



CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH



October Newsletter 2023

“Preparing Today’s Students to Conquer Tomorrow’s Challenges”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 2

College Process for Senior
Parents Meeting
7 p.m. CHSS Auditorium

Wednesday, October 4

PTSA Meeting – 7 p.m.
South’s Library

Friday, October 6

All Sports Pep Rally –
Period 8

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day – School
and Building Closed

Wednesday, October 11

Early Release Day
Senior Luncheon -2 p.m.
Park Ridge Marriott

Saturday, October 28

Homecoming Dance
6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 30

Financial Aid Night – 7 p.m.

Monday, October 31

Happy Halloween

Congratulations to.....

- **Senior Lydia Jung** for being selected by NYSSMA to the All State Orchestra.
- **Junior Timothy Yang** for being selected by NYSSMA to the All State Chorus and as an alternate for the French Horn.
- **Junior Miles Jung** for being selected by NYSSMA as an alternate for the Cello.
- **Senior Timothy Ty** for getting a perfect score on the College Board’s AP Computer Science Principles Exam.

Congratulations to Clarkstown South’s Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program:

James W. Bloete

Matthew J. A. Lifrieri

Nicolas P. Cavalluzzi

Ryan J. Olson

Alexander H. Kim

Ryan Thomas

PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE OCTOBER 5

Progress Reports for the first marking period will be available to parents and students on the portal on October 5. Progress Reports are meant to be an overall update on students’ progress in their classes; however, communication with teachers should not be limited to viewing progress reports. Parents are reminded to check the parent portal on Eschool regularly and to email any teacher with questions or concerns during the marking period. Any parent who has not set up access to the Parent Portal should follow [THIS LINK](#).

SEL PROMOTES A SENSE OF BELONGING

The theme for this year’s Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons and activities is to foster a sense of belonging for all. In doing so, South’s SEL Committee hopes to promote the students’ charter. The charter focuses on how students want to feel and how to develop ways to help their peers feel **happy, motivated, successful, respected, safe and calm** as well. The first lesson of the year included an activity for students to recognize what they have in common with their classmates and to consider ways to use these common interests to communicate effectively and to support each other. Lessons will continue bimonthly throughout the year.



EARLY RELEASE DAY FOR ALL CLASSES **OCTOBER 11**

Clarkstown South will have an early release day on October 11 to accommodate different activities dependent on the grade level.

Freshmen – Ninth graders will continue their orientation activities with senior mentors and participate in a computer usage and safety presentation.

Sophomores – Tenth graders will report to pre-assigned classrooms to take the Pre-ACT exam.

Juniors – Eleventh graders will report to pre-assigned classrooms to take the PSAT exam.

Seniors – Twelfth graders will work with school counselors and English teachers to work on their college essays and applications.

Spirit and Strive – All Spirit and Strive students will be dismissed at 10 a.m.

**Bus Schedule – 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
2 p.m. and 4 p.m.**

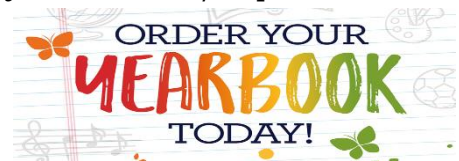
YEARBOOK 2024: ON SALE NOW

Until October 27th, your 2024 Yearbook and Senior Recognition Ads are on sale. **These will be the lowest prices of the year!**

Pre-ordered yearbooks are the only way to guarantee a book in June. Once they go to print, there are only a very limited number of books available beyond the pre-ordered ones.

To order, go to [Clarkstown South's Page at Jostens](#)

(<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1052575/Clarkstown-High-School-South/>). Follow the prompts to Clarkstown High School South to order your yearbook and/or place a Senior Ad.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

October 2

- Transcript Request Forms will be accepted from Seniors

October 2

- College Process Meeting for Senior Parents at 7p.m. in the South High School Auditorium

October 3, 17, 31

- College tables during extended homeroom for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: Click [HERE](#) for more information.

October 24

- Extended homeroom for Freshmen

October 11

- Team building activities for all Freshman
- PreACT administration for all Sophomores
- PSAT administration for all Juniors
- College application/essay workshop for all Seniors

October 1 -31

- Individual college representative visits: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Senior college application help center: [CLICK HERE](#)



**Rockland
Community
College**
**COLLEGE
FAIR**
**October 26th
7p.m. - 9 p.m.**

COPS CORNER

As the new school begins, it's important to remember that we have many new drivers on campus. To ensure the continued safety of all, we remind you to follow the directions of the security officers stationed in the parking lot. Our security staff has the very difficult job of safely coordinating parents picking-up and dropping off, new student drivers, staff members and 40+ buses all trying to navigate the parking lot at the same time. Your cooperation is crucial to this process.

A reminder that the speed limit on campus is 15 mph, at all times. Please be mindful of this as you make your way through campus. As the season changes, many of us will be arriving and leaving campus while it's dark out. Be aware of your surroundings and we ask everyone to use the crosswalks, at all times.

There have been temporary "No Parking" signs added to the traffic circle at the front of the school. Please do not park there as it is a Fire Zone and needs to be clear in case of an emergency. The permanent signs will be in place soon and will be enforced throughout the year.

So, who can park on campus? All students that possess valid NYS class D (senior license) or class DJ (junior license) are eligible to park on campus. However, prior to bringing a vehicle to school, the student must complete the Safe Driving Seminar, held bi-weekly during lunch periods. In addition, the students must complete an online Parking Permit application. Lastly, a parking sticker must be purchased and adhered to the interior of the passenger side of the front windshield. All upcoming seminars will be listed in the morning announcements. Any questions, please see either of our SRO's for further information.

Additionally, we would like to remind everyone of the numerous courses that the Clarkstown Police Department offers to high school students throughout the year...

Police Explorers - The Clarkstown Police Department runs the Police Explorers program which gives students an introduction to law enforcement topics, participate in local events and join an officer for a ride along. Explorer classes are bi-monthly on Monday's from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Clarkstown Police Department.

Youth Police Academy - During the Youth Police Academy, students will participate in a 10 week course that meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 at the Clarkstown Police Department. Students will engage in group Q&A discussions regarding law enforcement incidents and will learn a new topic each week taught by an officer specially trained in specific fields, such as UAV (drone), defensive tactics, TASER, radar and traffic law, K-9, CIRT(SWAT). Students will also have the opportunity to use the VIRTRA machine, a state of the art simulation where they become the officer in a variety of situations.

Youth Court - After completing extensive training, students will be immersed into an actual courtroom. Students will fill the role of judge, prosecutor and defense attorney, for real life cases in which their peers are being tried for minor offenses. It's a great opportunity for anyone interested in law to see how the process works, first hand.

For more information on any of the courses, please see Officer Caivano in the SRO office on the 2nd floor by stairwell C or Officer Rolston in the SRO office on the 1st floor by the girls locker room.



Officer Caivano and Officer Rolston
Clarkstown Police Department

THE RECYCLED ORCHESTRA OF CATEURA

On September 29th, the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura had a special presentation for Clarkstown North, Clarkstown South and Birchwood students at Clarkstown South's auditorium. The Recycled Orchestra traveled from Paraguay to share their music,

culture and experiences with the students. They invited Clarktown students to come to the front and play their instruments, and to perform with them. Thank you to Ms. Kelly for fostering this relationship with the orchestra and their leader, Favio Chavez.



Attention ALL Advanced Placement Students and their Families:

Payment for AP tests is due by November 10th. Payment can be made via MySchoolBucks.com or a check made out to CCSD. Please refer to the email that was sent last week or visit the South homepage and check out the AP Test Information link for complete details.



ATHLETIC UPDATES

We are excited to kick off the 2023-2024 school year with our fall sports!

For all athletic information, please visit our [website](#). Here you will find the weekly athletic schedule, coaches information, athletic handbook, and sport offerings. Please download the app Activity Scheduler on your phone for specific team schedules.

IMPORTANT DATES:

10/2-10/7: Homecoming & Spirit Week

HOMECOMING WEEK SCHEDULE

| Date | Sport | Level | Home | Away | Time |
|----------|----------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| 9/30/23 | Football, Cheer | JV | Clarkstown South | Mahopac | 9:30AM |
| 10/2/23 | Tennis | JV | Clarkstown South | Pearl River | 4PM |
| 10/2/23 | Field Hockey | V | Clarkstown | JJEF | 4:45PM |
| 10/2/23 | Field Hockey | JV | Clarkstown | JJEF | 6:30PM |
| 10/3/23 | Tennis | V | Clarkstown South | Suffern | 4:30PM |
| 10/3/23 | Boys & Girls Cross Country | V | Clarkstown South | @ Bear Mountain | 4PM |
| 10/4/23 | Girls Soccer | V | Clarkstown South | Clarkstown North | 4:30PM |
| 10/4/23 | Girls Swim & Dive | V | Clarkstown | Fox Lane | 4:30PM |
| 10/4/23 | Girls Volleyball | V | Clarkstown South | Scarsdale B | 5PM |
| 10/5/23 | Boys Volleyball | V | Clarkstown South | North Rockland | 4:15PM |
| 10/5/23 | Boys Volleyball | JV | Clarkstown South | North Rockland | 5:45PM |
| 10/5/23 | Boys Soccer | V | Clarkstown South | North Rockland | 4:30PM |
| 10/6/23 | Football, Cheer, Dance | V | Clarkstown South | Pelham | 6:15PM |
| 10/7/23 | Boys Soccer | JV | Clarkstown South | Suffern | 3PM |
| 10/10/23 | Girls Volleyball | JV | Clarkstown South | Clarkstown North | 5:45PM |

We look forward to seeing everyone come out and support our Vikings & Clarkstown athletes!

Lindsay Zekus
Athletic Coordinator