Welcome to Parent Fish Camp!

Seven Lakes High School
Class of 2023

Ms. Kerri Finnesand, Principal
Dr. Diana Sarao, 9th Grade Assistant Principal

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Principal’s Message

Ms. Kerri Finnesand
Today’s Topics

- Welcome to SLHS!
- PTSA
- Groups, Clubs, & Athletics
- Academics
- Assessments
- Communication

- Cars, Busses, & Bikes
- Schedules & Lockers
- Attendance & Dress Code
- Lunches
- Important Dates
9th Grade Assistant Principal

Dr. Diana Sarao
Celebrating our Success!

SLHS is ranked #2 Houston Public School in the metro area by 2019 Niche Best Schools!

Honoring the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas, the UIL Lone Star Cup is open to all UIL participant high schools. SLHS ranked highest in Katy ISD and #14 in the state!
Welcome to SLHS!

Link to video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=XPEYY4NY22M
SLHS by the Numbers

- 7 > 5
- 1000: Freshmen
- 15th year of building
- 38: Individual and Team State Championships
- 280: Admin, Teachers, Support Staff, Security
- 3800: SLHS Students
- 60: Clubs, Teams, and Groups
Seven Lakes High School
Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Why PTSA?

- Advocates for EVERY child
- Educational Programs for Students and Parents
- Student Scholarships
- Teacher/Staff Support

Join the PTSA today!
SLHS PTSA Needs YOU!

1. Membership- Joinpta.org
2. Donate- Write a Check Campaign
3. Volunteer
PTSA General Meeting

September 5th at 6:30 pm

Freshmen Commons

Homecoming 101
PTSA: Stay Connected!

Stay Connected:

www.sevenlakesptsa.com
@SevenLakesHSPTSA
@SevenLakesPTSA
@SevenLakesPTSA

REMIND: Text '@ptsa-slhs' to 81010
Volunteering at SLHS

Parent volunteers are welcome at SL in all areas!

Library, Spar Mart, Office, Workroom, Academic Decathlon, Speech and Debate, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theatre, Athletics, Project Prom, FFA, Spartans Out Serving, Sapphires, and more!

There is a place here at SL for your service. Join us! For more information, pick up a Volunteer Form in the Front Office or email PTSAVIPS@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Please keep track of your volunteer hours for SL and email those in charge at the end of each month at PTSAVIPS@yahoo.com.
Important Names & Faces
# SLHS Administrative Team

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# 9th Grade Counselors and Secretary

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Class of 2023
9th Grade Center Staff

Ms. Trotter
Administrative Assistant

Ms. Lynch
Receptionist

Ms. McDowell
Attendance

Class of 2023
9th Grade Center Nurse

Ms. Pillsbury
Groups, Clubs, & Athletics
Involvement = Connected = Success

Approximately 60 Teams, Clubs, & Organizations

- Academic Decathlon
- American Sign Language
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Best Buddies
- Cheerleading
- Choir
- Chinese Cultural Club
- Colorguard
- Comedy Sportz
- Computer Science Club
- Cross Country
- Spartanaires
- Sapphires
- FBLA
- French Club
- HOSA
- Interact
- Jazz Band
- Model United Nations
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National FFA
- Science Olympiad
- Spanish Club
- Spanish NHS
- Speech and Debate Team
- Student Council & SOS
- Studio VII
- Theatre
- Technology Student Association
- Tennis
- Thespian Troupe 7014
- Track and Field
- UIL Academics
- Volleyball
- Winter Guard
- Wrestling
Athletics

- Information on tryouts coming up (cut and no-cut sports)
- Be sure to attend the sport’s Parent Meeting
- Help your 9th grader manage his or her time (practice and game schedules are much more demanding)
- Reinforce the UIL No Pass, No Play rule.
Student Council & Spartans Out Serving

● Student council serves SLHS with event planning and school spirit opportunities.

● Spartans Out Serving is a committee that recognizes and supports community service done both in and out of school.

● Make this a goal and start giving back to your community!

Student Council Sponsors: Ms. Kelli Barnett & Ms. Kirsten Hampshire
Class of 2023 Sponsors: Ms. Stephanie Escobar & Ms. Vanessa Weir
Class Officer Elections

- Elections for Freshmen positions occur during Freshmen Academy on October 16th.
- Candidate information packets will be available in the 9th Grade Office.
- All students will be eligible to vote through the class page of their Canvas app.
SPARTAN SHIELD CODE
Stay Classy Seven Lakes!

HONOR
✓ A Spartan takes ownership for their actions.
✓ A Spartan stands by their word.
✓ A Spartan holds him/herself accountable.
✓ A Spartan displays a positive attitude.
✓ A Spartan is courteous, respectful, patient, and kind to all, even if they are not in return.

INTEGRITY
✓ A Spartan does what is right when no one is watching.
✓ A Spartan consistently shows good character.
✓ A Spartan matches their positive values to their actions.
✓ A Spartan knows how to be authentic.

HUMANITY
✓ A Spartan treats others with respect.
✓ A Spartan is empathetic.
✓ A Spartan shows compassion for others.
✓ A Spartan demonstrates kindness.
✓ A Spartan is helpful to any who asks for assistance, even when it is inconvenient.
Character Strong

“When we teach the whole child, the whole school benefits.”

- Cultivating a culture of character and developing social-emotional skills
- Kindness, service, empathy
- Facilitated by SL Teachers
- 6-8 Lessons per semester- bi-weekly on Wednesdays
9th Grade Academic Strategies

- Attend tutorials before and after school
- Attend Power Wednesday tutorials
- Take good notes and learn how to review them
- Be organized and have the right materials
- Take advantage of re-testing
- Eliminate the zeroes
- Use Canvas pages
7 Habits of Successful Spartans

- Go to class on time (value each minute)
- Do your homework (have a routine)
- Attend tutorials regularly (not just at end of grading cycle)
- Listen in class (and ask questions)
- Take good notes (always have supplies)
- Ask for help (peers, teachers, coaches)
- Always retest (every time below a 70)
Home Access Center

- Access and monitor:
  - Current grades and upcoming assignments
  - Set up email alerts when your child's grade goes below a certain grade
  - Attendance
  - Update contact information

Don’t have username or password? Visit SL 9th Grade Center.
Katy ISD Family Nights

- Family Nights on 6 Wednesdays throughout the year
- No homework will be assigned
- Practices and activities at 7L will be complete by 5:00 pm.
  - September 18
  - October 16
  - December 4
  - January 22
  - March 4
  - May 6
Advanced Academics

- PreAP and Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Dual Credit Courses- Cooperative program between Katy ISD and HCC
- Participation = foundation of college readiness
- Students enrolled in Advanced Academic courses are more likely to complete a bachelor’s degree and typically have higher college GPAs
Earning College Credit

- HCC college-level academic credit is transferable to public colleges in Texas as either core or elective credit
- Student must meet participation requirements
- Compliance with dual credit policies and procedures
How You Start Your HS Career MATTERS

- GPA
- Writing Skills
- School and Community Involvement
- SAT/PSAT
- Plan for College
Assessments
SLHS Re-Testing Procedures

- Students have the option to retest when they make a failing grading on any major category assignment.
- The maximum grade on the retest is a 70.
- Students must attend a tutorial session before a retest.
- Students should have no zeros on any assignment for that grading period.
- Retesting occurs on a date prior to the next major test/project, and as determined by the subject area teachers.

Students may not retake a final exam.
# Finals and Exemptions

## Comprehensive Finals
- 90 minutes
- Cannot be taken early (please check dates before planning vacations)
- December 16-20, 2019

## Exemptions
- One per semester during the freshmen year.
- Attendance, tardies, and discipline affect exemptions.
- “N” or “U” in conduct results in ineligibility from exemption in that class
Power Reviews

- Scheduled the week before final exams
- Focused study session / prep session for the final exams
- Takes place after school and Saturday morning
Stay Connected and in the Know!

@SLHS2023
#7LakesHS

Canvas for Announcements

eNews from SLHS
If you are not receiving eNews, sign up by visiting the SLHS website: click Parent Resources Tab, then click “eNews.”
Making Appointments

1. Start with a call or email to the teacher or counselor.
2. Call or email Dr. Sarao with specific concerns at dianapsarao@katyisd.org.
3. Drop in visits to teachers, counselors, or AP are very difficult to accommodate. Contact the teacher, Mrs. Whittington (counselors’ secretary), or my secretary, Mrs. Trotter, for appointments.

The 9th Grade phone number is 281-237-2950.
Cars, Busses, and Bikes
Car Rider

- Front of 9th Grade Center
- No student drop off in the back
- Follow traffic flow
- Times:
  - AM Drop off: 6:50-7:20
  - PM Pick up: 2:35-3:00
- Turn Right on Fry Road
Bus Riders

- Check Katy ISD website for routes.
- Busses load/unload near covered walkway in the back of the school.
- Breakfast is served in both Commons at 7:00.
- Students should go directly to busses at 2:35.
- Busses roll at 2:45 daily. Once signal is given no students will be permitted to board due to the safety of all.
Bus Riders

- If a student is to ride a different bus than normal, a written note from a parent is required to be turned in to the 9th grade office at the beginning of the day.
- We will confirm by phone before approving the note.
- Students should pick up the approved note at lunch and present it to the bus driver at the end of the day.
- Principal approval is required for changes in transportation. Thank you for your cooperation.
Bus Riders- EduLog lite

• Parents can now track bus status and receive notifications with *EduLog Lite* app.

• For more information, visit: http://tinyurl.com/KatyEduLog
Register Your Child!

- If you have not received your code, contact our Registrars:
  - Stacey Zudock- 281.237.2805
  - Jane Welborn- 281.237.2914

From: Katy ISD Registration <noreplyregistration@powerschool.com>
Date: July 30, 2019 at 15:56:03 CDT
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Katy ISD Annual Student Update for Michael Sarao - ACTION REQUIRED

Katy Independent School District - Annual Student Update

Para ver este correo electrónico en español, por favor desplácese hacia abajo

This message is to inform you that Leonard Elementary will be utilizing PowerSchool Enrollment to update your student's information for the 2019-2020 school year. Your Annual Student Update for Michael Sarao at Leonard Elementary is now available online.

Please note a few items, before you get started:

- If you are not returning to Katy ISD for the 2019 - 2020 school year, please contact your child's campus for withdrawal information.
- If your address has changed since last year AND you are returning to Katy ISD, you must provide proof of residency to your child's campus, prior to the first day of school, which is August 14, 2019.

How do I get started:

Click here to get started: https://registration.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?snapcode=spdmxmg497kdpdp

OR

Visit www.katyisd.org/registration and click the Annual Student Update link.

Then, enter your student's snapcode: [Redacted]
Schedules

- All students will receive schedules at Spartan Spectacular. These schedules may change after Spartan Spectacular as classes are balanced. All students receive a new schedule on the first day of school.
- Change forms provided at Spartan Spectacular
- No elective changes
- Students must put in a change request by August 21 at 3:00 pm.
Schedule Changes granted for:

- Missing a core class
- Class missing, such as 7 classes and a lunch
- Already have credit for that class
- Fine Arts or Athletics change (approval)
- GT students must exit program with an exit form to move
- Students new to KISD must rescreen to enter GT program
Walking the Schedule

It is strongly encouraged that students pick up their schedules at Spartan Spectacular and walk their schedule. Maps labeled with room numbers and teachers names will be provided.
Lockers

- Students will receive locker number and combination at Spartan Spectacular.
- This information will be printed on the schedule.
Attendance, Tardies, and Dress Code
Attendance

- Students may NOT leave the campus or building at any time for any reason during the school day without checking through the Attendance Office.

- If a student arrives to school after 7:35, they must sign in at the Attendance Office before going to class.

- A student planning to leave school during the day must obtain an Early Dismissal slip from the Attendance Office prior to 7:30 am the day of the appointment. A dates and signed notes from the parent/guardian noting the time and reason for the early dismissal is required.

- Only a parent/guardian may pick up a student.

Visit “Parents” tab on SLHS Website for more information about attendance.
SLHS Tardy Procedures

- Students sign a clipboard if they enter a classroom late. Tardies accumulate over the semester and consequences begin on the 4th tardy.

- Tardies affect conduct grades as well. A student earns an “N” in conduct with 4-7 tardies and a “U” with 8 tardies.

- *N’s and U’s do affect eligibility for many honor programs and exemptions.
SLHS Dress Code

- Full dress code policy is on the Katy ISD website.
- All students will be required to wear their student ID on a lanyard.
- Shirts with references about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, obscene language, or any writing that disrupts school operation is not allowed.
- Undershirts, tank tops, blouses or clothing that exposes the midriff when the arms are raised are not to be worn.
- Pajama pants are not allowed.
- Hats, caps, and bandanas, shall not be worn inside.
- No holes or tears above mid-thigh are acceptable unless worn over leggings or tights.
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be mid-thigh in length.
SLHS Dress Code- Student IDs

- Students must wear their school-issued ID on a lanyard around their neck.
- Primary purpose = safety
- Students who forget their student ID can rent one from the 9th Grade Office for $1.
- Students who repeatedly are not wearing their student ID will receive discipline consequences.
Lunch, Deliveries, & Phone
Lunch Deliveries and Regular Deliveries

- Deliveries will be accepted in the 9th grade office before 10:00
- This should be limited to special or emergency needs
- We deliver to students at lunches only
- No outside vendor deliveries are permitted
- Students cannot use food Apps to deliver such as UberEATS
Cell Phones

- Students are allowed to use their devices before school, during lunch, and in between classes.
- Each teacher will set rules for appropriate use of devices during instructional time.
- Students are encouraged to check Canvas frequently.
- Any lost or possibly stolen device is very difficult to recover. Please stress responsibility of these expensive personal items.
The Foundation High School Plan
The Foundation High School Plan

- All students will declare an endorsement and it can be changed at any time.

- Endorsement options are:
  - STEM
  - Public Services
  - Business and Industry
  - Arts and Humanity
  - Multidisciplinary Studies

- You can read more at [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org)
Freshmen Resource Guide

- Will be distributed through ELA classes by the end of the first six weeks
- Will be posted on the SLHS website under the freshmen tab
Important Dates

- Spartan Spectacular: Thursday, August 8 from 6:00-8:00 PM
- First Day of School: Wednesday, August 14
- SLHS Open House: Wednesday, August 28
  - 4:30-6:00 (Option 1)
  - 7:00-8:30 (Option 2)
- Homecoming Week, September 23-27
- Homecoming Parade, September 25 at 6:00 pm
Class of 2023 T-Shirts

Class shirts are available tonight and at Spartan Spectacular on Thursday, August 8, 2019 for $20.