

HELP 10TH GRADERS AT SOUTH LAKES HIGH EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited March 19, 2012, from 9-10:20am, to talk with 10th graders at South Lakes High School about career opportunities.

Every spring the 10th graders, as part of English class, spend several weeks exploring career options. For the second year in a row, students will have an opportunity to talk with parents and other adults who work in a variety of fields. Whether you joined us last year or not, we encourage you to enrich students' learning by participating.

In doing so, you can give students the chance to ask questions about what they, as high school students, can and should be doing to prepare for different professions. What types of classes can they take in high school to get ready? What college courses or other education and training programs would help? Are there any volunteer and other extracurricular activities that might be set them on the best path?

We are looking for a wide range of professions covering a variety of different education and training levels, from construction workers to architects, medical records specialists and lab techs to nurses and doctors, bailiffs to judges, paralegals to attorneys, government bureaucrats to writers, plumbers to electricians. Whatever your field, whatever your level, our students can glean critical insights from your experience. Please note that this is not a job fair, so you don't need to have summer or after-school jobs to offer. The purpose of this event is to help expose students to a wide variety of different careers and get them thinking about their own futures.

No public speaking is required! You'll talk with students one-on-one or in small groups. Parents will be stationed at tables around the perimeter of the room with the students circulating in the middle with a list of provided questions to help them get started in a conversation.

- Share what you did in high school and college (or wish you'd done!) that helped you get started in your career. Do you wish you'd taken more math, for instance, or paid more attention in English class? Did an extracurricular activity motivate you to get more involved? Did working at a part-time or volunteer job give you valuable experience?
- If appropriate, bring appropriate visuals that help illustrate your career—uniform or medical or technical equipment or tools, for instance. (Please keep visuals as "employer-neutral" as possible since we want to focus on careers and related education and training, not on specific employers.
- Talk about career specifics as well as the importance of teamwork, responsibility, courtesy, and other characteristics that are necessary for most careers.

People interested in participating should contact Emily McPhie or Elizabeth Vandenburg at outreach@southlakespts.org. Please include your name, phone number, e-mail address, and the career(s) you would like to talk about.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this South Lakes High School event on Monday morning, March 19!

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