

# BULLDOG NEWS

August 2011



## Message from our Principal

Hello,

*I'm Virginia Costa, your new principal at St. Cloud High School and I look forward to meeting all the students and parents in the St. Cloud community. It will be a privilege to have your child at SCHS, as we pledge to do our best in providing a "rigorous" curriculum that will prepare him/her for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and post-secondary education. As we begin their high school years, it is important that we partner in this responsibility. Each of us represents an "Essential Piece" in your child's education. With that said, each day our teachers will come prepared and supportive in educating your child. For the student, we expect you to come prepared each day as well. That means having your assignments completed, materials needed, paying attention during class, and most importantly being at school on time each and every day. Parents, we need your support as well in ensuring that your child is meeting the dress code policy of our District, that they have a place to do homework or study each night, and that they get their proper rest in order to reach their highest potential.*

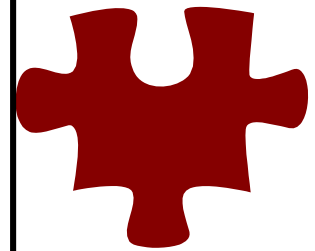
*Our school is committed to providing rigorous course instruction for all students, and it is apparent in our school grade of a "B". We offer a wide range of curriculum options designed to meet all of our students' needs including everything from advanced placement, dual enrollment, career & technical programs, performing and fine art programs, and remediation and tutoring support. As a comprehensive high school, we also offer a wide range of co-curricular activities such as JV and Varsity sports, ROTC, marching band, vocal ensemble and many clubs and organizations.*

*With the exception of our Administrative Building, our new campus will be open and operating at the start of the school year - including our very first auditorium. We are excited about our new school and have high expectations that the community will also see these changes as a positive image for St. Cloud High School.*

*We look forward to an amazing year, so please do not hesitate to contact us so that together, we can ensure continued success for your child. We are committed to your child's education and we thank you for allowing us the opportunity to achieve the ultimate goal of "graduation".*

*Go Bulldogs!*

*Ms. Virginia Costa, Principal*



We are all an  
"Essential  
Piece" in your  
child's  
education.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **August**

Aug 22 – first day of School  
Aug 30 – Senior Parent night

### **September**

Sept. 5 – Labor Day  
Sept. 10 – ACT  
Sept. 27 Junior Parent Night

### **October**

Oct. 1 – SAT  
Oct. 4 – VCC College Night  
Oct. 22 – ACT

### **November**

Nov. 3 – Soph Parent Night  
Nov. 5 – SAT  
Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day  
Nov. 14 – Freshman Parent Night  
Nov 21 – Thanksgiving Break

### **December**

Dec 3 – SAT  
Dec 10 – ACT  
Dec 19 – Winter Break

*Meet the SCHS  
Administrative Staff*

**Principal**  
Virginia Costa

**Assistant Principals**  
Jeffrey Schwartz  
Mike Hague

**Guidance Director**  
Cynthia Smith

**Administrative Deans**  
Andrea Beckel  
Matt Milton  
Zoraida Santos

**Athletic Director**

# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

**Mrs. Cindy Smith    Guidance Director**

**Counselor Assignments – 2011-2012**

<b>Ms. Crowell</b>	<b>A - E</b>
<b>Mrs. Smith</b>	<b>F – MAP</b>
<b>Miss. Metts</b>	<b>MAR – ROD</b>
<b>Mrs. Short</b>	<b>ROE - Z</b>
<b>Mrs. Barber</b>	<b>Careers/Colleges/Scholarships</b>

**Important Phone Numbers**

**Main Office**  
407-891-3100  
Fax: 407-891-3114

**Attendance**  
407-891-3117

**Guidance**  
407-891-3111  
Fax: 407-891-3115

**2011-2012 SAT and ACT testing dates:**

<b>ACT</b>	<b>SAT</b>
<b>09/10/11</b>	<b>10/01/11</b>
<b>10/22/11</b>	<b>11/05/11</b>
<b>12/10/11</b>	<b>12/03/11</b>
<b>02/11/12</b>	<b>01/28/12</b>
<b>04/14/12</b>	<b>03/10/12</b>
<b>06/09/12</b>	<b>05/05/12</b>
	<b>06/02/12</b>

## New School Hours

**Starting time  
has been changed for  
the coming school year.**

**Students will start at  
7:23a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays end at 1:30 p.m.**

**Campus Loitering Prohibited**

Students should not arrive on campus before 6:50 a.m. as supervision is not available prior to that time. Students should be off campus by 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 1:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, unless they are under direct supervision of a teacher.

**Loitering on campus after buses have departed will result in disciplinary action.**

# SCHS School Uniform Dress Code Policy

The general dress code policy requirements are outlined in the Osceola District Code of Student Conduct which will be provided to students during the first week of school. When it is determined that a student's clothing does not comply with the dress code, a parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school. In addition, the student may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy.

**The Principal or the Principal's designee has the final authority for interpreting whether a student's apparel conforms to the dress code.**

**Dresses:** Solid Khaki or Navy in color with sleeves and no shorter than the fingertip when arms are held at the side in a relaxed position. The opening of the slit of dresses/skirts must meet the fingertip rule. They must not be skin tight or reveal cleavage. Sundresses with thin straps or backless dresses are not allowed.

**Shorts, Skorts, Skirts:** Hemmed, solid Khaki or Navy in color and shall extend to the tip of the fingertip when both arms are extended by the side. Tights or leggings of solid khaki or navy color may be worn under skirts and skorts so long as the skirt or skort meets the length requirement.

**Pants:** Solid Khaki, Navy Blue, Traditional Blue Jean Denim in color with belt loops, and no logos, designs, rips, or holes. Pants shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist.

Belts must be of appropriate size and fastened in a customary manner. No oversized belt buckles allowed. Tight fitting leggings, leotards, or body suits are not to be worn as pants. Pajamas are not allowed.

**Shirts: POLO SHIRTS ONLY** in solid White, Navy Blue, Maroon, or Gold in color. They must be of appropriate size and tucked in for all students. Overly tight or loose clothing is not permissible.

**Undershirts may be worn under the uniform shirt in solid White, Navy Blue, Maroon, or Gold in color.**

**NO VESTS OR ANY CLOTHING ARE ALLOWED OVER POLO SHIRTS**

On Fridays or other spirit days announced in advance by the Principal, students may wear either the uniform shirt or an St. Cloud High School issued or purchased T-shirt. Shirts must be worn tucked in the pants or jeans. Spirit shirts must have a school logo (SCHS LOGO) to be worn.

**Shoes:** All students shall wear shoes. Shoes must be in good repair and must not pose a safety hazard. Students may not wear house shoes, slippers or platform shoes.

**NO OPEN BACK, STRAPLESS, FLIP-FLOPS OR SLIDE SHOES ALLOWED DUE TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.**

**Piercings:** Only ears shall have visible piercing. Facial, tongue or other visible piercings are not allowed.

**Outerwear:** Coats and jackets shall be appropriately sized for the student and shall be worn only when the weather conditions dictate. Long overcoats that might serve to conceal contraband shall be removed immediately upon arrival at school or school function.

**Hair and makeup:** May not be cut, colored or worn in such a manner or extreme fashion that the Principal determines it is so distracting or disruptive that it interferes with the orderly educational process.

**HAIR MUST BE ONE NATURAL COLOR.**

**Headgear:** The following is not allowed at St. Cloud High School. Hats, caps, bandanas, scarves, towels, stocking caps, large headbands, doo rags, and hoods.

**Violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the handbook.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, DO NOT WEAR IT.**

# Mission for Success



## School Advisory Council SAC

The first SAC meeting of the school year is August 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for officers only, in the SCHS Media Center.

We encourage all parents to become members of the SAC Committee.

All meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month.

For more information about SAC, please contact

Threasa Glasscock 407)892-7250  
glasscot@osceola.k12.fl.us

### Book Bag Policy

Regular sized book bags will be allowed on campus.

Excessively large bags *will not* be permitted!

### Student Parking

Parking decal applications are limited and available to juniors and seniors on a first come first serve bases.

The cost for parking passes is \$20.00.

A completed parking pass application with a parent signature is required.

No student with outstanding obligations to SCHS will be permitted to purchase a parking decal.

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### Junior/Senior OFF Campus Lunch Pass

Cost for an OFF Campus Lunch Pass is \$5.00.

Applications are available from Mrs. Lee or Mrs. Napolitano in the Assistant Principal's office for pick-up. The application must be turned in with a parent notarized signature.

**No student with outstanding obligations to SCHS will be permitted to purchase a lunch pass. Juniors must have a 3.0 GPA minimum.**

### CELL PHONES

No cell phones shall be seen nor heard during school hours. Cell phones (and all electronic devices) shall be turned off and stored upon arrival to campus.

### LOCKERS

SCHS will supply locker rentals for \$5.00, no lock is required. A completed locker application is required.

**Support  
BULLDOG  
Athletics**

**Join the  
2011-2012  
BULLDOG  
Athletic  
Association**

For  
information  
call  
407-891-  
3100

# ATHLETICS

THE SPORTS THAT WE OFFER AT  
**ST. CLOUD HIGH SCHOOL**  
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Fall Sports  
Football  
Golf  
(Boys & Girls)  
Volleyball (Girls)  
Cross Country  
(Boys & Girls)  
Cheerleading  
Swimming  
(Boys & Girls)

Winter Sports  
Basketball  
(Boys & Girls)  
Soccer  
(Boys & Girls)  
Wrestling  
(Boys & Girls)  
Weightlifting (Girls)  
Cheerleading

Spring Sports  
Baseball  
Softball  
Flag Football (Girls)  
Tennis (Boys & Girls)  
Track and Field  
(Boys & Girls)  
Weightlifting (Boys)

*The conditioning programs for SCHS athletics vary according to the sport and the coach. For further information regarding conditioning programs offered for athletic programs please call 407-891-3100.*

## **GOLD ALL SPORTS PASS - \$100**

Admission into all home regular season athletics, excluding post season play and special events, SCHS Athletic Booster Club membership, 1 football parking pass, 1 Booster Club t-shirt

## **MAROON MEMBERSHIP - \$50**

SCHS Athletic Booster Club membership,  
One football parking pass.

## **STUDENT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$25**

\$20 if purchased upon completion of a physical exam given at SCHS.

Admission into all home athletics, excluding post season play and special events.

## **KEY CLUB**

The Key Club is a service club dedicated to serving SCHS and our community. Our members are made up of sophomores, Juniors and seniors. They go through an application process where they must meet the minimum requirements having a 3.0 GPA, with no disciplines above a detention and an excellent reputation with staff and peers. The club has been in existence at SCHS for over 40 years. Each year the girls and boys are required to do a minimum of 70 hours of sponsored service.

If interested, please call (407) 891-3100

## **Choral**

The Choral Department is looking for new members. If you like to sing and would like to be in one of the top choral programs in Florida, contact Ms. Hill at [hills@osceols.k12.fl.us](mailto:hills@osceols.k12.fl.us) for more information.

The 2011/12 school year promises a lot of exciting events for the chorus including the annual concerts and festivals. If you are interested in one of the top ensembles, you will need to pass an audition, please contact Ms. Hill. If you want to be a part and don't want to audition, just sign up for chorus. Make this school year one of your best, *join the Choral Department.*

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!**

Applying one extra degree of temperature to water means the difference between something that is simply very hot and something that generates enough force to power a machine – a beautifully uncomplicated metaphor that ideally should feed our every endeavor – consistently pushing us to make the extra effort in every task, action and effort we undertake. Two-twelve serves as a forceful drill sergeant with its motivating and focused message while adhering to a scientific law – a natural law.

**Are you working at 212°?**