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Susan B English School News



SBE Report by Rochelle M. Purpura

SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

The Computer is My Teacher

Susan B. English School has been teaching students for a couple generations. Fact is the entire building has been around for about thirty years. You may have gone to school here, maybe your mom or dad, possibly an aunt or uncle, and a cousin or two. Yet, for good measure, school is nothing like you remember it anymore. Back when there were more kids and teaches, with possibly a bit bigger budget, there were more classes and activities. Today our high school population is declining in numbers with fewer teachers to provide all of the classes that students require. With demand for certain classes that are needed to gain credits and achieve a high school graduation, it is no wonder how our small school is able to facilitate it all. That's where online classes come in, a thing that would almost seemed futuristic thirty years ago when the closest thing to a computer was a typewriter.

It's no surprise that students are taking advantage of the possibilities for distance learning. With a wide selection of classes available, ranging from Trigonometry to childhood development as well as several foreign languages, it's no wonder that almost half the student body is taking at least one or two. Online classes provide a different learning environment in which students can pretty much go at their own pace, whether that be faster or slower than average. Students can also bring the class to them, at home on their own computer. By offering this kind of learning freedom you give high school students the chance to be able to listen to their favorite music, eat a sandwich, and relax on the sofa while simultaneously being taught as if in a classroom.

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Though only time will tell if the online classes are able to work for the students as well as hoped. Some students still think that learning in the classroom is easier than online, they also think that maybe Susan B. English will take up all online classes and that they will lose what little class time they still have. Some also feel like these classes will take away the social aspect of school. Whatever happens, learning is changing just like the world around us. As we move forward into an age where we are dependent on electronics we may either lose or gain knowledge. Acceptance is no longer a choice. For better or worse, Seldovia has entered into a new style of teaching!

School Calendar through November 2007

NO SCHOOL, Monday 3, 2007 Labor Day! Have a great three day weekend. If you are planning a trip out of town before school is out for the three day weekend PLEASE contact the office 234-7616.

Booster Club meeting: TUESDAY, September 4th @ 7:00 in the school commons. WE NEED PARENTS and/or community members to fill the seats vacated in 2006-07. **Please attend this meeting.** Parents with students in sports or academic events are encouraged to step up and help. The Booster Club raises funds to keep our extra curricular programs in place. The school district does not pay for any travel for sports or academic events. MANY THANKS to our past president, Trinket Gallien; Sara Nichols, bookkeeper and Kathy Giles, Concessions!! Without these dependable ladies willing to take on these positions there would be no home volleyball, basketball games or any travel for Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Geography Bee, and Spelling Bee. **PARENTS PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

OPEN HOUSE, September 5th @ 7:00 in the school commons area. To start off Open House there will be a short informational meeting and from there parents/guardian/grandparents will meet the staff/teachers, visit classrooms and learn about your child's school day. Don't miss a day in your child's life.....come see what it entails.

PAC / SBDMC meeting is being held September 11, Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. HOPE to see you there! The agenda is posted around town. If you are interested in running for the Parent Advisory Committee opening (Alvin Swick term ends in October); please come by the school to sign a petition or write a letter stating you are interested. ELECTION will be held October 2nd. A GLANCE forward

SPORTS: *PARTICIPANTS must have a CURRENT PHYSICAL on file before they are eligible to start practice. PARTICIPATION forms must be filled out and on file in the office. FORMS are available in the office and on Ed-line. SPORT SCHEDULES available on ED LINE.

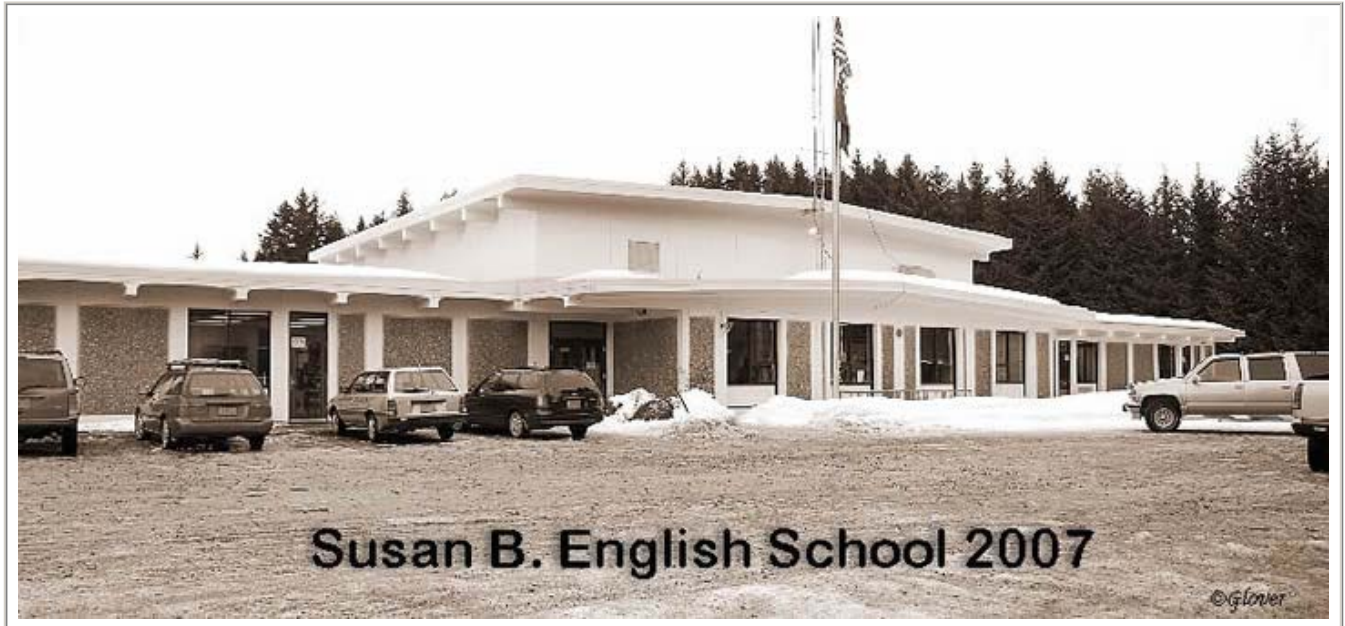
September 17 High School Volleyball first day of practice
 September 19 Student Nutrition Services grace period for Reduce/Free lunches ENDS.
 September 21 FIRST ELIGIBILITY CHECK ***Make sure you have a new application turned in before this DATE SNS has 10 days upon receipt to process application and then notify families of status.

October 1 High School Wrestling and Junior High Basketball first day of practice
 October 2 ELECTIONS down at Multi Purpose room **Vote for new PAC member
 October 2-4 HSGQE for juniors/seniors needing to pass the tests
 October 19 NO SCHOOL – End of first quarter / Staff Inservice
 ELIGIBILITY CHECK
 October 20 **PSAT TEST DATE – HS students parents check this out !**
 October 23 SCHOOL PICTURES ... more information will be sent home before picture day
 October 25-26 NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences/Staff Inservice

November 21 ELIGIBILITY CHECK
 November 22-23 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING VACATION!

SBE Academics

"A" Honor Roll	"B" Honor Roll	



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