



# The SAIL Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7  
Junior Meeting during 2nd Period  
Senior Meeting and Field Day @ 1pm

November 8  
Junior Class Field Trip

November 9  
Ensemble @ Gaines Street Festival

November 11  
Veteran's Day Holiday - No School

November 12  
Parent Night , 6-8 p.m.

November 13  
Progress Reports

November 15  
Green Dot Bystander Training

November 22  
Winter Dance 6-9 p.m.

November 25-29  
Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

December 3-4  
Algebra 1 EOC Retakes

December 12  
Winter Concert 6-9 p.m.

December 13-14  
Peter Pan in the Black Box 7-8:30 pm

December 15  
Peter Pan in the Black Box 1-2:30 pm

December 18-19  
Exam Days - Full Day

December 20  
Exam Day- Half Day

December 23-January 4  
Winter Holidays -No School

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear SAIL Community, One quarter down, and three more to go.. Overall, we've had a great start to a wonderful school year. We've accomplished so many innovative and fun learning experiences so far. Thank you, parents, for helping support your child's progress and for your contributions to our school projects and programs. Our students have done a great job of spreading kindness and upholding our respect guidelines. The second nine weeks is full of events and holiday cheer. See the sidebar calendar.

We continue to work toward our math and ELA goals by exploring new content and engaging students in critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration in core academics, electives, and art courses. Our school improvement efforts also include promoting literacy, wellness, cultural diversity, green initiatives, college & career, and STEAM. We are dedicated to empowering students to overcome adversity when facing academic, social, and emotional challenges.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have questions, comments, concerns, or ideas. We strive to build stronger relationships with our parents and community partners.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Williams

### ATTENTION SENIORS!

- **Nov. 7th-** Senior Picnic in the upper field. Meet at 1:00 in the black box.
- **Dec. 13th-** \$100 deposit due for Grad Bash-We need 20 people going.
- Pick your senior sponsor and tell Mindy
- Pay your **Senior Fee** of \$80.00 OR \$40 in December and \$40 in 2020.
- Turn in any community service hours; you'll need them for **Best and Brightest** and **Bright Futures**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR PARENT NIGHT

November 12, 2019 in the Media Center

Come enjoy our dinner and meet other SAIL families and friends

5:00-6:00 p.m. - PTSO Monthly Meeting

6:00-8:00 p.m. - Dinner and Presentation

Presentation Topics:

- Anxiety in Teens
- TCC and Lively Technical College
- College and Career Prep and Pathways
- New Horizons from Disc Village
- Green Dot from Refuge House

For more information, contact Beth Rogers at [tbcarogers@yahoo.com](mailto:tbcarogers@yahoo.com)



Celebrating Green Dot

## This year's Winter Dance theme is Starry Night

The dance will be held in the Cafetorium on November 22nd from 6-9 pm. Tickets will go on sale in November and can be purchased in the front office. Admission is \$5 or 5 canned goods, which will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Come dance with us under the stars!

## INTENSIVE UPDATES

- ❑ Remember to turn in your permission form and deposit to the front office to secure your spot on your intensive.
- ❑ Didn't get the intensive you wanted? Don't worry. Second Round Selections will be happening in November for intensives that aren't full yet.



Students enjoying the Deep Dishing in Chicago Intensive.

## TUTORIAL

Join us for After School Tutorial!  
It's free and all students are welcome!

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. in the Media Center

We help with:

- Homework
- Organizational Skills
- College Preparation
- Career Planning
- EOC, FSA, SAT, and ACT

## SUPERVISION REMINDER

Parents, please do not drop your child off before supervision starts at 7:30 a.m.

We have staff scheduled to monitor the interior and perimeter of the campus, before school, in-between classes, during lunch and after school.

Students are not permitted at Palmer Monroe Teen Center before school or during lunch.

## PETER PAN



Come see *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie will go up Dec. 13th -15th 2019 in the SAIL Black Box theater. Cost is \$5.00 per person to attend. We will be pre-selling spots in the theater due to the huge cast and worries about filling capacity. 10% of the profits made from the show will be donated to Going Places Street Outreach program.

- 12/13 & 12/14- House opens for people to get a seat at 6:30 pm, Show at 7:00 pm
- 12/15 House opens for people to get a seat at 12:30 pm, Show at 1:00 pm

## YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES ARE NOW IN FOCUS

All parents and students should now have full access to the FOCUS Portal, either through the Mobile App or on any computer.

This makes it very easy to keep up with attendance and grades and is a great way to stay in contact with teachers.

Please contact the front office if you need your login information in order to get started.

2nd 9-Weeks Window: October 15 – December 20

Attendance - Students with 10 or more unexcused absences in a semester must take and pass the mid-term exam in order to earn credit, per district policy.

SAIL High School Attendance Policy:

## ATTENDANCE

- **3 Unexcused Absences** – Warning Letter
- **4 Unexcused Absences** – After School Detention / Saturday School
- **5 Unexcused Absences** – Attendance Conference with Parent and Contract
- **6 or more Unexcused Absences** – Intervention Agreement/Exit Committee
- **Excessive excused absences** – 5 or more will require a doctors note

State Law: Students between 14 and 18 who accumulate 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days may lose their driver's license or become ineligible for driving privileges.

Safety and security is our school's number one priority. We strive to maintain an environment that is safe, caring, and respectful. The Florida Senate Bill 7026, or the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, is a Florida bill intended to tighten gun control, school security, and school safety. This act has prompted a number of new school safety measures across our district. Here are a few safety measures SAIL has established this school year:

- Security Monitor and School Resource Deputy on campus
- Locked classrooms and gates
- Monthly fire and lockdown drills, identifying safe corners
- Staff on supervision duty before school, during lunch, and after school
- All visitors must sign in through the front office with an ID
- More cameras have been added to eliminate blind spots around campus
- New! Fortify Florida App for parents and students. Rave panic button for employees
- Next Steps: looking forward to inter-fencing the campus

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Need help researching colleges? Not sure about scholarships? Make sure to check the guidance page for resources to begin exploring college, careers, and how to finance the next step of your education.

## GUIDANCE

- **Big Future:** Use this site to explore colleges, research majors, and find scholarships
- **Career Shines:** Find a career that fits your interests and skills. Then, find a way to train for that career! Also includes interview and resume tips
- **FAFSA Tutorial-** View this to get assistance completing your FAFSA
- **2019-2020 Scholarship List-** Any scholarships announced to the guidance office can be found here

Our newly-updated web page also has information about dual enrollment, career planning, social and emotional health, and other important topics.



Mental health has become a major focus in our schools and community in recent years. In response to this new focus, all Leon County students will complete a five-hour mental health curriculum through family groups/3rd period classes this school year. The school counselor, mental health counselor, behavioral therapist, and social worker are available for questions and community referrals.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



## VOTE... as though YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

Part of SAIL High School's mission is to provide students "with the foundation necessary to become responsible citizens in a global community". We hope that students and parents will exercise this responsibility by first becoming educated on important issues; then, by **VOTING!**

Although a citizen must be 18 years old to vote, students may pre-register beginning at the age of 16. Whether you're a student or a parent, be sure to register at least 29 days prior to any election in which you are eligible to vote (must be 18 years old on election day). Register by February 18th for the Florida primary election that will be on March 17, 2020. Register by October 5th for the November 3rd general election.

You can register to vote by completing the enclosed application and delivering it in person to the SAIL High School front office, or by delivering it in person or mailing it to: Leon County Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Registration may also be completed online:

Online Voter Registration:

<https://www.leonvotes.org/Voter-Information/Online-Voter-Registration>

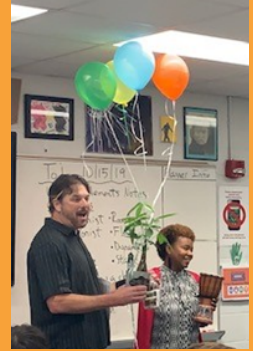
If you are already registered in Leon County, but have changed your address, go to

<https://www.leonvotes.org/Voter-Information/In-County-Address-Change>.

Or, you can update your address using the enclosed form. *Make sure to do this if your address has changed!*

New applicants must provide a current and valid Florida driver's license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have either of these, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). For information on voting, visit the Leon County Supervisor of Elections website: <https://www.leonvotes.org/>. Remember to....

**PLEASE VOTE!**



Teacher of the Year - Rob Pell



School-Related Employee of the Year -

Rosa Cefalu



Glenn Howell Educator of the Year -

Mindy Rodriguez

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

- **ASAP** - Ask a teacher to sponsor you for graduation and tell Mindy in the office.
- **ASAP** - Turn in any community service hours you have. If you want to be nominated for Best & Brightest you must have community service hours. You also need them for Bright futures money, so get them in.
- **Oct. 30th** - Senior T-shirt design contest entries are due!
- **Nov. 7th** - Senior Meeting & Field Day is 1:00-2:50 pm, there will be food and fun in the upper field. We need some parent volunteers to help with food and set up, please email Sierra at [services@leonschools.net](mailto:services@leonschools.net) if you would like to help.
- **Dec. 13th** - Grad Bash Deposit due. If you want Grad Bash at Universal Studios to happen we need 20 people to pay the deposit of \$100.00. The trip is \$200.00 in total. If it does not happen you will get ALL your money back.
- Pay your senior fee of \$80.00 or 40.00 in Dec. and the other \$40.00 in 2020. Whatever works best for you and your family.
- **SENIOR PARENTS!** If you are a parent of a senior and would like to be added to the senior email list email Sierra Service at [services@leonschools.net](mailto:services@leonschools.net) with your name, student name and your email address.