



# THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

Shady Side Academy Parents' Newsletter

## Recaps & Good News

Sept. 9, 2021



Dear Shady Side Families,

As our nation commemorates the 20th anniversary of 9/11 this weekend, our students, especially our younger ones, will likely find themselves confronting a disquieting historical event they did not live through and struggle to understand.

Pediatricians, school counselors, and child psychologists encourage parents and teachers to curate information about traumatic events like 9/11 and present it in age-appropriate ways that children can adjust to and cope with, typically offering some version of the straightforward guidance below:

Start by finding out what a child has already heard and ask them what questions they have.

1. Provide honest, simple answers, sharing accurate but basic information.
2. Protect children from graphic images or unnecessary details about the tragic circumstances.
3. Reassure children that such events are rare. Let them know they are cared for and safe.
4. Use family traditions and beliefs as a way to find meaning and comfort.

Though our students were not alive at the time, 9/11 and its impact have shaped them and the future they will inherit in ways we are only now growing to appreciate. When they confront or inquire about these events, we serve them by providing constructive responses and opportunities to observe and reflect upon this significant day in American history.

Please join me this weekend in remembering all those who gave their lives on September 11, 2001.

Sincerely,

Bart Griffith '93  
President

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### [SSA Names Jim Reeder Director of Campus Safety and Security](#)

Reeder will oversee safety and security operations across all four SSA campuses to ensure a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, visitors and property.

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### [Celebrating the First Week of School](#)

View photos and videos of the first week of school at each campus.

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### [Freshman Organizes Multi-Charity Event That Raises More Than \\$2,900](#)

Sonia Kshirsagar organized the 2nd Annual BYSC Multi-Charity Block Party, which raised \$2,926 plus a truckload of donations for the Free Store Wilksburg, Homeless Children's Education Fund and Living in Liberty. Fifteen other SSA students volunteered at the event.

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### [New Cooperative Sponsorship Enables The Neighborhood Academy Students to Join Shady Side Academy Football Team](#)

SSA has welcomed 11 students from TNA to the Bulldogs football team this summer as part of a new PIAA and WPIAL-approved co-op.

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### [Shady Side Academy Announces Partnership With BSN Sports, Under Armour](#)

New partnership will outfit SSA athletic teams in Under Armour gear and includes the Women of Will athletic sponsorship program as an extra benefit for girls' sports.

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### [Rising Senior Wins National Championship in Rowing](#)

Lauren Jochims and her boat partner won the Youth Women's 2x title at the USROWing Youth National Regatta in June.

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### [New Endowed Faculty Chair in English](#)

The Dr. Craig T. Kerins '63 Chair of English will assure exceptional instruction in English through the ongoing recruitment and retention of superior faculty. Senior School English Teacher Jeff Miller was named the inaugural Kerins Chair.

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## Middle and Country Day School Address Changes

The Middle School's street address changed from 500 Squaw Run Road East to 100 Benedum Lane. The SSA Country Day School campus address changed from 620 Squaw Run Road East to 400 Christ Church Lane.

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## Country Day School Daisy Troop Participates in Food Rescue

The troop transported and distributed five pallets of food to communities experiencing food insecurity.

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## Senior School Band Summer Jam Sessions

Senior School band students and alumni gathered on Sunday nights during the summer for jam sessions with band teacher Stan Nevola.

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## Middle School Ice Cream Socials

Middle School students and families had the opportunity to meet each other and enjoy treats and games outdoors at two ice cream socials on Aug. 28-29.

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## Freshman Wins First Place at Millennium DanceSport Championships

Rachel Poltinnikov earned first place for her solo dance to "I'll Make A Man Out of You" from Disney's Mulan at the ballroom dance competition.

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[VIDEO: Noah Delisma Senior School Convocation Address 2021](#)

[VIDEO: SSA Summer: Camp Ren Mega Slip N Slide](#)



Wednesday - September 8, 2021

[Field Hockey - Varsity Girls vs. Pine-Richland High School \(Away\)](#)

Loss

1-2

[Soccer - Varsity Girls vs. Fox Chapel Area Senior High School \(Away\)](#)

Loss

0-1

Friday - September 3, 2021

[Football - Varsity Boys vs. Springdale Junior/Senior High School \(Away\)](#)

Loss

12-40

[Field Hockey - Varsity Girls vs. Aquinas Academy-Gibsonia \(Away\)](#)

Win

2-1

Tuesday - August 31, 2021

[Golf - Varsity Boys vs. Kiski Area High School \(Away\)](#)

Win

206-236

Monday - August 30, 2021

[Golf - Varsity Boys vs. Freeport Area HS \(Away\)](#)

Win

207-219

Friday - August 27, 2021

[Golf - Varsity Boys vs. Knoch High School \(Home\)](#)

Win

187-237

Thursday - August 26, 2021

[Golf - Varsity Girls vs. Butler Area School District \(Away\)](#)

Loss

218-183



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