

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



**CORRECTION:
P. 4 CALENDAR**

May 2018

Important DATE!
NCCSD BUDGET VOTE On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, residents will vote on a \$111.1 million budget proposal, elect two of four candidates to the Board of Education. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Goodrich Building, 91 Fiddlers Lane in Latham.

 National Merit Scholarship
CONGRATULATIONS!
Jonathan L. Choi and Helene Ryu have been selected as winners of a National Merit Scholarship!

The End of the 2017-2018 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 school 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 2018-2019 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 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 20, 2018

Shaker High School Graduation
This year the Shaker High School graduation will be held on June 23 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 a 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 students) 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.

Summer 2018 Driver Education Course
 Registration for Drivers' Education is online. Families on the district email list will be notified about signups, or, please check the website for all the details. The program will be 7/5/18 – 8/17/18.
 Information can be found at:
<http://www.northcolonie.org/shaker-high-school/driver-education/>
 or contact Mr. Phillips at ephillips@ncolonie.org

Global History & Geography
 Regents Review
 Classes 2018
 Time of Review Classes are 2:30—3:05 p.m.

DATE	RM.	TOPIC
May 15	B213	Revolution
May 17	B209	Conflict
May 22	B211	Individuals
May 24	B202	Human Rights Viola-tions
May 29	J102	Imperialism
May 30	K107	Political And Economic Systems
May 31	B212	Nationalism

2018 Shaker High School Summer School
 Please note the dates for the 2018 Shaker High School Summer School registration will be Wednesday, June 27 and Thursday, June 28 (8:00 – 3:00) at the High School. Classes will begin on Monday, July 9 and end on Wednesday, August 15. Regents examinations will be administered on August 16 and 17, and the last day to register for walk-in examinations is Tuesday, 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. Muldoon at (518) 785-5511 ext. 3386 or at muldoon@ncolonie.org. The summer school office is in J201.

*If you cannot attend please visit Mrs. Martino's website to see videos on the topics. Go to: martinoland.pbworks.com and click on GLOBAL 10 REGENTS REVIEW and scroll to the bottom of the page.

- Key Dates
- Wednesday/Thursday - June 27/June 28– 8:00—3:00 Summer School Registration
 - July 5 - First day of Driver Education Classes
 - Monday - July 9 — First day of Summer School Classes
 - Wednesday - Aug. 15 — End of Summer School Classes
 - Monday - July 11 — Walk-in Regents Exam Registration ends
 - Wednesday and Thursday - August 16/August 17— NYS Regents Exams

Mathematics Department
 Review 2018
 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.

Athletic Department
Annual Athletic Awards Night: June 5, 2018 at 7:00pm in the SHS Auditorium
Free Fall Sports Physical Day: June 6th at Capital Region Health Park, 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. **Physicals at 5:30 p.m.** Please take advantage of this free physical if you plan to try out for a fall 2018 sport.
Winter Recognitions: Scholar-Athlete Teams: Boys Boys Bowling, Girls Indoor Track & Field, Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming and Diving, Boys Basketball, Ice Hockey, Cheer and Boys Indoor Track & Field
 Boys Swimming Sectional Champions: 200 medley relay- Ian McElrath, George Enright, Nate Einstein and Steven Yu. 200 freestyle- Ian McElrath. 200 IM Steven Yu. 100 Breaststroke- Steven Yu.
 The following athletes participated in state-level competitions: Gymnastics, Brianna Morris. Indoor Track and Field- Jeremy Chen, Akap Takor, Journey Myricks. Boys Swimming & Diving- George Enright, Ian McElrath, Steven Yu and Nate Einstein.
Congratulations to George Enright, Boys Swimming & Diving, who was named an Academic All-American.
Congratulations to our 17-18 girls and boys basketball Scholar Athlete representatives: Lexi Ratigan and Andrew Bennett.

English (ELA) Regents
 Review Classes 2018
 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 and only those students who failed the exam, or who hope to earn a higher score will take the Regents exam again in June.
 Please have your child see his/her teacher for details.

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:** Kayleigh Papa Aileen Dirtadian
 Helene Ryu Brian Austin
 Matthew Simkulet..... KristineWade

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

Connor Curtin has achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.
CONGRATULATIONS to Connor on this wonderful accomplishment!



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.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to students in the Shaker High School music department who were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society on May 10, 2018. Tri-M also inducted longtime treasurer of the North Colonie Friends of Music, Bill Edwards, as its newest honorary member in recognition of his exceptional dedication and service to the North Colonie Music program.

SHS SPRING CONCERTS

Following is a list of Shaker High School concerts for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. *Please note that we have made a change to the date for Dixieland Jazz (from June 6 to May 31) and White Symphonic Band (from May 31 to June 6).*

- Tuesday, May 29: Jazz Ensemble, Bella Voce/8VA, Blue Symphonic Band
Thursday, May 31: **Dixieland Jazz**, Shaker Select, 11-12 Orchestra
Monday, June 4: Counterpoint Strings, World Percussion, 11-12 Chorus, Wind Ensemble
Wednesday, June 6: **White Symphonic Band**, 9-10 Chorus, 9-10 Orchestra

Thank you for your support throughout the year!

ART NEWS

Spring is an exciting season in the SHS Art Department. MAY is Music and 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, earlier this month. The display is open to the public during regular business hours and runs through May 23rd.

Many of our art students will be honored at our annual Recognition Ceremony which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:00pm in the Auditorium and Gallery at the high school. We will also feature events this spring showcasing the work of our most advanced studio seniors and digital media arts students on Monday, June 4th and Friday, June 8th at 7pm in the Upstairs Gallery.

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

The Annual Congressional Art Contest yields one student artwork from the 23rd congressional district of Paul Tonko to represent his district at the US Capitol. This year, Shaker photo student Arshiya Shaikh is the Best in Show winner. Cecilia Lu also received an honorable mention in this contest. We are so proud of them!

Students were honored awards at the Fulton Montgomery Community College High School Juried Regional Exhibit. Congratulations to Helene Ryu, Cecilia Lu, Michael Paradiso, Skyler Heiser, Dhanushya Gunji, Bianca Wilson, Omar Reyes-Alvarez, Zavi Uppal, Emily Machnick, and honorable mention winner Emma Kowalczyk, and Juror's Choice award winner Elizabeth Kabalian.

Also in April several SHS students competed in the Regional Juried Media Arts Festival at Bethlehem HS, in the areas of film, animation, digital photography and graphic design. Amanda Gordon's film "The Skin Tone Rule" won best in show. Sam Vatalaro's film "The Well" Won first place in the narrative film and best editing categories. Photography awards were received by Brady Demerest, Gillian Godard, Lisaan Kaletzke, Sarah McLean, and Cassidy Wildermuth. Graphic Design first place went to Sarah Lee's logo design.

The Albany Regional Juried Exhibit held at the Albany Center Gallery recognized artwork of Shaker students Helene Ryu (Juror's Choice award), Cecilia Lu, Arshiya Shaikh, Marie Miller and Claire Wu.

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Attention Junior Parents

Lauren Studios is our official 2019 yearbook photographer. All junior families should have received information about scheduling their senior portrait. For your convenience, Lauren Studios will be here at Shaker from June 25 - 29. After those sessions, all students will be photographed at Lauren Studios, located at 50 Colvin Avenue in Albany. In order to schedule a senior portrait visit www.LaurenStudios.com. We strongly recommend that you begin the process of senior portraits as early as possible! Appointment times will fill up quickly, so please schedule promptly. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Studios at 518-453-6252 or visit their website at www.LaurenStudios.com.

Yearbooks

Senior yearbooks will be distributed after the Seniors Awards Ceremony on May 17th, and at the Senior picnic on May 18th. A photo ID and signature are required to pick up their yearbooks. Any unclaimed senior yearbooks can be picked up during mid-morning in the yearbook room, M203. Beginning May 18th, yearbooks will be available in the school store for underclassmen who have pre-ordered. All Students need to provide a photo I.D. and signature to pick up their yearbook. A limited number of books will be available for students who have not pre-ordered. These will be available for purchase in the school store starting on Tuesday, May 22nd. The cost is \$75.00.

Intensive Review/Study begins on May 29, 2018

You just can't beat the person who never gives up.—Babe Ruth

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 31st. 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, we would like to thank all parents, teachers, staff, and students for helping at our events and supporting us throughout the school year. We especially thank the officers, students, and parents who have served our school, this school year and continue to support our programs. We have begun planning the celebration events for Shaker High School students and we would like to thank all who made generous donations.

Our upcoming functions include: (1) May 17th, we will hold our traditional Ice Cream Social for the Senior Class during the awards ceremony; (2) May 18th, we will hold the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade celebrations, where students can enjoy ice cream bars during lunch. The senior after-prom activity will be held on May 18th. This is a safe, alcohol free environment where students can come to be with their friends.

We encourage all parents, teachers, staff and students to consider joining the PTSA for the upcoming [2018-2019](#) school year; your nominal investment of \$10 allows us to support several large events here at Shaker High School. Please consider joining the officers next year. Meeting attendance is not necessary and we 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.

Avi Sadaghiani,
SHS PTSA President

ART NEWS (Continued from P. 3)

At the annual OLYMPICS of the VISUAL ARTS Shaker HS had a first place win in the sculpture category by Skyler Heiser, Alexa Hallock, and Rachel Gee. We also won the Most Creative Award for our Illustration team of Sarah Lee and Juha Lee. Congratulations girls!

Art & Design senior awards this year are presented to: Alexis Ebanks for the [Colonie Art League Scholarship Award](#). Helene Ryu for the National Honor Society Art & Design Award. Helene Ryu for the National Honor Society Art & Design Award.

Congratulations to all of our young artists and Happy Music and Art for Youth Month!

Shaker High School Calendar of Events

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>June 2018 End-Of-Year Exams</u>
15 Annual Election/Budget Vote 6:00 am-9:00pm	2 SHS Junior Prom	June 1- 8 In-Class Exams
17 Senior Academic Awards Night 7:00pm	4 SHS Junior Awards 2:30pm	June 5 Global Hist/Geo Regents
18 SHS Senior Picnic	4 SHS Concert 7:30pm	June 11- 20 SHS Final Exams
18 SHS Senior Prom 7:00pm	5 SHS Global History Exam	June 12-20 NYS Regents
23 SHS Art Recognition Ceremony 6:00pm	5 SHS Athletic Awards 7:00pm	
28 Memorial Day—School not in Session	6 SHS Concert 7:30pm	Board of Education Meetings
29 Intensive Review Begins	8 Carnevale Media Arts Fest. 6:30pm	
29 SHS Concert 7:30pm	11 SHS Building Council 3:00pm	May 21 SHS Media Center 7:00 p.m.
31 SHS Concert 7:30pm	13 SHS Friends of Music 7:00pm	June 25 Central Office Mtg. Room 7:00 p.m.
	22 Graduation Rehearsal 1:00-3:30 pm	
	23 Graduation 10:00 am	



**NCCSD School Budget & Capital Project Vote
Tuesday, May 15, from 6am - 9pm*
Goodrich Building 91 Fiddlers Lane, Latham**

Proposition 1: Annual Budget

- \$111.1 million (increase of 3.6% over previous year)
- Tax rate increase: 1.9%

Proposition 2: Capital Reserve Fund

The second proposition on the ballot is for the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund. The fund will allow the district to set aside money for future construction projects. It can have a maximum of \$10,000,000, is established with voter approval, and voter authorization is required to make withdrawals from the fund. Once the reserve is voter authorized, the Board of Education may direct funds into the reserve by resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

Two Board of Education positions:

1st position: ♦ Michelle Dischiavo ♦ Alexandra Kane ♦ Timothy O'Connor

2nd position ♦ Sandy Pangburn