

# Somerset HS Parent Connection

Somerset High School

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## National Honor Society

Ms. Tammy Bishop, Sponsor

National Honor Society is fired up with community involvement and volunteering this month. They have plans to work for Habitat for Humanity on Sept. 26th. The Reading Buddies Program is off to a great start with several volunteers interested in reading to "Buddies" at Somerset

Elementary School every Tuesday morning. NHS meets twice a month and in doing so they promote professional appearance to other high school students modeling what students should wear to job and college interviews.

The Somerset Bulldog Band has kicked off another exciting school year! This fall, the Bulldog Band presents its new field show entitled: Journey of Man. In preparation for UIL competition on October 17th at Gustafson Stadium, the band will be competing in 4 additional marching band festivals around the city (Times TBD): the East Central Hornet Invitational on September 26th at East Central HS, Drums Along the Medina at Southwest HS on October 3rd, the Northside Marching Band Festival on October 10th at Gustafson Stadium and the Harlandale Band Festival at Harlandale Memorial Stadium also on October 10th. There is a small entry fee to watch the bands but we invite the Somerset community to come out and support the wonderful Bulldog Band!



## Principal's Message



Welcome back parents!!! We are off to a great start at SHS this year. Attached is the progress report for the first three weeks of school. Please review your child's grades and attendance. If you notice that your child may need some assistance, please schedule a conference with their teacher so that we can assist in whatever way possible before the end of the six weeks.

### Students with Last Name A-L

Chantel Rude, Counselor  
James Cano, Assistant Principal

### Students with Last Name M-Z

Oralia Gomez, Counselor  
Charlot Finnigan, Assistant Principal

Special Programs Assistant  
Principal: Danielle Bolton



The SHS Drama Club was established to foster an appreciation and support of Theatre Arts endeavors. Our goal is to give students the opportunity to be involved in the theatrical process through play productions, field trips, and community service.

We meet Thursdays after school in Ms. Meers' classroom. Our first meeting next week will be in order to vote for our Club Officers for this year. We are currently researching plays to produce and view this year. We encourage your ideas, input, and involvement!

The Bulldog Growl Yearbook is already off to a great start this school year. Our staff photographers have been out at the games and school events capturing those great memories. We have a great value offer. Now through Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> yearbooks are only \$35. If you add on one line of personalization for \$6, you can get four free icons on your cover. Books can be purchased in the high school library with cash or check made out to Somerset High School or you can buy online at [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com).

Also, if you take pictures at the games or school events, you can share them with the yearbook staff and upload them to [www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com), password: somerseths. These pictures will be added to the 2016 Yearbook Time Capsule. Everyone who buys a yearbook will have access to the time capsule.



This year's yearbook editors are l-r Enereida Nava and Daisy Ramirez

### The Bulldog Pen

The Bulldog Pen editor for this year is Anthony Everts.



The Bulldog Pen is a small book publication of poetry, short stories, and art work submitted by staff and students at the high school during the school year. Deadline for entries this year is Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Rules for submission can be picked up in the library.

The Bulldog Pen is also looking for new staff members this year. We will be handing out applications at the Organizational Fair to be held at the high school on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> or you can pick one up in the library. Deadline for application submissions is Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the library.

## September 29

**Parent Event:** Come learn more about College Access Testing PSAT/SAT and Skyward Access for parents

9AM (room 401) or  
6PM (HS Cafeteria)

## October 27

**Parent Event:** Come learn more about Naviance a new system to track student career interests, college choices, and high school accomplishments

9AM (room 401) or  
6PM (HS Cafeteria)

## CLASS of 2016

*SENIORS Parents!!!!* The year is finally here! There is so much to do, so much money to be raised! Class officers are working on planning events and fundraisers. If you didn't make our senior parent meeting on September 16, please make plans to attend the make-up session on October 7, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Graduation date is set for May 29, 2016...more details to follow.

The Somerset High School Junior class is off to a blazing start this 2015-2016 school year! Junior class officers (President David De La Fuente, Vice President Andrea Telles, Secretary Kenya Moreno, Treasurer Ruben Padilla, Historian Alexis Ramos, and Parliamentarian Joanna Perez) with the help of their co-sponsors, Ms. White and Mr. Mercado, hosted a local car wash at the SHS football field on August 30th to jumpstart their efforts in raising money for prom and additional fundraising. They would like to thank the Somerset community for all the support in this event! Juniors are also planning a visit to Corpus Christi on September 26 to participate in both a college visit to Texas A&M Corpus Christi and a clean-up-the-beach project. These are only a few of the exciting events and opportunities to come—stay tuned for more exciting news from the class of 2017!

### Freshman Parents:

Welcome to high school!! We are looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming parent events. Additionally, we have a parent room available if you need to check on student grades or progress. We will have upcoming field trip opportunities and college access opportunities to get students career and college ready.

### 10th Grade Parents

#### G.E.A.R. U.P. Corner

##### Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

GEAR UP is entering its 4<sup>th</sup> grant year and continues to support the Class of 2018! Next week (September 21-25) will be National GEAR UP Week, and we are inviting everyone in the school to get involved and show that Somerset HS is College Ready! There are themes for each day (see below)! GEAR UP students will be receiving permission slips for campus visits on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The permission slips will be due to room 400 by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> (Turn it in early to help ensure you can go to your top choice!)

Parental Involvement and Engagement continues to be major goal, and we would like to invite you to our next parent event on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 9AM or 6 PM. Additionally, staff will be available ALL day (7:30 AM- 7:30PM) if you cannot attend one of the scheduled times. We have important information and we want to make sure you get it! We will be reviewing skyward access and the importance of monitoring grades and attendance. We will also discuss the upcoming PSAT testing on October 14<sup>th</sup>! A few other upcoming dates are listed below. If you have any questions about your 10<sup>th</sup> grader, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Elizabeth Severance, at [elizabeth.severance@sisdk12.net](mailto:elizabeth.severance@sisdk12.net) or 866-852-9861 x6108.

##### Upcoming GEAR UP Dates

GEAR UP Week- September 21- 25

Sept 21, Monday- GEAR UP for college- Wear your favorite sports gear!

Sept 22, Tuesday- My future's so bright- Wear your sunglasses!

Sept 23, Wednesday- Be your own superhero- Represent your favorite hero (within dress code)!

Sept 24, Thursday- Expand your horizons for college- Dress Hawaiian!

Sept 25, Friday- Where will you go? Wear your favorite college shirt!

September 25- Visit the GEAR UP Table at the City of Somerset Tailgate Party at Bulldog Stadium

September 29- Parent Event, 9AM (room 401) or 6PM (HS Cafeteria)

September 30- GEAR UP College visit Trips