

# PTO PERSPECTIVE



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SPRING 2013

## Project Graduation 2013 is Coming!



It's only 2 months away...Graduation for SHS Class of 2013. Preparation for the 21th consecutive Project Graduation by the SHS PTO is in full swing. Project Graduation is an all-night post-graduation celebration for seniors that is safe, alcohol-free, and drug free. There is no cost to attend the event but seniors need to register and sign a contract in advance.

On April 3, 2013, a kick-off assembly and breakfast for seniors was held. Thank you to Bernie Waterfield and Dina McTernan for organizing the delicious donut breakfast provided to all seniors. The PTO provided an overview of Project Graduation and distributed contracts. That morning a majority of 301 seniors signed contracts. Contracts can be obtained in the Main Office for seniors who did not sign up that day. The last day for seniors to register will be at an Ice Cream Social held during lunch periods the day that yearbooks are signed. ♦

## The Midterm Bagel Break—A Huge Success!



The SHS PTO sold bagels and water to a lot of hungry, tired, anxious, and sometimes delirious high schoolers. It is noteworthy that we had over 50 volunteers for this effort! The PTO made almost \$800 towards Project Graduation. Special thanks to The Bagel Garden in Branchburg and Wegmans in Bridgewater for their generous donations—their

generosity helped make this fundraiser successful. A special thank you to Sonia Viglianti for chairing a very successful fundraiser. We'll be back during final exams!! ♦

## Balloons in June

What a wonderful way to congratulate a 2013 graduating Senior!

For the ninth year, the SHS PTO will be selling 18" orange mylar 'VILLE' balloons for \$5.00 each. Help make this annual PROJECT GRADUATION fundraiser a success.

Order forms will be mailed in May. Information for helping to inflate and/or deliver Balloons in June will be made available in early June. Any questions, please contact Sandy Costa (email: [sjcosta@hotmail.com](mailto:sjcosta@hotmail.com) or call 908-369-8151). Thank you! ♦



THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING BALLOONS IS JUNE 13TH.



## Frozen Falls Fundraiser

During the months of April and May mention SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL when placing your order at Frozen Falls and **15%** of your purchase will be donated back to the PTO in support of Project Graduation!!! Frozen Falls is located at 1190 State Rt. 28 in Branchburg. Thank you! ♦



## VILLE Spring Clothes Are Here!

Order forms can be found on our website or in the main office. Clothing items are sent home with your student; indicate on the form if the order is a gift or surprise and other delivery arrangements will be made. Return your form with payment to SHS PTO, 222 Davenport Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 or drop off at SHS office.

(Please make checks payable to SHS PTO)

If you have questions, contact call Michele Grimm with questions 908-625-5487 or email at [michelegrimm@verizon.net](mailto:michelegrimm@verizon.net) ♦



Thank you to those who participated in the PTO ACT Practice Test fundraiser. We raised \$450 towards Project Graduation!



## Market Day Dates!

Market Day offers more than 160 convenient and nutritious food products at competitive prices. Order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). A percentage of each order is given back to the PTO. Market Day delivers the orders directly to the school, on the first or second Saturday of each month. PTO members receive and sort orders—all you do is pick yours up!

Saturdays 10-11am: April 20, May 18, June 8.

All pickups will be in the Somerville HS Cafeteria. ♦

[www.Marketday.com](http://www.Marketday.com)

use School Code 10210

## Project Graduation 2013 Needs Your Help!

Through support from the SHS community, Project Graduation continues to be a great success. Two areas in which parents can help are prize donation and chaperoning.

### PRIZES

At Project Graduation, students participate in BINGO where prizes are presented. Prizes include gift cards to local businesses (eg, restaurants, gas stations, school/office supply stores, bed & bath-type stores, etc), flash drives, small refrigerators or microwaves, etc. If you can donate a prize or know of a local business that can donate a gift or gift card, contact Kim Fraser ([kfraser21@verizon.net](mailto:kfraser21@verizon.net); 908-722-3445). Anything a college student could use would be appreciated! Anyone wishing to make a cash donation to support Project Graduation can do so by mailing a check to Somerville HS Project Graduation, 222 Davenport St, Somerville, NJ 08876.

### CHAPERONES

Parent chaperones are critical to the success of Project Graduation. It's a lot of fun and the night goes fast! There will be plenty of coffee, water, and food to keep you going! Here are three areas where chaperones are needed:

*Bus:* We are seeking 2 chaperones per bus to arrive at the high school at 9 pm on June 21, stay all night, and accompany the seniors home on the bus around 5 am on June 22.

*Check-In:* We are seeking several parents to assist with student check-in at the high school from about 9 to 10:30 pm on Friday, June 21.

Many chaperones are needed to make this event a success. Parents of underclassmen are especially welcome as this gives them a chance to see how the event is run! If you can chaperone in any capacity, contact Kim Fraser at [kfraser21@verizon.net](mailto:kfraser21@verizon.net). ♦

## IMPORTANT DATES!!

<b>March 25 – April 1</b> Spring Recess, no school	<b>June 14, 17-20</b> Final Exams
<b>April 12</b> End of Marking Period	<b>June 21</b> Class of 2013 Graduation! SHS Brooks Field at 5 pm
<b>May 3</b> Prom	<b>June 21-22</b> Project Graduation
<b>May 14</b> PTO Meeting	
<b>May 24-27</b> No school	



## SMILE It's Graduation Time!!!

SHS PTO will be taking your personalized Class of 2013 picture. More details will follow. Look for us **June 12th!** ♦

## Prom Flowers

SHS PTO is partnering with Scotts Florist to purchase prom flower conveniently through school while supporting Project Graduation.

Orders need to be in by **April 24th**.

You may pick up the flowers the day of the prom at school after the prom assembly.

Check out our flyer on the PTO website for color selection and pricing for wristlet corsages and boutonnières.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Contino at [macontino@aol.com](mailto:macontino@aol.com) or Kim Fraser at [kfraser21@verizon.net](mailto:kfraser21@verizon.net) ♦



The PTO was happy to provide Dunkin Donut munchkins and water to all juniors after they finished taking three days of HSPA testing in March.