

PTO PERSPECTIVE



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WINTER 2012-2013

What Has Your PTO Been Up To?

If you missed it, the first PTO meeting of the 2012-2013 school year was November 15. It had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy.

HERE'S A QUICK SUMMARY:

- Treasurer Carolyn Lang reported that proceeds from VILLE clothing sales, Market Day, and Balloons in June have contributed greatly to the PTO treasury.
- Randy Davis gave a short report on Project Graduation, a supervised, drug- and alcohol-free, all-night celebration at the Rutgers University Sonny Werblin Recreation Center (see page 2). Planning for this event (Friday June 21-Saturday June 22) will start in earnest later in the year and volunteers are needed.

PTO members stuffed senior lockers with a small Halloween candy treat and a Project Graduation message on November 9. Remember, your PTO supports all students at SHS. Please consider joining if you haven't done so already. ♦

ACT Practice Test!

Sign up today for an ACT Practice Test! Test will be Saturday, February 9 with a snow date of February 23rd. Please sign up through Princeton Review and send check or cash to the PTO. The cost is \$15. ♦

Back by Popular Demand... It's the Midterm Bagel Break

The SHS PTO will be selling bagels and water to our hungry high schoolers again during the midterm break. The PTO is looking for volunteers for this event. Please contact Sonia Viglianti sviglianti@comcast.net. Proceeds will go towards Project Graduation. Look for us during midterms! ♦

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Dec. 24	Winter Recess Begins
Jan. 2	School Reopens
Jan. 10	Instrumental Concert
Jan. 21	No School – MLK Day
Jan. 26	SAT Exams
Jan. 28 – Feb 1	Mid-Term Exams
Feb 9	Practice ACT



A Message from Mr. Jones

In an effort to support the schools that have been most affected by the recent storm, Somerville Public Schools has adopted the Toms River Education Association. They have requested contributions in the form of gift certificates, but all donations are being accepted. Some items they have indicated that they need are the following:

- Non-perishable food – peanut butter, jelly, tuna, pasta, sauce, cereal, granola bars, Gatorade, spaghetti, ravioli, chili, soup.
- New sweat pants, shirts
- New underwear, socks, gloves, hats, & slippers
- New blankets, sheets, towels
- Laundry detergent
- Back packs
- Hoodies

All donations can be put in the main office through December 21, 2012. Please help to make someone else's holiday a little brighter by sending in a donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity. ♦

Corey J Jones, Principal

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE PTO FUNDRAISER

Christmas Tree Fundraiser

This Holiday Season Arvin Garden Center is partnering with Somerville's PTO to raise funds for Project Graduation. Starting November 23rd purchase your holiday tree and/or decorations at Arvin's located on Route 22 in Whitehouse. Please bring the flyer located on the PTO website and Arvin's will donate 10% back to the PTO!! ♦

The Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser

Grab your family and friends and join us at Ruby Tuesday (754 Route 202, Bridgewater)! Present the flyer (located on the PTO website) and Ruby Tuesday will give back 20% of your purchase to the Somerville PTO. This fund raiser benefits Project Graduation. The dates are January 16 & 17, 2013. This covers both lunch and dinner. ♦

BJs Wholesale Club Fundraiser

Join or renew your membership to save \$10.00 off membership and get three bonus months (15 total). Visit the PTO website for more information. The PTO will earn \$5.00 for each membership. Sign up at your local BJ's club from November 29 through December 14. Please bring your flyer to the service desk and let them know you are signing up through the PTO Fundraiser. Please contact Sandy Costa (sjcosta@hotmail.com or 908-369-8151) with any questions. ♦



Market Day 2012-2013 is Here!

Market Day offers more than 160 convenient and nutritious food products at competitive prices. Order online at 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:

January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 8.

All pickups will be in the Somerville HS Cafeteria. ♦

www.Marketday.com
use School Code 10210

Project Graduation 2013

Graduation for SHS Class of 2013...seems so far away. But, before you know it, June 21, 2013 will be here. PTO preparation for Project Graduation 2013 is revving up and your help is needed!

- ♦ PTO sponsors Project Graduation, an all-night, post-graduation, alcohol- and drug-free celebration. Project Graduation is free to all SHS graduating seniors and is held at the Rutgers University's Sonny Werblin Center.
- ♦ Overnight activities include basketball, volleyball, racquet ball, and swimming. Caricatures, temporary tattoos, and photos are offered, as well as laser karaoke. Sandwiches, chips, cookies, candy, water, soda, iced tea, and pizza are available throughout the night. During BINGO, students compete for donated prizes including TVs, iPods and gift certificates, and there is a drawing for door prizes. Every student receives a drawstring bag filled with VILLE boxer shorts and other items unique to Project Graduation.

Remember, the SHS PTO is dedicated to raising funds and running events to benefit all students. However, Project Graduation is one of the bigger events and it is costly (see box below). Many volunteers are needed to make Project Graduation 2013 a success. Please consider helping—more info will be provided at the March 19th PTO meeting. ♦

Project Graduation 2012 Review

TOTAL COST	\$23,200
MAJOR EXPENSES INCLUDED:	
Sonny Werblin Center rental	\$4,000
Entertainment/Activities	\$11,200
Prizes	\$1,000
Food & Drink	\$2,500
Gift Bags (includes items for next 2 years)	\$4,500



Over 80% of graduating seniors attended, so the cost was ~\$100 per attendee! Parents of seniors will soon receive a detailed mailing outlining many ways they can help with Project Graduation. Along with a suggested contribution of \$50 to help defray costs, prize donations are always welcome! ♦

RESCHEDULED
SAT Practice Test Scores Night
January 17, 2013 – 7pm

PTO VILLE Clothing Sale

VILLE clothing and accessories make great holiday gifts! Order forms are in the main office. Usually, clothing items are sent home with your student. BUT, if your order is a gift or surprise, other arrangements can be made when you place your order. If you have questions, contact Michele Grimm at michelegrimm@verizon.net. ♦

PTO Senior Scholarships

Did you know that the SHS PTO gives scholarships to deserving Seniors? Congrats to Class of 2012 recipients: Veronica Bassano, Jacob Cross, Brendan Davis, Christina Dzwonczyk, Evan Fraser, Tyler Grimm, Alec Hardy, Amanda McHenry and Briana Sanchez. Each student received \$200 to use for educational purposes. ♦

College Info Session

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JUNIORS & SENIORS!

The SHS Guidance Department is hosting "College Bound Basics" Info Session on March 18th in the SHS auditorium. SHS Guidance Department counselors will discuss college planning, admissions criteria, standardized testing, and college search tips. This is a great opportunity to learn about college admissions. ♦

PTO Meetings – 7:00 PM, SHS Library

Tuesday, March 19th and Tuesday, May 14th. If you have questions about SHS PTO, contact Michele Cross (mjicross@verizon.net) or Kim Fraser (kfraser21@verizon.net). ♦

Hold the Date!

Project Graduation 2013 is Friday, June 21 (10 pm) to Saturday, June 22 (4:30 am). Sign ups will begin in March! ♦

Allison Hovey Wins PTO Freshman Survival Basket

Allison Hovey of Branchburg won the PTO Freshman Survival basket at Back to School Night! Freshman families who joined the PTO were automatically entered into a drawing to win a basket of VILLE clothing and a \$25 Market Day gift certificate. ♦

HSPA Testing – March 5, 6, 7

PTO will be providing munchkins and juice after the last day of testing. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the treats. If you are interested please contact Dianna Furnari at stevediannaf@yahoo.com