

School News

School Senior Project Exhibitions

Essential Questions

	Date	Time	Room
What skills and techniques do you need to successfully paint autobodies?	5/18	11:40 AM	221
How does one become an intermediate guitar player?	5/18	11:40 AM	207
How do you design and build a modified post and beam shed?	5/18	11:40 AM	208
How does gravity affect the universe?	5/18	11:40 AM	202
What are the basic skills, tools and training one needs to become a pastry chef?	5/18	11:40 AM	204
How does one build an environmentally sustainable outdoor swinging bench?	5/18	12:40 PM	202
What is the process of starting a catering business?	5/18	12:40 PM	206
How does one effectively write and illustrate a captivating children's story?	5/18	12:40 PM	204
How does Styrofoam effect the environment?	5/18	12:40 PM	205
What impact has society and culture had on fairy tales since the 17th century?	5/18	12:40 PM	207
How is a Shaker style table designed and built?	5/18	12:40 PM	208
How does one construct a bass guitar?	5/18	12:40 PM	221
What skills and techniques are necessary in successfully preparing a variety of cakes?	5/18	1:40 PM	207
In what ways does shaping your own surfboard enhance your surfing?	5/18	1:40 PM	221
How does one raise awareness on global warming for elementary school children?	5/18	1:40 PM	230
How does the awareness of animal abuse help to reduce it?	5/18	1:40 PM	208
What is the pedagogy behind teaching Shaolin Kempo Karate to teenagers?	5/18	1:40 PM	204
What offensive strategies are most affective against man to man or zone defense?	5/18	1:40 PM	205
How does one become a United States Air Force fighter pilot?	5/18	1:40 PM	202
How can you be environmentally conscious through your clothing?	5/19	7:40 AM	205
How can food affect one's overall physical and mental health?	5/19	7:40 AM	230
What makes an effective talk box?	5/19	7:40 AM	206
What is the biochemistry behind effective weight lifting?	5/19	7:40 AM	208
How does one create an investment plan?	5/19	7:40 AM	202
Is it possible to create a believable fake of a North American Great Ape footprint cast?	5/19	7:40 AM	221
How can I provide a medium through which Souhegan students can share their creative work?	5/19	7:40 AM	207
How can one create quality video visual effects on a low budget?	5/19	8:40 AM	202
How does one write and illustrate a children's book?	5/19	8:40 AM	230
What are submersion injuries and how can one effectively raise awareness about it in his/her community?	5/19	8:40 AM	206
Does the behavior of migratory birds vary from their summer to their winter habitats?	5/19	8:40 AM	205
How does one write and direct a documentary film?	5/19	8:40 AM	207
How does an independent artist record and produce music?	5/19	8:40 AM	221
How does one get one's parachuting license?	5/19	9:40 AM	207
Why is it necessary to adopt a race horse?	5/19	9:40 AM	222
What factors influence a parent's decision when choosing the most compatible pediatrician?	5/19	9:40 AM	206
How does one build an affordable home computer?	5/19	9:40 AM	202
How can I incorporate the elements of pre-genocidal Armenian fiction into my own piece of writing?	5/19	9:40 AM	230
How does one prepare for ice fishing in New England?	5/19	9:40 AM	221
How do the elements of fiction combine into making a short story?	5/19	9:40 AM	208
How does one truly "Free Ski."	5/19	11:40 AM	205
What are the aspects of a speaker that produce good sound quality?	5/19	11:40 AM	206
How does one write a fantasy novel?	5/19	11:40 AM	221
How can a student with disabilities be involved/participate in a general education culinary class?	5/19	11:40 AM	204
What is the reality of crime scene investigation, not seen on television?	5/19	11:40 AM	230
How can math and physics help one complete snowboard tricks?	5/19	11:40 AM	202
What is in your food?	5/19	12:40 PM	230
What are the basics of learning hip-hop dance and how can one apply them and other styles to create their own dance routine?	5/19	12:40 PM	208
How can one properly prepare himself for a survival situation?	5/19	12:40 PM	206
How does one develop film in a dark room to get the image they desire?	5/19	12:40 PM	205
How does one create an original recipe in the regional style of a country?	5/19	12:40 PM	202
What is involved in designing an inclusive educational program for students with disabilities?	5/19	12:40 PM	221
What is the process of getting an on-site child care center?	5/19	1:40 PM	205
How Can one effectively reduce their carbon footprint while saving money and making the household more energy efficient?	5/19	1:40 PM	206
What is the process of designing, creating and applying ski graphics?	5/19	1:40 PM	204
How does one prepare a puppy for the guiding eyes program?	5/19	1:40 PM	207
How can painting be used as an art therapy medium?	5/19	1:40 PM	208
What is required to organize a cost efficient weekend trip?	5/19	1:40 PM	221
How does one properly manage Type One diabetes while participating in athletics?	5/19	1:40 PM	230
How does a wildlife photographer best capture its subject's natural behavior?	5/20	7:40 AM	230
How does one teach and choreograph improvisational dance?	5/20	7:40 AM	202
How can education about sustainable agriculture be used to mitigate poverty?	5/20	7:40 AM	207
What have American presidents done to erode trust?	5/20	7:40 AM	204
"What does a successful writing tutor need to know?"	5/20	7:40 AM	205
How do woman fit into the criminal justice system, specifically the legal profession as lawyers?	5/20	7:40 AM	208
What makes a children's book a classic?	5/20	7:40 AM	206
How can action and emotion be captured and exhibited in photography?	5/20	8:40 AM	205
How is polling used in the election process?	5/20	8:40 AM	204
How does one design and build a bike for a specific style of riding?	5/20	8:40 AM	206
How does one write and produce a television pilot?	5/20	8:40 AM	207
How does one successfully self-teach an instrument with prior musical experience.	5/20	8:40 AM	221
How does one effectively teach a basic color theory lesson?	5/20	8:40 AM	230
How can refugee children in the Manchester area be helped to adjust to their new life?	5/20	9:40 AM	208
How can one effectively improve the ability of a student to overcome their attention issues and be successful?	5/20	9:40 AM	206
What is the procedure for creating an electric guitar pedal board suitable for performance?	5/20	9:40 AM	230
How does one plan and lead a winter hiking/backpacking expedition?	5/20	9:40 AM	205
How does one start a small business in New Hampshire?	5/20	9:40 AM	221
What does one become a cake decorator?	5/20	9:40 AM	207
How does a novice snowboarder safely prepare and compete in competition?	5/20	9:40 AM	204
What is the most effective way to teach the guitar and how can that information be collected into a method book?	5/20	9:40 AM	222
What protocols must a police officer follow in to effectively assess the scene of an accident in order to understand it's causes?	5/20	11:40 AM	204
What is required to organize and host a charity golf tournament?	5/20	11:40 AM	207
How does supplementation effect a workout regimen?	5/20	11:40 AM	221
Is creative writing relevant to students who don't plan to write creatively ...?	5/20	11:40 AM	230
How does one successfully restore an antique banjo to working condition?	5/20	11:40 AM	202
What neurological processes occur while one is not awake?	5/20	11:40 AM	206
How can architecture promote sustainability?	5/20	12:40 PM	204
How does on create a computer that will meet ones entertainment needs and still be cost efficient?	5/20	12:40 PM	207
What elements are essential for effective teaching at an inclusionary school?	5/20	12:40 PM	221
How can one design a child's bedroom incorporating eco-friendly materials?	5/20	12:40 PM	208
How can one acquire and perform the art of disc jockeying?	5/20	12:40 PM	230
How does one design and build an outside volleyball court that can be used by the school and community members?	5/20	12:40 PM	206
How do you protect the rocker panels and doors on a Jeep from off-road abuse?	5/20	12:40 PM	202
How does one successfully coach a middle school dance team to enhance the self-esteem and confidence of each girl?	5/20	1:40 PM	202
How does law enforcement use forensic evidence to solve a crime?	5/20	1:40 PM	208
What are the obstacles that a high school student with type 1 diabetes encounters and how can they be overcome?	5/20	1:40 PM	206
How is mathematics used to prove a theorem?	5/20	1:40 PM	204
How can one teach another to create an original stand up comedy routine?	5/20	1:40 PM	230
What materials and programming is necessary to promote understanding of the negative experiences of homosexuals and transgender people?	5/20	1:40 PM	205
How does one effectively market a concert?	5/20	1:40 PM	207

Students in the News

Amherst Student Graduates from Vanderbilt U

Timothy Patrick Watts Sullivan is graduating cum laude from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN with a dual major in Economics and European Studies. Tim will be studying International Business Law at Fordham University School of Law in Manhattan this coming fall. He graduated high school from St. Georges School in Newport, RI. Tim is the son of John and Melanie Sullivan, Amherst.

Cornell University Announces 2009 Graduates

Cornell University is pleased to announce that Kathryn Wilich

Woodbury of Amherst will be presented for graduation with the Class of 2009 during Commencement ceremonies in Ithaca, N.Y., May 24, 2009. Kathryn will receive a bachelor of science degree in policy analysis and management.

Westfield State College Names Local Student to Dean's List

Westfield State College in Westfield, MA., has recently named local student Adam Hey, of Amherst to the Dean's List of the fall 2008 semester. Adam is currently majoring in business management.

To receive Dean's List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0 (C), and have no incomplete grades.

From the Office of The Superintendent of Schools SAU 39

Souhegan Students "Stand and Deliver"



Souhegan High School seniors will be involved in the capstone experience of their twelve years in school during Senior Project Week beginning Thursday, May 14th through Wednesday, May 20th. They will present their projects to the community on Thursday evening, May 21st. Each of them must present a senior project to their peers, families, and a panel of educators and must pass this project in order to graduate from SHS. Most college graduates in our community were not required to exhibit their learning in such a public, high-stakes way whether as under graduates or even as graduate students. But for SAU39 students, they have been preparing in many ways for this exhibit of their learning.

Consider that first grade student who is carefully guided through her "show and tell" presentation. Or those upper elementary students who proudly exhibit and explain their projects at the science fair and the invention convention. And the middle school research teams who spend weeks researching international charitable institutions and present their findings to their classmates at an Ox-fam banquet. Throughout high school, students are graded in every class according to seven learner expectations, one of which is "effective communicator/producer."

The arts always have been in the business of presenting learning publicly. The months of May and June are filled with concerts and art shows that not only entertain, but also show off hard-earned skills. By the time a music student makes it to his or her last concert at Souhegan, she has been on stage over a dozen times...each time more familiar with her surroundings.

With this background, most Souhegan students will stand and deliver their senior project with ease and confidence. Our graduates often report that at college they are head and shoulders above their classmates in communications skills their freshmen year. Thank you faculty and parents who have contributed to this. We've all worked hard to find something worth saying and then saying it well. Good luck to all seniors in the final lap of their years with us!

Mary Athey Jennings, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Students Can Make a Difference

By ANJA NELSON

To all students aged eight through eighteen, lunch time is a sacred period to rest from the strenuous school day currently underway. But a number of students at Souhegan High School volunteer this precious block twice a week to a club known as Ethics Forum. The Forum, established by senior seminar teacher Chris Brooks but essentially run by students, chooses a cause to focus on each year, and fundraises throughout the year to achieve a goal surrounding this cause. The students this year selected Schools for Salone.

Schools for Salone is "...a non-profit organization committed to helping Sierra Leoneans rebuild the many rural schools destroyed during their country's ten year long civil war that ended in 2002," according to their website, www.schoolsfor-salone.org. The students found this worthy cause through presentations made to the junior World Literature/World Studies classes. Through a series of fundraisers, the Ethics Forum has raised hundreds of dollars to help buy books for the schools.

The fundraisers included an "ice cream social" at Coldstone Creamery, a Valentine's Day fundraiser in which carnations were sold, and an event at Uno's Chicago Grill where 20% of profits on one night were

donated to the forum. Students donate time, both twice a week during lunch and countless hours outside of school, with the encouragement of Souhegan to help make a difference in the global community. The next event planned is the big finale to the year, and will hopefully be as enormous a success as it has been in the past.

This culmination of nine months worth of work is a concert, aptly named Rock to Read. Taking place June 5th, 2009, both school and local bands (including Offsuit, The Retakes, The Asthmatics, Silent Distortion, The Mydas Ascension, and Quick Decision) will be playing at the Hampshire Dome in Milford from 7:30-11:00pm. A minimum donation of \$10 is greatly appreciated, not least by the students who have worked tirelessly to put together a concert from scratch. Starting with nothing but encouraging teachers and the will to make the world a better place, Ethics Forum students have planned this concert with a great deal of heart and soul. And so even though that sacred lunch period may be sacrificed by these students twice a week, it is not about that. It is about joining together to realize that students can inspire and honor the active stewardship of family, nation and globe. Just like the Souhegan High School mission statement says.

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