

# The Trojan Times

## Principal's Corner ~ Ramont Roberts

To the Mighty Trojans:

As we approach the spring season and prepare to end the school year, I would like to keep you aware of some important reminders. Continue to work hard in the classroom, as the final marking period, final exams, and second semester are very important. Continue to be respectful in the hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, and on the athletic fields. You should be improving in all areas in an effort to get yourself prepared to transition to the next grade or next phase of your life. Just as you are getting taller, stronger, and older, you should be getting more responsible, have an improved work ethic, more organized, and more self-disciplined. You should be less reliant upon adults to motivate you and more reliant upon yourself for motivation. Practicing these habits consistently will enable you to increase your chances of reaching your goals, thus becoming successful. I am looking forward to seeing your improvement. Let's have a great spring.



Ramont M. Roberts

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## Students of the Month ~ SHS Teachers

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as the April Students of the Month! Keep up the great work!



**9th Grade:** Dariyona Black

**10th Grade:** Childress Cannon

**11th Grade:** Kyrik Whitehead

**12th Grade:** Anna Jackson

## Welcome Visitors to SHS

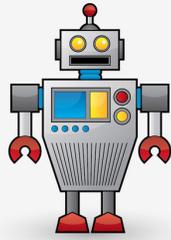
SHS welcomes two guests to our school this week; Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet, Tracy K. Smith; and workers from Dow for the Dow Day of Promise. Thank you for visiting us!



## Robotics ~ Lyndon Nelson

Team Trobot has performed very well in competition so far this year. At the first competition, which took place at Kettering University, we performed very well winning 9 of the 11 matches. Our great performance lead us to fourth place, giving us a chance to pick two teams to be on our alliance for elimination rounds.

For those who are not fa-



miliar with robotics elimination rounds, once the regular rounds are over the top eight teams get to pick two other teams to be their alliance. Once the alliances are picked they play games against each other to see which alliance comes out on top. Team Trobot played well enough to get a place in the alliance se-

lection and advance in the elimination rounds.

At the second competition, which took place March 21 & 22 at Midland Dow High School, our team once again performed very well. We ended in fourth place, which qualified us for this year's state competition. We thank you for your continued support in the advancement of Team Trobot.

## Easter ~ Arianna Jones

Easter celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. It's Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on

March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year.

Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holi-



day a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar. The exact origins of the word Easter are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility.

## World Health Day ~ Jameal Merrill

World Health Day 2014 will spotlight some of the most commonly known vectors – such as mosquitoes, sand flies, bugs, ticks and snails – responsible for transmitting a wide range of parasites and pathogens that can cause many different illnesses. Mosquitoes transmit malaria, the most deadly vector-borne disease, causing an estimated

660,000 deaths annually worldwide. Other diseases that are very harmful to one's health include the dengue fever, lymphatic chikungunya, Japanese encephalitis and yellow fever.

Each year, World Health Day is celebrated on April 7. It marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. Their

goal is to promote better health nation and worldwide.



## SHS Top 10 Students ~ Asia Price

### Class of 2014

1. Lyndon Nelson
2. Tey'Ariana Marshall-Broaden
3. Nolan Taylor
4. Bria Smith
5. DaRhonda Turner
6. Imani Roberts
7. Asia Price
8. Karrie D. Bell
9. Raymond Bady, II
10. DeMarquise Abraham

### Class of 2015

1. Kaleisha Euell
2. Ariszia Staton
3. Aniya Taylor
4. Irene McNair
5. Taylor Winters
6. Jatima Perkins
7. Alexis Essex
8. Alexis Thomas
9. Martel Carter
10. Tyanada Woods

### Class of 2017

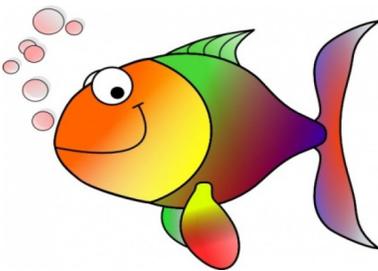
1. Ashani Eichelberger
2. Tiarra Abbott
3. Jamaica Simmons
4. Dy'min Cannon
5. Albert Hannah
6. Diamondique Greenman
7. Cecil Granberry
8. Armariyaun Daniel
9. Trevaundre Evans
10. Da'sjon Perteeet



### Class of 2016

1. Justin Hicks
2. Natasha Whitson
3. Joedel Lowe
4. Algevon Eichelberger
5. Lakia Hamilton
6. Anothony Robinson
7. Ja'la Taylor
8. Vincent Sanchez
9. Te'arija Thomas
10. Alex Mccall

## Salmon Project ~ De'Asia Hart



For the past four years Mr. Servinski's classes have participated in the Salmon project. This project introduces the students to how the fish grow. They are able to observe them transform from eggs to actual fish.

Mr. Servinski gets the fish in November and in May they are released in the Saginaw River at Ojibway Island. It is a really cool opportunity to watch the fish grow. It is not every day that someone can experience this.

## April Fools Day ~ Shemar Hardwick

April Fools Day is celebrated each year on April 1<sup>st</sup>. April 1 is not a national holiday, but is widely recognized as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. These jokes are called April fools.

Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.



## University Highlight (Northwood) ~ Keenan Crayton



Northwood University is located right near us in Midland, MI. This university has a great business academic program and has a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,668 students. The tuition for the 2014-2015 school year will be \$23,132 for both fall and winter semesters.

A graduating high school student interested in enrolling at

Northwood must have a composite ACT score of 16 or higher and a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher. If you are interested in attending this university, I encourage you to schedule a tour of the campus and obtain more information from an admissions representative and/or their website at [www.northwood.edu](http://www.northwood.edu).

## Important Dates ~ Nyashia Williams

Below are some very important dates to place on your calendar for the remainder of the school year.



- ✓ April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter Break (No School)
- ✓ May 9<sup>th</sup>: NHS Assembly
- ✓ May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: Senior Exams
- ✓ May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Senior Prom
- ✓ May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Senior's Last Day
- ✓ May 26<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day (No School)
- ✓ June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Senior Breakfast
- ✓ June 4<sup>th</sup>: Awards Assembly
- ✓ June 5<sup>th</sup>: Graduation



## Maundy Thursday ~ Arianna Jones

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week, more specifically the Thursday before Easter Sunday. It is also known as "Holy Thursday". Maundy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper when Jesus had the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was betrayed and crucified.

Typically Maundy Thursday services are solemn or sad because of the betrayal of Jesus. On the contrary, Easter Sunday is a time of celebration because of the resurrection of Jesus.



**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*

## Scholarships ~ KeShondra Reed

### 1) *Power Poetry "What Would You Change" Scholarship Slam*

**Award:** \$1,000

**Description:** Applicants must submit an original poem about one thing they would change and why.

**Deadline:** April 11, 2014

Administered by Power Poetry

### 2) *Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes*

**Award:** \$2,500

**Description:** Applicants must have shown leadership and courage in developing and implementing an extraordinary service project.

**Deadline:** April 15, 2014

Administered by the Barron Prize

### 3) *9 Beans and a Burrito Foundation Scholarship*

**Award:** \$1,000

**Description:** Applicants must attend an accredited college in the United States.

**Deadline:** April 18, 2014

Administered by 9 Beans and a Burrito Foundation



### 4) *Verbal Ink Transcription Services Scholarship*

**Award:** \$1,500

**Description:** Applicants must submit a story about how language has helped them express their voice.

**Deadline:** April 18, 2014

Administered by Verbal Ink

### 5) *S.O.S. College Scholarship*

**Award:** \$1,000

**Description:** Applicants must have a parent who has battled with cancer and is still living.

**Deadline:** April 20, 2014

Administered by United Cancer Survivors of America

### 6) *Joshua David Gardner Memorial Scholarship*

**Award:** \$2,000

**Description:** Applicants must attend a historically black college or university.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2014

Administered by Joshua David Gardner Memorial Scholarship Endowment

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## Riddles ~ Darren Reason

- What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
- What has ten letters and starts with gas?
- A thief enters a shop and threatens the clerk, forcing him to open the safe. The clerk says, "The code for the safe is different every day, and if you hurt me you'll never get the code". But the thief manages to guess the code on his own. How did he do it?

- A blue man lives in a blue house. A green man lives in a green house. Who lives in the white house?
- You have 2 coins that add up to 35 cents. One of the coins is not a quarter. What kind of coins do you have?

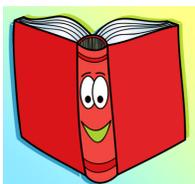


### Answers

- Lunch and dinner!
- An automobile.
- The code is "different." The clerk told him this.
- The president.
- A quarter and a dime. One is not a quarter, but the other is.

### Book Club ~ Darius Culberson

The Saginaw High Book Club meetings take place once a month. The meetings are during upperclassmen lunch and freshmen lunch in room 166, which is in the freshmen wing. This month members will read The Almost Truth by Elieen Cook.



If you enjoy reading and are interested in joining the Book Club, speak with Mrs. Rammler or Ms. Gallandt. It's never too late to join.

### April Weather ~ J'Niyah Lyles

Have you ever wondered why it rains so much during the month of April? The normally dry air being replaced by air that has come up This more moist air is decently strong low-to produce the in- we will notice. Then by summer time the low pressure systems are usually much weaker causing rainfall to be less frequent.



Well, generally it is a result of the seasonal transition. of winter is now much more moist from the South. interacting with pressure systems creased rainfall

### National Signing Day ~ Darrion Buckner

National Signing Day is usually the first Wednesday of February. It is the first day that a high school senior can sign a binding National Letter of Intent to play football for a NCAA college/university. Although all NCAA sports have at least one National Signing Day, and



most have two, college football's version is by far the most widely followed by fans and sports media.

Signing Day is for all the best and talented football players throughout the world. Once you have signed your letter of intent the players will be announce by the coaches of the

college they are going to attend.

Cornerback Keyon Addison and Offensive Lineman Darrion Buckner signed to play for Ferris State University. News photographers were present to capture this fantastic moment of the two signing their letters of intent, enabling them to play football at the next level.

### Remember That?! ~ Michael Rhoden

Remember the cartoon Catdog?! When we were little we couldn't wait to go home and watch it.

Catdog was a cartoon that aired on Nickelodeon. The show Catdog was about a cat and dog that were born stuck together. They were always messing up any



and everything in their neighborhood.

At the time it was always funny to watch what they had up their sleeve for the day. I've always liked that show because of the way they talked and things they did.

## Senior Projects ~ Jamarr York

The Senior Project is the most important project one will complete in high school. It is a required assignment to graduate with your class. Some seniors wait to the last minute to try to complete it, but a Senior Project should not be rushed. Individuals from the community serve as judges, so it is vital that we are fully prepared in order to make a good impression.

The Senior Project is based on what your plans are after you graduate from high

school. It also includes your goals for college and how you plan to remain successful. The first week of May is when the seniors will have to present their project complete. You must check and follow all the requirements that need to be met. A personal statement, abstract, job shadow, career focus paper, career ladder, transcripts, EDP, and test scores must all be present.

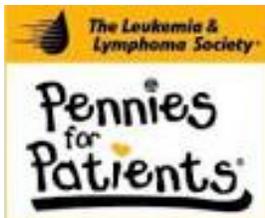
Most kids that are organized in school begin working on their Senior Project early. They

put deep thought in their project because it is important for graduation and it focus on what you plan on doing with your life at the next level. A student that does not do this Senior Project will not be able to graduate with their senior class. Seniors, do your best and good luck!



## Pennies for Patients Campaign ~ Jayla Finch

During the month of March each 4<sup>th</sup> hour class participated in the Pennies for Patients Drive. During the three-week drive, SHS was hoping to raise \$350 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To be eligible for the pasta



lunch each fourth hour had to do the following:

1. Raise at least \$10
2. Raise the most money during the drive. Money could be either change or dollar bills.

Extra money could be earned for each of the following:

- a. Winning the slogan contest (\$10): **Ms. DeBusschere**
- b. Winning the poster contest (\$10) : **Ms. Terry**
- c. Raising the most money per student (\$10): **Mr. Ueberroth**

SHS raised the total of **\$474.63**.

## Good Friday ~ Karrie Bell

Good Friday is a religious holiday observed by Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death on Calvary. It is during Holy Week and is preceded by Easter Sunday. Good Friday is not a federal holiday, but is celebrated in some states. Today some Christians will attend church service or prayer vigils. Some business, public schools, colleges and some stores are closed on Friday - including Saginaw Public Schools.



## Senior Information ~ Vanessa Stacey

**May 6- May 8, 2014**

Prom dress approval

**March 6- May 2, 2014**

SHS Prom guest application submission

**April 22- 25, 2014**

Mock Senior Project

**May 5- 8 2014**

Senior Project Presentations 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**April 28-May 21, 2014**

Senior Prom Ticket Sales \$55/ticket



### Teacher Tribute (Mrs. Herta) ~ Bria Smith

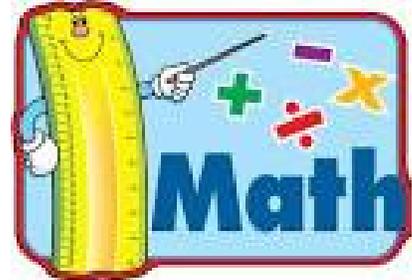
Mrs. Herta has been teaching for 21 years. She has 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy). Her oldest daughter is thought to be imaginary because no one at Saginaw High has ever seen her.

Mrs. Herta has been happily married for 20 years. She lives in Flint, MI, where she was born and raised. In elementary and middle school she attended Holy Redeemer and for high

school she attended Flint Powers. Out of all 4 of her sisters 3 of them are teachers. Her parents currently live in the sunshine state of Florida. Her hobbies include crafting such as sewing, crocheting, and knitting.

When asked what inspired her to become a teacher, she replied: "My high school biology teacher asked me to teach a lesson for her one day and I enjoyed

it." Since that day she knew that she wanted to be a teacher. Mrs. Herta is one of the best math teachers at Saginaw High School.



### Horoscopes ~ Robert Mason

Aries is the horoscope for people who were born from March 21<sup>st</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Most Aries are energetic people, and try to spread positivity. However, they are really quick to jump to conclusions. Being an Aries you need to learn to count to 200, and walk away.

Here is a positive piece of advice for Aries today. "You need to be careful about aggression today, both yours and people around you! Let's just calm down and walk away. Don't turn a minor disagreement into full on raging brawls.

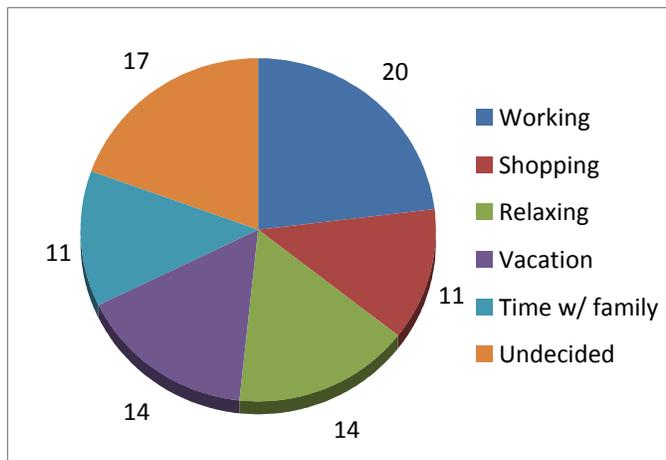
### Counselor Corner ~ Briana Anderson

Students please keep the following information in mind as we finish the last 9 weeks of the school year.

- PLATO credit recovery meets every Tuesday & Thursday in the computer lab room 254.
- April 9th Wayne State University trip
- April 16th ALL 9th graders take the Explore test.
- April 17th University of Michigan trip.
- April 23rd Michigan State University trip.
- May 1st 7th-8th grade Reuben Daniels students visit SHS.

### Spring Break Plans ~ Ruby Vann

Prior to spring break, I asked various students, teachers, and staff members their plans for Spring Break. The graph provides a description of what our Trojan family did. I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break!



### Poetry Corner ~ Bria Smith

#### Spring

It's spring, it's spring  
Oh I just can't wait  
To find fruits on the vases  
And flowers on my plate



I want to hear the warm sun  
And feel the robin singing  
Watch the scent of the flowers  
And smell the butterflies flying

It's spring, it's spring  
I'm so full of glee  
For the people will bloom  
And the flowers will be happy

The gray fields shall be covered  
With the magic of the meadow  
And the brown sky shall be painted  
With the blossoms of the rainbow

It's spring, it's spring  
How can I be blue?  
For it is the time of spring  
And only the spring brings you

Arvie Calimlim



### Scripture of the Month ~ Arianna Jones

#### Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.



#### Quote of the Month ~ Tayla Lowe

"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself; for I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition."

-Martha Washington



### ACT Testing @ SHS ~ Briana Anderson

Saginaw High School is an official testing site for the ACT! There is only one more testing date available; so if you would like to take the ACT again this will be your last chance. Register today @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Remember our test center code is: 215460. Good luck students on the ACT!

#### Test Date:

June 14, 2014

#### Regular Deadline:

May 9, 2014

#### Late Fee Required:

May 10-23, 2014

### NCAA Tournament ~ DeMarquise Abraham

March Madness was exactly what it was chalked up to be. In the early rounds the Cinderellas were dancing. Fourteen seed Mercer University pulled off an amazing upset over the 3 seed Duke Blue Devils.



The round of 32 saw the 2 seed Kansas Jayhawks fall to 10 seed Stanford. The Dayton flyers

punched their ticket to the Elite 8 upsetting Ohio State and Syracuse on the way.

Despite all the madness, at the end there could only be four. Florida, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Kentucky were the last four standing. In the first semi final Connecticut knocked off 1 overall seed Florida in impressive fashion. Kentucky knocked off the

Badgers to become the second youngest team to make the finals.

Connecticut defeated Kentucky 60-54 to win the 2014 Men's Basketball National Championship. Shabazz Napier was dominant for the Huskies and finished with 22 points and six rebounds. This is Connecticut's fourth title and the second for the Final Four most valuable player Shabazz Napier.

## Interesting Facts ~ Prezetta McCall

- The only state in the U.S that grows coffee beans is Hawaii in what's known locally as the Kona district. Hawaiians usually call coffee Kope and Hawaiian coffee is some of the most expensive in the world.
- England is smaller than the state of Florida by 15,409 square miles.
- USGA regulation golf balls have 336 dimples, which add turbulence for more distance.
- The Mona Lisa doesn't have eyebrows or eyelashes.
- Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil. To make 1 pound of honey, bees would have to visit over 2 million flowers.



- The Oilbird (oil bird) is the loudest bird with high pitched clicking sounds.
- According to a new study, next day soreness after hard work or exercising can be greatly reduced by drinking watermelon juice prior. Watermelon juice is rich in amino acid.
- It takes about 7 strawberries to equal the amount of vitamin C in one orange about 3 inches in diameter.
- The very first food eaten by a U.S astronaut in outer space was apple sauce.
- Did you know that the very first lemon seeds were brought to the Americas by Christopher Columbus?

## SHS Graduation Requirements ~ Malik Jordan

4 Credits	English (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)
3 Credits	Science *Biology *Physics or Chemistry
4 Credits	Mathematics (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) *Algebra I *Geometry I *Algebra II
3 Credits	Social Studies *U.S History (9) *World History (10) *Government/Economics (11)
½ Credit	Health
½ Credit	Physical Education (Gym)
½ Credit	Computer Education
1 Credit	Visual Performing & Applied Arts
2 Credits	*Foreign Language & Applied Arts *Career & Tech. Education <u>or</u> *Fine Arts <u>or</u> *Practical Arts



### Additional Graduation Requirements

Successfully complete:

- \*An approved Online Learning Experience
- \*A Job Shadow Experience
- \*The MI Merit Exam/ ACT with Endorsement in Reading (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- \*Presentation of Senior Project (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

