



Southern Oregon Success Academy Monthly Newsletter

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Graduation Update

Attention all seniors! To walk at graduation, you must complete your classes by May 30th, 2024. Graduation will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Merlin Community Park. Please make sure you have ordered your cap and gown from Jostens. Those of you who have yet to order your cap and gown can do so by scanning the QR code.



SOSA Art Contest

SOSA will be holding an Art Contest. Students may submit their art from March 18 to May 1. This is open to all SOSA students (online and in-person). Prizes will be rewarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Entries must be original 2-D art on what SOSA symbolizes to you. It can be a mascot, collage, or anything school-appropriate and positive. Paper art should be on 8.5x11" paper. No digital art, please. One entry per student. Please deliver paper entries to the SOSA Merlin campus or the IV SOSA West campus. Each entry must have the student's first and last name, the title of the art piece, and a brief description that is either attached to or written on the back of the art. Email scanned entries to kirsten.edwards@threerivers.k12.or.us.

Prom of the Decades

All high school students, 9th grade - 12th grade, are invited to prom. The prom will be held on May 4, 2024, at the Fruitdale Grange. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and the dance will start at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$15 if purchased by 04/30/2024 and will go up to \$20 at the door. The prom will be decades theme, the 50's through the 90's. There will be a DJ and a photo booth, as well as a photographer. All guests must be pre-approved by SOSA Administration.

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Student Success Corner

The Kiwanis Club presented some of our top students this quarter with a Student of the Month award. Students received this honor through nominations and votes throughout our campuses based on their hard work. SOSA Merlin Students of the Month were Brandon Rehrmann (middle school) and Jazmine Gutierrez (high school). SOSA West students of the month were Jaylyn Wylie (middle school) and Westley Stevens (high school). These recipients received an award and a gift card. Great job to all of our students of the month! Keep working hard!



Student Happenings at SOSA Merlin

At SOSA, students have the opportunity to learn important life and work skills. Mrs. Lisa Collins, one of our teachers, has been working with some of our high school students on financial responsibility, which includes budgeting and balancing a checkbook. Last month, Mrs. Lisa taught the students about cooking. She emphasized the importance of kitchen and knife safety and taught them how to make homemade spaghetti sauce. The students then had the opportunity to share their creation with the staff. It was a great experience for everyone involved!



VoTech

VoTech is a career exploration program that provides students with work and life skills. The staff at VoTech teaches adolescents the basics of construction, woodworking, mechanics, and welding. At one of the VoTech visits, SOSA students were taught how to build go-carts.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 5th. SOSA will be hosting a Field Day and an end-of-the-year BBQ. Adults are \$6 each, and nonenrolled children \$5 each. You can pay with a check or the exact amount of cash at the door. You must RSVP by May 29th to attend. More information will be sent out soon.

ELA Tutoring

ELA tutoring is still available online. Whether you are a student online or on campus, there is tutoring available every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15-2:45 pm. Please email: gina.valenzuela@threerivers.k12.or.us if you have any questions. To join the Google Meet, enter the following code: djp-bhbq-txd.

Staff Feature

Meet Mrs. Bailey Reed, SOSA's Project Youth+ Whatever It Takes Advisor. Mrs. Bailey has been with SOSA for two years. She grew up in Orange County, California, and has played soccer her entire life. It is soccer that first brought her to Southern Oregon. She went to school at SOU, initially wanting to go to nursing school, and after her first year of college, she switched her major to education. Initially, Mrs. Bailey wanted to be an elementary school teacher, but then she discovered Project Youth+ and felt she would make more of a difference working for this organization.

One of Mrs. Bailey's favorite things about her job is making connections with the students. She says that when she takes kids to different activities, they always have fun, and when students are learning or gaining information, she is too. Mrs. Bailey is also the girls' JV soccer coach at Grants Pass High School. She loves soccer and when she can, plays with her coed team.

What inspires Mrs. Bailey is her family, from her dad being her #1 supporter, her sister being everything she wishes she could have been at her age, her brother who has overcome so much, and her husband, who is her rock. She has a son, with another on the way! For Mrs. Bailey, it's her son who gives her a new perspective on everything and challenges her to be a better person.

March Raffle Winner

The March incentive drawing is complete. Remember, this is for all SOSA students (both on campus and online). Every time you finish a class, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card. March's winner is Westley Stevens. Congratulations Westley!

MEET MRS. BAILEY REED, PROJECT YOUTH+ ADVISOR



Monthly Challenge

This month's challenge focuses on accountability. Students, find yourself some accountability buddies! The more people know about your goals, the more likely you are to stick to them. Ask some people to hold you accountable for some goals, like eating healthier, getting more exercise, staying off of technology, etc. When more friends know about your goals, odds are that at least one of them will bug you about it. When you think big or dream big by setting goals, we will always need others to help us along the way.