



### November Reminders

- 1 – SAT Exam
- 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Turn Clocks Back
- 4 – **Half Day of School** All Students
  - 6:30 pm – Zoller ES PTO Meeting
  - 7:00 pm – Friends of Music Meeting – SHS FA 14
- 5 – SAT Registration Deadline for December 6 Exam
  - 5:30 pm – Blodgett ES Pot Luck Dinner
  - 8:00 pm – Board of Education Mtg. Woodlawn Elementary School
- 6: First Quarter Marks Close
  - 6:00 pm – King Magnet School PTO Meeting
  - 6:30 pm – Howe Magnet School PTO Meeting in Library
- 7: ACT Registration Deadline
- November 5 – 8**  
Blue Roses Theatre Presents  
"The Glass Menagerie"
- 10: **Half Day of School**  
Elementary Students Only
- 11: **No School** – Veteran's Day
- 12: 8:30 am – Roosevelt ES  
Coffee Chat with Mr. Roman
  - 3:15 pm – Van Corlaer ES PTO Meeting
  - 4:00 – 7:00 pm – Home Access Center Registration at Mont Pleasant Middle School
  - 6:00 pm – Roosevelt ES PTO/PPT Meeting
  - 6:30 pm – Paige ES PTO Meeting
- 12 – 13: NYS Social Studies Exam  
Grade 5

### Planning for College

#### What High School Students Should be Doing in November

**Freshmen** should buckle down early and remember that grades in ninth grade will be taken into account when applying to college.

**Sophomores** should be talking with their guidance counselors to find out about visiting colleges and college fairs. College fairs are a great way to "see" many schools at one time. Some colleges even offer online tours off of their websites.

**Juniors** should be talking with parents about how they will finance college costs. Remember, a private school that seems more expensive on paper may actually be more affordable than a public school after figuring in the aid.

Students should be sure to register for the SAT and/or ACT if they have not yet done so.

**Seniors** must finish writing essays. Ask a parent or teacher to proofread them. Distribute teacher recommendation forms and stamped envelopes addressed to the colleges' admissions offices.

Any senior applying for early admission should notify the college about any honors received since submitting the application and have the most recent transcripts sent. For schools with "rolling admissions," the materials are sent, the better. The spots won't stay open forever.

Continue to attend financial aid workshops and seminars. Read HESC (New York State Higher Education Service Corp.) available online: [http://www.hesc.com/content.nsf/SFC/Paying\\_for\\_College](http://www.hesc.com/content.nsf/SFC/Paying_for_College).

### Coming Up ! Colleges Visiting Schenectady High School

#### November 3

9:00 am - St. Joseph's College, Maine

#### November 4

9:40 am - Alfred State

#### November 12

10:00 am - SUNY Geneseo

11:00 am - Adelphi University

### Don't Forget To Sign Up for Home Access Center (HAC)

Home Access Center is a web portal that allows you to view pertinent information about your child including attendance records, grades, discipline, registration information and scheduling information.

Learn more by visiting the website

<http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/HomeAccessCenter/IndexofInformation.htm>

If you have questions about Home Access Center, please call 3700-8100 X 126.

### Half Day Dismissal Times

Elementary School: 11:45 am

Middle School: 11:15 am

High School: 11:15 am

**Blue Roses Theatre  
presents**

## ***The Glass Menagerie***

**November 5 - 8**

7 pm each night with an additional  
2 pm performance on November 8  
Sayles School of Fine Arts  
Black Box Theatre

**Reservations** are recommended.

Please e-mail Bill Ziskin -  
ziskinw@schenectady.k12.ny.us with  
the date and number of tickets  
you would like to reserve.

### **Become a Continuing Education Instructor**

If you're interested in  
becoming a continuing  
education instructor,  
please call 370-8220 or  
370-8350 for details.

### **Community**

#### **Carver Community Center After School Enrichment Program**

The Carver Community Center is  
offering a new **after school  
enrichment program** for  
students in grades K - 5 that runs  
Monday - Friday from 3 - 5:30 pm.

The after school enrichment program  
follows the school calendar with  
major holidays off. The program will  
also begin earlier when there is a  
half day of school and offers fun  
weeks during the recess.

If you have questions or would like  
more information, please call  
374-8456 between 9 am and 4 pm.

**Registration** is ongoing.  
Enrollment forms are available at  
700 Craig Street  
between 9 am - 4 pm.

Please feel free to contact LaShanda  
Blanks, After School Coordinator at  
374-8456.

## **Please Join Our Strategic Planning Team**

Help us develop a district-wide plan with focus on literacy, targeted programs, the way students are taught in the classroom and school climate. The five task forces are listed below. If you are interested in any of these areas, please contact the task force leader.

### **Literacy Task Force**

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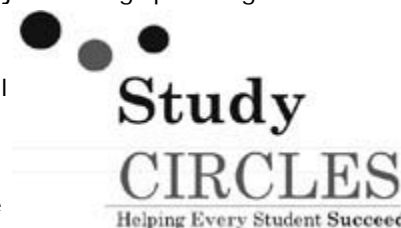
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Learn more by visiting

[www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/StrategicPlanning/joinstrategicplanning.htm](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/StrategicPlanning/joinstrategicplanning.htm)

## **Study Circles**

The Study Circle program is designed to help all of us work together so that all children succeed in school. To reach this goal, everyone, including parents, teachers, students and community members, must be involved. If we listen to each other and work together, we will have a better chance of finding solutions that will help young people do their best school.



Study Circles builds trust and forms connections through discussion and understanding of why students do or do not succeed. Trained facilitators help participants talk, build relationships, develop better understanding of the challenges and plan action steps to help all students succeed.

### **Join a Study Circle !**

For more information on Study Circles including how you can join, visit <http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/Community/StudyCircles.htm> or contact Kay Ackerman, at 393-5000 or email [kaydonack@aol.com](mailto:kaydonack@aol.com).

### **Union College Educational Programs**

**FREE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHILD!**

The Kenney Community Center offers residents of Schenectady a variety of social services and educational programs to help improve their quality of life. Union college students and staff dedicate their time and energy to making a positive impact on the lives of both children and adults.

**The following programs are free to Schenectady students.** Students receive a snack and juice. All materials are provided.

**Homework Program** for students in grades 3 – 5

**Junior Science Program** for students in grades 4 – 6

**America Reads** for elementary school children

For more information, please contact Angela Tatem, director at [tatema@union.edu](mailto:tatema@union.edu) or call 388-6609.