

PTO PERSPECTIVE



AN INFORMATION SOURCE FROM THE SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PTO

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FALL 2015

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year!

The SHS PTO has been busy organizing fundraisers for the school year. September starts with the annual fall flower sale. Be sure to place your orders! The form can be found on the PTO website at www.shspto.org. The website is updated consistently with all pertinent information regarding fundraisers and upcoming events. Be sure to check it out.

The PTO plans many wonderful events for our students and we are always looking for volunteers. We work throughout the year raising funds to support these events and we need your help. Please come out and support the PTO.

The dates for this year's meetings are: October 29, 2015; March 15, 2016 and May 18, 2016.

The PTO meetings are held in the SHS library and begin at 7pm. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to volunteer your time, or if you have any questions, please contact one of the officers listed below. ♦

Thank you,

Michele Grimm, *President*



June Balloons 2015!

Over 3,244 balloons were ordered this past June for the Class of 2015, decorating mailboxes all over Somerville and Branchburg. The cost of the balloons remained at \$5 each making this an affordable, popular fundraiser again this year. This year's event raised \$5,172 for Project Graduation! Many thanks to all of the PTO volunteers who inflated balloons, assembled bouquets and delivered to our seniors' homes. This successful fundraiser would not be possible without you. Special thanks to the North Branch Reformed Church for allowing us to use their facilities for "Balloon Central." ♦

Project Graduation

What better way to spend your last night together as Ville Seniors than to attend Project Graduation 2015. This year 250 seniors, 84% of the graduating class, returned to the gym after their graduation dinners to board buses headed to the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center at Rutgers University. What a great turnout! During the evening students enjoyed DJ-led karaoke and dancing. Seniors swam in the Olympic size swimming pool and played basketball, volleyball and racquetball. The inflatable Bungee Run was a huge hit as was the Temporary Tattoo table, three caricaturists, the photo booth and the air brush t-shirt booth. Sub sandwiches, beverages and tons of snacks were available all evening. Pizza arrived at 2 am and was devoured shortly thereafter! At 2:30 am the 3rd annual Project Graduation BINGO game began! All the students participated in ten exciting, suspenseful games of BINGO to win some great prizes including five 19" TVs, 4 "Beats" Headphones – all generously donated by the Project Graduation committee. At 4:30 am six bus loads of very sleepy students headed back to the high school and then home for a power nap before their weekend celebrations continued.

Thank you to all who helped make this event a major success. A special note of thanks to all of the families who so generously donated money and/or prizes to Project Graduation this year. This year's expenses totaled \$26,000. Fundraisers alone are not enough. The event would not be possible without your contributions. ♦

Thank You for Supporting Our Project Graduation Fundraisers

Balloons in June	\$ 5,172
Arvin's Christmas Tree	\$ 136
California Pizza Kitchens	\$ 205
Senior Pictures	\$ 725
Prom Flowers	\$ 196
Bagel Sales	\$ 808
Plant Sales	\$ 2,452
Practice SAT/ACT	\$ 500
Other	\$ 575
Grand Total	\$ 10,769

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Sept. 9	First day of school (full day)
Sept. 14	No School: Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 17	Back to School Night, 7pm
Sept. 18	Fall Plant Pick Up
Sept. 23	No school: Yom Kippur
Sept. 30	Underclassmen Picture Day
Oct. 12	No school (staff development)
Oct. 29	PTO meeting, SHS Library, 7pm

PTO Fall Plant Sale pickup

Pick up is on Friday, Sept. 18th in front of Somerville High School from 10am-5pm. For questions or to volunteer on delivery day, please call Karen Ksenzakovic @908-722-9146 or email at ksenzak1@gmail.com



PTO Fundraisers

Here is how the PTO earns money to support its activities. If you have any successful fundraising ideas or experiences, we'd love to hear them!

Clothing Sale

Start the year off right by purchasing orange and black Ville clothing. Look for new items we have added this year! Items such as sweatshirts, long- and short-sleeved t-shirts, sweatpants, flannel pants, shorts, knit hats and bags are available in a range of sizes. Ville clothing makes great holiday or birthday gifts. Order forms can be found on our website. Visit us at www.shspto.org to start building your VILLE wardrobe today! If you have any questions about VILLE clothing, please contact PTO Clothing Chairperson Rosa.Coulson@verizon.net. ♦

Frozen Falls Fundraiser

We are glad to announce that Frozen Falls will be participating all year with the Somerville High School PTO. Be sure to mention Somerville HS when visiting Frozen Falls, and 15% of your entire purchase will be donated back to the PTO. Frozen Falls is located at 1190 Route 28 in Branchburg (across from RVCC). No flyer is needed, please just remember to mention the Somerville HS PTO. ♦

Introducing Yogurtland Frozen Yogurt Cakes for Fall & Thanksgiving!

The PTO is excited to announce a new fundraising event with Yogurtland! Get an 8" frozen yogurt frozen cake for your fall & thanksgiving day celebrations and support the Somerville PTO!

Cakes are just \$25 and available in 6 flavors.

- Cookies & Cream / Vanilla
- Strawberry / Vanilla
- Strawberry / Cheesecake
- Double Chocolate
- Pumpkin / Vanilla
- Chocolate / Vanilla

*Each Cake Serves 10-12 people



EASY ORDER AND PAYMENT

Please visit the yogurtland / somerville PTO fundraiser website at <https://yogurtlanddelivery.com/product-category/somervillepto/>

All cakes can be picked up at Yogurtland: 135 Main Street, Somerville NJ

ORDERS ACCEPTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 15, 2015

QUESTIONS?

Please email Michael at yogurtlandnj@yahoo.com

Don't Delay—Join the SHS PTO Today!

It costs only \$10 a year to join the PTO! Register online at shspto.org. Or look for your membership form that is included in this Back to School mailing. ♦

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US!

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WHEN DOES THE PTO MEET?

The SHS PTO will meet 3 times this year. Meetings are 7-8 PM in the library.

Tuesday	October 29th
Tuesday	March 15th
Wednesday	May 18th

If you want to get more involved, there are many subcommittees that run activities throughout the year. Subcommittees usually meet just before or after the regular meeting. ♦