

SHAKER HIGH NEWSLETTER  
FROM THE DESK OF  
**Mr. Richard W. Murphy**



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**REMINDER**

NCCSD  
BUDGET  
VOTE

On May 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., you may vote on the NCCSD Budget at any of the elementary schools or at the Goodrich School on 91 Fiddlers Lane, Latham.

**National Merit Finalist**  
The following students have been named Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Dong-Seop Eah, Ryan Guo, Michael Huang, Rishab Jaggi, Daniel Magat, Sarah Sternbach, Emily Tang, Maya Zhou. **Congratulations on this meritorious achievement!**

**The End of the 2015-2016 School Year**

We are now in the 4th quarter of our academic year. Our students and faculty are balancing the challenges of completing their courses of study while they prepare for end-of-the-year final exams and State assessments. This quarter is a critical one by which students can maintain their knowledge and close out their course work with success, or improve upon their grades in areas where they have not performed well. It is important that students, besides applying themselves to their studies, also reflect upon their studies in each of their classes. This time for reflection will enable them to organize themselves and develop their academic plan leading to final grades reflective of their efforts. Many students may be satisfied with their efforts, while others may not. A quick review of the third quarter report card is an easy method to determine a plan of action for the fourth quarter and finals.

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. A plan for improvement is an important part of students' study time.

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 have questions, always feel free to contact us at 785-5511.

**Message from the Principal**

Students requesting any program changes for their 2016-2017 schedule 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 June 1 deadline. After this deadline, schedule changes can only be done through the special program process.

**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, the Department Supervisor, or designee 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 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.**

**FINAL EXAMS: June 1—June 22, 2016**

**Shaker High School Graduation**

This year the Shaker High School graduation will be held on June 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the SEFCU Arena. This is a very special day for our students, parents, and faculty. We anticipate a high number of people will be in attendance. Each year we plan a graduation that will honor our students and celebrate their success. As it is a time of celebration, I know there is much celebration leading up to and following the graduation ceremony for our students. I am encouraging all of those who participate in and attend the graduation hold this ceremony as a time of reflection and acknowledgement of our students' incredible success, culminating with the awarding of their high school diplomas.

Our expectations for student conduct at graduation are consistent with our expectations at any school sponsored event on or off of the Shaker High School campus. We expect that students will be respectful of the occasion and ceremony and not disrupt the ceremony in manner that will reflect poorly on themselves or our school. As such, the graduation ceremony is designed to honor all of our students and give them their moment to share with others.

We appreciate your support in speaking with your student(s) to reinforce our behavioral expectations to ensure that graduation may be enjoyed and remembered fondly by all.

I look forward to this year's graduation and celebrating this wonderful accomplishment with each of you.

<p style="text-align: center;">Summer 2016 Driver Education Course</p> <p>Registration for the Summer Drivers' Education Course will be online beginning <b>May 16th at noon</b>. There will be a <b>Mandatory Driver Education Orientation on June 20th</b> in the High School Auditorium at 5:30 pm for students and parents. <b>Classes will be every morning July 5th – July 27th</b>. Class openings will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis by grade level. Additional information can be found at: <a href="http://www.northcolonie.org/shaker-high-school/driver-education/">http://www.northcolonie.org/shaker-high-school/driver-education/</a> or contact Mr. Phillips at <a href="mailto:ephillips@ncolonie.org">ephillips@ncolonie.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Global History &amp; Geography Regents Review Classes 2016</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 2:30p.m. -3:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Date, Subject and Location:</b></p> <p><b>May 19</b> Golden Ages K105 and B209</p> <p><b>May 26</b> Economic and Political Systems B209 and K107</p> <p><b>June 2</b> Wars/Conflict/Human Rights B212 and J102</p> <p><b>June 7</b> Individuals and Turning Points B202 and K107</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer 2016 Shaker High School Summer School</p> <p>Please note the dates for the 2016 Shaker High School Summer School registration will be Wednesday, June 29 and Thursday, June 30 (8:00 – 3:00) at the High School. Classes will begin on Friday, July 8 and end on Tuesday, August 16. Regents examinations will be administered on August 17 and 18, and the last day to register for walk-in examinations is Monday, July 11 (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 Mrs. Sheeler at (518) 785-5511 ext. 3681 or at <a href="mailto:laurencheeler@ncolonie.org">laurencheeler@ncolonie.org</a>. The summer school office is in J201.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English (ELA) Common Core Regents Review Classes 2016</p> <p>This year all of the 11th grade honors English teachers are holding review sessions for their own classes, both during and after school. Students in English 11 Regents and Basic level courses took the exam in January. Please have your child see his/her teacher for details.</p>
<p><b>Key Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday/Thursday —June 29/June 30– 8:00—3:00 Summer School Registration</b></li> <li>• <b>July 1—First day of Driver Education Classes</b></li> <li>• <b>Friday—July 8—First day of Summer School Classes</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday—Aug. 16 End of Summer School Classes</b></li> <li>• <b>Monday—July 11 – Walk-in Regents Exam Registration ends</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesday/Wednesday—July 26-27—Summer School Mid-Term Exams</b></li> <li>• <b>Monday/Tuesday—August 15-16—Summer School Final Exams</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday and Thursday—August 17/August 18—NYS Regents Exams</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics Department Review 2016</p> <p>The Math Department at SHS will be offering review classes for students to prepare for the CC Algebra, CC Geometry, and CC Algebra 2 NYS Regents exams. Review classes will be instructed by your child's math teacher. Teachers will be distributing their review class schedule to students in their math class. If you have any questions please contact your child's math teacher. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend these important review sessions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the department supervisor, Mr. Verdile, at x 3367. Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Athletic Department</p> <p><u>Annual Athletic Awards Night:</u> June 8, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Auditorium</p> <p><u>Free Fall Sports Physical Day:</u> June 8 at Capital Region Health Park, 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. <b>Physicals at 5:30 p.m.</b> Please take advantage of this free physical if you plan to try out for a fall 2016 sport.</p> <p><u>Winter Recognitions:</u> Scholar-Athlete Teams: Boys Indoor Track and Field, Girls Indoor Track and Field, Girls Gymnastics, Boys Swimming and Diving, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Bowling. <b>Congratulations</b> to our varsity Swimming &amp; Diving Team on their exceptional season. They finished undefeated and were crowned Suburban Council and Section 2 Class A Champions. <b>Congratulations</b> to Ronel Forde—who broke a 25 year old State record in the triple jump! The following Shaker athletes had great seasons and participated in state-level competitions: Swimming&amp; Diving—Nicholas Buff, George Enright, Mark Enright, John Fitzgerald, Zeeshan Irani, William Matz, Frank Miao, Ian McElrath, and Steven Yu; Indoor Track &amp; Field—Ronel Forde, Paul Nichols, and Shannon Lavender.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Scholars' Recognition</p> <p>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. <b>Student/Teacher Honorees:</b> Ethan Eichelman.....Brian Murray Maryanna Lansing.....Siobhan Matrose Maya Zhou.....Aileen Dirdadian</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Reading</p> <p>The summer reading list will soon appear on our District website. 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. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.northcolonie.org">http://www.northcolonie.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English (ELA) Regents Review Classes 2016</p> <p>This year all of the 11th grade honors English teachers are holding review sessions for their own classes, both during and after school. Students in English 11 Regents and Basic level courses took the exam in January. Please have your child see his/her teacher for details.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tutorial Study</p> <p>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.</p>	

### Music News

Congratulations to students in the Shaker High School music department who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society on May 12, 2016. Tri-M also inducted Mr. D. Joseph Corr, North Colonie Central School District Superintendent of Schools, as its newest honorary member.

Following is a list of Shaker High School concerts for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year:

#### Wednesday, May 25\*:

Jazz Ensemble, Bella Voce/Belle Voix, White Symphonic Band

\*This concert will feature Kim Nazarian (SHS '79), of the New York Voices, in a song with the SHS Jazz Ensemble.

#### 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\*\*:

World Percussion, 9-10 Chorus, 11-12 Chorus

\*\*This concert will include a presentation from Tri-M, inducting Mr. D. Joseph Corr, Superintendent, as the chapter's newest honorary member.

Thank you for your support throughout the year!

### Art News

Spring is an exciting season in the SHS Art Department. MAY is Music & Art for Youth month in North Colonie! To celebrate, we held a district opening reception of student artwork at the NYSUT headquarters building on route 7, on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The display runs through May 25.

Many of our art students will be honored at our annual Recognition Ceremony, scheduled for May 26 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium & Gallery at SHS. We will also feature an Art Reception showcasing the work of our most Advanced Studio students on June 7, 7:00pm in the Gallery.

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

Margaret Murnane is being recognized for the Colonie Art League Scholarship Award; Beth Sacca won a Scholastics Silver Key Award for her photography.

Jackie Swierczewski was honored for her graphic design work by the Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

Shaker High School Art Awards at the Capital Region Media Arts Festival this spring included digital media work by Ben Candib, Samantha Meservy, Madison Moneymaker, Megan Smialek, Emma Laberge with honorable mentions, and Madeline Ames, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place win.

Also, several advanced art students had artwork selected into the 2016 High School Regional Juried Exhibit held at the Fulton Montgomery Community College this spring. Congratulations to: Maria De La Piedra, Liam Nugent, Katie Zhang, Lark Parmalee, Margaret Murnane, William Matz, Cameron Sher, Kathryn Dranichak, Caitlin Sweet, Emma Laberge, Madeline Ames.

High School students are also currently exhibiting their artwork at the Capital Region BOCES Annual Art Show.

The annual Shaker SHS Harrison Carnavale Film Festival scheduled for Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the SJHS Auditorium. Student films and videos will be screened.

### Attention Junior Parents

According to our contract with White Studios, if a photograph session is missed and the photographer is not informed in advance of the cancellation, the session will be counted toward the total number of free portrait sittings allowed. After an appointment has been missed twice, the student will be charged a fee for his/her future sittings. ***Also, if you are not satisfied with the proofs you received from White Studios, please follow the directions that came with the proof package and return the package and the form requesting a retake to White Studio within two weeks of receiving the proofs.*** After the two week period, we will assume that you are satisfied with your senior photo and will use that photo in the 2016 yearbook. Please be aware of these contractual stipulations.

### Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed to seniors after the awards ceremony on May 19, and beginning May 23 in the school store for underclassmen, who already pre-ordered a book. ***Students need a picture I.D. to pick up their yearbooks.*** A limited number of books will be available for those students who have not previously ordered. These will be available for purchase in the school bookstore starting on Monday, May 23. The cost is \$85.00.

**Intensive Review/Study begins on May 31, 2016**

### Attention Senior Parents/Students

All Seniors must complete the **Naviance Graduation Survey/Final High School Transcript Request on or before May 20th!** As the count-down to graduation begins, it is necessary for you to inform the Guidance Office of your post-graduation plans. We will be using Naviance to record this important information. **THE GRADUATION SURVEY IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SERVES AS A REQUEST TO SEND YOUR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE** (Remember, your college enrollment is contingent upon the college's receipt of your final high school transcript!). It will only be accessible until May 27th. After that point, you will need to schedule a meeting with your guidance counselor to complete the survey. **To sign on and access the Graduation Survey, go to: <http://connection.naviance.com/shakerhigh>.** Please contact the Guidance Office if you have any questions.

## SHS PTSA

On behalf of the PTSA I would like to thank all parents, teachers, staff and students for their support during this school year. I would especially like to thank the officers who have served over the last year (completed their two year terms), Susie Burnett, Vice-President, Camille Engel-, Secretary, and Linda Stack, Treasurer. Not only do they work other jobs, but they also volunteer on the PTSA Board and help with the many activities and events. Thank you so much ladies for all your hard work these past two years!

We have begun our celebration events for SHS students and community and we thank all who made generous donation towards these events. On April 6, we had the Annual Staff/Teacher Luncheon. More than 300 people were served a nice luncheon. Many parents assisted in making this a wonderful success either financially, physically or, in several cases, both. On May 19, we will hold our traditional Ice Cream Social for the Senior Class. The 9th, 10th, and 11th grade celebrations are on May 20. They will also enjoy ice cream at all lunches, as requested by the classes. The Senior after-prom will be held on May 20, and the Junior after-prom will be held on June 4. Both will take place at the Latham 76 Diner. All students will be given a \$5.00 coupon to be used for food at the diner (check with home room teachers). This is a safe, alcohol free environment where students can come to be with their friends. **Please encourage your child to attend. Students need not attend the prom to attend this celebration. Every 11th or 12th grade student is welcome!** *Please be sure to thank Tony at 76 Diner the next time you are there for his most generous support!*

New this year we instituted 2 scholarships all students may qualify for (except PTSA Board officers' students). The criteria was based on service and an essay. The PTSA is also supporting students in need by donating gift cards that can be used to purchase needed supplies.

Please join us for our last PTSA meeting of the school year—June 2nd from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the main conference room where the new officers for the 2016-2018 term will be installed. **We encourage all parents, teachers, staff and students to consider joining the PTSA for the 2016-2017 school year, it is a nominal investment of \$10 and allows us to support several large events here at Shaker High School.** Please join the new officers next year; meeting attendance is not necessary and they will provide a copy of the minutes to the membership if you cannot make it. Your support allows us to continue to serve the Shaker Community. Thank you.

*Terri Kusche, PTSA President*

### Shaker High School Calendar of Events

May	June	June 2016 End-Of-Year Exams
17 Annual Election/Budget Vote 9:00 am-9:00pm	2 SHS Concert 7:30pm 7 PTSA Mtg. 7:00pm	June 4–11 In-Class Exams June 12-24 SHS Final Exams
19 Senior Award Night 7:00pm	7 SHS Concert 7:30pm	June 2, 16-24 NYS Regents ( <a href="#">see last page</a> )
20 SHS Senior Picnic	3 Art/Music Festival 7:00pm	<b>Board of Education Meetings</b> *May 19 Latham Ridge 7:00 p.m. *Teacher Tenure Reception 7:00 p.m. June 15 Central Office Mtg. Room 7:00 p.m.
25 SHS Concert 7:30pm	6 SAT 8:00am	
26 SHS Art Recognition Ceremony 6:30pm	9 Last Day of Classes	
30 Memorial Day—No School	24 Graduation Rehearsal 1:00-3:30 p.m.	
31 SHS Intensive Review Begins	25 Graduation 10:00 a.m.	

### Health Office

New York State Education Law requires that every 10<sup>th</sup> grade student and new student to the district have a health physical and a written copy of the physical 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. A copy of the physical will be accepted from September 2015, and shall be submitted within 30 days after the student's entrance. Tenth graders will be screened by the nurse for vision, hearing, height and weight; 9th graders will be screened for scoliosis. For students entering grade 12, a meningitis vaccine is required prior to the start of the school year.

**State Regulations no longer allow students to use or carry anything other than emergency medications (epi pens or respiratory inhalers). As a reminder, please plan to pick up all medications/supplies prior to June 23rd, or these items will need to be discarded.**

**Signing Students Out for Health Reasons:** The following information is offered to provide parents with a clear understanding of how to sign out their children from the health office:

- When your child is ill, parents/guardians of students in grades 9-11 must first be in contact with the nurse.
- Parents/Guardians are then expected to sign their child out in the health office. 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/guardian permission.
- Parents/Guardians 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 down to the parent, for convenience, by the appropriate staff person.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Health Office at 785-5511 ext. 3378 or 3380.

**Education is the one thing that no one can take from you. —B. B. King**



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**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2016**

<b>June 1 MON.</b>	<b>June 14 TUES.</b>	<b>June 15 WED.</b>	<b>June 16 THURS.</b>	<b>June 17 FRI.</b>	<b>June 20 MON.</b>	<b>June 21 TUES.</b>	<b>June 22 WED.</b>	<b>June 23 THURS.</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Algebra II (Common Core)	RE— Global History & Geogra- phy	Living En- viron-ment	Algebra I (Com- mon Core)	Physical Setting/ Earth Sci- ence  Algebra 2/ Trigonom- etry		Physical Setting/ Chemistry		RATING DAY
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	
Special Adminis- tration: Integrated Algebra	RE in English Language Arts (Common Core)	RE in U.S. History & Govern- ment	Com- prehen- sive Eng- lish	Geometry (Common Core)		Physical Setting/ Physics		