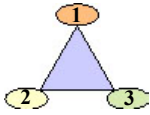




# Swartz Creek Academy

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## Grading Periods for First Trimester



As the month of September quickly goes by, the end of the first grading period is just ahead. Our trimester format at SCA consists of three (3) grading periods, each about four (4) weeks long. (Some grading periods in the second and third trimesters have 5 weeks.) At the end of the first two grading periods a grade indicating a student's progress will be sent home in the mail. At the end of the third grading period students take trimester final exams and teachers average the progress grades and the exam grade to determine the final grade. First trimester grading periods are as follows:

- Sept. 8 - Oct. 2: 1<sup>st</sup> grading period
- Oct. 5 - Oct. 30: 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period
- Nov. 2 - Nov. 25: 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period

Please feel free to contact the office, 810-591-4380, with questions.



## Testing

**All 9th graders** will be taking the Social Studies Michigan Assessment Program Test on Thursday, October 22.

**All 11th graders** will be taking the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery on December 1st or 2nd. The ACT/MME will be given March 9, 10 & 11, 2010

**Any 12th graders** who wish to take the ASVAB over may do so. Any 12th grade student who wishes to retake the ACT should register on-line with ACT.

## Picking Up Your Child

Please keep in mind that if you pick up your child from school for any reason; you must sign them out in the office, if it is for a professional appointment, the student must bring in a note from that office for the absence to be considered a "no count" and return to school that day. If you are taking your child out of school for the remainder of the day due to illness, please sign them out of the office and understand that the child may not return to school that day. Also, send a note in with them when they return to school. All excused absence notes are due to the attendance office within two school days after your child returns.

## Emergency Contacts

It is very important that we have complete and up to date emergency contact information for your child. Please feel free to call the office to check the information we have in our computer database. Only persons listed as contacts for your child are able to pick them up if they are injured or ill. Our office number is 810-591-4380

## Closed Campus

Students have the opportunity to purchase lunch for \$2.25 in our cafeteria. The lunch menu can be seen on our website [www.swartzcreek.org](http://www.swartzcreek.org) or we would be happy to send a monthly menu home with your child at your request. Therefore, students may not leave school for any reason at lunch time. If necessary, you may pick up your child during lunch 11:25am through 11:55am. Parents must come into the office to sign students out. Your cooperation is truly appreciated.

## Student Progress on ParentWeb



Do you want to know how your student is doing in class? Are you curious about attendance? These are available online through ParentWeb. By going to the district website, [SwartzCreek.org](http://SwartzCreek.org), parents can view not only progress in classes, but what assignments were due and what was turned in.

After you get to the district website go to ParentWeb Access. By using this link it will take you to the ParentWeb site which includes a tutorial if you are unfamiliar. By clicking the round ball in the middle it will take you to the log-on site. For that site you will need your student's student number and the last 4 digits of their social security number.

Our staff makes weekly entries into ParentWeb and you can learn much about what is taking place in classes between grading reports. Needless to say, please contact your child's teachers by phone or email, which is on the website if you access our school then go to teaching staff from the main site.

As always we encourage you to contact school if you have questions or concerns.

## CREDIT RECOVERY

See Mr. Thompson for ODYSSEY CLASSES or LEARNING LAB COURSES.





# September 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21	22 <i>Open House 6—7 PM</i>	23	24 <i>Photo Information sent home</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>'Count Day' Student/Staff Pictures  ITT visits SCA</i>			



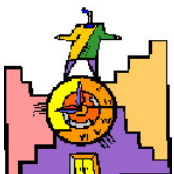
# October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>End first Grade Period</i>	3
4	5	6 <i>Progress Grades Sent home</i>	7 <i>PBS Meeting Admin Bldg 10:00 AM  4—6 PM Octoberfest Block Party</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>9th Grade MEAP Social Studies  Seniors to Mott CC</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>End 2nd Grading Period  Haunted Hallway 6—8 PM</i>	31

## College Visits

Seniors will take a field trip to the College Fair at Mott Community College on Thursday, October 22. Over 80 colleges will be there.  
An ITT representative will be at SCA on September 30th.



## Two New Teachers at SCA



As the 2009-2010 school year began, SCA was fortunate to have two, new, staff members to start the year. Both teachers are English instructors and have added much to the staff and student body.

Megan Gell taught at Davison in the Alternative High School and at Davison High School in the English and World Studies Departments. Earning two Masters Degrees, Megan has extensive experience in Positive Behavior Support, NCA Accreditation, and Differentiated Instruction. We are fortunate in having her here to teach English 12, English 10, and Yearbook.

Our other new addition to the English Department is Mrs. Lori Anthony. Mrs. Anthony lives in Swartz Creek, had a son graduate from Swartz Creek, and is a great addition to the SCA Staff. Lori will teach English 9, English 10, and English 11 and her experience in literature, MME and ACT, and her great enthusiasm make us very, very lucky to have her with us.

Both new staff members were chosen from an extremely deep and qualified field of applicants, which numbered well over 100. They have great plans for new ideas in the English curriculum. Already many students are pleased with the positive changes. Please feel free to contact both these new teachers....you will be impressed.

### Dress Code Discussed

One of the hardest policies to interpret and maintain is the dress code policy. Especially with warm weather, students want to be comfortable and fashionable. Parents and students must be reminded that dress and grooming in the Swartz Creek District is guided by common sense and good judgment.

Inappropriate dress and grooming can have a detrimental effect on the atmosphere of the school. Our board of education has approved a policy and the understanding that students must be 'clean and covered'. Short shorts, halter tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, and bare feet are just a few examples of unacceptable dress. In addition to those just listed, please use the following guidelines in choosing clothes for school:

- Straps should be 3 inches wide on the shoulders.
- Shorts and skirts should be no higher than mid-thigh.
- No holes in clothing above mid-thigh.
- No clothing with sexual connotations or displaying illegal substances prohibited to minors.

This policy is discussed in more depth in the Student Handbook on page 58. Please take the time to become familiar with this, and all parts, of the Student Handbook.



## Students Required to Use Shuttle Bus

Students using the district bus service are required to ride the shuttle bus before and after school to connect with their bus taking them to school in the morning and home in the afternoon.

In the morning the students ride from the bus stop to the middle school. At the middle school they must transfer to the shuttle which brings them to SCA. After school, at 2:25 PM, they do the reverse. They use the shuttle from SCA to the middle school, where they transfer to the appropriate bus for the ride home, to their bus stop.

Students are not permitted to walk between SCA and the middle school. Failure to use the shuttle means they will not be permitted to ride the bus home in the afternoon. This policy is strictly for safety reasons.

Please call the school, 810-591-4380, if you need clarification or have questions.

### Student Handbook is Online

One of many responsibilities of students today is to be aware of school rules and procedures as outlined in the Student Handbook. Many of you are already aware that the Student Handbooks are all available online. Go to the main district webpage, [Swartzcreek.org](http://Swartzcreek.org), and then use the link for schools. On the school page another link is Student Handbooks. Use this link to find the handbook for Alternative Academy.

Please take the time, yourself, to become acquainted with the school guidelines. Attendance, dress code, discipline, and the section at the back pertaining directly to our school are just a few of the areas that affect students everyday.

### Keep Your Personal Information Private

As a parent, you have the right to keep your child's personal information private. Forms are available for this use. Please understand that by filing a request to keep contact information private, your child's name and/or picture will also be omitted from the following:

- Yearbook
- Honor roll listings
- Honors programs
- Events your child participates in and might receive recognition for.



Please contact the office for additional information.

## Attendance is Key to Success at School

Our school watches attendance carefully because we know that school attendance affects success at school and success in life on the job. Efforts to get students to school, and on time, start at home. At home is where attitudes and ideas are formed. We want parents and guardians to be aware of student attendance and assist the school.

Studies show that students who miss school do not make up work missed, many times, regardless of reason. Our goal is to get students here everyday and make school higher on their list of priorities. Students having to miss school can have that absence excused, enabling them to make-up the work, by presenting written documentation why the absence occurred, within two (2) days of their return. The excused reasons for being absent include personal and family illness, death of a relative, professional appointments, for which documentation should be presented, and religious observance. (Details are on page 52 of the Student Handbook) On the other hand, absences and tardies cannot be excused because of oversleeping and poor judgment toward that responsibility.

Students accumulating three (3) unexcused absences in a grading period will receive a letter in the mail stating that another unexcused absence will cause attendance failure. Should a student receive a fourth unexcused absence they will receive attendance failure for any classes for which this occurs, if they would have passed academically.

Students are responsible for contacting their teachers for missed work and getting it turned in per the teacher's instructions.

Please call the school if you have a question, 810-591-4380.

## Octoberfest at SCA

The Swartz Creek Academy leadership class is proud to sponsor an Octoberfest Block Party on Wednesday, October 7 from 4 - 6 PM at the school. A cookout along with games and family activities is planned. There is no charge and community members are invited. Food and pop will be donated by the students in the leadership class.



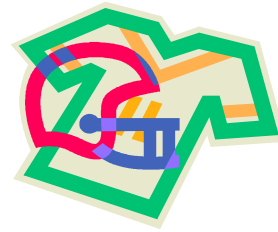
## Thinking Thanksgiving Already

Even though we have hardly begun the school year, Thanksgiving turkey is on our minds. Our plan is to eat a Thanksgiving meal in the Gym on Wednesday, November 25. The lunch period will be extended that day and we hope students will bring desserts to pass. As usual, the Staff and the Thompson Family will provide the turkey, the school will provide milk, potatoes and veggies, and the office will bring the pop. There will be no charge that day. Let us know if you would like to help.



## Haunted Hallway for Halloween

A 'Haunted Hallway' is planned by the SCA Leadership Class on October 30, from 6 - 8 PM. Local children are invited to the hallway connecting the SCA side of the building with the CDC. Leadership Class students will decorate the hall and dress up to entertain. Those children making the journey through the hall will receive a small trick-or-treat bag at the end. The class would appreciate any donations you might make.



## Powder-Puff Game Ends in Tie

The senior class girls scored a touchdown late in the game to force a tie with the juniors on Homecoming Day in the SCA Leadership Class sponsored event. In a great, school wide, effort in showing school spirit, it began as a wide-open event, but settled into quite a defensive struggle. In spite of the game being played with flag football rules, on several occasions, ladies ran into one another in making all-out efforts.

### Junior Team Members

AnnMarie Seyffert  
Logan Wirebaugh  
Bobbi Schermerhorn  
Julie Morrisette  
Chelsea Woodrum  
Britney Medina  
Jera'e Campbell  
Lillian Jones  
Tim Smith – Coach  
Aaron Smith - Coach

### Senior Team Members

Becky Burkett  
Hannah Sprague  
DeCarey Campbell  
Chela Collazo  
Kayla Wallace  
Ashley Lloyd  
Sarah Martin  
Ryan Savage – Coach  
Carrington Burt – Coach

