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*“Our Orange and Blue
starts with an Extraordinary You”*

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Dear South High Community,

Welcome to Spring! The South High Opera will take place on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 in our auditorium (both begin at 7:00 p.m.). Please join us to enjoy the musical talents of our students under the direction of our performing arts department. All of those involved in the production of *La Bohème* have worked hard to provide this opportunity for our students to showcase their abilities.

Please be reminded that there will be no classes on Monday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 30 for Spring Recess II. School will reopen on Wednesday, May 1. Please refer to our [South High Calendar](#) on the South High School website, under the Calendars tab, for more information about events going on at our school.

We are looking forward to the solar eclipse taking place on Monday, April 8! To celebrate this extraordinary event, our Science Department has developed opportunities for our staff and students to safely view the solar eclipse. These opportunities include the following:

- During science classes, students will construct solar eclipse viewers using a pinhole projection method. Instructions for creating these viewers can be found [here](#).
- Between 2:15 p.m. and 2:25 p.m., 9th period science classes will gather outside near the baseball/softball fields to observe the eclipse with their constructed viewers.
- All 9th period classes have been encouraged to bring their 9th period classes outside during this designated time to participate in the observation.
- A presentation has been shared with all science teachers to review the science behind the eclipse and how to view the eclipse safely. This presentation is linked [here](#).
- The event will also be live-streamed by [NOVA](#) (please click for access) for those unable to observe directly.
- Please be advised maximum coverage will not occur until 3:26 p.m.
- Please understand our science teachers have been and will continue to review safety precautions as they relate to properly viewing the eclipse.

Safety Reminders:

- Looking directly at the sun, even during a partial eclipse, can cause severe eye damage.
- Students have been and will continue to be informed that they can only observe the eclipse using the pinhole devices.
- Using a telescope or binoculars to look directly at the sun can damage your vision.

Student ID Card Reminder

Please see below for important information regarding Student ID's. Thank you for your continued support in making South High School a safe and secure place.

- All students are reminded to wear their student ID on a lanyard around their neck every day for the entirety of the school day. Students may not wear ID's on belts or out of

pockets. ID's must be visibly worn on the outermost layer of clothing so that ID's can clearly be seen by administration, security, and staff.

- Parents/Guardians, please communicate with your student(s) about the importance of wearing their student ID every day.

Tuesday, April 9 - SEPTA Presentation

SEPTA is excited to continue this year's theme on Behavior Management with a special presentation by Dr. Elana Dumont on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Great Neck Library. Dr. Dumont is a clinical psychologist presenting on how to Navigate Challenging Behaviors and Support Our Kids' Emotional Regulation. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/kdhwn8febwrTkq9SA>.

Last Day of Classes and June Regents Exams

The last day of classes for South High students is on Thursday, June 13. The dates and times of June Regents Exams can be viewed on the [Regents Exam Schedule](#). Only those students taking an exam will report to school on these days. **Please note that there will be no classes on Tuesday, June 4 (this is a change from the printed calendar).** The bus schedule will be shared at a later date.

We are looking forward to an exciting end to the school year. As always, thank you for your continued support and guidance as we work together as a community to provide all of our students with the greatest opportunity for success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Gitz
Principal