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## **October Newsletter**

- **For the safety of our students, we ask that if you are picking your child up at dismissal that you park toward the gym or across the street from the school so as not to interfere with the NFTA Specials.**

<b>Sparks Highlights- Students of the Month- September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Senior: Jessalina Kegley</b></li><li>● <b>Junior: Ethan Bradley</b></li><li>● <b>Sophomore: Chase Letina</b></li><li>● <b>Freshmen: Robert Staples</b></li> <li>● <b>Teacher of the Month- Student Nominated: Amy Dybalski (ELA)</b></li></ul>
<b>Academic Updates- ELA</b>	<p><b>English I-</b> Students will be able to analyze the development of a character to further the author's message as we read St. Lucy's Home School For Girls Raised by Wolves.</p> <p><b>English II-</b> Students will begin the year with a poetry unit. They will have the chance to explore figurative language in a set of poems that act as a response to each other. Through this exercise, students will be able to see differences in writing styles when two author's focus on the same topic.</p> <p><b>English III-</b> All classes will be closely reading <i>Hamlet</i>, by William Shakespeare, and participating in collaborative discussions and evidence based writing.</p> <p><b>English IV-</b> Students in English IV will</p>

	<p>engage in critical analysis of <i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i> as told to Alex Haley. Students will also practice narrative writing techniques.</p> <p><b><i>The Beginning of the Year Assessment will be completed on IXL for ALL English classes from 9/26- 10/7.</i></b> IXL is a learning tool that will assess our students' current levels and provide them with opportunities to develop their skills in English Language Arts, throughout the year.</p> <p><a href="#">English Pacing/Curriculum</a></p>
<p>Math</p>	<p><b>Beginning of the Year assessments on IXL are going to be administered 9/26 - 10/7/22 in every class.</b></p>
<p>History</p>	<p><b>Global 9-</b> Teachers are focusing on students learning styles, classroom procedures, routines, and learning skills while implementing the ninth grade curriculum.</p> <p><b>Global 10-</b> All students have taken a pre-test to establish a base-line of their knowledge of World History. Global 10 classes will be focusing on a culture project.</p> <p><b>U.S. History-</b> All 11th grade students have taken a pre-test to establish a base-line of their previous knowledge of U.S. History. September and October curriculum will focus on the Colonial and Revolutionary Eras. Guidance counselors will be visiting all 11th grade classes to provide information concerning the PSAT.</p> <p><b>Participation in Government/Economics AP Government-</b> NEW this year!! South Park has added another advanced placement course.</p>

Science

**Biology-** Students will be learning about topics in Ecology and further investigating with hands- on labs.

- *There will be a Field trip for freshmen biology students on Thursday, October 6 to Thomas Higgins Riverfront Park. Students will be participating in the Niagara River/Lake Erie Classroom "Day in the Life". Students will incorporate hands-on learning with the ecology of the Buffalo River.*

**Earth Science-** Students will be investigating properties of minerals and rocks further identifying them in the lab.

**Chemistry-** During October, the chemistry classes will be studying the physical behavior of matter- looking at mixtures specifically. Then, we will delve into the atomic structure of matter- what makes up the atom, how we found out, and what we can do with that information. During a deep dive into atomic structure, students will discover there is more than 1 form of an element. There are, in some cases, many different types of the same element. How is that possible? Students will find out in class. We will also study the electron and its significance to the chemistry field AND everyday life. Finally, we are going to explore the periodic table including structure, layout, and embedded information to give students a deeper appreciation for this important component of chemistry.

**Environmental Science-** Students will learn about ecosystems and how energy flows through them. They will research different types of Biomes to understand the importance of preservation of

	<p>biodiversity in each environment.</p> <p><b>AP Environmental-</b> Students will research the economics of supply and demand and their connection to Environmental Science.</p> <p><b>AP Anatomy and Physiology-</b>Students will compare types of muscles and learn about the structures and function of the Integumentary System. This will be supported by hands-on experiences as well.</p>
Music	<p><b>Band:</b> Keep an eye out for instrument rental forms! They will need to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian &amp; returned to school before students are able to bring their instruments home. There is <b>no rental fee!</b> :)</p>
Physical Education	<p><b>PE:</b> Continue fitnessgram testing and beginning Volleyball Unit.</p> <p><b>Swim:</b> Continue swim testing, begin working on freestyle.</p> <p><b>Health:</b> How emotions affect your health, conflict resolution and beginning the suicide prevention program.</p>
Calendar- October	<p><b>October 10</b> - No School- Columbus Day</p> <p><b>October 12</b> - PSAT Testing date for 10th and 11th grade students</p> <p><b>October 14</b> - SBMT at 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>October 17-21-</b> Spirit Week</p> <p><b>October 22-</b> Homecoming 5:30-8:30 pm</p> <p><b>October 25</b> -PTO</p>
Community Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adult Ed Programming begins on October 3</li> <li>● <a href="#">Save the Date(s)</a> - All dates and Themes</li> <li>● <a href="#">October 15</a> - Welcome Back 9 am-12 noon- Health Fair- includes free Flu and COVID vaccinations</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● October 27- CS Thursday Halloween-Trick or Treating etc. 5:30- 7:30 pm-Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult unless a student is volunteering at the event. (Students should see Mrs. Nigrelli in 104 to volunteer.)</li> <li>● Call (716)816-4835 with any questions</li> </ul>
<b>Extended Learning Time (Before/ After School)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Personal Training Students should attend am sessions at 7:30 am</li> <li>● ELT begins October 3rd</li> </ul>
<b>Guidance Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>October 12 -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>PSAT Testing</b> date for 10th and 11th grade students</li> <li>○ <b>SAT SCHOOL DAY</b> for all 12th grade students</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Military Opt-Out Forms</b> distributed in Junior US History and Gov't and Senior Participation and Gov't and Economics classes. Must be returned by <b>October 15th</b>, if the student/family <b>DOES NOT</b> want personal information shared with the military.</li> </ul>
<b>PTO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next meeting will be October 25, 2002</li> <li>● <a href="#">Zoom Link</a> if you are unable to attend in person</li> </ul>
<b>SBMT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Minutes from September 15</a></li> </ul>
<b>Senior Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Early Release Form</a></li> <li>● October 24- WNY College Consortium in Cafeteria</li> <li>● September 9th– October 30th Senior Hoodie Sale</li> <li>● Baby pictures are due November 18th</li> <li>● Senior Quotes are due November 22nd</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Senior Dues MUST be paid in full by February 3rd.</b> This will cover the cost of your child’s cap and gown, diploma cover, and yearbook. Dues are \$80.</li> <li>● Senior Advisor- Sterling South <a href="mailto:Ssouth@buffaloschools.org">Ssouth@buffaloschools.org</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Technology Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Center for Innovation, Technology, and Training</b>  <b>1515 South Park Avenue</b>  <b>Buffalo, NY 14220</b>  Monday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  Friday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  <b>Extended Hours</b>  Tuesday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM  Wednesday 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Title I - Final Documents</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Parent Family Involvement Policy</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Parent Engagement Plan</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">School Parent Compact</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Previous Newsletters</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">September</a></li> </ul>