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For

Incoming

Freshmen

2011



Welcome from Student Services

Dear Freshmen and Parents:

Welcome to Stevenson!!!

The people of Student Services are happy to know you will be joining us for the next four years. This booklet has all the information you need to assist you in making a smooth transition to high school. It is full of information to keep you abreast of what you should be doing and when you should be doing it. The answers to many of your questions can be found in this booklet.

To begin the transition process, it is imperative that you read pages one through eight prior to mid-January to learn about all of the important events scheduled to occur. We encourage you to mark your calendars with all of these important dates.

For your information, any time you need to contact Stevenson, the switchboard can be reached at (847) 415-4000. Switchboard hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on school days. For direct calls to people or department offices, replace the last four digits with the extension.

Stevenson High School offers many opportunities educationally, athletically and socially. Many of the events to get you started are listed in this booklet. We are hopeful that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer. The people of Student Services look forward to working with you in the coming months.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NOTE: All dates listed above were accurate as of January 4, 2011. To verify all dates, check the Stevenson web page at <http://www.d125.org>. You may also subscribe to the online magazine *E-Minuteman* in order to receive news alerts.



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CONSORTIUM BENCHMARK EXAMINATIONS (formerly Placement Tests)

January 11-14

Benchmark testing in English and mathematics will take place at Aptakasic, Daniel Wright, Fremont, St. Mary's, Twin Groves, West Oak and Woodlawn. Your junior high school will have exact date and time information for you as the date draws near.

January 14

Benchmark testing for Solomon Schechter students will take place at Stevenson. Testing will begin at 8:00 a.m. Please arrive by 7:45.

January 18-21

World Language testing occurs at junior high schools.

Saturday, January 22

Students who miss an exam due to absence as well as students from other schools will take all necessary exams on this date. The mathematics exam begins at 8 a.m. and English at 9 a.m. The two-hour World Language benchmark exams start at 11:00 a.m. Students will get a break between tests. Testing will end by 1:00 p.m.

Please arrive by 7:45 a.m. and park in lot C. Enter the building through the double glass doors (entrance #14). Signs will direct you to the testing area. All students will need to bring No. 2 pencils to the tests. Calculators are allowed on portions of the mathematics test. Students should bring reading materials in case they finish their tests early.

Stevenson faculty and eighth-grade teachers meet regularly to determine course goals and review prior results for the exams. Because of this close communication, eighth-grade teachers are aware of the content for the exams. Students need not look beyond their classroom for help on the tests.

On May 7, make-up and retests are available in all subjects. On August 11, make-up and retests are available in English and math. Only make-ups are available in World Languages.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the exams, contact your middle school principal or Ms. Kiefer in the Office of the Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning at Stevenson at 847-415-4200 or go to:
http://www.d125.org/curriculum/benchmark_exams.aspx

Parents: Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is imperative that the tests be taken and that your student does as well as possible. Benchmark exam results and successful completion of junior high school courses determine student placement in freshmen-level courses at Stevenson next fall. Course placements will be available online and mailed home in early February, before students meet with Stevenson counselors to select classes. **Your student will not be scheduled for classes until benchmark exams are evaluated.**



ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In January, enrollment information will be mailed to the homes of eighth graders. The following items are required to successfully enroll a student:

Enrollment Form - This form is used to enter information (name, address, etc.) into the Stevenson data system.

Consent Form - On the reverse side of the enrollment form.

Affirmation of Residency Form - In accordance with Illinois School Code, all students attending Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125 must be legal residents of the school district. You are required to verify your residency by completing the form and submitting **photocopies** of the following documents:

One of the following: current and valid rental lease including the landlord's name and phone number; real estate tax bill; closing document; Bill of Sale; Warranty Deed; or monthly mortgage statement.

AND Two of the following: entire utility bill statement (gas, electric, water or cable); auto registration; homeowner's/renter's insurance; or valid driver's license with Certificate of Extension, if applicable.

One of the following: student's birth certificate; passport; visa; or green card.

SUBMITTING ENROLLMENT FORMS

In order to be enrolled for the coming school year, the student and parent must submit the enrollment form and the affirmation of residency with required proofs of residency. A copy of one of the following is also required: student's birth certificate; passport; visa; or green card.

Parents may deliver these forms when attending an Orientation Evening. Parents may also submit all of these forms **by mail**. Please mail them to:

Attn: Reichen Beaver
 Student Services
 A.E. Stevenson High School
 One Stevenson Drive
 Lincolnshire, IL 60069



PARENT-STUDENT ORIENTATION EVENING

Three orientation evenings are scheduled for January. Families are encouraged to arrive at 6:00 p.m. to receive two packets of information, take a tour of the facilities and turn in completed enrollment forms. An orientation program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. School personnel will be available for questions after the program.

Students and their parents will be asked to attend a specific evening to keep the numbers balanced.

A thru H	Wednesday, January 19
I thru P	Tuesday, January 25
Q thru Z	Thursday, January 27

If you have a calendar conflict with your assigned evening, please feel free to attend on an alternate date. There is no need to inform us of the change.

If you are unable to attend any of the orientation evenings, packets will be delivered to the feeder schools for distribution to parents on Friday, January 28. If you have questions, please call the Stevenson switchboard (847-415-4000).

FRESHMAN PACKETS

Parents of incoming freshmen will receive two packets at the Parent Evenings in January. One packet contains forms pertaining to course selection and student life while the other packet is from the Nurses and contains health information.

Coursebook - This book is yours to keep throughout high school. It describes all of the courses offered at Stevenson High School. Please familiarize yourself with graduation requirements and the four-year planning sheet at the back and **retain** the Coursebook for future reference. The Coursebook can also be found at the Stevenson web page: <http://www.d125.org> under "Quicklinks."

List of Freshman Course Offerings and **Freshman Course Selection Worksheet** - All freshmen are required to take math, science, English, and physical education, and may select up to three additional electives, of which one elective may be a study hall. Students must complete one year of World History by the end of sophomore year. All students will have a lunch/advisory period. Please examine the list to select elective courses. You should complete the Course Selection Worksheet and mail it to Student Services. Forms can also be delivered during the course selection evenings.



Summer School Pamphlet - To register for summer school courses, go to <http://www.d125.org>.

Co-Curricular Handbook - Please review all possible co-curricular activities. You will have an opportunity to find out more specific information about every activity at the Co-Curricular Fair on March 23. Research shows that students who become involved in school activities earn higher grades and feel more positive about school.

Invitation to Join PPA - Families new to Stevenson are invited to join the Patriot Parent Association. More info is available at <http://www.d125.org/about/ppa.aspx>



REQUIRED HEALTH FORMS ---- DUE JUNE 24, 2011

At the "Parent-Student Orientation" evenings in January, you will receive a Health Form Packet, which includes all of the required health forms. All health forms must be returned to the Nurse's Office, by June 24, 2011. The required health forms included in this packet are:

1. Certificate of Child Health Examination (physical)
The Illinois School Code requires a physical examination and evidence of complete immunization prior to entrance into ninth grade.
2. Permission Form to Administer Medication
This form allows your student to receive prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day.
3. Freshman Health Emergency Form
This form gives the school permission to release information and to treat the student in an emergency situation.

Additional copies of the forms are available at the Health Services web site:
http://www.d125.org/health_services/default.aspx



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions on completing any of the forms, Stevenson counselors are available to answer your questions. Please call (847) 415-4500 or (847) 415-4502 to be put in touch with a counselor.



PARENT-STUDENT COURSE SELECTION

Parents and students are invited to attend a course selection evening. Students and parents are asked to attend a specific evening, but if you have a calendar conflict with your assigned evening, feel free to attend on the alternate day. There is no need to inform us:

A thru L Thursday, February 10
M thru Z Wednesday, February 16

The meetings will take place in the Forum at Stevenson High School from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Counselors will be available to answer questions you may have regarding elective courses. Parents may submit completed forms during the evening.

A nurse will be available each evening to answer questions related to the Certificate of Child Health Examination form and immunization requirements. If your child takes medication during the school day, the nurse will review Stevenson guidelines for administration of medication. The nurse will also be available to discuss any concerns in working with children who have a chronic illness.

REMINDER

Parents should remember that this is just the start of the high school process and they will have ample time to talk to Stevenson personnel, if necessary, prior to the beginning of the freshman year.

If you need to change any information after the enrollment or course selection forms have been submitted, please contact Reichen Beaver at (847) 415-4502.



FRESHMAN COURSE VERIFICATION

Freshman course verification sheets will be sent home in the spring. These sheets will list all courses entered for the student's freshman year. Instructions for submitting elective course request changes will be included. To change an elective choice, please follow these instructions. A smooth and effective beginning to the school year will be enhanced by early decisions.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

In early summer, you will receive instructions in the mail that will allow you to complete registration for the upcoming school year, which includes paying fees. Please follow the instructions.



STUDENT GUIDEBOOK/PLANNER

Freshmen: On Freshman Orientation Day, you will receive your Student Guidebook/Planner. This book will help your transition to high school by familiarizing you with school procedures and give you an opportunity to establish goals, manage your time, enter assignments, establish priorities, and record personal and social information. Keep it handy and use it.

SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Stevenson High School District 125 offers a two-semester academic summer school program. Summer school is an extension of the school's regular academic program designed to provide students with opportunities to gain academic credit, receive enrichment or remediation, and explore new interests.

Incoming freshmen are strongly encouraged to consider enrolling in summer school, as it facilitates the adjustment and transition to high school. About 70% of incoming freshmen enroll in summer school annually.

Summer school courses will meet Monday through Thursday from 7:45 A.M. to 12:50 P.M. with the exception of the week of Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 8. First semester of summer school will meet from Monday, June 6 through Thursday June 30. Second semester will meet from Tuesday, July 5 through Thursday, July 28.

For more information about summer school, contact the Summer School Office at 847-415-4500 or go to:

http://www.d125.org/academics/summer_school.aspx



SUMMER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

For information on summer sports camps and other activities offered by Stevenson's PREP (Patriot Recreation Education Program), call 847-415-4145 or visit their web site at:

<http://www.d125.org/prep/default.aspx>

STUDENT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Stevenson students are given access to several different technology programs. Every student is provided with a network account, an e-mail account and an Infinite Campus account. Login information (account names and passwords) should be kept private at all times.

The Computer Labs are located in the Link area. During summer school, the labs are open Monday through Thursday from 7 AM to 2 PM. During the school year, the labs are open Monday through Thursday from 7 AM to 8 PM, and on Friday from 7 AM to 3:25 PM. Any special hours will be posted.

Freshmen may use the lab during study hall by asking a classroom teacher for a pass to the lab from study hall.

The computer lab is intended to serve instructional purposes. Games are not permitted. Each student must leave his/her Stevenson issued student ID at the desk to be in the computer lab when not in a class. In exchange for the privilege of using the School District's computers, computer network, and Internet access, students must consent to staff members monitoring such use.

In order to use the Internet, a summer school student must have a signed Acceptable Use Guideline (regarding access and use of the District Information Services systems) on file. For the school year, students will agree to acceptable use during the registration process. Inappropriate use of the District's computers, computer network and/or Internet access may be considered gross disobedience or misconduct.

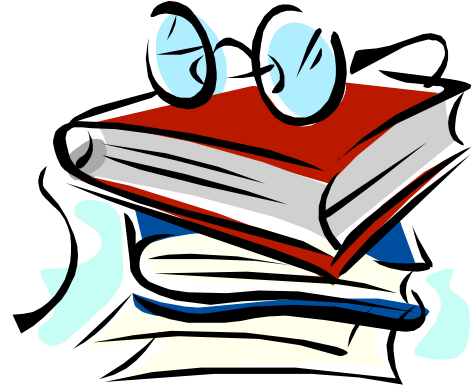
Computers are also available for student use in the East and West Learning Centers. For additional information regarding technology services for students, visit the online Student Computer HelpDesk:

<http://studenthelpdesk.district125.k12.il.us>



CO-CURRICULAR FAIR

The Co-Curricular Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Field House, which is just east of the Football Field. All incoming freshmen and their families are invited to come meet and talk with sport coaches, club sponsors, and current Stevenson students involved in our 35 sport teams, 120 co-curricular clubs and 18 intramural programs. Take advantage of this opportunity to find out about all Stevenson offers.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-Curricular activities are extremely popular at Stevenson. Ninety-two percent of the student body participate in at least one club, sport or activity by the time they graduate. Last year, more than 1,100 students performed almost 20,000 hours of volunteer work in school and community service clubs. The intramural sports program involved an additional 2,400 students. The theatre, dance, choral, orchestra and band programs boasted nearly 1,200 participants. More than 650 students participated in student government last year.

There are over a hundred clubs and activities in which a freshman can participate. Information about all of these activities can be found at:

http://www.d125.org/clubs_and_activities/default.aspx

INTRAMURALS

Besides all of the clubs, freshmen can get involved in

Bags (Bean Bag Toss) (B/G)	Paint Ball Club (B/G)
Baseball Hitting (B)	Partner Dance Club (B/G)
Baseball League (B)	Racquetball (B/G)
Basketball League (B/G)	Self-Defense Club (B/G)
Bowling Club (B/G)	Ski and Snowboard Club (B/G)
Cardio Training (B/G)	Softball Hitting (G)
Dodgeball League (B/G)	Softball League (B/G)
Fencing (B/G)	Ultimate Frisbee (B/G)
Fishing Club (B/G)	Volleyball League (B/G)
Flag Football League (B/G)	Weight Training (B/G)
Golf Club (B/G)	Yoga (B/G)

More information regarding Intramurals is available at the Intramurals web site:
<http://www6.district125.k12.il.us/im/home.html>

SUMMER READING

It is the custom and expectation at Stevenson High School that students read during the summer months in preparation for the new school year.

The novels for summer reading had not been chosen at the time this booklet was assembled. **The required reading will be listed on the Stevenson web page at <http://www.d125.org> and at the Communication Arts division web page:**

http://www.d125.org/academics/communication_arts.aspx

PLEASE NOTE:

All students should be prepared to be tested on the summer reading(s) during the first week of school. Many teachers also assign essays or short presentations based on these readings. Make sure you are prepared.

The books will be available at bookstores in local shopping areas. They will also be available at the Indian Trails and Vernon Area public libraries. The books are available at the school bookstore before the school year ends. The Stevenson Web Store can be reached through the Stevenson web page or at:
<http://stevenson.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

Also, please note that the Communication Arts Division requires all students to have a three-ring binder for English as well as the Stevenson Guidebook/Planner which you will receive during orientation.

If you have any questions, the Communications Arts Office can assist you at (847) 415-4325.

ATHLETICS

Registration for Fall Stevenson athletes for the 2011-2012 season is due by August 1, 2011. Registration for Winter and Spring athletes is due prior to the tryout date.

The registration procedure requires that **the Athletic Participation Form AND a copy of the Certificate of Child Health Examination Form** be completely filled out, signed, and mailed to the Athletic Department. Incomplete forms will be returned.

The Athletic Participation Form registers the athlete for fall, winter, and spring sports for the 2011 - 2012 school year and is available at the athletic office's web site:

<http://www.d125.org/athletics/default.aspx>

The Certificate of Child Health Examination Form is a doctor's confirmation that the athlete is physically able to participate in athletics. The athletic physical cannot be more than one year old during the time of athletic participation according to the Illinois High School Association. This form is available at the nurse's web site:

http://www.d125.org/health_services/default.aspx

FRESHMAN ATHLETES

ARE REQUIRED TO

SUBMIT COPIES OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CHILD HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM

TO **BOTH THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AND THE NURSE'S OFFICE.**

ONE COPY SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM AND THE OTHER SUBMITTED WITH THE SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKET.

NOTE: It is imperative that the student's physician circle "Yes" on **the Certificate of Child Health Examination Form** that the student may participate in interscholastic sports. Unregistered athletes will **NOT** be allowed to try out, begin practices, or participate until all forms are completed, signed and on file in the Athletic Office. All athletes must be covered by some form of insurance in order to participate.

2011-2012 ATHLETICS by season

At press time, the official starting dates for 2011-2012 athletics were not yet decided by the Illinois High School Association. Please check the Athletics web page for updates:

<http://www.d125.org/athletics/default.aspx>

FALL 2011

Cheerleading - Mid May 2011 tryout date

Patriettes (Pom Pons) - Mid May 2011 tryout date

Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Girls' Field Hockey
Boys' & Girls' Golf	Girls' Swimming
Boys' & Girls' Student Training	Girls' Tennis
Boys' Football	Girls' Volleyball
Boys' Soccer	

WINTER 2011-12

Boys' & Girls' Fencing	Girls' Gymnastics
Boys' & Girls' Student Training	
Boys' & Girls' Basketball	
Boys' & Girls' Bowling	
Boys' Ice Hockey (tryouts occur in late August)	
Boys' Swimming	
Boys' Wrestling	

SPRING 2012

Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse	Girls' Badminton
Boys' & Girls' Track	Girls' Soccer
Boys' & Girls' Water Polo	Girls' Softball
Boys' & Girls' Student Training	
Boys' Baseball	
Boys' Gymnastics	
Boys' Tennis	
Boys' Volleyball	



ACCELERATED/HONORS PROGRAM

Accelerated and/or honors programs are available to freshmen in Computer Science, English, Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, Chinese, Mathematics, and Science.

The accelerated/honors program provides students the opportunity to explore the complexities of a given subject area beyond the traditional high school curriculum. There is an assumption that students in the program are highly motivated and willing to engage in rigorous academic work.

Advantages of Participation

A. Weighted grade points

The school recognizes the additional demands these courses place upon students by assigning weighted grade points to those who successfully complete an accelerated course. These weighted grade points positively affect grade point average.

B. Greater breadth and depth of content

Not only are students able to pursue a given course in greater depth, they can advance the sequencing of the content in a given subject at an accelerated rate.

C. The opportunity to interact with other students interested in that subject

Students will meet other like-minded, highly motivated students.

D. Enhanced college evaluations

Several of the most competitive colleges insist that a student pursue the most rigorous curriculum that the high school has to offer in order to be considered for admission.

E. Opportunity for college-level coursework

Students in the accelerated/honors program are eligible to pursue college-level work through the Advanced Placement (AP) Program as early as their sophomore year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How are my student's placements determined in English, math, science, and world languages?

All incoming freshmen are required to take Consortium Benchmark Exams in English and math, and have the option of taking an exam in world languages. Placement decisions are based on the results of these tests and on input from eighth grade teachers. See page 3 for more information.

2. What if I have questions about my student's placement in English, math, science, world language, or special education?

You should contact the director of the specific academic department:

English -		
	Joseph Flanagan	415-4326
Math -		
	Dr. Gwen Zimmermann	415-4601
Science -		
	Steve Wood	415-4401
Special Education -		
	Jay Miller	415-4801
	Larry Friedrichs	415-4803
World Languages -		
	Rowena Mak	415-4701

3. What is a normal class load?

The typical school day consists of eight (8) fifty-minute periods. School begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m. Freshmen may enroll in up to seven classes (including physical education) but have the option to enroll in a study hall as opposed to a seventh class. Freshmen are assigned to a lunch/advisory period. Lunch periods are divided for freshmen into two periods: 30 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for advisory.

4. What is freshman advisory?

All freshmen are assigned to an advisory that meets Monday through Thursday for twenty minutes during their lunch period. Advisories are supervised by selected Stevenson teachers and upperclassmen who enjoy working with students in a less structured setting. The goal of advisory is to make the transition to Stevenson as smooth as possible for all freshmen. Counselors visit advisories to meet with their students on a regular basis.

5. Should my student take a full-period study hall or a seventh class?

We recommend that all students consider the following before deciding:

- A study hall provides a structured time and place to work on homework assignments or get extra help in the learning centers.
- A study hall provides time to make up missed tests at the testing center.
- A study hall provides time for homework completion if the student is involved in co-curricular activities.
- A seventh class allows students to explore elective courses.

A student may start a semester with a seventh course and has seven weeks to drop a course without suffering any penalty. Talk to a counselor for more information.

6. Should my student take a world languages course during freshman year?

If your student possesses self-discipline, strong study skills, and a good work ethic, he/she is encouraged to begin a world language during the freshman year. If, however, your student's study skills need remediation, he/she should postpone study of a world language until the sophomore or junior year. Study of a foreign language is not required for graduation but some colleges count it as an admission requirement.

7. Which courses does my student need to take for college?

All information pertaining to graduation requirements and college admissions can be found in the front pages of the Coursebook. It is suggested students check over this information. Any questions can be directed to your student's counselor.

8. What if my student is having difficulties in a class?

All remedies to a student having a problem in a class start with the student talking to the teacher. It is advised that a student make an appointment to meet a teacher during a free or study hall period and discuss the difficulties. No level changes, drops or teacher changes occur without this first step.

9. Should my student take summer school courses?

It is not required that a student attend summer school but taking summer school allows a student to get familiar with the building. It can also allow a student to create space in his schedule during the school year for an elective course of study.

10. What freshman courses are available in the summer?

Each freshman received the Summer School Pamphlet in the packet distributed at Parent Orientation evenings. Summer school info is also available online at:
http://www.d125.org/academics/summer_school.aspx

11. When may my student take Driver's Education?

Enrollment in driver's education is based on age. Cutoff dates are printed in the Coursebook. This course is normally taken during one semester of the sophomore or junior year. The student must have a social security number, an instruction permit issued by the Secretary of State's office through the Driver Education Department, parental consent, verification of age, and have earned at least eight credits in the previous two semesters. Passing the classroom phase of Driver's Education is required for graduation.

12. How do we learn about co-curricular activities?

Each student will receive a Co-Curricular Handbook in the Freshman Packet. You are also invited to attend the Co-Curricular Fair (March 23) to meet coaches, sponsors, and students involved in student activities. Students are also invited to participate in activities through freshman advisories. In addition, the *Daily Bulletin* announces all club and sport meeting times. More information is available at:
http://www.d125.org/clubs_and_activities/default.aspx

13. Are there late afternoon buses for students involved in sports and student activities?

Monday through Friday, buses leave the West Glass Entrance off Parking Lot B at 6:30 p.m. One bus goes east and one goes west. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, buses also leave the West Glass Entrance at 4:30 p.m. The route each bus will take is determined by the destinations of the students riding.

14. How may my student see his/her counselor privately?

Students should see a secretary in one of the three Student Services offices in order to arrange a meeting with a counselor. Students are encouraged to make an appointment to see their counselor during a study hall or lunch period.

15. What kinds of support services are available at Stevenson High School?

Students experiencing difficulties at Stevenson are referred to the individual's Student Support Team (SST), consisting of a coordinator, a counselor, a dean, and a social worker. Appropriate intervention strategies to promote student success are recommended at weekly SST meetings. More information can be found at the Student Services web page:

http://www.d125.org/student_services/default.aspx

16. When is the first day of school for freshmen?

Freshmen begin Monday, August 22, 2011, one full day prior to the regular starting day. On that day, freshmen attend an orientation meeting in the morning and follow an abbreviated version of their schedule in the afternoon. Regular bus service is available on this day.