

# SHAKER HIGH NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE DESK OF

**Mr. Richard W. Murphy**

**October 2015**



### **SHS Club Fair**

The SHS Club Fair was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 during Period 6. Anyone interested in information on the variety of clubs offered at SHS may stop by the Main Office for an updated list of clubs.

### **SCHOOL VISION**

Our enduring vision is, and will continue to be, to maintain a safe, wholesome school environment—one that constantly improves our comprehensive educational system which promotes systematic advocacy by providing opportunities, support services, and instruction of the highest quality and value for all students. Therefore, we have developed programs designed to enable all of our students to succeed academically and socially, as well as be prepared for the demands of the global work place. To that end, students need to understand the fundamental principles of economics and economic systems. They must acquire this necessary knowledge in order to be contributing and successful citizens in a democratic society. To achieve these goals, they must become independent learners, mastering core academic and technological skills. This mastery will enable them to solve problems and communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. We must also encourage Shaker students to foster life-long reading and critical thinking habits, as well as gain knowledge of a foreign language and the fine arts. Lastly, they should learn to embrace healthy lifestyles and activities, exercise civility and self-discipline, demonstrate respect for others, make sound decisions, and take reasonable responsibility for their education.

### **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015 NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS**

The National Merit Semi-Finalists for the class of 2015 are: Dong-Seop Eah, Ryan Guo, Michael Huang, Rishab Jaggi, Daniel Magat, Sarah Sternbach, Emily Tang, and Maya Zhou.

### **OPENING**

The start of the year has been a good one for our students. Ninth graders are learning how to find their way in the high school. Twelfth graders are beginning to formalize their postgraduate plans. All of our students are beginning to organize their days in terms of time commitment and schedule. Time is a precious commodity that is taken up mostly by students' classes and studies. Students do have free time that they need to decide how to use. For many of our students, "free time" is devoted to extracurricular activities or interscholastic sports. Many of our students work or volunteer in the community. No matter what students' interests may be, it is important that they begin to learn to develop a balance of worthwhile activities for themselves. At Shaker High School, over 70% of our students are involved in extracurricular activities or sports. Students are given the opportunity for self-development outside their classroom. These interests and activities will follow them when they leave Shaker High School. Adjustment to high school, college, or employment is better supported when individuals have a healthy balance of time and activities in their lives. I encourage all of our students to look to their school, community, and family to find their own interests and healthy balance of time in their lives.

### **Students' Attendance in Examinations**

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, the Department Supervisor will contact the student to 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 RCTs 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 midterm 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."

**MIDTERM EXAMS: January 14, 2015—January 30, 2015**

**FINAL EXAMS: June 2, 2015- June 25, 2015**

### **VISITORS**

Visitors are expected to call for an appointment prior to coming to Shaker High School. When the appointment is confirmed, the name of the visitor will be placed in the log that is located on the desk at the main entrance. When visitors arrive, they are expected to sign in, list their destination and the person with whom they are meeting, and present a picture ID. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## MUSIC NEWS

### SHS CONCERT CALENDAR:

Please mark your calendar with the following Shaker High School concert dates:

Wednesday, December 2: White Symphonic Band, 9-10 Orchestra, 9-10 Chorus, Jazz Ensemble  
Monday, December 21: **Prism Concert**—World Percussion, Blue Symphonic Band, Shaker Select, Jazz Band, Flute Choir, Counterpoint Strings, Bella Voce/Belle Voix  
Tuesday, December 22: Wind Ensemble, 11-12 Orchestra, 11-12 Chorus  
Tuesday, March 1: Jazz Ensemble, 9-10 Chorus, Blue Symphonic Band, 9-10 Orchestra  
Thursday, March 3: **Prism Concert**—White Symphonic Band, World Percussion, Shaker Select, Bella Voce/Belle Voix, Counterpoint Strings, Flute Choir, Jazz Band  
Monday March 7: Shaker Select, Wind Ensemble, 11-12 Chorus, 11-12 Orchestra  
Wednesday, May 25: Jazz Ensemble, Bella Voce/Belle Voix, White Symphonic Band  
Thursday, June 2: Blue Symphonic Band, Shaker Select, 11-12 Orchestra  
Monday, June 6: Counterpoint Strings, Jazz Band, 9-10 Orchestra, Wind Ensemble  
Tuesday, June 7: Flute Choir, World Percussion, 9-10 Chorus, 11-12 Chorus

### SHS Students Chosen for All-State Music

**Congratulations** to the following SHS students who were chosen by the New York State School Music Association to perform in the All-State Festival this December in Rochester: Julia McGaugh, alto in the Women's Chorus; Michael Rinaldi, bass in the Vocal Jazz Ensemble; Lindsey Weissman, alto in the Mixed Chorus; Michael Woods, tenor in the Mixed Chorus; Maya Zhou, violin in the Symphony Orchestra; Dong-Seop Eah, alternate on trombone; Haniyyah Tobarri, alternate on voice; Alexandra Romero, alternate on voice.

### Two SHS Students Chosen for All-National Chorus

**Congratulations** to Devin Canavally and Dan LaSalle who were chosen by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) to perform in the All-National Chorus. This is a first for Shaker High School to have two students chosen for such an honor. Both will sing with the All-National Mixed Chorus at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ART NEWS

The month of September was worthy of celebration in the art department as we honored National Arts in Education awareness. Please be encouraged to check out the information on the NAEA (National Arts in Education) website.

<http://www.arteducators.org/news/arts-in-education-week>

<http://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/networks-and-councils/arts-education-network/tools-resources/national-arts-in-education-week>

This year the Art Department faculty will continue to bring the student art and design work out of the G wing Gallery into the school, through a monthly Main Lobby Display. We also look forward to our [Great Pumpkin Design Challenge](#) in October.

Also, this year the Art Department will feature exhibits in the Teen Art Gallery of the Colonie Town Library, and we encourage everyone to stop in and enjoy them.

We annually feature a collection of K-12 student work at the NYS School Boards Association office building in their dedicated Dodge Gallery; we enter student work in a range of fine art and digital media arts juried competitions.

### Student Government Cinderella Closet

The Shaker High School Student Government operates 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 be available to any student in need of formal attire for Shaker functions. If you have any questions, email [lmorgan@ncolonie.org](mailto:lmorgan@ncolonie.org). Thank you for your support.

## DISTRICT INSURANCE

Every year children bring many personally-owned or rented instruments into our schools, sometimes leaving them overnight in our classrooms. The North Colonie Central School District has taken reasonable steps to prevent the theft of student property. However, the district is not responsible for theft, loss or damage to students' personal property on the premises. Additionally, parents are encouraged to list valuable items like musical instruments on their homeowners' or renters' insurance policy.

### Health Office

NYS Education Law requires that every 10th grader/new student have a health physical, and a written appraisal of that examination be submitted to the Health Office. The health physical shall not be more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the school year in which the examination is required, so health physicals will be accepted from Sept. 2014, and shall be submitted within 30 days after the student's entrance; 10th graders/new students will be screened for vision, hearing, height & weight; 9th graders for scoliosis.

**For your child to carry and take over-the-counter (OTC) medication, you can complete, with your doctor, a use & carry form found on line at [northcolonie.org/forms-health](http://northcolonie.org/forms-health). 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 from the health office when your child is ill. •Parents will be instructed to go to the health (nurse's) office to sign out the student. 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 with parent permission. •Parents who contact the health office with unscheduled medical appointment requests will be forwarded to the appropriate hall office to sign out their child. 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 out the student at the door.

**Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.**

**—Gail Devers**

## SHS BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Start your day with breakfast at Shaker High School. Each morning school breakfast will be offered from 7:00 am until 10:30 am. This includes mid-morning break. School breakfast includes; fruit and/or juice, cereal/bread/grain (protein may be substituted for a grain) and a milk selection. Items such as whole grain bagels, egg sandwiches, yogurt, fruit, cereals, breakfast bars, milk and other specials are available each day.

The School Breakfast Program is available to all students every weekday morning. No advanced registration is necessary; your child can attend every day or only occasionally. Cost of a school breakfast for paying students is \$1.75 and free for those qualifying for the free and reduced meal program. School breakfast offers a variety of foods each day, which are both tasty and nutritious.

School Breakfast is an ideal solution on mornings when kids are running late or parents have early commitments. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please take advantage of breakfast here at school.

Thank you for helping us makes sure that all of our students start the school day alert, well fed, and ready to learn.

## CONSTITUTION DAY



With educational programs designed to foster a greater understanding and appreciation for the United States Constitution, the Social Studies Department at Shaker High School recognizes the importance of this historical document. It was on September 17, 1787 that the delegates in Philadelphia signed the Constitution, creating one of the most enduring legacies of liberty, justice, and equality. Constitution Day is celebrated every September 17.

## AFTER-SCHOOL/BUS PASS SYSTEM

As we enter a new school year, I would like to report that through the support and efforts of our faculty and staff we had a another successful year using the after-school pass system. On Monday, September 21 of this school year, teachers began issuing passes to all students who remain in the building after 2:17 for school-sponsored activities.

Students must show their after-school pass to the bus driver in order to ride the 3:50 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. late bus. **Note: There will be no 5:00 pm bus run on Mondays and Fridays.** We encourage students to stay after school for school-sponsored activities, but they must be here for a valid reason. Students who remain after school for invalid reasons must obtain a pass from an administrator in order to ride the bus. These students will be issued a pass, but an appropriate disciplinary consequence will follow.

As was the procedure last year, our coaches provide student-athletes with seasonal stickers to be placed on their student ID. The stickers replace the students' need for a pass. Athletes must show their I.D., with the sticker, to the bus driver in order to ride the bus, or to a staff member to allow them to remain after school. It is required that every athlete—grades 9 through 12—carry his/her student I.D. with the sticker visible. Club advisors will use laminated passes which indicate the day of the week and period of time that club meets.

Students who have received a pass and are waiting for the late buses must report immediately to LaFollette Dining Room. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Coouture at ext. 3399.

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The North Colonie Central School District notifies the following radio stations and local TV stations of emergency closing information due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions: **Radio:** WGY (810 AM), WFLY (92.3 FM), WYJB (95.5 FM), WRVE (99.5 FM). **TV:** WRGB (Channel 6), WTEN (Channel 10), WNYT (Channel 13), Fox News (Channel 23), and Capital News 9 (Channel 9). If you have signed up for an SNN account, information will be sent directly to your email and cell phone (if desired). **Please consider registering with the School News Notifier (SNN) @ ncolonie.org for access to this information, as well as other school news. Information is also available on our web site: <http://www.northcolonie.org>**

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

The North Colonie Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers equal employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, marital status, genetic disposition, HIV or hepatitis carrier status and any other class protected by federal, state or local law. Equality of opportunity in employment shall include hiring, firing, wages and salaries, promotion, or any terms, conditions or privileges of employment.

Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX Compliance Officers: Students: Kathleen Skeals, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (518) 785-8591 ext. 3181; Staff: Jenna Bongermimo, Director of Human Resources (518) 785-8591 ext. 3133; Section 504 (Disabled), David Semo, (518) 785-5511, ext. 3333. Procedures and forms related to the established grievance procedures may be obtained from the appropriate compliance officer or on the District's website [www.northcolonie.org](http://www.northcolonie.org)

## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOTICE TO PARENTS

In accordance with the requirements of the federal regulation known as AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), the school district has conducted inspections and developed management plans for each of the district's schools. These management plans are available for your review during regular business hours at the individual schools. Included in these management plans is information regarding AHERA inspections, operations and maintenance, period surveillance and response action activities. It is the intention of the North Colonie Central School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take the appropriate steps necessary to ensure students and employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. For information contact Mr. Alan Levitus at the Maintenance Department at 785-5771.



# Shaker HIGH SCHOOL





## SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL STORE

The School Store is conveniently located in the A/B Lobby near the main office. Hours are 7:15 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. daily. Listed below is a summary of items currently available in the store. Prices for these items will be in effect for the 2015-2016 school year. All prices are for single items unless otherwise noted; all prices include tax. Please feel free to contact me at 785-5511, ext. 3307 if you have any questions.  
**Linda Stack** (store manager)

### ART SUPPLIES:

Art erasers; kneaded/vinyl \$1.00  
 Art pencil charcoal \$0.50  
 Art pencils; 2B, 2H, HB; 6B \$1.00  
 Drawing Art Pouch \$10.00  
 Portfolios w/Handles \$8.50  
 Sketch pad 9 x 12 \$5.00  
 Sketch pad 11x14 \$7.00  
 Studio Art Pouch \$5.00  
 Batteries AA/AAA \$0.75  
 Binders—1" \$1.50  
 Binders—2" \$3.50  
 Binder Clips—Medium \$0.25  
 Breath Mints \$0.75  
 Bulls-eye compass \$1.50  
**Daily Planner full-year \$5.00**  
 Deodorant \$1.25  
 Divider/Index Tabs \$0.75  
 Dry Erase Markers \$1.00  
 Erasers \$.50 / Erasers caps \$.10  
 Feminine Products \$0.25  
 Flash Drives \$8.00  
 Folders \$.30 each  
 Folder (laminated) \$1.25  
 Greeting Cards \$0.50—\$.60  
 Graph Paper \$.50  
 Graph notebook \$2.00  
 Hi-Lighter—retractable \$1.00  
 Index cards/note cards (white) \$0.75  
 Index cards/note cards (color) \$1.05  
 Lip Balm \$1.00

Locker Ladder \$20.00  
 Locker Mirror (magnetic) \$1.75  
 Loose Leaf Paper \$1.00  
 Manilla envelopes \$0.25 or \$0.50  
 Mechanical pencil \$0.40  
 Mechanical pencil refills \$0.50  
 Mini Notebook \$0.50  
 Notebook—1-subject \$1.00  
 Notebook—3-Subject \$2.50  
 Notebook—5-subject \$3.50  
 Notebook—Composition \$1.00  
 Number 2 pencil \$0.20  
 Pens (Bic Stick)—black/blue \$0.20  
 Pens (Bic Atlantis) \$1.00  
 Pens (color) \$0.75  
 Poster Board \$0.50 / Foam Board \$3.50  
 Post-It Notes \$1.00  
 Protractors 6" \$.50  
 Reinforcement Labels \$1.00  
 Report covers \$0.25  
 Shaker Hoodie \$30.00  
 Shaker Lanyard \$2.50  
 Shaker Mugs \$5.00  
 Shaker Pencils \$0.25  
 Shaker Sports Bags \$4.00  
 Shaker T-Shirts \$8.00—\$10.00  
 Sharpie Markers (color) \$1.00—\$2.00  
 Tape \$1.00  
 Three-hole paper punch \$2.00  
 White-Out \$1.25

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 800 CLUB

The most recent 800 Club additions are: Samhria Alpern (Math); John Barna (Reading); Sophia Casabonne (US History); Jonathan Choi (Bio Ecological); Suzanna Diehl (World History) Dong-Seop Each (Math 2); Ethan Eichelman Matn/Math2); Ryan Guo (Math 2); Michael Huang (US History); Rishab Jaggi (Math/Writing); Niharika Kura (US History); Daniel Magat (Math 2); Christopher Maloney (Chemistry); Huiwen Miao (Chemistry/Math); Danie Mu (Math/Physics/Math 2); Jihu Mun (Chemistry); Michael Rinaldi (US History); Emily Tang (Math 2/US History); Maya Zou (Chemistry).



### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

November 23, 2015 Forts Ferry School  
 December 21, 2015 SJHS—Auditorium

**All meetings** start at 7:15 PM, unless indicated. Otherwise. Prior to each monthly meeting, the Board will meet informally with the public at 7:15 p.m.

**Committee meetings**, which begin at 7:30 p.m., will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Please confirm actual dates of committee meetings with the district calendar, Central Office (785-8591), and the North Colonie School District website. [www.northcolonie.org](http://www.northcolonie.org).

### NYSPHSAA

For the second year in a row, SHS has been named a Scholar/Athlete Team School of Distinction by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. This honor was bestowed on SHS because each of our varsity interscholastic athletic teams qualified in the NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program, earning a 90% GPS or better during this past school year.

## PARENT PORTAL

If you have not yet done so, parents may now register to use the Parent Portal for their children at the SHS Main Office (785-5511, ext. 3301). No appointment is necessary. Registration is available during the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. You will need to bring your driver's license with you. If your children attend multiple schools in our District, you only need to register once. If you have previously registered for one child, your access will be automatically extended to cover all of your children.



## REMINDER

Go to <http://www.northcolonie.org> to sign up for the School News Notifier.



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 BACK



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 SHAKER HIGH  
 SCHOOL

### ATHLETICS

Shaker All Sports Booster Club: Meetings are held on Wednesdays each month at 6:30pm in the SHS Taft cafeteria. The next meeting is November 13. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Shaker Athletic Office at 785-5511, ext 3351. Sports Physicals : Winter Sports Sign Up will be posted on the web by the end of September. Winter sports will begin on November 9, 2015.

**HONORING NORTH  
COLONIE'S VETERANS  
WHO SERVED**

North Colonie Central School District's 14th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaker High School Auditorium.

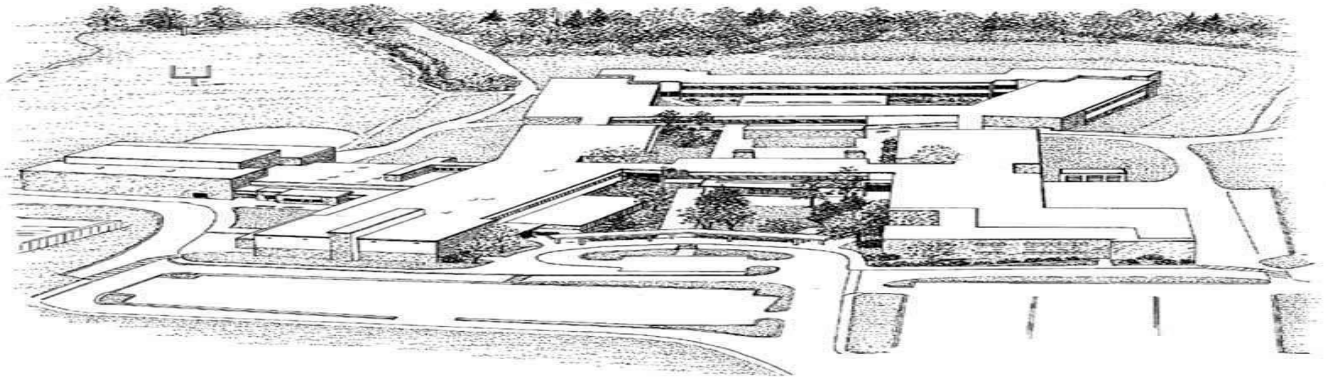
If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Weaver, Social Studies Department (518)785-5511, ext. 3620.



**SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

Mr. Richard W. Murphy, Principal  
 Mr. Brian Spofford, Taft Hall Principal  
 Ms. Crystal Fox, LaFollette Hall Principal  
 Mr. Garrett Couture, Administrative Dean  
Art—Mrs. Manzella, Supervisor,  
Career and Technology Education—  
 Mr. Eric Phillips, Supervisor  
English/— Mrs. Pamela Burns,  
 Supervisor  
Foreign Language—Mrs. Galina Kats,  
 Supervisor

Guidance—Mr. Richard W. Murphy  
Health Education—Mr. David Statlander  
Library & Media Services—Mr. Robert Pollaro  
Mathematics—Mr. Nicholas Verdile, Supervisor  
Music—Mrs. Deborah Keough, Supervisor  
Physical Education & Athletics—Mr. Edward Dopp,  
 Director  
Pupil Services—Mr. David Semo, Director  
Science—Mr. Keith Bogert, Supervisor  
Social Studies—Mr. Robert Pollaro, Supervisor  
Special Education— Mr. Casey Bardin, Supervisor



**FUTURE ISSUES OF THE SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**Please remember to sign up with the School News Notifier (SNN) located on [ncolonie.org](http://ncolonie.org) for access to future newsletters online.**

**The Newsletter will be posted on the [northcolonie.org](http://northcolonie.org) website.**

**Shaker High School Newsletter Dates:** November 20, 2015; February 12, 2016; May 13, 2016

If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail, please fill out and return the following tear-off:

Please send copies of the Shaker High School newsletter to my home.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to: Mrs. Carol Stearns  
 Main Office—Shaker High School  
 445 Watervliet-Shaker Road  
 Latham, NY 12110

**PROJECT S.A.V.E.**

Project S.A.V.E. is the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Pataki at the end of the 2000 legislative session. The law seeks to improve school safety and ensure a safe and effective learning environment. To achieve this, the law codifies many existing regulatory requirements that are designed to improve school safety. It also provides tools for educators including mandating the development of school safety plans, organizing school safety teams, implementing character and civility education, refining the discipline code, and giving teachers the ability to remove students from classes for behavior that is disruptive to the educational process. The North Colonie Board of Education has determined that teachers may remove students from classes for either therapeutic or disciplinary reasons.

Removal for disciplinary reasons includes students who are substantially disruptive. This includes students who are either violent or non-violent.

## PTSA News

The PTSA board would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families to the SHS Community for the 2015-2016 school year. Parents, faculty, staff, and students are invited to join or renew your membership with the PTSA and attend meetings. Your \$10 registration goes a long way to support the PTSA. You do not have to attend meetings, but if your schedule allows, meetings are held in the Main Conference Room on the following **Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. December 1st, 2015, January 5th, 2016, February 2nd, March 1st, 2016, May 3rd 2016, and June 7th, 2016.** Online registration is available at <http://bit.do/shakerhigh> or send in the attached form. We cannot stress how important it is for the PTSA to have your support. Without your help we cannot help the Shaker Community!

**What does the PTSA do at the High School Level?** Some of the activities supported by the SHS PTSA throughout the year are the Staff Appreciation Luncheon serving over 300, End-of-Year Celebrations for Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior Classes for approximately 1500 students, After Prom Celebrations for Junior and Senior Classes. PTSA also helps to support dances, class fundraising for proms and other various events during year. In addition, this year we are looking to reinstate two scholarships. We are able to do this with the generous support from you.

**New this year:** We will have only one major fundraising request for the Faculty Luncheon/and Class-Activities Sponsorship. We hope that by scheduling less fundraisers and asking for direct donations you will strongly consider supporting these efforts. Other fundraisers that we will continue with due to popularity are: SHS Apparel, Five Guys and TCBY gift cards, (by order or limited supply available at Back to School Night), and Krause's Chocolates for springtime. For more details on apparel, membership forms and fundraisers, please visit the PTSA website, on the North Colonie Central School District's webpage [www.northcolonie.org](http://www.northcolonie.org), click on SHS, then click on PTSA. You may also support the SHS PTSA by signing up for the Price Chopper program, **Tools for Schools;** you can help us earn items for the school and our students. It is an easy way to help! **Shaker's** number is **15808** (you do have to sign up every year). Also ask friends and family that no longer have children in school to sign up.

**Thank you for stopping by to visit our PTSA table during back to school night.** We had Gift Certificates to Five Guys and TCBY available for purchase, signups for volunteer opportunities, and the Faculty Luncheon Sponsorship Form. We appreciate your support for all of these endeavors. If you were unable to attend, or for any reason, you can join the PTSA through the form on the website, the form below, or contact one of us directly: Terri Kusche, President [Kusches@verizon.net](mailto:Kusches@verizon.net), Susie Burnett, Vice-President [susieburnett3@gmail.com](mailto:susieburnett3@gmail.com), Camille Engel, Secretary [Cengel@sefcu.com](mailto:Cengel@sefcu.com), Linda Stack, Treasurer [Lstack@ncolonie.org](mailto:Lstack@ncolonie.org)

**Thank you for supporting your PTSA and have a great start to the school year.**

Be sure to check the school website (on left side in grey area) or also "Like Us" on Facebook at Shaker High School PTSA – we will have reminders about meetings, fundraisers and other activities in both places.

**Visit the PTSA website** on the North Colonie Central School District's webpage [www.northcolonie.org](http://www.northcolonie.org)-click on SHS-click on PTSA.

**To join the PTSA, please fill out the form below and return it to the PTSA and Shaker High School.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PTSA Membership:** = \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Money Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHS PTSA. DO NOT MAIL/SEND CASH**

**Order Your Shaker High School Spiritwear Today!** Got Bison pride? Of course you do! And the best way to show that is by getting decked out in SHS Spiritwear! There is something for everyone - from hoodies and long-sleeve shirts, to yoga pants and fleece jackets. All of the designs that you see were created by SHS students in Mr. Doolittle's art class.

## ANNUAL NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The North Colonie Central School District has developed Emergency and Severe Weather (formerly Disaster Preparedness) plans as required by State Education Law Section 155.13. It is required that each public school district have emergency plans in place, and that information on emergency procedures be provided to all students and staff. We will conduct at least 12 fire drills throughout the year, and a "go home" drill to test transporta-

## September was National Preparedness Month—Valuable Information

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security designated September as National Preparedness Month. This provides us an opportunity to educate ourselves, families and community members about emergency preparedness, including natural disasters and potential terrorist events. Emergency preparedness is a tremendous and challenging undertaking that requires every member of the community to play a role. In support of this effort the Albany County Department of Health encourages Albany County residents to take some simple steps to prepare for emergencies including:

**Create a Go Kit** – Create a kit of emergency supplies that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event an emergency happens. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit.

**Make a Plan** – Plan in advance what you and your family will do in an emergency. Your plan should include a communications plan for reaching family members, and address sheltering-in-place at home for extended periods of time and evacuation.

**Be Informed** – Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them.

Details regarding the above information and other useful information can be found at <http://www.ready.gov/september>