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From the Principal's Desk...

Students, Parents, and Community Members,

The school year is up and running, and off to a great start! The school year has been and continues to be exciting. We have had a few big events and are looking forward to additional events the rest of the semester!

August ended with MAP testing in grades 9 through 11. This test is given twice a year to measure the academic progress of students in areas of math, science, reading, and language usage. This test will be given again in January. This marked the second time the test was administered on iPads in the high school, and overall the process went smoothly.

On September 11th, there was a school wide assembly in remembrance of the 16th Anniversary of September 11th. This assembly continues to be remarkable and was organized and led by Ms. Becky Lawson's Senior English class. On September 13th, Steve Grant, former linebacker with the Indianapolis Colts, came to Sullivan High School to speak with students. He will deliver a message on respectful relationships, peer acceptance, and achieving dreams. Special thanks to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and the "I Sing the Body" program for providing this event.

Homecoming Week was held September 18th through the 23rd. This year's theme is "Seasons." Float building took place September 18th through the 21st at Sullivan High School from 6PM to 9PM each night. Students participated in spirit/dress-up days throughout the week. The week ended with the pep rally, the parade and game on Friday, and the annual Homecoming Dance was held the evening of September 23rd.

This year marks the second year of a major change in college entrance testing for the State of Illinois. On April 10, 2018, the state will be administering the SAT to all Juniors. This test replaced the previously given ACT. On October 11th, several Juniors will be preparing for this test by taking the PSAT. Additionally, Khan Academy is a free resource that students can access to continue their preparation for the SAT.

As we look forward to the rest of the semester and year, it is important to look at upcoming dates:

October 3 - Career Day
October 6 - School Improvement Day (No Student Attendance)
October 9 - Columbus Day
October 19 and 20 - Parent/Teacher Conference
November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break
December 19 and 20 - Final Exams
December 20 - Early Dismissal (1:30PM)
December 21 - Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance)
December 22 - January 2 - Christmas Break

As always, should you have questions about these or any other topics, please feel free to contact the high school office. I hope the rest of your school year is exciting and successful!

Erik Young
Principal
Sullivan High School

Becker teaches Elementary Students a Lesson in Science



The whole first grade was lucky enough to get a science lesson from Coach Becker. He went over to explain what was happening during the Solar eclipse and why it was so important to wear special glasses. The kids were very excited to be as smart as the high school kids! Photos provided by Cassie Becker.



Pictured above, high school science teacher Nathan Becker spoke with first grade students at Sullivan Elementary School about the science behind a solar eclipse. As most know, August 21, 2017, the United States was in the full path of the eclipse for the first time in approximately 100 years. Photo provided by Cassie Becker.

**Remember when the Eclipse
was all people were talking
about?**

SES Names Gold Slip Winners

Every month, Sullivan Elementary School honors students who go above and beyond expectations with a "Gold Slip." The recipients for August and September are (from left to right):

DaCorey Austin was a great friend to another student with a broken collar bone who had accidentally spilled ranch dressing all over the table during lunch. DaCorey quickly cleaned it up for him without being asked. What a wonderful helper!

Axton Fryman helped another student who has a broken collar bone by carrying his lunch tray. What an awesome friend!

Anderson Crouse noticed that one of the pillows in his classroom had a hole in it. On his own, he offered to take it home and sew it up for the class. Thank you to Anderson for taking care of his classroom community!

Addy Hendry is an excellent role model for the students in her class! She is quiet in the hallway, kind to others, and always willing to help!

Zoey Crothers is a leader in the classroom. The teacher can always count on her to set a good example. She is hardworking, respectful, and honest!

Kolten Wiley noticed a student sitting alone at recess and asked him if he wanted to join in a baseball game.

Kate Bushue found money at a football game and turned it in to the

administration.

Olivia Cordes noticed that there was a person who was visiting our school in a wheelchair. She asked if this person needed assistance. Olivia is a great example to those around her.

Blake Biggerstaff was given the option of where to sit on the first day of school. Blake sat with friends at a table, but when he saw that a classmate was sitting alone, Blake volunteered to leave the spot he chose so the other student would have someone with him at his table. Blake demonstrated real compassion and kindness to his classmate!

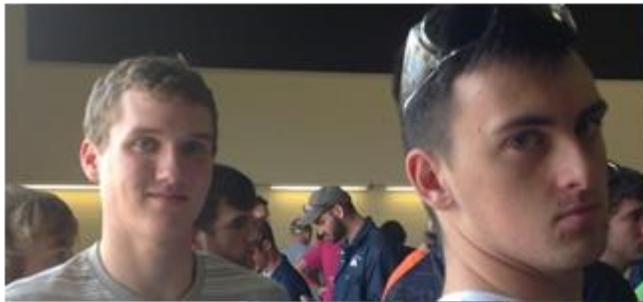
Tyler Cray gave up his free time after finishing his own assignment to help another student finish their work.

Maddison Walters saw a student was sitting alone on the Friendship Bench. She walked up to this student to ask if she would like to play with her!

Shaylin Hunter noticed a classmate was short a folder as they were labeling them. She had an extra folder and offered it to the other student. Way to be kind and thoughtful!

Gavin Deaton was the only student to pick up jump ropes as his fellow classmates stepped over them on the way in from recess. Way to be respectful Gavin!

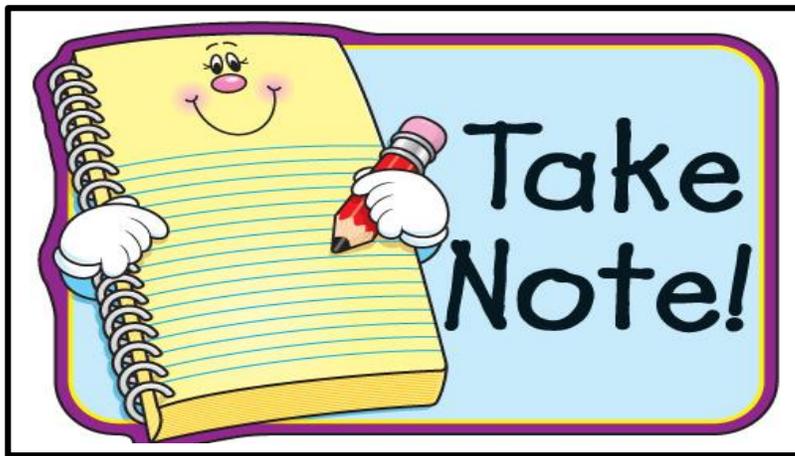
SHS Vocational Students Attend Construction Trades Expo at Lake Land



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On Thursday, September 21, 2017, Sullivan High School students participated in the Construction Trades Expo at Lake Land College. Students from Production, Welding, and CAD I & II were invited so they could learn about union apprenticeship programs. Union participants included the iron workers, crane operators, electricians, pipe fitters, construction workers, as well as, representatives from Illinois Department of Transportation and LLC Building Construction Trades and Computer Aided Drafting Programs. Photos taken and provided by Sarah Britton.



SHS Cheerleading Squad Fall, 2017



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Break

Seniors: Ciara Anderson

Allie O'Neill

Minnie Miller

Emilee Elder

Aspen Bridges

Jordan Bassett

Katie McClure

Grace Yantis

Maddie Dickens

Bailey Turnbaugh

Madison Moll

Junior: Zoe Ray

Sophomores: Claire Appleby

Madalyne McPheeters

Kiley Will

Alyssa Nihiser

Jessica Williamson

Sierra Creek

Freshman: Nick Will

2017 – 2018 SHS Color Guard



Congratulations to the Marching
Redskins for placing Third,
September 16th in the Morton
High School Band Invitational!

The SHS Color Guard showed off their flag skills at Preview Night 2017. In fact, several groups showcased their talents including the Sullivan High School Marching Redskins, and the Redskin Football and Volleyball Teams. Photo by Paige McLaughlin.

School Spirit Reigns Supreme at 2017 Homecoming

by Paige McLaughlin

Homecoming week for Sullivan High School started off with a wave of patriotism as students dressed up for 'MURICA day. All throughout the week, every day was a different "dress-up day." Tuesday was Twin/Squad Day, (students dressed up to match with their friends) Wednesday was Seasons Day (dressing up in theme with one of the four seasons), Thursday was Pajama Day, and Friday was Redskin Rowdy Day. Another notable moment of the dress-up days was Thursday, when students dressed up in green and gold to support Mattoon in the aftermath of a school shooting.

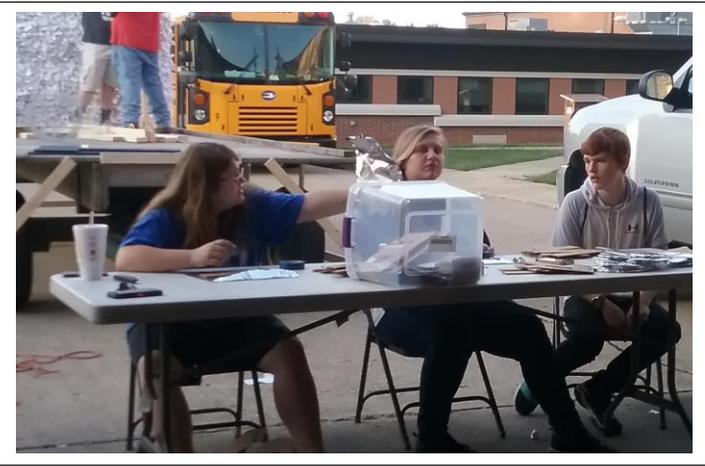
Mr. Young commented, "It was great to see all the students who participated in the various spirit days. I want to mention Thursday's Mattoon Green/Gold Day was 100% student driven."

The theme for this year's Homecoming was "Seasons," and each class had one of the four seasons. The seniors had fall, juniors chose winter, sophomores picked spring, and the freshmen were left with summer. The students used their respective season to make floats and design windows that corresponded with their theme. After four days of hard work, the juniors' float came out on top, followed by the freshmen, the seniors, and the sophomores. For the window competition, the freshman placed first, followed by the juniors, and the seniors and sophomores had a tie for third place. According to Mr. Young, "This was the best turnout and best float designs I had seen in several years."

On the Friday of Homecoming, school spirit was in full swing. At the annual pep rally, Isaiah Plank won the title of Mr. Redskin, and the seniors won the most points in the games. At the parade, students from every sports team and middle and high school grade marched through the streets and got the community even more excited for the rest of the upcoming weekend.

And finally, they were ready for the biggest event of the night: The Homecoming game. Sullivan started out on a high note, managing to score three touchdowns in the first half and raising the score to 21-7. However, Meridian came back stronger in the second half, and by the end, they claimed victory over the Redskins.

On Saturday, the Homecoming festivities came to a close with the annual Homecoming dance. Mr. Young said, "We had over 340 students at the dance Saturday night! We will call this a new record!" When it came time to choose the new members of Redskin royalty, Bryce Hubbard was named King, and Ally Will crowned Madison Moll as the new Homecoming Queen. In the end, it was a very successful Homecoming week, and one not easily forgotten.



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Career English Students Organize Assembly Commemorating September 11, 2001, Tragedy

Students of Miss Lawson's Career English class put their heads together and organized an assembly for all high school and middle school students and members of the community to commemorate the tragedy that took place on September 11, 2001.

Speakers such as Middle School teacher Deena Lee, High School teacher Marsha Kirby, and Mr. Kenneth Edwards, an officer with the Customs and Border Protection's Tactical Terrorism Response Team at O'Hare International Airport, spoke to students about the events of the day and their own emotions.

After Edwards graduated, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country with them for four years. After 9/11, he chose to continue to serve our country by working with Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security.

Department of Homeland Security.

9/11 has been a national day of remembrance but, it has also been a National Day of Service in honor of the victims. It is also a day to honor those who choose to professionally serve and protect us and those who on a day of great crisis became heroes because they chose to help others.

Mr. Paul Hinson played *Flowers of the Forest* on the bagpipes.

Guests were honored by Career English students at a private luncheon in the Media Center.

Perhaps Emilee Elder said it best when she encouraged, "...do what you can to help our community and our first responders. Find a way to help someone - stand up to a bully, visit a nursing home, mow your neighbor's yard, donate blood, give to the Food Pantry, encourage a classmate, or simply be kind.

If you see an ambulance, fire truck, or a law enforcement vehicle with lights flashing and sirens blaring, pull over and let them safely get where they need to go. If you have an encounter with a first responder, be polite, cooperative, and respectful. Let them do their jobs without making things more difficult. When you see veterans or members of the military, take a moment to thank them for their service. If you are at the airport, respect the people there working hard to keep you safe. Respect the flag.

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."
-Sandy Dahl, wife of the pilot of Flight 93 - the plane that the passengers took over on 9/11 to keep it from crashing into our nation's Capital.



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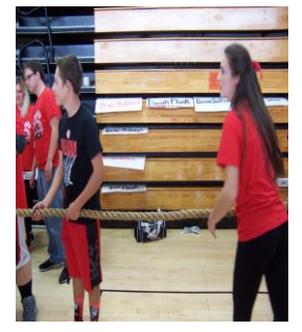
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Thursday – Pajama Day, students could wear Green and Gold to support Sullivan’s neighbors to the East in a “We stand with Mattoon” campaign.



Homecoming Pep Assembly 2017



Homecoming always means a fun-filled afternoon at the pep assembly and this year was no different. From cheer performances to a competitive game of musical chairs and tug of war to crowning Isaiah Plank the new Mr. Redskin. Photos by Katie Webb and Paige McLaughlin.



**Window
Decorating –
Homecoming
2017**



Special Thanks to:

**First Community Bank of Moultrie
County**

Sullivan Fire and Rescue

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Thank you on behalf of the students and staff of Sullivan High School for opening your doors and allowing students to decorate your storefronts.



**Congrats
to the
Juniors for
winning
First Place
in Float
Building
for the
2017
Parade**



**Congratulations to the Freshmen
Class of 2020 – 2021 for winning the
Window Decorating Competition.**

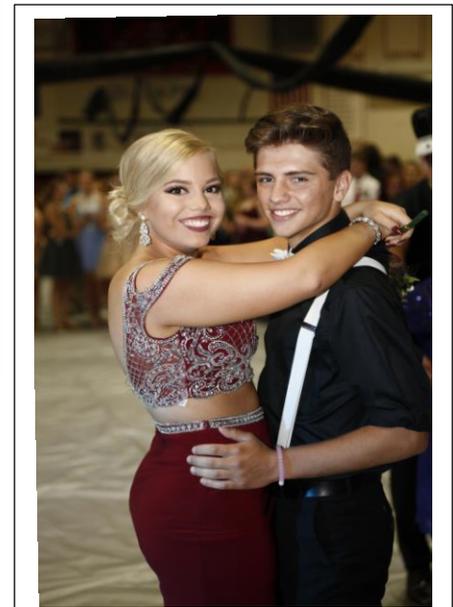
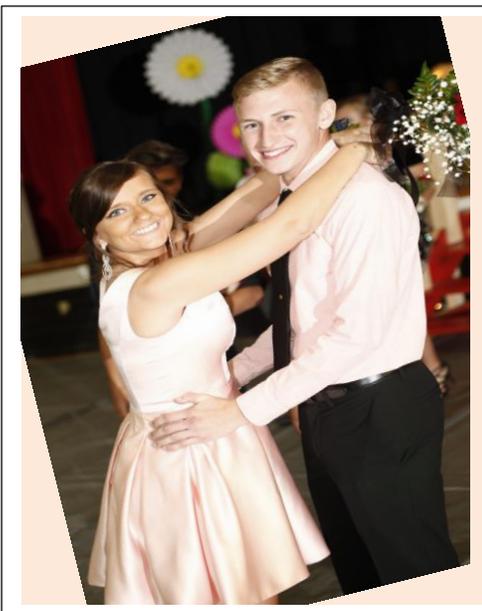
Homecoming Parade 2017 - 2018



Float Building Results:

- Juniors – First Place
- Freshmen – Second Place
- Seniors – Third Place
- Sophomores – Fourth Place

Congratulations Madison Moll and Bryce Hubbard Homecoming King and Queen 2017 - 2018



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