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## Notes from Principal Vens

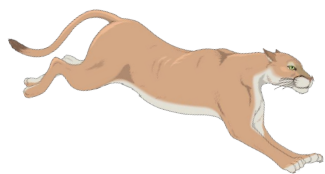
As we begin the new school year on the remote learning plan, I want to draw your attention to two items:

1) We have compiled a virtual [Cougar Kickoff](https://tinyurl.com/y67p9sen) form. This will enable you to submit information from the summer packet electronically. The form also contains links to additional resources. The form takes a little time to complete, but will allow you to skip sections that do not apply to your son or daughter:

<https://tinyurl.com/y67p9sen>

2) **Orientation** will take place over four days (Tuesday 8/25/20 - Friday 8/28/20), and will consist of a 30-minute window for each family to visit Southview. Students (and parents) will be able to meet teachers, pick up supplies, pay fees, and walk through the student's schedule. Pictures will be postponed until a later date. **We will publish appointment times as soon as we can.**

I hope these two items give you an idea of how we hope to adapt in order to continue to provide the best possible experience here at Southview High School. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [kvens@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:kvens@sylvaniaschools.org)



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Only half of our families have completed this important information.

**2020-2021 Student Information Form**  
As the district is planning ahead for next school year, we are asking all parents/guardians to verify, update, and submit your child's 2020-2021 Student Information Form in OneView **by Monday, September 7**. This online form contains critical information such as emergency contacts, consent, medical information, and other necessary information we require for each student.

[Link to Instructions and OneView form](#)  
If you have questions, email [powerschool@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:powerschool@sylvaniaschools.org).



**Reminder:**  
**2020-2021 OneView Student Information Form**

**Verify • Update • Submit**

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Instructions & Link at [www.sylvaniaschools.org](http://www.sylvaniaschools.org)  
"2020-2021 OneView Form"

2020-2021 OneView Student Information Forms

VERIFY • UPDATE • SUBMIT  
By September 7

Why is this important?



COMMUNICATION

- EMAIL • PHONE • TEXT • MAIL •

Accurate contact information ensures you receive digital newsletters, notifications, alerts, letters, phone calls and other district/school/teacher communication.

Did you know?

When a phone number or email is incorrect, the district doesn't know unless the person receiving the communication contacts us. Please check phone numbers and spelling in email addresses.

**TRANSPORTATION**

- BUSING •

Indicating whether or not your child will ride the bus ensures our Transportation Department has the necessary information to plan bus stops, routes, and timing.

Did you know?  
Transportation uses the Student Information Form data in the spring to begin the routing process for the following school year.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- CONSENT • MEDICAL •
- EMERGENCY CONTACTS •

Verifying and updating the form each year is vital to ensuring the district has current data for all required information.

• Instructions • Help • Link •  
[WWW.SYLVANIASCHOOLS.ORG](http://WWW.SYLVANIASCHOOLS.ORG)  
2020-2021 OneView Form

## I forgot my Password

From OneView: <https://sylvania.esvportal.com/>

If you have forgotten your password, click on “FORGOT PASSWORD?” directly to the right of the “LOGIN” button.



You will be presented with two questions in **BOLD**. The top question is “**Forgot Parent Login ID?**” ignore this question. Instead look at the second option “**Forgot Parent Account Password?**”

**Forgot Parent Login ID?**

If you have forgotten your Parent Login ID, please provide the email address you used to set up your account and your PIN code to have the system send you a link to reset your Parent Account ID. NOTE: If your account email address is no longer correct or if you are unable to receive messages to that account, you will need to contact the school district to have your email address updated.

Type Your Email Address:

Your PIN Code:

**Forgot Parent Account Password?**

If you have forgotten your account password, please provide your Parent Login ID to have the system send you a link to reset your account password. NOTE: If your account email address is no longer correct or if you are unable to receive messages to that account, you will need to contact the school district to have your email address updated.

Type Your Parent Login ID:

At this point you will be requested to **Type your Parent Login ID (your username)**. Click on submit once you have done so. In a few minutes you will receive an email. This email will be from [sylvania@esvmail.com](mailto:sylvania@esvmail.com). In this email you will find a large blue link with the words “Account Password Reset”. This is located directly under “**Please click on the below link to reset your password:**”. You will be brought to a webpage that asks you to Reset Parent Account Password. Enter your new password. Once you have created and confirmed your new password click on “Dashboard Home Page.” Congratulations your password has been reset now attempt to login.



## Orientation Days

**Save the Date!!**

**Tuesday 8/25/20 - Group A (Last Names A - Kre)**

**Wednesday 8/26/20 - Group A (Last Names Kro - Z)**

**Thursday 8/27/20 - Group B (Last Names A - Lie)**

**Friday 8/28/20 - Group B (Last Names Liu - Z)**

**Specific times for each student will be communicated via Instant Connect email through PowerSchool.**

## Southview Cougar Spirit Wear

The Cougar Club has created an online store for all of your spirit wear needs: <https://southview-cougar-clothing-2020.itemorder.com/sale>





## School Fee Payment

If you need to make a fee payment, either:

**Money order or check** made payable to  
“Sylvania Schools Treasurer’s Office”

Mail to:

Sylvania Schools Treasurer’s Office  
4747 N. Holland-Sylvania Road  
Sylvania, OH 43560

**Or**

**Pay on-line** through the Sylvania Schools website:

- Go to top black ribbon “Parents & Families”
- Parent link (right side)
- “Pay School Fees”
- **“Pay For It”**
- You will have to register and follow the directions. (There is a fee for paying online).

## Summer Assignments

Summer work is mostly concentrated in the honors and AP courses, and teachers have been working to scale down all assignments. The information is not yet ready for publication, but **it will appear under the “For Students” tab on the Southview website:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yc8k9ddl>

## Class Schedules for 2020-2021

Scheduling services through the counseling department began in early February. Students made their course selections and met with their counselor to review graduation requirements and personal interests. As we have been working to build the master schedule, we are at a critical juncture and need to contact students about course selection conflicts.

We understand that students are very excited to learn of their schedules, view their teachers, and make minor adjustments. However, because we are in a remote learning setting, our counselors cannot function like they do during school hours. They need to make contact with students to make adjustments for individual needs. Student needs are a priority over personal preference requests.

Certain conflicts arise in student schedules that come down to course selections and availability. Certain classes cause conflicts because of limited availability. **Our counselors need to work to resolve these specific conflict issues with individuals before we can release student schedules.**

**The counselors will be contacting students to discuss conflicts in the schedule.** Please be responsive to their phone calls and emails. They are working to help build schedules designed on student need.

In regards to scheduling, **our counselors are only working with scheduling conflicts at this time.** Counselors may not respond to solicitation if it is in regards to teacher requests, personal preference, PSTA, or Teacher Aides. As our policy states, **we cannot honor personal preference requests.** Other inquiries cannot be addressed at this time because of the process and procedure of building a master schedule. We recognize all of your concerns, but need to prioritize this step of the process.

Please allow the counselors the freedom to address the conflicts so that we may offer everyone access to their schedules on June 1. Counselors will initiate the contact with those students who have a conflict. If you do not hear from your counselor, please operate with the assumption that your schedule is built based on your requests and recommendations. Other issues or adjustments will be made in the fall.

## Senior Activities

Hello Senior Parents,

Our names are Lori Lowe and Sara Hollar and we are the co-chairs for the senior activities this year. Please know that our top priority is to give the class of 2021 the best time possible even with the uncertainty that this school year brings!

Currently, we are moving forward with collecting the \$100 senior fee (by September 25, 2020) in anticipation of providing yearlong events. Additionally, we are asking parents to fill out and return the senior related forms (t-shirt order, fee, volunteer sign up, etc.) that were included in the summer packet. As stated in the pack, senior parents volunteer to plan and coordinate a variety of fundraisers and activities for their senior class and that still rings true. While we understand that many of the activities may not happen in a traditional fashion, we are busy planning for an exciting year full of alternative possibilities and we need your help to do that.

Thank you for your support!

Lori and Sara

[Tlowe6@bex.net](mailto:Tlowe6@bex.net)

[brianandsara@bex.net](mailto:brianandsara@bex.net)





# Welcome Class of 2024!





# Volunteer Opportunities

Southview uses an all digital volunteer hours system. Students can view a log of the volunteer hours they submitted in their Google Drive.!) See Mrs. Yoshino in the Guidance Office, if an error has been made. Submit hours here: <http://tinyurl.com/y7526eh8>



## Current Volunteer Opportunities:

1. They are looking for volunteers for the Downtown Sylvania Farmers Market. It runs every Tuesday until October 13. Here is a link to their sign-up page: [Farmers market Volunteer](#) sign up

### Red Bird Arts District

Downtown Sylvania Association

Rae Navarre, Main Street Manager

419-360-1212

[downtownsylvania.org](http://downtownsylvania.org)



Winston Churchill said, ***"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."***

**Remember to log your Volunteer hours on the [google form](#)**

*"Be nice to people... maybe it'll be unappreciated, unreciprocated, or ignored, but spread the love anyway. We rise by lifting others."*

— **Germany Kent**

To qualify for the special "Volunteerism Designation" on your transcript, the following number of hours must be entered on your log by your graduation:

**CLASS OF 2024 - 200 HOURS**

**CLASS OF 2023 - 200 HOURS**

**CLASS OF 2022 - 150 HOURS**

**CLASS OF 2021 - 150 HOURS**



## Upcoming Test Dates

# ACT<sup>®</sup>

**September 12, 13, 19**

Registration Deadline

August 14

Late Registration Deadline

August 28

**October 10, 17, 24**

Registration Deadline

September 17

[my.act.org](http://my.act.org)

# SAT

**August 29**

Registration Deadline

August 18

**September 26**

Registration Deadline

August 26

[SAT Registration](#)

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School Counselors*

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The SV staff welcomes our new freshman, the class of 2024! We are also pleased to welcome 35+ new enrollment cougars. Welcome to all students new to our building. Administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff are ready to help, answer questions, and do everything we can to make it a great year.

**Gooooooooo Cougars!**

## Seniors



## 2021

### Early Action Deadline –

Some colleges offer “early action”, resulting in early admissions notifications. **November 15** is the early action application deadline for *Ohio State* and *University of Michigan*. Know your prospective college's application deadline and review admissions requirements.

If you are planning to retake a college admissions test, be sure to visit the admissions webpage for your preferred college. Many schools have made adjustments to deadlines and mandatory testing requirements. Current seniors should consider these upcoming test dates to meet eligibility for the earliest upcoming deadlines.

ACT - Sept. 19, 2020    Deadline to Register Aug. 14 (late \$ Aug. 28)  
SAT - Sept. 26, 2020    Registration Deadline Sept. 5

### Have questions? School Counselors can help!

Each student at Sylvania Southview High School is assigned a counselor. The Guidance Office telephone number is 419-824-8737. Counselor assignments are alphabetical by last name:

**Ms. Michelle Peer.....A – Fe**

[MPeer@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:MPeer@sylvaniaschools.org)

**Mr. Tony Geha .....Fi – Le**

[TGeha@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:TGeha@sylvaniaschools.org)

**Ms. Jodi Hess .....Li – Ro**

[JHess@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:JHess@sylvaniaschools.org)

**Ms. Teresa Ontko.....Ru – Z**

[TOntko@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:TOntko@sylvaniaschools.org)







## News & Notes



**Welcome back Cougars! Please read the the following information communicated by Sylvania Schools concerning the current status of our athletic programs:**

Earlier this evening the Sylvania Board of Education discussed the future of fall athletics for our student athletes as we approach the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of tonight's communication is to provide our families with clarification regarding the current status of our athletic programs.

Sylvania sports will continue as scheduled. More specifically, students who are participating in no contact sports will continue to practice and participate in athletic competitions. Students who are participating in contact sports will also continue to practice and potentially participate in competitions.

Currently, Sylvania Schools will continue to operate and follow the guidelines set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for fall sports. However, it should be noted that at this juncture, and at the state level, competition for contact sports are still under review and subject to change.

Sylvania Schools is committed to providing our students with a well-rounded education that will prepare them for life beyond high school. We recognize the importance of extracurricular activities along with the role and contribution these activities have in enhancing an exceptional student experience.

**Any updates to the above statement will be communicated in future editions of the *Southview Scene* and on twitter @southviewcougar.**

- The fall sports pre-season meeting will be virtual this year. More information will be shared by Mr. Huss and the head coach.
- We are still awaiting guidance regarding spectator allowances at our athletic venues. As a result, the NLL will not be allowing sports passes at our contests including school, NLL, senior citizen, and staff passes. Thank you for understanding.
- We are currently exploring options for purchasing tickets exclusively online. Stay tuned for more information.

*Please Return this Signed Form to the School Office*

# Booster Shot Required for 12th Grade



Shots 4 Tots n Teens is a walk-in immunization clinic for children birth—18 years of age.  
ALL INSURANCES ACCEPTED.  
Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted!  
8 convenient locations!

LucasCountyHealth.com  
OR 419-213-4121

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment **now** with their child’s doctor or visit a Shots 4 Tots n Teens immunization clinic.

Ohio School Vaccination Requirements include a booster shot of Meningitis vaccine for all children entering the 12th grade.

**Please plan now to make sure that your child is up-to-date.**

**Required Vaccinations:**

**Meningitis Vaccine—(A,C,W,Y) Trade Names : Menactra or Menveo.** Potects against bacterial meningitis.

**This dose is given at/after 16 years of age.**  
**(Only one dose is needed if first dose was given after the 16th birthday.)**  
**Meningitis B is NOT required for school**

**Recommended Vaccinations:**

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus) — protects against cervical cancer in girls and genital warts in boys.
- Varicella Booster — protects against Chickenpox. A booster dose is

I verify that this student \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

Has received Meningitis vaccine on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be signed by the medical professional.** Forgery of a medical personnel is against the law and will be handled accordingly.

2020-2021 Sylvania Schools Academic Calendar

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Student Groups	
	Group A (First Day August 25)
	Group B (First Day August 27)
	Remote Learning Day

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District Academic Dates	
Aug. 11, 12	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 14-24	Teacher In-service / Work Days
Aug. 25-28	Grade-level orientations*; Kindergarten Conferences and Preview
Aug. 31	First Day of School K-12
Sept. 7	Labor Day - No classes K-12
Sept. 25	Teacher Collaboration Day - No classes K-12
Oct. 12	In-service Teacher PD / OAPSE Day - No classes K-12
Oct. 15	End of 1st Quarter K-12
Nov. 6	P/T Conferences K-12 - No classes K-12
Nov. 13	P/T Conferences K-5 - No classes K-5
Nov. 25, 26, 27	Thanksgiving Break - No classes K-12
Dec. 17	End of 2nd Quarter K-12
Dec	1st Semester Exams-TBD
Dec. 18	Records Day - No classes K-12
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Break - No classes K-12
Jan. 4	Classes Resume
Jan. 18	MLK Day - No classes K-12
Feb. 5	P/T Conferences 6-8 - No classes 6-8
Feb. 12	Teacher Collaboration PD - No classes K-12
Feb. 15	President's Day - No classes K-12
Mar. 12	End of 3rd Quarter K-12
Mar. 29 - Apr. 2	Spring Break - No classes K-12
May	2nd Semester Exams-TBD
May 27	End of 4th Quarter/ Last Day of School K-12
May 28	End of Year Teacher Work Day

\*Aug. 25-28: Students are assigned to attend one day of orientation



## The tween and teen years can be especially confusing for both kids and parents.



**Sylvania Community Action Team**, also known as SCAT, has made it our mission for over 30 years to offer the knowledge, guidance, and encouragement needed to navigate this challenging time for families.

We look at issues from all angles of prevention and offer support to everyone involved - youth, parents, and community.

We focus on all issues affecting families in our community, including encouraging healthy lifestyles, mental health, bullying, gaming addiction, social media and cyberbullying, social norming, suicide, alcohol and drug use. By taking a big-picture approach and working together, we can achieve the best possible present and future for the Sylvania Community.

### Some of our Programs

#### **SCAT** High School Youth Group at Northview & Southview

Meet new friends and help your community by joining SCAT's high school leadership program. Be a part of a team and build leadership skills as you serve as a peer prevention role model. The high school youth group meets weekly to discuss ideas, create community education opportunities, plan events, and develop social awareness campaigns that teens care about today. Service hours earned for all meetings.

#### **Jr SCAT Crew** Junior High Youth Groups at Arbor Hills, McCord, & Timberstone

Enjoy food, games, skits, and service projects? All are welcome on the Jr. SCAT Crew, come be part of a fun, social youth group. The Jr. SCAT Crew is a great way to develop leadership through volunteer opportunities and team building activities. You will make friends and build confidence as you make a difference in your community!



**Committed to Building a Culture of Champions, at NV & SV**  
**New this year at Arbor Hills, McCord & Timberstone**

Core Committed is for all students interested in learning and developing into the best, healthiest version of themselves. Rise to the top by learning core principles that will help you succeed. Have fun and help encourage others to be the best they can be as they help you achieve your goals. We promote positive lifestyle choices, leadership skills, and overall character development. The group meets monthly at their schools and high school meetings earn service hours. The club also holds fun sporting events.

#### **SCAT** Parent Education & Support, all elementary, Jr. high & high schools

SCAT is dedicated to educating the Sylvania community on the latest in youth-related topics (e.g., screen time, vaping, stress, depression, drug and alcohol prevention). We help parents develop awareness about what to look for, how to stop problems before they start, and how to create a healthy, safe environment for a better overall community. This is done with in-person workshops and on-line programs.



[scat@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:scat@sylvaniaschools.org)

[www.scatsylvania.org](http://www.scatsylvania.org)

419 824-8588





## Other SCAT Events

### Scratch or Hack SCAT Golf Scramble—August 28th



We have been teeing up to keep our kids healthy and safe since 2010. Our annual SCAT Golf Scramble provides a fun community atmosphere while raising money for essential SCAT programming.

### Walk of Light—October



Youth, parents, and our community look forward to the Walk of Light every Red Ribbon Week. We gather, we listen, and we affirm our commitment to a healthy, drug-free community.

### SCATacular—November

Join our staff, board, and prominent members of the Sylvania community for our breakfast fundraiser and learn all about what SCAT has to offer. We eat together, listen, watch, and renew our mission of keeping our youth healthy and alcohol and drug-free.

### Hot Cocoa 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk—February 20th



Have fun participating in this competitive but family fun event and fundraiser and afterwards enjoy hot cocoa and snacks

### Community Services

- Compliance & ID check rental programs
- Seller-Server training
- Parent Workshops for businesses
- Drug take-back programs
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most Campaign
- Informational materials and prevention tools

Sylvania Community Action Team has 8 employees and 27 volunteer Board Members from the Sylvania Community. Check out our website to see if you know someone on the SCAT team!

All **Sylvania Community Action Team** events and programs are always free to the public. We are funded through federal and local government grants, fundraisers and private donations.

We greatly appreciate all our support from our local sponsors and donors.

Please consider donating to help us continue our work in the Sylvania Community.

Donations can be made on Paypal at [scat@sylvaniaschools.org](mailto:scat@sylvaniaschools.org) or Cash App at [sylvaniacommunity](https://www.cash.app/sylvaniacommunity)

Checks can be sent to: SCAT, 4747 N. Holland Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560.

\*\*SCAT is a 501c3 organization (Tax ID 34-1613631) Donations are tax deductible when payable to SCAT\*\*



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Parent Tip

Email this Tip to a Friend



## Know! To Define Racial Terms For Teens

Whether our youth are on social media, listening to music, or are streaming their favorite TV show, they are likely hearing highly influential musical artists, athletes, and other celebrities voicing their opinions on racism in America. A lot of terms are being used that we or our children might not be familiar with, which can cause mixed feelings and confusion. As we said in the previous tip, we, as parents and caregivers, must engage our children in ongoing conversations on this topic, and we must be their information filter, as young people may come to harmful conclusions about race and racism when it is not talked about openly and honestly. An important piece in building a foundation for constructive conversations around this subject is to first spend some time defining key terms.

### Some basic but necessary terms to get started:

**Bias:** A preference either for or against an individual or a group of people that affects fair judgement.

**Stereotypes:** A false idea that all members of a group are the same and think and behave in the same way.

**Prejudice:** Judging or having an idea about someone or a group of people before you actually know them.

**Discrimination:** Unfair treatment of one person or a group of people because of the person or group's identity. Discrimination is an action that can come from prejudice.

**Racism:** Prejudice and/or discrimination against people because of their race.

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## Parent Tip

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### Defining words to dig deeper:

**Implicit/Inherent Bias:** The unconscious attitudes and stereotypes and unintentional actions (positive or negative) toward members of a group simply because of their membership in that group.

**White Fragility:** The tendency among members of the dominant white cultural group to have a defensive, wounded, angry, or dismissive response to evidence of racism.

**Systemic Racism:** (as defined by Sociologist Joe Feagin in his book, "Racist America: Roots, Current Realities, and Future Reparations") A complex array of antiblack practices found in each major part of U.S. society - the economy, politics, education, religion, the family.

**Microaggressions:** These are the everyday slights, indignities, put-downs and insults that people of color may experience in their day-to-day interactions. Microaggressions can appear to be compliments but often contain an unintentional insult to the target group.

On social media, we see people commenting about being "colorblind." They say things like, "I do not see color," or "We are only one race, the human race." While these comments are fully meant to be positive and uniting, they are examples of microaggressions: unintentional snubs to people of color. Though we are unified as human beings, there is pride and honor in a person's race and culture which should be acknowledged and celebrated.

**Privilege:** The unearned and often unrecognized advantages, benefits, or rights granted to people based on their membership in a dominant group beyond what is commonly experienced by members of a marginalized group.

Examples of privilege include male privilege, heterosexual privilege, people without disabilities privilege, and white privilege. **White privilege** is the term being highlighted currently as public conversations around racism intensify. These are words that can cause discomfort, receive pushback, and derail a conversation entirely among white people if misinterpreted. However, when explained and clearly understood, talking about white privilege can begin to break down the walls of racism.

White privilege doesn't suggest that white people have had everything handed down to them. It doesn't mean they haven't had to work hard to be successful. It does not mean they have not had financial hardships or life struggles. It is not meant to invoke guilt. In simple terms, it addresses the everyday, sometimes subtle, sometimes not subtle advantages that white people have over others.

Subtle example of white privilege: I can walk into a grocery store and simply head to the general hair aisle to find a huge variety of products for my hair type. I do not have to seek out the typically smaller "ethnic hair" section with limited products for my hair type.

Non-subtle example of white privilege: I can take a job or enroll in a college with an affirmative action policy without having my co-workers or peers assume I got it because of my race.

White Privilege, along with additional examples, is best explained by Peggy McIntosh in her essay, "[White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#)." It was published in 1988, yet remains relevant today.

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## Parent Tip

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The conversations on race and racism we need to have with our children are not necessarily easy, or comfortable, but they are imperative. In the next Know! tip we will provide tips to keep in mind as you share this information and more with your teens.

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