

# NEWSLETTER

2025-2026  
JANUARY  
23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026



## SOUTH LOOP

### Message from the Principal

I want to share a few updates with our South CTA families as we continue to grow and build together.

First, I want to briefly address bell times for next school year. South CTA was initially assigned an 8:30 a.m. start time. We are currently working with the district to review that assignment, and as soon as the start time is finalized, we will share confirmed information with families. Thank you for your patience as this process moves forward.

Some families may be aware of a recent facility issue that has since been resolved. Thank you for your flexibility as we worked with district teams to address it quickly.

I also want to highlight a few points of pride for our school community. Today, our Varsity Quiz team is competing in the championship round, and this weekend our Speech and Debate team will be representing South CTA in competition. These opportunities reflect the hard work of our students and staff and the strong culture they are helping build.

As we look ahead, recruitment interest remains strong, with application numbers coming in higher than projected. Based on current trends, we anticipate welcoming approximately 500 additional students next year. That growth brings excitement and opportunity, and we are committed to planning thoughtfully to ensure South CTA continues to provide a high-quality, student-centered experience.

Thank you for your continued flexibility, support, and partnership as we build South CTA together.

— Pate Thomas

Principal, South Career and Technical Academy

## HIGHLIGHTS

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**SABER SPOTLIGHT**

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**SABER SPIRIT &  
VANGUARD CUP**

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**STUDENT ACTIVITIES  
(CLUBS & TUTORING)**

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**COUNSELOR  
CORNER**

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**FIRST FRIDAY -  
OPEN MIC!**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& NEWS FROM  
SOUTH CTA**

# SABER SPOTLIGHT




Take a moment to check out our December Students, Teachers, and Staff of the Month!

Please fill out the [nomination form](#) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month if you would like to nominate a teacher or staff member.


## Student of the Month December 2025




Leadership  
Sophia Auch



Innovation  
Noah Clark



Student Support  
Rocco Sernas



## Teacher/Staff of the Month December 2025



Teacher - Leadership  
Mrs. Merdoza



Teacher - Innovation  
Mrs. Stark



Support Staff  
Mr. Jimenez



Support Staff  
Mr. Hernandez



The Journalism website is LIVE!  
Click the photo to read "Claw & Quill"



Scratching the Surface & Sharing South's Stories

# CLAW & QUILL

WELCOME TO THE MAIN SOURCE FOR ALL THE LATEST UPDATES AND STORIES IMPACTING THE SCTA SABERS COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE MAIN PAGE WHERE EVERY MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT, ACHIEVEMENT, AND EVENT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED, ENSURING YOU NEVER MISS A BEAT!

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES



**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**  
Week of January 26, 2026

**SOUTH CTA**  
CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>KEY CLUB  +  MUSIC CLUB </p> <p>ROBOTICS  DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS </p> <p>FLAG FOOTBALL </p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>FBLA  </p> <p></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAKAI ISLAND GRILL @ THE SABER SHACK</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ART CLUB</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">SOUTH CTA SABERS</p>

## ACADEMY CHALLENGES

The Vanguard Cup points update!

Leadership has 1715

Innovation has 1708

Reminder! The academy with the most points at the end of the year will get to pie either Mr. Thomas or Mrs. Robertson.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 26th - Staff Development Day
- February - Black History Month
- February - CTE Month
- February 2-6 - National School Counseling Week
- February 4-6 - Qtr 3 Progress Reports
- February 9th - non-assigned school day
- February 16th - Presidents' Day, no school
- February 21st - Universal Studios Trip

# COUNSELOR CORNER

News from Mrs. Nelson's office!



Families:

Course selection for the 2026-2027 school year begins on 1/15/26. Ms. Nelson will meet with students during their CTE class to review placement for math, English, and science classes, discuss PE options, and share elective options. Each student will bring home a copy of the South CTA Course Selection Form after the meeting.

Please review the form with your child and discuss their elective options.

Any questions about classes for the 2026-2027 school year can be directed to Ms. Nelson at [chesmsm@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:chesmsm@nv.ccsd.net) or by calling 702-799-1111 ext 4301. Please see the attached slide show for more information.

**Click the image below to view the presentation.**

**Visit [southcta.net/electives](https://southcta.net/electives) to view the electives for 2026-2027.**



[SOUTHCTA.NET/ELECTIVES](https://southcta.net/electives)

[COURSE CATALOG](#)

# FIRST FRIDAY

Join us Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Student Union for our second Open Mic of the school year. All Performances are welcome. Please contact Mrs. Maki or Mr. Swick with questions. Parents are welcome, please check in at the main office.



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**OPEN MIC**

**1:15 - 2:30**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH  
SCTA STUDENT UNION

Performance slots are first come,  
first serve!

Sign up on the stage after school to  
share your talents.

**ALL ACTS WELCOME!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND CAMPUS



## SOUTH CTA NIGHT AT THE SILVER KNIGHTS

**South CTA**  
**KNIGHT**

**Wednesday March 4th, 2026 // 7:00PM // VS COACHELLA VALLEY**

The Henderson Silver Knights are thrilled to invite you to join us on Wednesday, March 4th at 7 PM for an unforgettable experience as we welcome the talented South CTA Choir & Drum Line for special performances!

Don't miss this chance to create lasting memories with your loved ones and enjoy an amazing show from the choir & drum line!

Don't miss out, get your tickets today, a portion of every ticket goes back to the school!

**TO PURCHASE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: PERRY CARPENTER // 725-205-4847 // PCARPENTER@HENDERSONSILVERKNIGHTS.COM

The student who sells the most tickets gets to ride the Zamboni at intermission. Visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Southcta2> to buy your tickets. Tickets must be purchased through our link to count towards our goal of 150 tickets.

# YEARBOOK

The last day to order the yearbook online is April 30. We still have 95 books available to order.



Click the flyer below to visit the [Jostens](#) website and order your yearbook.

## How to Stay Off the Yearbook Waitlist

That pins and needles feeling, not knowing if you'll snag a yearbook or not – who needs it? Order your copy **TODAY** and avoid the waitlist this year!

GET YOUR YEARBOOK



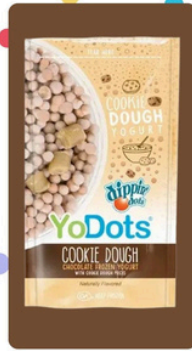
# SOUTH



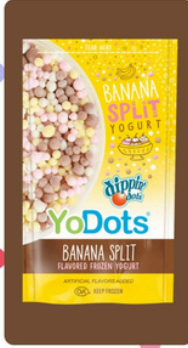
CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY

## Saber Shack

Daily except Smoothie King Day



### \$24 each



## Saber SNACK CART

### After School Mon - Tue - Wed

#### SNACKS

FLAMING HOT (ALL)	\$1.25
TAKIS	\$1.00
PRINGLES	\$1.25
BEEF STICK	\$1.50



#### CANDY

CANDY BARS	\$2.00
SKITTLES/STARBURST	\$2.00
ASSORTED CANDY	\$1.00/5 PCS

#### DRINKS

DR. PEPPER	\$2.00
SPRITE/CC/FANTA	\$1.25
BOTTLED WATER	\$1.00

### Support our CTSO



SOUTH CTA STUDENTS

## AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING NOW AVAILABLE!

### MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY FROM 2-4 IN THE NEXUS

No prior notice is needed, just show up!

## Support The D&D Club Fundraiser!

Wednesdays and Fridays during  
lunch on the stage



### Sticker For Sale

- 1 Sticker = 25 ¢
- 2 Stickers = 50 ¢
- 5 Stickers = \$1

