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Southington Celebrates 28 years of the Red Ribbon Rally

By: Tia Guay

This year marked the 28th year of the annual Red Ribbon Rally for the town of Southington. The Red Ribbon Rally, also known as the drug rally, is an opportunity for kids to pledge against drugs. More than 450 people were expected to show up to this event on the town green on October 16th, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trish Kenefick was the chair women for this event. She also is a 7th grade social studies teacher at DePaolo Middle School. All of the students signed a red ribbon to pledge that they were going to be drug-free. The theme of this year's rally was, 'Our future matters.' Kenefick said, "With all of the kids and everyone getting up there, kids will start to focus on the future and how important it is to be drug free so they can do well in school and be the best person they can be." This message was conveyed to all of the kids who came to the rally. Dawn Miceli was this year's keynote speaker. Sports teams, and other youth groups/organizations came to speak about why they do not do drugs. Kenefick sends out letters every year in order to get the most people possible to attend the event. The event also featured dancers and speakers from the Town Council and Board of Education. After the speakers, almost 20 different groups went up to the stage. The event ended with a candlelight vigil to remember those who died from drug use. All in all, this event was a huge success, and if you didn't come this year you should definitely make an effort to attend next year.

In November, Mr. Brulotte, Mr. Nobou, and French students attended a special exhibit of French Impressionist paintings at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.



Thirst Project

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In early October, Robert Stark, an employee of Thirst Project, came to talk to students after school about Thirst Project, what they do, and who they are helping. I learned that people all over Africa do not have clean water to drink. The little water that they have is contaminated with animal and human waste, dirt, garbage, and other harmful chemicals. As a result, many of the people in Africa end up dying because they have no choice but to drink the contaminated water. On top of the contaminated water, people in Africa have to walk up to 8 hours a day just to get this water. Many of which are children and women. Children do not have enough time to go to school since they are out getting water for the rest of their family. Thirst Project is trying to help this problem. Their goal is to get wells all over Africa. They are starting with Swaziland. It costs about \$12,000 to build a well. Thirst project has worked very hard to raise money for these wells. They have already built some wells. These wells have changed the life of Africans. They now have clean water to drink from, and do not have to walk too far to get it. However, there is still work to be done. With your help, we can build wells all over Africa, so that everyone is able to drink and bathe in clean water. What can you do to help? You can set up fundraisers with your sports teams or other clubs around the school to help raise money. You can ask your family or friends for spare change to donate to Thirst Project. You can also set up an online fundraising account in which the money you raise will go directly to Thirst Project. There are million different ideas where you could help benefit the Thirst Project. If you want more information about Thirst Project, please visit

<https://www.thirstproject.org>

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This Month in History

- November 1, 1512 Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is revealed to the public
- November 5, 1996 Bill Clinton is re-elected president of the United States.
- November 8, 1941 The last remaining wooden Connecticut whaling ship, The Morgan, was brought to Mystic, CT where it still stands today.
- November 9, 1989 East Berlin opens its borders
- November 10, 1983 The United States government shuts down
- November 11, 1918 An Armistice is signed by the Allies and Germany in France and goes into effect. World War I hostilities end at 11am, "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month"
- November 13, 1956 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.
- November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.
- November 17, 1800 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.
- November 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery
- November 20, 1789 - New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.
- November 24, 1874 - Joseph Glidden patented his invention of barbed wire.
- November 25, 1783 - At the end of the Revolutionary War, the last British troops left New York City.
- November 30, 1995 - Bill Clinton became the first American president to visit Northern Ireland.

In & Around Southington High School

Toy Drive

Reilley Walden, a SHS senior, hosted her 9th annual "Stuff my Mom's SUV for CCMC" on November 24th. This is the 9th year Reilley hosted this annual event. All toys donated benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, CT.

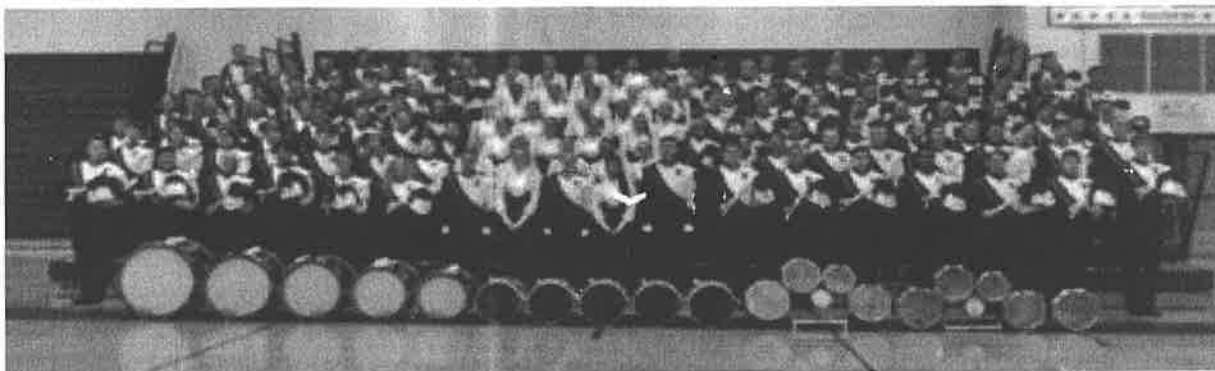
Support SHS Blue Knights Lacrosse

Can & Bottle Drive

What: Bring your cans and bottles to support SHS Blue Knights Lacrosse

When: December 1, 2018, 9am - Noon

Where: SHS Tennis Courts



On November 10th and 11th, the SHS Marching Band competed in the US Bands National Championships at the Met Life Stadium in New Jersey. The band earned 6th place in division 6 with a total score of 95.1125. In addition, they won the caption award for Best Overall Effect and the Cadets Award of Excellence.

December Events:

12/10 World Language Night 6-9

12/19 Concerts Chorus & Jazz 6:00, Band & Orchestra 7:30

12/21 Winter Break begins at 12:15.

Reminders.....

Seniors stop by the Library by December 3rd to vote for Class of 2019 Superlatives.

Ski club begins in January! Forms are due by December 29th. Pick your forms today in the Ninth Grade Academy.

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