February 18 | PPT Conferences

