

The image shows the exterior of Saltillo High School, a large brick building with a prominent arched entrance. The school's name, "SALTILLO HIGH SCHOOL", is inscribed in large, grey, block letters above the entrance. A large, diverse crowd of students is gathered in front of the school, many wearing blue and white athletic gear. The scene is set outdoors under a clear sky.

SALTILLO HIGH SCHOOL

Tiger Talk: Saltillo High School Newsletter



Advice to Freshmen

By: Veronica Wigginton & Brandon Dillard

As students go through school, they learn more than just what is taught in their classes. Along the way, many students pick up bits of wisdom. Some wish they had known these earlier, and others hope to spread it to the upcoming classes of Saltillo High School.

Julie Simmons: "Don't sit on the front row of the student section"

Jasmyne McCollough: "Stay out of the way of the seniors"

Elena Mize: "Live in the moment. Seize every moment because it goes by quick"

Courtney Floyd: "Don't be scared of anybody, but know your place"

Holly Brooke Roper: "Don't let people's words throw you down"

Peyton Warren: "Listen more than you talk and make good impressions early"

Alex Rial: "Find true friends that you can always count on, and you don't need to stress over the little things"

Zack Elliot: "Play a sport you enjoy, because eventually you'll become better at it and it will help you expand your friendships, by meeting new people. Also take dual credit classes, and study for the ACT"

Colby Davis: "Even if school gets tough, push through it, because in the end it'll lead to a better career."

Zach Turba: "Make sure you don't waste your time stressing over the little things"

Beta Club

The Beta Club is an association for academically hard working students. In the club, they do things such as award scholarships, compete, participate in fundraising, and leadership summits. President and vice president of the club are Millie White and Mary Ashton Priest. We spoke with Megan Block,

Beta Club sponsor about some of the things Beta has in store. “I expect out members to show character, leadership, and to be a good example for our school.” “Beta requires five merits a year and an 88 average in every class.” Merits are a credit or reward for performing a volunteer service. Beta also has several fundraisers planned such as the beauty review, selling t-shirts, and Chic-fil-A. The club is an excellent way for students to connect and grow in their academics and it also



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ethan Blair, 11th grade drum line member, has been in the Marching Band for 6 years. He said his favorite part about band is "spending time with my friends". Band has taught Ethan how to read music and how to play an instru-



ment. One life lesson he says he has from band is "being responsible and being a leader". Outside of band he is one of the 11th grade Beta representatives. He also enjoys spending time with his friends and family and going to church. You can watch Ethan play every Friday night at the football games.

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Mrs. Blake,

Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Blake, the Spanish teacher at Saltillo High, has been brought to the spotlight. She has been teaching Spanish to the students of Saltillo for three years now. When asked what inspired her to teach Spanish, she replied, "I got into teaching because I was working with youth at church, and I enjoyed it. I started working with Hispanics teaching them English." She has visited three Spanish-speaking countries and plans on another trip this upcoming November. She admits that she is still learning the Spanish language and that it is a "life-long process" when asked how long it took her to learn a second language. She plans to bring her students to Cirque De Soleil (a Spanish themed performance resembling a circus) November 3rd. She also plans to take the students of SHS to Costa Rica in June 2018. This trip will include venturing volcanoes, waterfalls, crocodile safaris, and zip lining through the rainforest! Saltillo High School is very appreciative for Mrs. Blake's dedication to her students and their education.

Coach Covington, Teacher Spotlight

Coach Covington grew in a small town in Maryland and moved here to Saltillo in 1984 with his wife Julie Covington. He moved here on the opportunity to “teach Ancient History of the Middle East,” but started a cross country team when he saw that Saltillo High School didn’t have one at the time. In the 2A school, the first team consisted of one person, Trent Sanderson and he won individual state that year. When asked when Coach Covington knew that Saltillo was a top tier cross country program he said “when the girls won state four straight years, I knew we were good.” Now, eighteen state titles later, he looks for the future of himself and the cross country program. Mrs Covington said about Coach’s future will consist of, “a lot of mowing and pastoring.” Even though the Covington’s are miles from where they were born, they call Saltillo their home.

The ACT is the leading college admissions test in the United States based on what you learn in high school. Students are urged to take this test because it's the main thing colleges look at to award scholarships based on the score you make.

Our Senior counselor, Mrs. Dillard, recommends ACT prep books and youtube videos as a good way to help you study. Another great way to study or even raise your score are the ACT prep classes our school offers for just \$50.

The next ACT test is on October 28th, and only costs \$46, but Juniors get to take the test for free in February. Register now at act.org!



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