

SHAKER HIGH NEWSLETTER FROM THE DESK OF

Mr. Richard W. Murphy



May 2009

Message from the Principal

For the 2009-2010 school year, there will no longer be a period of time after mid-terms for students to request program changes. Students requesting any program changes will be asked to follow the normal special program request. It is, therefore, imperative that parents and students carefully review their school program choices between now and the July 1 deadline. After this deadline schedule changes can only be done through the special program process.

Thank You

The faculty and staff of Shaker High School would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the PTSA and all of the volunteers who provided a wonderful luncheon in March. Special thanks to Mrs. Alicia Osur, who coordinated this event.

Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.

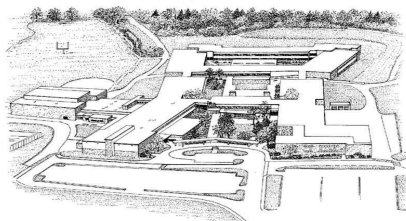
—W. B. Yeats

SAT I/II: Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Intensive Review/Study begins on May 26, 2009.

Final Exams and Regents Exams

Please note: In-class final exams will be held on June 5-11; school final exams will be held on June 15-24. Regents exams will be held from June 16-24. Exact dates and times for Regents Exams will be provided at a later date.



The End of the 2008-2009 School Year

The year is quickly moving through the last quarter of studies. Freshman are more like sophomores. Sophomores are looking forward to the additional benefits of being members of Taft Hall. Seniors are finalizing their post high school plans. Faculty and staff continue to support students in their academic and personal development.

The school is already planning for next year. Through the budget process and student programming, we are able to determine teacher and instructional needs. The master schedule for 2009-2010 will be based on the course requests we are currently discussing with you and your children.

If your children are struggling in classes, or their grades have dropped from earlier this year, please encourage them to seek extra help. Teachers are available after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Contact your child's guidance counselor if you have any concerns. Students will soon be asked to recap their semester and full-year courses through their final exams. It can be a stressful time. The earlier they prepare for finals, the more success they will have on the final.

The last quarter is a busy time. Please be aware of information coming into your home from Shaker High School. Much of the information involves deadlines. If you receive information and have questions, always feel free to contact us at 785-5511.

NOTE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FINAL EXAMS

Students enrolled in courses for which there are mid-term or final examinations are responsible for taking tests on given dates and times. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each exam period and phone calls will be made to verify each absence. The scheduling of personal appointments, vacations, or meeting obligations other than those of an emergency nature shall not constitute a valid reason for missing an exam and will result in a grade of zero. Valid reasons include illness or injury confirmed by a physician's note; death in family; court appearance confirmed by court documentation; or placement in a facility. Notification to hall principal and/or department supervisor is mandatory. Students and parents must make every effort to schedule mandatory college orientation/placement exams during non-testing periods. If a student is going to attend a mandatory college orientation/placement exam during a testing period, the parents and college must provide documentation explaining the reason(s) for this request. Eligibility for make-up exams will be determined by the hall principal and department supervisor. Once the absence has been approved, it is the student's responsibility to contact the department supervisor and reschedule the exam. If arrangements for make-up exams have not been made prior to the conclusion of the exam schedule, those unscheduled students shall receive an exam grade of zero. **Regents exams and RCT's distributed by the State cannot be rescheduled. These exams must be given at the designated times. Students who arrive late to an exam should report to their scheduled exam room. Their exam will end at the normally scheduled ending time. No additional time will be allowed.**

For security reasons, valuables should **not** be brought to any exam room during formal and/or in-class periods. Valuables may include, but are not limited to hats, books, purses, backpacks, coats, and electronic devices. Shaker High School is not responsible for lost or stolen items; therefore, we recommend that only items needed for the specific exam be brought into the testing area.

The following will be read to all students prior to all mid-term and final exams:
"You may not use any communications device while taking an examination. Devices include, but are not limited to CD and audiocassette players, radios, cell phones, pagers, MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants, video devices, and associated headphones, headsets, microphones, or earplugs. If your cell phone rings, you may not look at it or answer it. If your pager beeps or vibrates, you may not look at it. You must, therefore, turn off these devices right now and secure them underneath your desk, away from you and your desktop. No cell phones or other electronic devices may remain on your person. If your cell phone should ring or your pager should beep during an exam, you must raise your hand to indicate to a proctor that the phone or pager needs to be turned off by the proctor. You may not, under any circumstances, touch or look at the cell phone or electronic device. Doing so will be considered use of the device and your exam may be invalidated."

FINAL EXAMS: June 5, 2009 – June 24, 2009

Mathematics Department

**Algebra I Departmental
Review Classes for Students
in Math 9R, IRP 2, Unified 2**

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

Room: J-201

Thursday, May 21

♦Polynomials, factoring, algebraic fractions

Tuesday, May 26

♦Radicals, Trigonometry

Thursday, May 28

♦Graphing linear equations, inequalities

Tuesday, June 2

♦Quadratics, parabolas

Thursday, June 4

♦Statistics and Probability

Tuesday, June 5

♦General Review



**Math B Departmental
Review Classes for Students
in Math 11B, 11R, 11H**

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

Room: J-108 Time: 2:30p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21

♦Functions and Transformations

Tuesday, May 26

♦Exponents/Logs

Thursday, May 28

♦Regression/Statistics/Probability

Math 10 Review

Tuesday, June 2

♦Trigonometry

Thursday, June 4

♦Trig. Graphs/Trig. Equations/Law of Sines/Law of Cosines

Tuesday, June 9

♦General Review

**Global History & Geography
Regents Review Classes
2009**

Regents review classes for Global History & Geography will be held as follows:



May 20

♦Golden Ages Rooms K103 and J201

May 27

♦ Economic and Political Systems
Rooms K105 and B211

June 3

♦Wars/Conflict/Human Rights
Rooms B212 and B209

June 10

♦Individuals and Turning Points
Rooms B202 and B211

Algebra Departmental

Review Classes for Students in Math 10R and 10H

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

Room: B206

Time: 2:30p.m.— 3:30p.m.

Thursday, May 21

♦Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

♦General Review

Tuesday, May 26

♦Congruent Triangles/Relationships with Triangles

Thursday, May 28

♦Similarity/Right Triangles and Trigonometry

Tuesday, June 2

♦Quadrilaterals/Areas

Thursday, June 4

♦Circles/Transformations

Tuesday, June 9

♦Surface Area and Volume of Solids

♦General Review

Summer Reading

The summer reading list will soon be arriving home. Parents are asked to assist their children in selecting appropriate titles. Parents should keep track of their children's progress. English teachers give assignments related to summer reading early in September. The summer reading list may also be accessed via our website:

<http://www.northcolonie.org>.

Summer 2009 Shaker High School Summer School

Please note the dates for the 2009 Shaker High School Summer School registration will be **Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30 (8:00 – 3:00)** at the High School. Classes will begin on **Thursday, July 2** and end on **Wednesday, August 12**. Regents examinations will be administered on **August 12, 13 and 14**, and the **last day** to register for walk-in examinations is **Monday, July 13 (by 1:00)**. If your child needs to attend summer school, please plan vacations to avoid missing class time. Students who miss more than the **equivalent of 3 days of a class lose credit** for that course. In order to qualify for summer school a student who has lost credit during the school year must have attended that course for at least 60% of the classes. For additional information, please contact Mr. Arnone at (518) 785-5511 ext. 3313.



Tutorial Study

Tutorial study is a remedial option for courses NOT offered during the summer session either at Shaker High School or at a neighboring district's session .

Summer 2008 Driver Education Course

Applications for the Summer Drivers' Education Course will be available in the Main Office **beginning on May 18 and must be returned by May 22**. There will be a **Mandatory Driver Education Orientation on June 11** in the High School Auditorium at 4:00 PM. Classes will be offered in the morning **beginning July 1 and running through August 14**. Class openings will be filled on a "first come, first serve" basis by grade level, so turn your application in early for the best choice of class times. Specific information regarding class and driving times can be found on our website at <http://www.northcolonie.org/DriverEd.html>, or in the application packet available in the Main Office or on-line on **May 18**. For additional information, please contact Mr. Arnone at (518) 785-5511 ext. 3313.



Key Dates

- * May 18 – 22 Registration for Summer Driver Education applications online or Main Office
- * Thursday – June 11 – Mandatory Driver Education Orientation
- * Monday – June 29 & Tuesday – June 30 – 8:00 to 3:00 Summer School Registration
- * Wednesday – July 1 – First day of Driver Education classes
- * Thursday – July 2 - First day of Summer School classes
- * Monday – July 13 – Walk-in Regents Exam Registration ends
- * Monday – August 10 & Tuesday- August 11 – Local Summer School Exams
- * Thursday & Friday - August 12, 13 & 14 – NYS Regents Examinations

800 Club

The most recent club additions are: Patricia Kim (Writing) and Irene Van Ryn (Math).

Honors

Colleen Cavanaugh was awarded the NYS Lottery 2008 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.

Scholars' Recognition

The Scholars' Recognition Program honors outstanding scholastic achievement by members of the graduating classes of the public, private, parochial and BOCES secondary schools in Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington Counties. The high schools selected these students to recognize scholarship, leadership and service to their schools and communities. After the student scholars are chosen, they are asked to nominate a teacher who has influenced their lives in a significant way.

Student/Teacher Honorees

Alexis Dalcol	–	Mr. Daniel Weaver
Richa Taneja	–	Mrs. Heide Westergard
Hailey Kopp	–	Mr. Michael Lanahan

Honor Graduates

Shaker High School does not have a valedictorian or salutatorian. Instead, we recognize the top 5% of the graduating class. We continue to believe that this procedure is more equitable and permits a larger number of students to receive the accolades they have earned through hard work, talent, and intelligence. This year's top 5% are: Michele Acheampong, Parker Armsby, Erin Burke, Matthew Capeless, Megan Cheney, Andrew Choi, Nicole Cillis, Alexis Dalcol, Anthony Farrell, Brittany Farron, Allen Ferris, Nicole Foster, Elizabeth Hennessy, Michael Hovish, Yiqian Jiang, Qin Jiang, Sana Khan, Hailey Kopp, Arin Kutey, Sarah Lee, Joshua Malkin, Elizabeth Mantey, Matthew McNeill, Adam Morgan, Sean Ogden, Anjali Puttachi, Arielle Ray, Catherine Richardson, Kira Rosi-Schumacher, David Rowley, Rotem Rusak, Emily Scampini, Matthew Schwenzfeier, Rose Silberman-Gorn, Melissa Sippel, Richa Taneja, Christopher VanZetta.

National Spanish Exam

In the spring of 2009, Spanish students from Shaker High School participated in the on-line version of the National Spanish Exam. They were joined by over 106,000 others from all fifty United States and nine foreign countries. Medals garnered were: GOLD: Joni Zucker; SILVER: Alison Inceu, Irene Van Ryn; BRONZE: Beatrice Pini, Philip June, Soowan Kim, Melissa Belanger, Joanne Millett, Adam Shamlian; Award of Distinction: Greg Koski, Patricia Kim, Fiona Recchia, Mehwish Shahid, Andrew Januska, Christian McNulty, Evan DeFilippo, Sydney Manning; Honorable Mention: Genevieve Gonzalez, Diana Lee, Maria Volpe-McDermott, Devin Toth, Amitai Berger, Julia McCane and Maria Malik.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

National French Contest

On March 2, 2009, 244 French students from Shaker High School and 4 students from Shaker Junior High School participated in the 2009 National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. These French students competed against 2,400 students in the Hudson Valley Chapter, and nationally against more than 98,000 students. Our 2 national winners are Anthony Farrell (SHS) - 3rd in the nation and Adina Zhang (SJHS) - 4th in the nation. Twenty students ranked in the top 10 of the Hudson Valley Chapter—Second: Joanne Millett; Fifth: Allen Ferris, David Haller, Yulia Shtutman; Sixth: Gabriela Carrascal, Gerald Pinchinat; Seventh: Michele Acheampong, Andrew Doyle, Malak Gawdat, Angela Saulsbery; Eighth: Alex Hoffman, Laura McKillip; Angela Wang; Ninth: Adah Hetko, Catherine Richardson, Alexis Ponte, Claire Rupert; Tenth: Alexa Carrascal, Christine Jungwittanaporn and Eric Perez.

National German Exam

On January 7, 2009, 102 German students from Shaker High School participated in the 2009 National German Exam sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). These German students competed against 26,000 students nationwide. Emerald Ross and Niveditha Obla, who scored above the 90th percentile in the nation, became eligible for the AATG Study Trip Award. In addition, John O'Connor, Carlene Daly, Samantha Sohnen, Matthew Lorini, Samuel Janidlo, and Connor Brant scored above the 70th percentile. These students will participate in an awards ceremony at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson. The American Association of Teachers of German commended Ms. Muldoon and Mrs. Kingsley, the German teachers, for the performance of their students in the 2009 AATG National Testing Program.

Russian Speaking Olympiad

Sixteen students of Russian from Shaker High School and four students from Shaker Junior High School competed against a field of more than 120 hand-picked students from various schools throughout the state. Five of the 20 students from Shaker were awarded gold medals, 12 received silver medals, and 3 received bronze medals. Rotem Rusak and Tami Hartshorn participated in the second round of the competition for the main prize, a trip to Russia. Tami Hartshorn was selected to receive a 2009 Moscow summer school scholarship award to study and travel to Russia and Rotem Rusak became a runner-up for the same prize.

GOLD: Elizabeth Hennessy, Rotem Rusak, Tami Hartshorn, Brittany Egnot, Andrew Layden-SILVER: Heather Cameron, Casey Connolly, Zhaokun Ma, Adam Parower, Kaitlyn Castle, Shannon Kresge, Wojciech Roczniak, Margaret Weis, Joseph Chappell, Emma Tornello, Michael Galvin, Katie Green BRONZE: Kelly Rowland John Sneeringer Lauren Woods.

National Russian Essay Contest

On November 20, 2008, 181 Shaker High School students of Russian participated in the 27th National Russian Essay Contest. They competed against more than 1,200 students nationwide. Students completed essays on the topic, "November 2025-Who Am I" and demonstrated mastery of the subject appropriate for their level and ability to use language with great facility. Shaker High students received 56 honorable mentions and were awarded 72 bronze, 40 silver, and 13 gold medals. All students who participated in the contest will receive certificates from the American Council of Teachers of Russian. The essays awarded with gold medals at the advanced level will be forwarded to the Pushkin Institute in Moscow, Russia to be judged in a second round of competition. Gold: Madeline Bette, Casey Connolly, Victoria DeLaCancela, Ellen Dooley, John Dzialo, Kristen Garabedian, Anastasia Garceau, Dana Hom, Natalie Rua, Sergei Savchenko, Melissa Sippel, Margaret Weis, Ashley Yakel.

National Latin Exam

On March 13, 2009, 105 Latin students from Shaker High School participated in the National Latin Exam. They were joined by over 134,000 others from all fifty states and ten foreign countries. Fifteen Shaker High students won gold medals and received Summa Cum Laude certificates, 22 students won silver medals and received Maxima Cum Laude certificates, and 11 students won bronze medals. GOLD: Ramy Elminyawi, Anastasia Garceau, Anthony Januska, Soowan Kim, Alexander Macina, Adam Shamlian, Jing Zhang, Prateek Baghel, Te-Ching Chen, Casey Connolly, Abigail Jenkins, Patricia Kim, Zhaokun Ma, Julia McCane, Eleni Papadopoulos. SILVER: Quianna Bennett, Pavan Bheemineni, Mackenzie Brennan, Christine Choi, Brian Franko, Catherine Jenkins, Michael Kaloustian, Kyungmin Kim, Gregory Marino, Nicholas Shamlian, Melissa Sheridan, Jenness Sposito, Shilpa Taneja, Nicole Wiegman, Huzma Ahmed, Bryan Egan, Jordan McDonald, Brendan Murphy, John O'Connor, Benjamin Petraitis, Fiona Recchia, and Elena Wolner.

Health Office

ATTENTION 9th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

New York State Education Law requires that every 10th grade student have a health physical and a written appraisal of that examination be submitted to the Health Office. The written appraisal shall not be more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is required. Therefore, written appraisals will be accepted from September 2008 until September 2009, and shall be submitted within 30 days after the student's entrance. If you have any questions, contact the Health Office at 785-5511 ext. 3378 or 3380.



Signing Students Out for Health Reasons

The following information is offered to provide parents with a clear understanding of how to sign their child out of the health office:

- ♦All parents of students grades 9-11 will be expected to sign out their child due to illness. Parents will be instructed to go to the health (nurse's) office to sign the student out. The hall principal will make the decision regarding any extenuating circumstances.
- ♦Seniors who are medically able to walk home, drive, or leave on their own, will still be allowed to do so.
- ♦Parents who contact the health office with unscheduled medical appointment requests will, after consultation with the school nurse, be forwarded to the appropriate hall office to sign their child out.
- ♦In the case of students with special needs who may have physical or medical issues, the student may be brought to the parent for convenience by the appropriate staff person. The staff person will be asked to have the parent sign the student out at the door.

Art News

Spring is an exciting season in the HS Art Department. We hosted a district opening reception of student artwork at the NYSUT headquarters building on route 7, on Wednesday, May 6, beginning at 6:30. There was music, refreshments and a most impressive display of the creative talents of our students. The display ran through Wednesday, May 20th.



We also will feature two Art Receptions this spring showcasing the work of our most Advanced Studio students on Thursday, May 28th and Thursday, June 4th. Both exhibits will begin at 7pm in the SHS Art Gallery.

Congratulations to several of our high school students who have won recent art awards!

- ♦Suzanne Geary is being recognized for the Colonie Art League Scholarship Award.
- ♦Genevieve Gonzalez and Scott Sommerville won awards this spring at the Capital Region Media Arts Festival for their graphics and animation entries.
- ♦Also, several advanced art students had artwork selected into the 2008 High School Regional Juried Exhibit. Students included: Yulia Stutman, Rose Silberman-Gorn, Tami Hartshorn, Megan Barra, Jenny Chung, Katie Reilly, Alex Ross, Melissa Ashley, Elyssa Enslin, and Cate Degen.
- ♦High School students are also currently exhibiting their artwork at the Capital Region BOCES Annual Art Show, including, Meliss Ashley, Kanwal Memon, Martine Olstad, Sneha Pusapati, Lauren Burke, Kerri Coburn, Morgan Quay, Mariah Kitner, and Sara Caruso

Congratulations to all of our young artists!

Music News

Congratulations to 41 students in the Shaker High School music department who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society on April 7, 2009. Tri-M also inducted Michael Patrizio, retiring Shaker High School music teacher, as its newest honorary member.



Please join us in the Shaker High School Auditorium for three spring concerts:

Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.: Shaker Jazz Band, Period 5 Chorus, White Symphonic Band and SSAA Chorus

Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m.: Orchestra, Period 1 Chorus and Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.: World Percussion, Blue Symphonic Band, Shaker Select, and Wind Ensemble.

Attention Junior Parents

Portraits for the 2010 yearbook are being taken this month. All juniors should have their pictures taken if they wish to appear in the senior section of next year's yearbook. The photographer will be in Taft Hall office in May. Any student who misses his or her scheduled appointment may go directly to the photographer in the hall office. Some students have elected to go to the studio. These students should make an appointment as soon as possible. Any student who misses a picture in school should schedule an appointment with the photographer, White Studio, at 438-7343, or email whitestudio@aol.com. If either students or parents have questions, they should contact Mrs. Fanniff at 785-5511 Ext. 3455.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks were distributed to seniors after the awards ceremony on May 14, and beginning May 15 for underclassmen. Students need a picture I.D. to pick up their yearbooks. Yearbooks are only given to the student who ordered the book. A limited number of books will be available for those students who have not ordered and prepaid. These are available for purchase in the school bookstore after Friday, May 15. The cost is \$75.00.

Athletic Department Sports News

Annual Athletic Awards Night: June 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Free Fall Sports Physical Day: June 13 at Capital Region Health Park, 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Physical Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

This is the **ONLY** date sports physicals will be given free of charge. Plan to attend if you plan to try out for a fall 2009 sport.

Winter Recognitions: Scholar-Athlete Teams Winter Sports Teams: all nine Varsity Teams have earned Scholar-Athlete Status. The Varsity Boys Indoor Track team won the Suburban Council and Section 2 Championship. The Shaker/Colonie Ice Hockey Team won the Capital District High School Hockey League and Section 2 Championship. The Shaker Bowling Team was crowned Champions of the Suburban Council North Division. Congratulations Shaker coaches and student-athletes-Coach Of The Year: Dave Stadlander-Boys Indoor Track; Steve Hudak-Ice Hockey.

Times Union All Area First Team All-Stars: Indoor Track: 800Relay; JQ Chandler, Reuben Feinman, Bryan Letourneau, Alvin Porter; 1600Relay: Oluebebe Abara, Brendan Dolan, Matt Conti, Matt Dustin; Long Jump: Prince Abban; Swimming: Frank Dyer-200/500 as first team all area all-stars, and "Coach of The Year".

PTSA NEWS

It's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close and this is my final article for Mr. Murphy's newsletter. Thank you for your support over the past 3 years. I would like to recognize some special individuals whose help has been invaluable to me the past 3 years: Tanya Frink, Treasurer, Lucretia Bulson, Secretary, Gail Friedman, After-Prom shopper, and Linda Stack, School Store Manager who coordinated the Apparel Wear and school ornaments. The 2009-2010 PTSA officers will be: Kathy Love and Gwen Thompson, Co-Presidents; Nancy O'Connor, Vice President; Patricia Miller, Secretary; and Margaret Palmieri, Treasurer. Congratulations and much success to the new officers! Please continue to support our children through the PTSA.

As school comes to a close, please consider giving our Seniors a special memento. Our school ornament would make a wonderful graduation keepsake. They are available for sale in the school store or may be ordered on the high school's webpage @ www.northcolonie.org (click on the high school.).

The 9th & 10th Grade End of the Year Celebration was held on May 1st in the high school gyms. Students enjoyed an evening of Cavotta Ball, Guitar Hero, Ping Pong, and other activities. Many thanks to student, parent, staff, and faculty volunteers who helped make the evening such a success. I would also like to thank the many parents who have made monetary & gift donations toward the celebrations. Thank you also to the following groups/businesses: Price Chopper, Burger King, Dom's Pizza, Our Lady of Assumption Youth Ministry, C.T. Male Associates, Light of the World Christian Church, Jiminy Peak, Rumors IV Men, Rumors, FunPlex Fun Park, Hoffman Car Wash, Albany Broadcasting, Warren Tire, Home Depot, Walmart and Sam's Club. Without all the support we receive, these activities would not be possible. Thank you again!!!

The Sr. Prom will be held Friday, May 15th. The Jr. Prom will be held on Saturday, June 6th and the PTSA sponsored After Prom party will be held at Spare Time in Latham from 11:30 pm – 2:00 am. Students need not attend their prom to attend the After Prom party. There will be bowling, food, beverages, and prizes. **There is no charge to the students.** If any parent(s) is/are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 783-7881 or russellpc@aol.com.

Our last scheduled PTSA meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm – PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME (due to a concert that evening) in the Main Office Conference Room. Please plan to attend.

Board of Education Meetings

June 16 SHS Counseling Center 7:00 p.m.
 July 8 SHS Counseling Center 7:00 p.m.
 August 25 SHS Counseling Center 7:00 p.m.

Board members are available 15 minutes before the monthly board meetings to speak with the public.

Thank you,

Nancy Russell
 PTSA President



**Shaker High School
 Calendar of Events**

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
22	Interim Progress Reports Mailed	2	Concert 7:30 p.m.
26	Memorial Day—No School	4	Art/Music Festival 7:00 p.m.
28	Art/Music Festival 7:00 p.m.	6	SAT 8:00 a.m.
		6	Junior Prom
		10	Friends of Music 7:00 p.m.
		11	Last Day of Classes
		26	Graduation Rehearsal 1:00-3:00 p.m.
		27	Graduation 10:00 a.m.

June 2009 Exams

5-11 In-Class Final Exams
 12-24 SHS Final Exams
 16-24 NYS Regents (see reverse)

Committee on Special Education

The North Colonie School District wants to help ensure that your child receives any special services he or she may need as early as possible. If you are concerned about your child's development in any area, please contact Karen Newell, Chairperson, Committee on Special Education, at 785-5511 ext. 3335. She can help begin the process of determining what services, if any, your child may need.

Senior Events

The annual **senior class picnic** was held on Friday, May 15, at the Saratoga State Park. Later that night, our senior prom took place at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

Graduation rehearsal will be at The University at Albany's SEFCU Arena on June 26 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. **Graduation**, on Saturday, June 27, will be at The University at Albany's SEFCU Arena beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Important senior class information is addressed in a separate mailing from the Taft Hall office that you should have already received. If not, please call the Taft Hall office at 785-5511, Ext. 3411.



Student Government Cinderella Closet

The Shaker High School Student Government has started a Cinderella Closet. We are currently seeking donations of gently used or new formal attire. If you have any gowns, shoes, suits, or any accessories that could be worn to a formal event, please bring them to the Shaker High School main office. The closet will eventually be available to any student in need of formal attire for Shaker functions. If you have any questions, email lmorgan@ncolonie.org. Thank you for your support.

Town of Colonie Youth Employment Service

The Town of Colonie Youth Employment Service is available to assist your child with their private sector job search. Colonie residents between the ages of 16 - 21 are eligible for services. For information students should go to www.colonie.org/yes for information on job seeking skills and currently available job listings. The Youth Employment Service also offers Red Cross babysitting courses for Colonie youth, ages 11 - 15. Please call for dates and times.

Should a student need more information or clarification, you can contact YES at 456-3786.