

# SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL Saxons

1910 Church Street SE Salem, Oregon 97302 [www.southsaxons.com](http://www.southsaxons.com)

SEPTEMBER 2022

## TO OUR VALUED PARENTS:

Each time a newsletter issue is posted online, we will post the newsletter to our website as well as email it out. For the most current, up-to-date information posted throughout the year, please refer to our website: [www.southsaxons.com](http://www.southsaxons.com). The South High website is your access to important school and event information. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our website and bookmark it as one of your favorites.

Another way we communicate with families is through ParentSquare. Please expect a notification from ParentSquare each Monday with the week's events and information. To access and manage your ParentSquare account, please visit [PARENTSQUARE](#) or see Page 7.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 2.... NEW-TO-SOUTH STUDENT TOUR, 2:00PM
- 6.... FIRST DAY FOR 9TH GRADE ONLY
- 7.... FIRST DAY FOR ALL
- 12.. PICTURE RE-TAKES
- 21.. NEW-TO-SOUTH PARENT NIGHT  
6:00-7:00 PM

### OCTOBER

- 12... PSAT/ACT/SAT/ASVAB
- 14... NO SCHOOL- INSERVICE
- 17-21.. SPIRIT WEEK
- 21... HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY
- 22... HOMECOMING DANCE  
8:00 PM at SSHS
- 28...NO SCHOOL
- 31...COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT  
6:00-7:30 PM



Principal  
Tara Romine

## ONCE A SAXON, ALWAYS A SAXON

### OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM— 4:00 PM

Main Office	Attendance Office	Counseling & Health Center	Student Center Office
503-399-3252	503-399-3250	503-399-2644	503-399-5526
Migrant Education Specialist	Community School Outreach Coordinator	Graduation Coach	Salem Keizer District Office
503-399-5543	503-399-5546	503-884-6710	503-399-3000

You can e-mail a teacher using the following formula:  
last name\_first name@salkeiz.k12.or.us



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Saxon families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to South Salem High School, where we aim to help every student feel accepted, connected, and part of the Saxon family. Our school is full of compassionate, supportive, and talented staff members who are dedicated to your students and their successes. The goal of Salem-Keizer School District is that all students graduate and are prepared for a successful life. Our plan at South is to make that goal a reality for all students.

Since 1954, South Salem High School has been a school full of pride and traditions. We offer many clubs, organizations, and activities to help students feel the pride and continue the traditions. Because involvement in co-curricular activities leads to positive high school memories and a richer educational experience, we encourage all our students to take advantage of the amazing opportunities at South. Please consider getting involved and being part of the Saxon experience

I am honored to serve as the principal of South Salem High School. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where students, staff, and families care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Sincerely,

Tara Romine, Principal



# SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

**1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL FRESHMEN**



**The Staff and Students of South Salem High School  
Welcome the Class of 2026  
to our seventh annual LINK Freshman Orientation!**

**Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 (1st day of school for all freshmen)  
8:30 - 3:20 pm**

The purpose of this orientation day is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive and FUN one! Seniors and juniors (your LINK Leaders) will be serving as mentors to guide you through your first day of high school. You can expect fun and easy team-building activities, a tour of the school, as well as the chance to get to know your LINK Crew Leaders who will be helping and supporting you during the school year.

**Please wear comfortable clothes and do not bring anything with you. You will not need your backpack or any school supplies until regular classes begin on Wednesday.**

We are excited to welcome you to our Saxon family!



## ATTENDANCE

Ms. Acevedo  
Attendance Office  
503-399-3250

### Some friendly attendance reminders as we head back to school!

Our attendance office message line is for **full-day** absences only. To excuse a student for a **partial day**, please send a note with the student to be turned in to the attendance office within two school days of the absence. Notes to excuse students should include the following: student name, student ID number, date of absence, the reason for absence, and signature of parent/guardian.

#### Check-out Options

- Send a note with your student to be released . Please include the student name, student ID number, time to be released, date, reason, and parent/guardian signature. (This option allows students to get their check-out slip at the beginning of the day and then show their teacher when it is time to leave)
- Come in person to check out. (You will need to show a photo ID)

Due to the time needed for the check-out process we do not check students out over the phone, via email, or after 3:00 pm.

### COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

Our counseling team consists of Wendy Anderson, César Bueno, Ben Handrich, Tracy Isham, Kelly Greer, and Dwight Roberson. Counseling assignments are made alphabetically, allowing students to stay with the same counselor throughout their high school career. We believe this model provides greater opportunity to build a relationship with your student and more effectively meet their counseling needs. The best way to connect with your counselor is via email.

A-CI  
Tracy Isham

Co-Gom  
Kelly Greer

Gon-La  
Benjamin Handrich

Le-O  
Dwight Roberson

P-SI  
César Bueno

Sm-Z  
Wendy Anderson

You can e-mail a counselor using the following format: last name\_first name@salkeiz.k12.or.us



# 2022-23 | SCHOOL CALENDAR

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

NE	29	30	31	1	2
H	ESD	KA	KA	KA	
KT	5	6	A/B	7	8
A/B	12	A	13	B	14
A/B	19	A	20	B	21
A/B	26	A	27	B	28
FIRST DAYS	Grades 6 & 9 ..... 9/6 Grades 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12 ..... 9/7 Kindergarten ..... 9/14				

### OCTOBER

A/B	3	A	4	B	5
A/B	10	A	11	T/A/B	12
A/B	17	A	18	B	19
B	24	A	25	EC SSD½ SG½ SC½	26
A/B	31				

### NOVEMBER

	A	1	B	2	A	3	B	4
B	7	A	8	B	9	A	10	B
A/B	14	A	15	B	16	A	17	B
B	21	A	22	NS	23	H	24	H
A/B	28	A	29	B	30			

### DECEMBER

			A	1	B	2
B	5	A	6	B	7	A
A/B	12	A	13	B	14	A
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

### JANUARY

H	2	A	3	B	4	A	5	B	6
A/B	9	A	10	B	11	A	12	B	13
A/B	16	A	17	B	18	A	19	B	20
A/B	23	A	24	B	25	A	26	B	27
	30	31							

### FEBRUARY

			HSF	1	EC MSSD½ MSG½ HSG	2	K-12C	3
A/B	6	A	7	B	8	A	9	B
A/B	13	A	14	B	15	A	16	B
	20	A	21	B	22	A	23	B
A/B	27	A	28					

### MARCH

		B	1	A	2	B	3
A/B	6	A	7	B	8	A	9
A/B	13	A	14	B	15	A	16
B	20	A	21	EC MSG HSSD½ HSG½ K-12C	22	K-12C	23
	27	28	29	30	31		

### APRIL

A/B	3	A	4	B	5	A	6	B	7
A/B	10	A	11	B	12	A	13	B	14
A/B	17	A	18	B	19	A	20	B	21
A/B	24	A	25	B	26	A	27	B	28

### MAY

B	1	A	2	B	3	A	4	ESD SSD½ SG½	5
A/B	8	A	9	B	10	A	11	B	12
A/B	15	A	16	B	17	A	18	B	19
A/B	22	A	23	B	24	A	25	B	26
	29	A	30	B	31				

### JUNE

			A	1	B	2
A/B	5	A	6	B	7	A
B	12	A	13	HSF	14	HSF
EG½ ESD½ SG	19				EG MSE HSF	16
LAST DAY	Elementary ..... 6/15 Secondary ..... 6/16					

### LEGEND

	First Day of School for Grades 6 and 9	<b>K12C</b>	K12 Conferences (No Students/Staff Extended Schedule)
	First Day of School for Grades 1-5, 7, 8, 10-12	<b>K12EC</b>	K12 Evening Conferences
	First Day of School for Kindergarten	<b>K-BG</b>	Kindergarten thru 8th grade Grading Day
	Commencement	<b>KA</b>	Kindergarten Assessments
	District Holiday	<b>KT</b>	Kindergarten Transition
<b>DSSH</b>	Designated State School Holiday (non-paid for less than 12 mo. employees)	<b>MSE</b>	Middle School Early Release
<b>EC</b>	Elementary Conferences (No Students/Staff Extended Schedule)	<b>MSG</b>	Middle School Grading
<b>EG</b>	Elementary Grading	<b>MSG½</b>	Middle School Grading Half-Day
<b>EG½</b>	Elementary Grading Half-Day	<b>MSSD½</b>	Middle School Staff Development Half-Day
<b>ESD</b>	Elementary Staff Development	<b>NE</b>	New Employee Inservice Day
<b>ESD½</b>	Elementary Staff Development Half-Day	<b>NS</b>	No School
<b>H</b>	Holiday	<b>SC½</b>	Secondary Conferences Half-Day
<b>HSF</b>	High School Finals	<b>SG</b>	Secondary Grading
<b>HSG</b>	High School Grading Day	<b>SG½</b>	Secondary Grading Half-Day
<b>HSG½</b>	High School Grading Half-Day	<b>SH</b>	School Holiday
<b>HSPSAT</b>	High School Preliminary SAT	<b>SH/M</b>	President's Day in February may be used as an optional make-up day for an emergency closure that occurs prior to Winter Break.
<b>HSSD½</b>	High School Staff Development Half-Day	<b>SID</b>	Statewide Inservice Day
<b>I</b>	Inservice	<b>SSD½</b>	Secondary Staff Development Half-Day

\* February 2 will be a whole day of PD for Middle School IA's. Middle School IA's will work with building offered PD, or be directed by the building administrator.

ALL SHADED DAYS ARE NON-SCHOOL DAYS FOR ALL STUDENTS

SALEM-KEIZER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT 24J | SALEM, OREGON  
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# SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

## MONDAY ALL 8 A/B DAY

<b>MONDAY</b> All 8 A/B Day: Students attend periods 1-8. *	<b>1</b> 8:30-9:14	<b>2</b> 9:21-10:02	<b>3</b> 10:09-10:50	<b>4</b> 10:57-11:38	<b>A Lunch</b> 11:38-12:08	<b>5A</b> 12:15-12:56	<b>6</b> 1:03-1:44	<b>7</b> 1:51-2:32	<b>8</b> 2:39-3:20
					<b>5B</b> 11:45-12:26	<b>B Lunch</b> 12:26-12:56			

## TUESDAY A DAY (HOMEROOM)

<b>TUESDAY</b> A Day, HOMEROOM: Students attend periods 1-4 and Homeroom.	<b>1</b> 8:30-9:44	<b>Homeroom</b> 9:52-10:44	<b>2</b> 10:52-12:06	<b>A Lunch</b> 12:06-12:36	<b>3A</b> 12:44-1:58	<b>4</b> 2:06-3:20
				<b>3B</b> 12:14-1:28	<b>B Lunch</b> 1:28-1:58	

## WEDNESDAY B DAY (LATE START)

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> B Day, LATE START: Students attend periods 5-8.		<b>5</b> 9:30-10:44	<b>6</b> 10:52-12:06	<b>A Lunch</b> 12:06-12:36	<b>7A</b> 12:44-1:58	<b>8</b> 2:06-3:20
				<b>7B</b> 12:14-1:28	<b>B Lunch</b> 1:28-1:58	

## THURSDAY A DAY

<b>THURSDAY</b> A Day: Students attend periods 1-4.	<b>1</b> 8:30-9:59	<b>2</b> 10:07-11:36	<b>A Lunch</b> 11:36-12:06	<b>3A</b> 12:14-1:43	<b>4</b> 1:51-3:20
			<b>3B</b> 11:44-1:13	<b>B Lunch</b> 1:13-1:43	

## FRIDAY B DAY

<b>FRIDAY</b> B Day: Students attend periods 5-8.	<b>5</b> 8:30-9:59	<b>6</b> 10:07-11:36	<b>A Lunch</b> 11:36-12:06	<b>7A</b> 12:14-1:43	<b>8</b> 1:51-3:20
			<b>7B</b> 11:44-1:13	<b>B Lunch</b> 1:13-1:43	

\* Monday is a possible B Day. Please check the school Master Calendar.

Main Lobby doors open at 7:30am each morning. Unsupervised students must exit the building at 4:00pm each day.

## NEW-TO-SOUTH Guided Student Tour

September 2nd

Incoming students can participate in a guided tour of the building on Friday, September 2nd at 2:00 pm. This would be a great opportunity for 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade students to become acclimated with the building before September 7th. All incoming freshmen will get a Freshman-Only day on September 6th to get to know the building.





# HOMECOMING



[WATCH FOR SPIRIT WEEK INFO ON SOUTHSAXONS.COM](http://SOUTHSAXONS.COM)

## HOMECOMING GAME

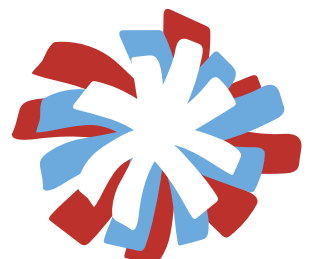
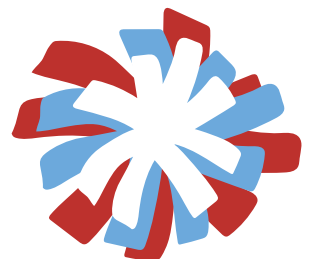
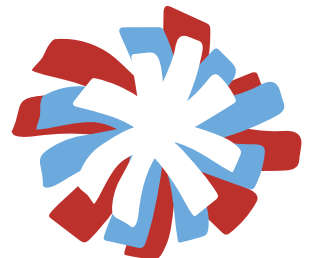
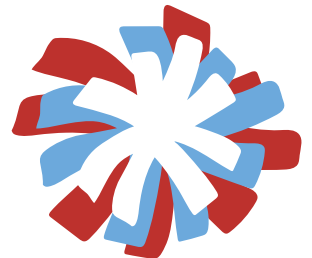
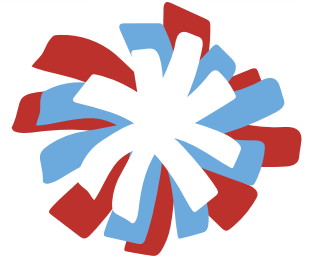
**October 21st**

7:15 pm at South!

Wear your blue and red!

## HOMECOMING DANCE

**October 22nd 8:00pm @ SSHS**





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## **PARENTVUE/STUDENTVUE**

A parent's involvement in their child's education is one of the most crucial factors in school success and achievement. ParentVUE and StudentVUE are convenient and secure ways for parents and students to access essential information on grades, attendance, scores on individual assignments, and links to teacher emails to aide in communication. Simply click on a course title for assignments, or the teacher's name for email.

One account will connect each parent with all of their students in Salem-Keizer Schools. Usernames and passwords are carried over each year. If you do not have an account, please contact the main office.

For more information, please visit [www.southsaxons.com](http://www.southsaxons.com) and click on the ParentVUE/StudentVUE link. Students will login to StudentVUE with their district computer login and password.

[click here](#)



ParentSquare is used by our District, school, and teachers to communicate to families. To manage your notifications (text, email, contact information), please use the link below.

### PARENT SQUARE TOP 5 RESOURCES!

1. [Getting started!](#)
2. [Register for ParentSquare from the App](#)
3. [How to confirm your contact information](#)
4. [Manage your notification settings](#)
5. [Troubleshooting - Parent isn't receiving notifications](#)

Please check out this link for additional information: [ParentSquare](#).





## PSAT/ACT/SAT/ASVAB

October 12 is PSAT/ACT/SAT Day in Salem-Keizer!

Students will have the opportunity to take a college preparatory test, during the regular school day.

Freshmen - Free PSAT  
Sophomores - Free ACT  
Juniors - Free PSAT/NMSQT  
Seniors - Free ASVAB or Paid SAT

For seniors interested in taking the SAT, please see Jennifer Reinen, the bookkeeper, to sign up and pay.

For questions contact our Testing Coordinator, Michelle Demarest  
demarest\_michelle@salkeiz.k12.or.us

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Positive



## NEW -TO-SOUTH FAMILY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
6:00 - 7:00 PM

We invite all families of new South students to an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Rose Auditorium. Spanish translation will be available. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about student life and student expectations at South High while connecting with school counselors and administrators.

We look forward to seeing you on September 21.



The Saxon Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports academic engagement and achievement in the classroom and in extracurricular programs at SSHS. Through advocacy and providing funds to teacher initiatives, the foundation enriches the SSHS academic experience.



## Submit Your Senior Portrait

- Head and shoulders view
- Indoor or outdoor background
- About 2.5 x 3.5 size
- Jpg or png format and high resolution (3000 dpi or 1.5-3 megapixels)
- NO screenshots
- NO props (animals, sports equipment, instruments, hats, sunglasses, etc.)
- **Due Nov. 30, 2022**

Submit your photo to [Hjeshare.com](https://Hjeshare.com) with the school code 7744.

★ PLEASE submit under the portrait category and write your name as it appears in StudentVUE.



## Purchase a Baby Ad

You have the option to honor your senior and support the yearbook program by purchasing a baby ad in our next yearbook.

Purchase information coming soon.

Due Nov. 1.

★ Note: Senior portraits are different from baby ads and are free to all seniors.

# SENIOR PHOTOS!

## OFFICE DEPOT CASH BACK TO SCHOOLS



South High would like to thank our generous parents for shopping at Office Depot. By mentioning South's School ID number: 70084512, or by giving South High's name at the checkout counter, we'll receive 5% of qualifying school and office supply purchases back to the school. South receives a quarterly gift card that we can use at Office Depot to purchase much needed classroom and office supplies. Thank you for your continued support!



# ***TRICK OR TREAT!***

***SSHS IS HOSTING A RESPONSIBLE, COMFORTABLE,  
SAFE, FUN, AND FREE TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENT  
FOR OUR COMMUNITY!***

***SSHS- MAIN ENTRANCE  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
6:00 PM- 7:30 PM***



***CANDY DRIVE***  
***BRING CANDY DONATIONS TO YOUR HOMEROOM TO HELP US  
CONTINUE THIS FUN EVENT!***



# FREE MEALS

**Attention Parents, Guardians,  
Family Members, and Students!**

**We are pleased to announce free meals are  
available to all Salem-Keizer students.  
A healthy Breakfast & Lunch will be available at no  
charge during the 2022-23 school year.**

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# Back to School 2022-23

Salem-Keizer Public Schools | District 24J

## First day of school start dates

### GRADES 1-12

#### September 6:

First day for Grades 6 and 9

#### September 7\*:

First day for Grades 1-5, 7-8, 10-12

*\*Because this is a Wednesday, this is a late start day*

### KINDERGARTEN

#### September 7-9:

Kindergarten reading assessment & parent conference

#### September 12:

Kindergarten transition last name begins A-L

#### September 13:

Kindergarten transition last name begins M-Z

#### September 14\*:

Kindergarten first day for ALL students

*\*Because this is a Wednesday, this is a late start day*

*\*All schools will start one hour late on Wednesdays to give school staff a regular time for collaborating and planning support for students.*

## Volunteer opportunities

If you'd like to volunteer, there are many opportunities, including: chaperoning for field trips, classroom help, helping in the school libraries, working at the book fairs, and many other areas. All volunteers must complete a criminal history background check prior to beginning their volunteer service in order to help protect the safety and welfare of all students and staff.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about volunteering with Salem-Keizer Public Schools, please visit: [salkeiz.k12.or.us/volunteering](http://salkeiz.k12.or.us/volunteering)

*\*All individuals who volunteer in person will be required to provide proof of vaccination or a district-approved medical or religious exception before volunteering.*

## Registration & Enrollment

Families can register their students online using ParentVUE or by contacting your child's school for help.

If you have had a student attend school at Salem-Keizer Public Schools, then you already have an existing ParentVUE account. If you have never activated your ParentVUE account, your school can provide activation information.

### There is a three-step process for registering your student:

1. Identify the school your student(s) will attend by calling our Boundary Information Line at 503-399-3246 and giving them your child's home address.
2. Provide immunization records and documentation for proof of age and home residence to register your child.
3. Register your child by contacting the school.

Registration and enrollment can be done online by visiting: [salkeiz.k12.or.us/parents/enrollment-and-registration](http://salkeiz.k12.or.us/parents/enrollment-and-registration)

## Bus rider eligibility & registration information

Students are eligible for bus transportation if the student lives at a residence within their neighborhood school and the residence is outside the walking zone for that school. The walk zones are 1.0 mile for elementary students and 1.5 miles for middle and high school students.

Bus rider registration can be completed during the online registration or enrollment verification process through ParentVUE. If you need assistance with completing online registration, please contact your child's school for assistance in verifying your bus rider registration.

The district will finalize bus routes and times by late August. Information will be available in ParentVUE or contact the Transportation department at 503-399-3100.

You can check eligibility for bus transportation by visiting: [tinyurl.com/sk-busfinder](http://tinyurl.com/sk-busfinder)



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## INTERNET ESSENTIALS

from Comcast

### COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS

Comcast is presenting an opportunity for affordable home internet that may be a great benefit to our South Salem families. If your child is eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program, then you may qualify for Internet Essentials **with a monthly cost of \$9.95 for home internet**. For more information or to apply, please visit: [InternetEssentials.com](http://InternetEssentials.com) or call 1-855-846-8376.

"The Salem-Keizer Public Schools 24J does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. This policy implements state and federal laws (including Title IX); inquiries about the non-discrimination policies should be directed to the Compliance Officer, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources,

2450 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305 phone: 503-399-3061.

"El Distrito Escolar de Salem-Keizer 24J no discrimina en sus programas ni actividades en base a la raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad o edad. Este reglamento implementa las leyes estatales y federales (incluyendo Título IX); las consultas sobre los reglamentos de no discriminación deben dirigirse al Oficial Asignado para Quejas, Asistente de la Superintendente-

Recursos Humanos

2450 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305. Teléfono 503-399-3061".