



# CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH



March Newsletter 2023

“Preparing today’s students to conquer tomorrow’s challenges”

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, March 1**

Science Honor Society Induction – 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 8**

PTSA Meeting – 7 p.m. Library

**Friday, March 10**

Superintendent’s Conference Day – No School for Students

**Wednesday, March 15**

National Honor Society Induction – 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 24**

*Grease* – 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 25**

*Grease* – 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Sunday, March 26**

*Grease* – 2 p.m.

**Thursday, March 30**

Academic Excellence Awards – Pearl River Hilton @ 7 p.m.

## Congratulations to...

- **Senior Diya Sharma** for being named a **National Merit Finalist**.
- **Senior Ryan Karcher** for being selected as a **National Youth Delegate** to the **2023 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment** at **George Mason University**.
- **The following students** who competed in the **Regional SkillsUSA** competition:
  - **Dillon Gates** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - **Chloe Genova** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - **Summer Wollman-Hunt** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - **Jeremy Jimenez** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - **Carter Harris** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - **Annabella Paley** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - **Brianna Rossini** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



**Congratulations to Clarkstown's Ice Hockey Team and Clarkstown South's Boys and Girls Fencing Epee Teams for winning the Section 1 championship.**



# COP'S CORNER

## STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICERS REVIEW THE CONCERN WITH EDIBLES

As the laws in NYS have recently changed, the police are seeing an uptick in the consumption of “edibles” by under aged individuals.

Simply stated, edibles are foods that are infused with THC, the main psychoactive ingredient found in cannabis. They can be disguised in many forms, such as: cookies, brownies, teas, lozenges and even gummies. Regardless of how it is ingested, it still carries the same risks.

As they gain in popularity, manufacturers are going to great lengths to disguise the packaging. They are often packaged to closely resemble popular candy brands in an attempt to prevent detection. As a result, this unethical marketing strategy presents an even greater vulnerability to households with young children present.

As always, students should be mindful of what they put in their bodies. Many of these THC products are being made without adhering to FDA standards.

Parents should be extra vigilant and examine such products, as well as their packaging. While it is often difficult to distinguish between authentic items and those containing THC, edibles will often still have the scent of the marijuana plant.

**Below are sample images of edibles that are marketed for children.**

**Submitted by: Officer Caivano & Officer Rolston,  
Clarkstown Police Dept. / South High School SROs**



Photo: [www.wfla.com](http://www.wfla.com)

## RULER LESSONS FOCUS ON STRATEGIES TO BE MORE EFFICIENT LEARNERS

Based on feedback that our students shared with the SEL team, this past month's lessons focused on strategies on how to budget their time more efficiently and how to identify the best ways to find success academically. The latest lesson encouraged students to explore what kind of learning style best suits them for acquiring and retaining information and also lessen the stress of studying. Students took a questionnaire that asked them questions pertaining to learning and studying habits. Using their responses, students were then able to identify whether they were more of a visual, auditory or kinesthetic learner. Students were then provided [studying strategies](#) based on the different learning styles.



# SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

## **Scheduling**

February 27th - March 3rd: Counselors will be meeting individually with juniors to refine course recommendations and make elective choices for the 2023- 2024 school year. Students will be sent out of their junior Social Studies classes on a predetermined schedule.

March 6th - March 10th: Counselors will be meeting individually with any student who missed their previous scheduling appointment to refine course recommendations and make elective choices for the 2023- 2024 school year

## **Juniors**

Register to take the SAT in May or June

(<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>)

Register to take the ACT in April and June

(<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>)

Individual Junior college planning meetings start the week of March 13th and continue through early May

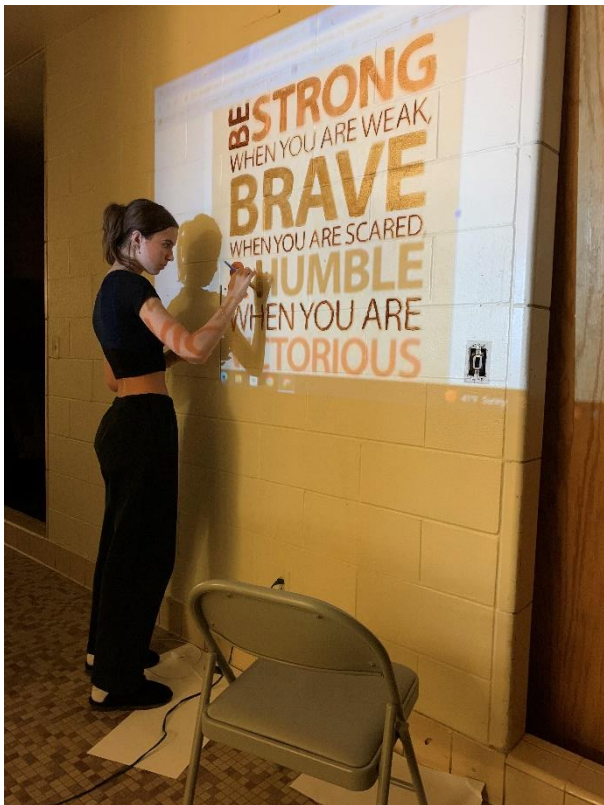
Students will be contacted by their counselor to set up the college meeting

## **Seniors**

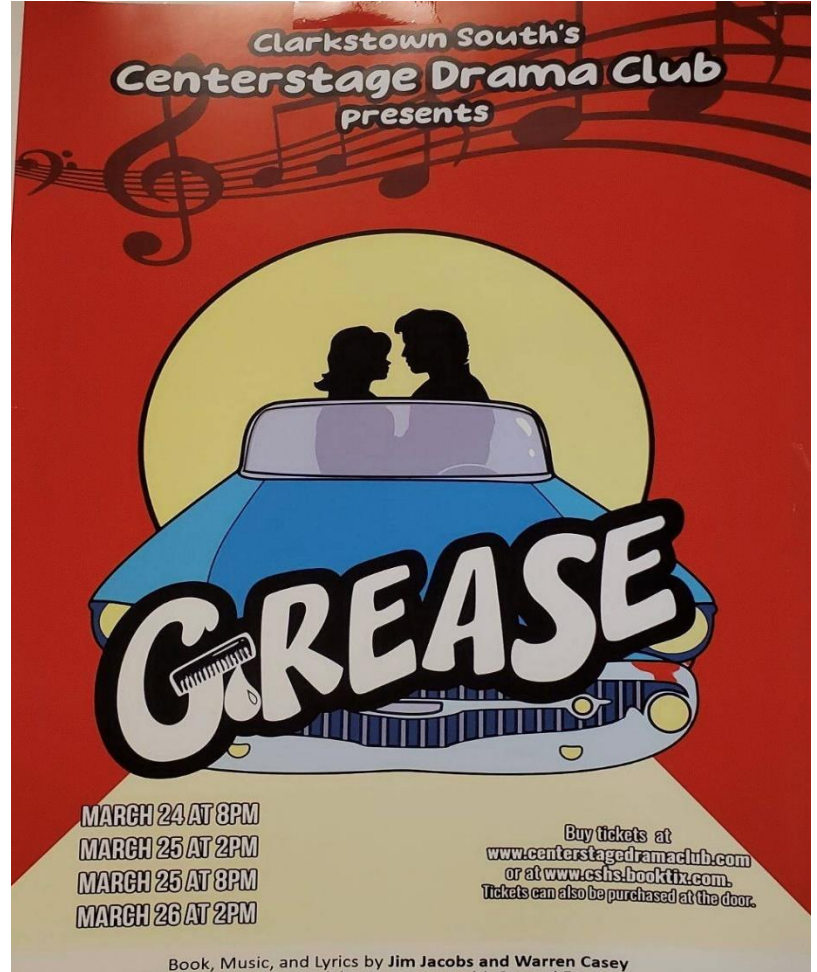
Seniors should be updating their Naviance accounts to indicate the admissions decisions that they received from colleges

Seniors should continue to apply for **scholarships** through Naviance as well as outside sources: <https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/2428>

Parents of seniors should be filing their FAFSA forms if they have not already done so (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>)



**Senior Mary Naughton added positive expressions and pictures to the locker rooms as part of her Girl Scout Gold award project.**



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

This winter brought a lot of excitement to Clarkstown as our athletes and teams had and continue to have very successful seasons!

In Clarkstown Ski, senior Captain, Kamila Sztaba, finished 25th overall with a strong performance. On the boys side, Josh Gilden pulled out a 17th place finish in the Slalom. Overall Josh completed the day in 20th place out of 65 competitors. Valiant efforts were put forth by Mackenzie Slany, and Andrew Tunks. Thank you to the entire team for their effort this season!

In wrestling, Greg Casvikes took 2nd place in Sectionals and qualified for the NYS Championships. Michael Hade finished his career with a 4th place finish in Sectionals. This young team has a promising future!

The Clarkstown Fencing team had a successful season including a Sectional Championship in the mens and womens Epee! Congratulations to South's own Tyler McPhee, Eddie Kim, Max Dusseldorp, Joshua Siyanko, Kaia Collopy and Maya Mahadeo!

Clarkstown Girls Bowling ended their season with a 2nd place finish in the Section, led by junior Stephanie O'Malley who had the top average of 195 in Section 1 garnering All Section status, and ended the Sectional Championship with a series high. Stephanie will lead Clarkstown in the State Championship. As for the Boys Bowling team, Joshua Czaikowski was third at sectionals and earned a spot to compete as an all-star at the State Championships.

The Boys Basketball team ended the regular season 19-1 capturing a League title, the #1 seed and a trip to the County Center for a semi-final sectional matchup this Friday, March 3 at 8:15 p.m. Come out and support the team! Congratulations to Michael Holder and Lawrence Mitchell on their All-Section honors!

In Girls Basketball, the Lady Vikings finished the regular season with a 11-10 record. Congratulations to Mackenzie Annesi, Gabriella Sanchez and Carley Voce on their All League honors. With no seniors, the team looks forward to building on their success next season.

Clarkstown Ice Hockey finished the regular season as co-League champions and D1 Sectional Champions! During the season, senior Nick Romeo scored his 200th point and Andrew Fenninger garnered his 100th assist. The team will continue their journey to a State title with a game at Sport-o-Rama Saturday, March 4 at 3:30 p.m. Come out and cheer on the team!

The Clarkstown Boys Swim & Dive team took home 2nd place in Sectionals and had a 1st place finish in the Rockland County Championship. Good luck to Joseph Coleman, Isaih Francis, Ian Kim, Luke Dwyer, Evan Rabinovich and the rest of their team as they continue onto the NYSPHSAA Swim Championships in Ithaca this weekend!

