

STERLING TIMES

Friday, March 31, 2023, Day 4

8:40am Assembly Friday

Welcome to the Sterling Times!



THE STERLING HALL SCHOOL
Where boys belong.

Hello 5B Families and welcome to the Sterling Times! As part of our SLP Project on Journalism and article writing, the 5B class has decided to create a class newsletter. Students have been hard at work learning Journalism, brainstorming article ideas, interviewing members of the community and writing their articles. Each week, the Sterling Times will feature two student contributors as well as plenty of helpful information for upcoming events at the school. We hope you enjoy!

The Evolution of the SHS Uniform over 35 Years

Jay Gratzer - Student Contributor

At SHS, the uniform has probably changed over the years... but how much did it actually change? Mr. Burns, the drama teacher at SHS, was also a fellow student many years ago. He said, "The SHS uniform has actually remained almost the same over the years. The #1 uniform has mostly remained the same." He also said that, "The ties, blazers and grey flannels were all the same."

Mr. Adamson says, "[25 years ago, Grade 3-8] Boys wore their striped shirts, ties, grey pants, black belts, dark socks, as well as shiny, black dress shoes each day. The boys would change into their PE clothes before and after PE.

For the boys in the Primary division (JK-Grade 2), they would wear a white SHS golf shirt, or a long-sleeved white SHS golf shirt in the colder months along with their grey pants and black shoes.

They would wear their PE clothes for the half of the day when they had PE and would change at lunchtime. This was how the uniform was worn for at least my first 10 years at the school [1996-2006]."

In 2005, Ms. Kester made this new dress code called the warm dress code. In the colder months, you would wear the regular #1 dress, but in the warmer months, you would wear a white SHS golf shirt, khaki beige shorts, a black belt, dark socks, and black dress shoes. Once the colder weather would arrive, boys would switch back to wearing #1 dress again until later in the spring. The warm dress still exists today and was started in 2005 by Ms. Kester.

Mr. Adamson, a teacher that has been teaching at SHS for over 25 years, says his estimation for what the uniform will be like in the next 10 years.

He says, "I don't know. I don't think we will have a major change for a while. However, you never know when something new will be introduced. Our uniform this year is new, there may be some minor tweaks next year as we get it just right. However, I do not think there will be a major change in the next 10 years."

Overall, the uniform hasn't had any major changes so far in the last 25 years. Everything has stayed quite similar. There will probably be some minor changes in the future, but we never know if there will be a major one. What do you think will happen in the future?

Grade 5 Watches Play at Young People's Theatre

On Thursday, March 30, 2023 the Grade Five boys journeyed to the Young People's Theatre of Toronto to watch the production of "The Darkest Dark". This play was written by Chris Hadfield, the Canadian astronaut. The semi-autobiographical show took place during the summer of 1969 when humans first landed on the moon! The play featured several great jokes, unique props, and a heartfelt message. "It's so great for the boys to be able to go to a production because we haven't been able to attend in a long time, since before Covid," said Mr. Burns. Let's all thank Mr. Burns for organizing such an amazing trip!



The Ambassador Program Through the Eyes of Students at SHS



Jesse Ji - Student Contributor

Have you ever wondered what it would look like through the eyes of a student ambassador, here at SHS? Student Ambassadors have many responsibilities, the main ones being to greet people when they enter the school, and taking new boys on tours of our fantastic school.

Gavi, a student ambassador in 5B, said, "I sometimes feel a little bit nervous to take someone on a tour because I don't want to mess up but usually I am excited to show them around the school." Some skills that a good student ambassador should have are public speaking, positive attitude, social skills, and maybe even humour! Thinking about applying, but worry that you will not have enough time to finish school work? The boys never seem to be worried about classes, as Peyton says, "I never worry because I am doing good for the school and Mr. Blasiak understands so if I'm behind I can get more time." Gavi said, "I am only worried about missing class if I am in the middle of class because that usually means I have to worry about finishing it when I don't know a lot. But Mr. Blasiak always helps me catch up." The program sign-up has ended this year, but do not worry, as there will be a student ambassador club for grades 5 and 6 next school year!

Next Week at a Glance...

Monday, April 3 (Day 5 - PE uniform)

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH
 9:30-10:15 - Grandmother's Voice Workshop JMS
 12:30-1:00 - Choir Club SMC
 3:45-4:30 - U12 Softball Practice Fields
NO STUDY HALL
 3:45-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

Tuesday, April 4 (Day 6 - PE uniform)

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH
 12:30-1:00 - Choir Club SMC
 3:45-4:45 - Ambassador's Club 6R
 3:45-4:30 - Study Hall PLC
 4:30-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

Wednesday, April 5 (Day 1 - PE uniform)

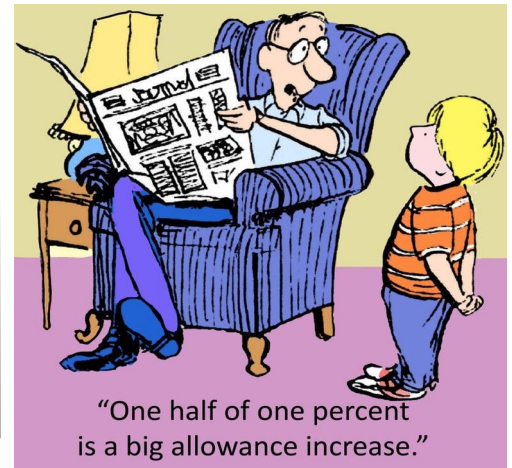
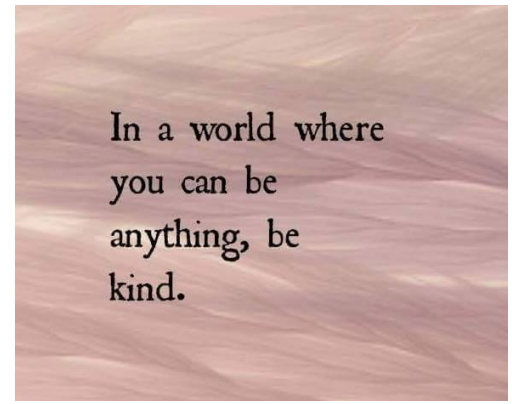
7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH
 7:30-8:20 - U12 Softball Fields
 7:30-8:20 - Morning Chess Club MDH
 3:45-4:30 - Study Hall PLC
 3:45-4:35 - Grade 5 Band SMC
 3:45-4:45 - Track and Field Fields
 4:30-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

Thursday, April 6 (Day 2 - #2 uniform - bring PE uniform)

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH
 7:30-8:20 - Track and Field Fields
 3:45-4:30 - Study Hall PLC
 3:45-4:35 - Eco Club Outdoors
 3:45-4:35 - Introduction to SHS Robotics Team Grade 5 McFarlane Lab
 3:45-4:35 - Baking Club MDH
 4:30-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

Friday, April 7 - No Classes

No classes on Monday April 10. Classes resume on Tuesday April 11 (Day 3).



Spelling Words

Forewarning	Endanger
Postscript	Foreground
Postwar	Embitter
Encourage	Overdue
Overweight	Foreknowledge
Overflow	Overprotect
Foresight	Embankment
Embellish	Embattle
Emblazon	Enlistment
Engrave	Enlighten

Bonus: Abolish

