

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 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, the high school has gone "green" and there will not be any flyers being mailed home. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. 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).

The future of the PTO and the continued success of the many PTO traditions rely on volunteers! It's never too late to join. The next meeting is **December 16, 7pm in the SHS Library**. Please feel free to contact any of the board members if you have ideas to improve upon or help the PTO succeed. On behalf of the PTO, we wish you a wonderful, healthy and safe holiday season! ♦

Michele Grimm



Join Us at California Pizza Kitchen!

The SHS PTO is excited to participate in this flavorful FUNdraising event. Just bring our flyer (download from our SHS PTO web site), present to your server and 20% of your check will be donated to Project Graduation. Mark your calendar. ♦

Wednesday, December 10th!

Dine in or Take-out!

California Pizza Kitchen
Bridgewater Commons
400 Commons Way, Bridgewater

The screenshot shows the Market Day website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for HOME, ABOUT US, RETAIL STORES, MEAL PLANNING, and HELP. Below this is a search bar and a 'Pick-up locator' button. The main content area features a large image of a chicken dish with a 'shop now' button. A pink box overlay on the image says 'Your school will earn up to 20% on each order.' To the right is a 'Welcome!' section with a 'Log-In' form for user name and password, and a 'New to Market Day?' section with a 'let's get started' button. Below these are three numbered steps: 1. Start shopping as guest or log-in, 2. Make your online purchase, 3. Pick up order at the school. At the bottom, there are four promotional banners: 'November Pies = Extra profit' with a 'Bonus Days' offer, 'Available at select locations!' with a 'FREE Dessert Pedestal' offer, 'Easy as 1-2-3!' with a 'Can't make it to your sale?' offer, and 'Cookie Dough, Pizza, Gifts & More' with a 'FUNDRAISING SUPERHERO!' graphic.

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 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 ♦

Market Day Calendar for 2014-15

(pick up is at Somerville High School Cafeteria)

ORDER BY DATE	PICK UP DATE	TIME
Mon., Dec. 1	Sat., Dec. 6	9:30-10:30am
Mon., Jan. 5	Sat., Jan. 10	9:30-10:30am
Mon., Feb. 2	Sat., Feb. 7	9:30-10:30am
Mon., March 9	Sat., March 14	9:30-10:30am
Mon., April 13	Sat., April 18	9:30-10:30am
Mon., May 11	Sat., May 16	9:30-10:30am
Mon., June 8	Sat., June 13	9:30-10:30am

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 19th**. These plants will be delivered to the school on Monday, December 8th. 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 28th 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, SHSPTO.org. If you have questions, contact Rosa Coulson at Rosa.Coulson@verizon.net ♦

Join us at Ruby Tuesday for a Community Give Back Fundraiser Event to Support Project Graduation

Ruby Tuesday and the SHS PTO is teaming up on November 12th and 13th. Come out and show your support! Make a night of it, or just have lunch. Proceeds benefit Project Graduation! Please **download the flyer** on the SHS PTO website and hand to your server and 20% of your check will be donated to the SHS PTO. Contact Michele Grimm at michelegrimm@verizon.net with questions. ♦

Frozen Falls Fundraiser!

We are glad to announce that Frozen Falls will be participating all year with the Somerville High School PTO. Always 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.

Practice SAT Test with Princeton Review!

Warm up for the SAT and find out how YOU would score if you took the test today. Get realistic practice and try your hand at the types of questions you'll face on the actual exam. You'll receive a personalized score report pinpointing your strengths and weaknesses.

Test Date: Saturday, November 15th – 11am-3:15pm

Please download the form on the SHS PTO website for registration directions and additional information. Contact Michele Grimm at michelegrimm@verizon.net with questions.

Gabe Hurley

On October 20th 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. ♦

Check out Gabe's story at
<http://vimeo.com/85451172>

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Nov. 14	Parent/Principle Coffee Hour
Nov. 26	Half Day
Nov. 27-28	School Closed
Dec. 12	Parent/Principle Coffee Hour
Dec. 16	PTO Meeting
Dec. 23	Half Day, Winter Recess Begins
Jan. 5	School Reopens
Jan. 16	Parent/Principle Coffee Hour
Jan. 19	No School – MLK Day
Feb. 13	Half Day
Feb. 16	No School – President's Day