

# PTO PERSPECTIVE



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## Dear Parents & Faculty

It's hard to believe that the first marking period is over. Time really does fly. The SHS PTO has many fundraisers for the month of December, just in time for your holiday shopping! Please be sure to check the PTO website [www.shspto.org](http://www.shspto.org) for all flyers. Most fundraisers require the flyer to be presented at the time of purchase so that the PTO will get the credit.

As of this school year, there will be less PTO fundraiser flyers going home in your child's progress and report cards. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the **SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**, new to the high school this year, replacing Honeywell. You will be notified of school emergencies, announcements, and PTO activities. This system allows you to control the way in which you prefer to be contacted (home phone, cell phone, email).

With the end of this school year, many of the current PTO members will be leaving as their last Senior child graduates. Freshman, Sophomore & Junior parents, you are the future of the PTO and the continued success of the many PTO traditions! It's never too late to join. The next meeting is **December 11, 7pm** in the SHS Library.

Three of the current 4 PTO executive positions will be vacant. If you are interested, please let one of the current officers know.

On behalf of the PTO, we wish you a wonderful, healthy and safe holiday season! ♦

*Sandy Costa*

## 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 Vigilanti [sviglianti@comcast.net](mailto:sviglianti@comcast.net). Proceeds will go towards Project Graduation. Look for us during midterms! ♦



**Market Day**

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shop now

Every purchase enriches the future of your children. [shop now](#)

Welcome!

Log-In  
user name  
password  
Forgot your username and password?  
[shop now](#)

New to Market Day?  
let's get started

Thoughts from our Friends  
"It has been a simple program to get going... and I expect to increase our sales easily this year."  
- Herget Middle School

1 Start shopping as guest or log-in. 2 Make your online purchase. 3 Pick up order at the school.

November Bonus Days! [view products 10/27/13-11/23/13](#)

Free with \$90.00 Purchase! [view item 10/27/13-11/23/13](#)

Easy as 1-2-3!  
Market Day.  
Your Way  
Can't Make it to Your Sale?  
Choose an alternate pick-up location that is more convenient for you. [learn more](#)

Want Market Day Near You?  
Your School Can Earn More! [Join us](#)

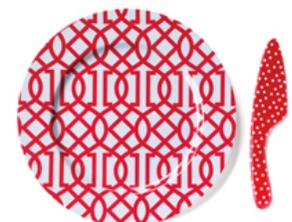
## Get Your Shopping Done – it's as Easy as 1-2-3!

Market Day is one of PTO's best fundraisers! Each month, Market Day offers more than 160 convenient and nutritious products at competitive prices, such as poultry, meats, seafood, family meals, appetizers, breakfast items, and desserts. Order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or look for info updates on Power School. Market Day delivers the orders to SHS, and customers can pick up their food (see dates below) in the cafeteria. A percentage of each order is given back to the school. Last year, Market Day raised more than \$2,000 for the PTO. Helping on a Saturday morning for an hour or two is a great way to get involved with the PTO. Please contact **Clare Daly** with any questions. Her email is: [clareedaly@yahoo.com](mailto:clareedaly@yahoo.com) ♦

### Market Day Pick-Up Dates 2013-2014 Saturdays, 10-11am, SHS Cafeteria

December 7	January 18
February 15	March 15
April 12	May 17
June 7	

Free with \$90.00 Purchase!



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## Please Support Our PTO Fundraisers

### Holiday Plant Sale

The PTO is holding a Holiday Plant sale. 6.5" Poinsettias are \$9.50 each, 4.5" Christmas Cactus are \$4.50 each. Both of these items come wrapped in red foil. There are also 6" containers of Cyclamen for \$8.00, Amaryllis for \$9.50, and Paperwhites for \$7.50. These plants have a choice of red or blue foil. Order needs to be in by **Wednesday, November 20th**. These plants will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 2nd. Please see the flyer on our PTO website. All profits from the sale go towards Project Graduation. ♦



### Arvin Garden Center Christmas Tree Fundraiser

This Holiday Season, Somerville High School PTO is working with Arvin Garden Center in an effort to raise much needed money for our Project Graduation fund. For every Holiday item, sold to a friend, neighbor or relative, Arvin will donate **10% to Project Graduation!** Trees are sold beginning November 29th thru December 23th. Arvin Garden Center located at: 3535 Route 22 Whitehouse, NJ Hours: Monday thru Sunday 9am-6pm (908-534-2646) Remember to bring the flyer with you (look for it on our website) ♦



### Fill Your Stockings with VILLE Clothing

VILLE clothing and accessories make great holiday gifts! 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. Look for the flyer on our website, SHSPPTO.org. If you have questions, contact Michele Grimm at michelegrimm@verizon.net or Rosa Coulson at Rosa.Coulson@verizon.net ♦

### Join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a Flavorful FUNraising Event to Support Project Graduation

Just bring in this flyer for lunch or dinner and present it to your server. **20%** of your check will be donated to Somerville PTO Project Graduation. Remember to bring the flyer with you (look for it on our website). Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering and all beverages! Join us December 12th! California Pizza Kitchen is located at 400 Commons Way., Bridgewater, NJ (Between Lord & Taylor and Macy's) ♦

### Five Below and Somerville PTO!

Five Below would like to invite YOU to help raise money for Somerville High School PTO! The event will take place from December 1st through December 8th. 10% of your purchase will benefit the Somerville High School PTO. Remember to bring the flyer with you (look for it on our website) Five Below is open Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm and Sunday 10am-7pm Five Below is located in Raritan, NJ (908) 707-0400. ♦

### ACT Practice Test!

Sign your student up to take a practice ACT test. The cost is \$15.00. Your child will get test scores and feedback from Princeton Review. The test date is **February 1st, 8am to 12:15pm** at SHS (make up date of 2/22 if bad weather). Check the PTO website at [www.shsppto.org](http://www.shsppto.org) for all information or email Sandy Costa at [sjcosta@hotmail.com](mailto:sjcosta@hotmail.com) with any questions! Please sign up through Princeton Review and send check or cash to the PTO. The cost is \$15. ♦

## Gabe Hurley

On October 23rd the PTO sponsored 'Without Limitations', a presentation by Gabe Hurley for the sophomore class upon completion of their driver's education class.

The presentation was about Gabe Hurley, an incredible young man, who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. A few years ago, Gabe was involved in a car accident with a high school student that had his license for one month. The student was not obeying the rules of driving and well, Gabe paid dearly. Fortunately, Gabe lived. It has been a difficult journey for him and for those of us that watched his presentation, it has been an amazing one.

As I listened to student questions after the presentation, one question really stuck in my mind. The young man asked, 'Besides your face, did you break anything else'? In reality, this is exactly what happened to Gabe, his face was broken, literally split down the middle. He has gone through many surgeries, he has lost his eyesight, tasting capabilities and so much more!

Gabe took the high road and did not let this tragedy bring him down. He's living his life to the fullest extent.

I hope your sophomore child told you about Gabe's story. It was so moving and there were some tears shed in the auditorium that day. There were pictures of a good looking young man with a bright future, along with graphic pictures of the aftermath of Gabe's tragedy.

As Gabe said, 'Driving is a privilege. Learn and obey the rules of driving. Just think about how you would feel if a tragedy like this happened to you or a loved one. Or what if you caused someone else to be hurt, it is something you'll have to live with for the rest of your life'. Gabe has a powerful message he wants to spread to all drivers. ♦

### IMPORTANT DATES!!

Dec. 23	Winter Recess Begins
Jan. 2	School Reopens
Jan. 9	Instrumental Concert
Jan. 20	No School – MLK Day
Jan. 25	SAT Exams
Jan. 27 – 31	Mid-Term Exams
Feb 1	Practice ACT

### HSPA Testing – March 4, 5, 6

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](mailto:stevediannaf@yahoo.com)