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Fresh Meat - Freshmen

First day of school jitters? Everyone gets them. A little Monday sickness? We all have those days.

When school starts at Susan B. English there is no exception. Some are excited and others are holding on to their bed post screaming, "I don't want to go." Like every year Susan B. English opened its doors to the usual eclectic bunch of students and offered its normal wide variety of classes. For those coming back to high school, some for their last year, the routine felt the same falling into the monotonous schedule quickly. Yet what about that certain group of students attending high school for the first time, if you thought you were nervous imagine how they might feel.

Sure in bigger schools it may be different. You go from a middle school to a high school and leave everything behind. Here in

Open House

On Wednesday September 3rd, Susan B. English School held an open house, where parents could come and talk to teachers and learn what their children will be learning this year in each class. At the beginning of the open house Mrs. Hingley, principal, spoke to the parents as a whole about what her mission as the principal is for this year. She told the parents the same thing she told the students at the beginning of the year; that "Failure is Not an Option." Hingley came by this quote in a book she read over the summer "Failure is NOT an Option" by Alan M. Blankstein. Hingley plans to enforce this in multiple ways, the main one will be having an advisee group for each student.

Seldovia things are different, freshmen have the advantage of moving into high school without really having to move. Classes may be harder and some may have to deal with siblings that have already ‘been there and done that’, but most are rising to the challenge. This year the four freshmen are Cameren Blogett, Amanda Gain, Mariah Turner and Sarah O’Leary, and each bring some new life and personality to a slowly waning upper-class.

What is surprising is the amount of work that these freshmen seem to be taking on, most are even taking a second language and all are taking 12 th grade government! They seem to be willing to get a jump start on what should be a very fulfilling two years. Were some scared? Maybe a little. When asked Amada Gain said, “I was afraid that everyone would hate me.” Soon the freshmen came to realize that high school is not so scary nor are older kids in it. You just sit back, relax and don’t take things too seriously (except your school work). Keep yourself out of the drama and keep your friends close and you will have a very rewarding high school experience.



On Monday of every week, each student will print off his or her progress reports from edline, (the online grade book) for each class and show them to his or her advisor. Each teacher on the SBE staff has taken on a group of seven students, with the exception of Hingley who has taken on eight students. The groups range from grades 4th-12th, and the faculty has tried to split the students up so that they are with a teacher they don’t have a majority of their classes with. If a student is having difficulty in his or her class, that student will sit down and make an “academic plan” with his advisor to bring that grade up in the class. The student will then take home the academic plan to his or her parents/legal guardian in order for them to sign, so they too know what their child is doing to bring up that grade. In doing this Hingley hopes to avoid the ineligibility dilemmas she dealt with last year when it came to the end of the semester or at eligibility checks for extra-curricular activities. This is a promising new method that both teachers and students are excited to participate in.



School Calendar

SBE POOL SWIM SCHEDULE 2008-09
Starting the week of September 1, 2008

- Ladies 50 + Fitness Exercise Swim
Tuesday/Thursday 10:00- 11:00 am
- Lap Swim M-W-Friday (look for dates cancelled)

7:00-8:00 am

School Sports Schedule 2008-2009

High School Coed Track Coach:

Jr. High Coed Track Coach:

Check out the web site and enter our school for a drawing of 1000 box tops per day during the month of February. Amounts to \$100.00 a day. Anyone can enter; spread the news to family. <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Lap Swim Tuesday/Thursday(Start 9/2/08)
8:30 – 9:30 am

- Monday & Wednesday afternoon lap 4:30 – 5:30pm (starting wk of 9/8)
- SVT Open Swims will be Tuesday 3:15 – 5:00 & Friday 7:00-9:00pm - No fee for the Tuesday and Friday SVT Swims
- Infant/Parent Swim Saturday 2:00 – 3:00 pm (Date starting TBA)

Pool Rentals are available call 234-7616 for more information. Pool Fees: Adults \$4.00, Students \$3.00 Preschool Free with Adult Fee

Punch cards are available
Adult \$18.00/6 swims
Student \$16.00/8 swims

(Thank you for your support - Cancellation will be posted.Call SBE School for more information.
By Vivian Rojas, Pool Manager)

Scheduled at the school

SPORTS: *PARTICIPANTS must have a CURRENT PHYSICAL on file before they are eligible to start practice. PARTICPATION 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.

ATTACHMENT: Sports Schedule 2008-09 If you're in the area and we have a game/meet going on STOP IN. The players would love to see and have Seldovians cheer them on. Ed Line will have information on team travel and game/meets scheduled times. This information is available for anyone to view. Go to our district website: www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us To find the details on events, double click on the event. If you have questions, please call the school, 234-7616.

If you are interested in helping out during home games (concessions, feeding teams, taking tickets, keeping score, clock, the list goes on and on), please call the school; 234-7616.

HELP is always needed and you don't have to have kids in school or have them participating in an event to help out. We NEED more volunteers, there's no job to hard for a willing body to help fill a need.

SAVE those box tops and bring them to the school or give them to an elementary student to fill up his/her monthly paper of BOX TOPS.

HEALTHY SNACKS are needed during testing. If you bring in carrots, fruit, cheese, breakfast bars or any healthy brain food the kds will ENJOY it tremedously. Please bring to the office.

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