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Staples High School PTA

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FROM THE DESK OF JOHN DODIG

JUST IMAGINE! As a child, I remember daydreaming often about everything. As I look back on those days, I had nothing to do but go to school, eat, play, and dream. Much has changed from those days but not the dreaming part. I find myself daydreaming in the car all the time. On my way to the gym at 4:45 AM the other day, I began daydreaming about something having to do with school and wound up at SHS instead of at the gym. I must have been answering an email in my head or writing a speech. If only my brain were able to communicate with the hard drive in my car using Bluetooth, I'd accomplish so much more than I do now.

Anyway, with all the positive publicity Staples has been getting lately and all of the public address announcements I have made in the last few weeks recognizing and congratulating students for accomplishments on the Quahog Bowl, Math Team, Science Fair competition, various sports teams, and musicians, I often ask myself what Staples would look like with unlimited resources? When YOU have a moment, dream about what we could provide to our students IF WE HAD.....

The Moody's Math Challenge led to the Staples Spectacular Student Challenge (S³) about which you have read in all the local papers. The S³ competition could lead to similar opportunities for even more students. Just as the Senior Intern Program went from about 50 seniors two years ago to over 300 this year, the S³ will have more teams entering the competition next year I'm sure. But what else could we do to spark the imagination of students and to nurture their interests and passions? Here are a few ideas:

- We could offer several more courses like Collab. where teams of teachers in various disciplines would teach the same group of students. Imagine a history course taught by a history teacher, and English teacher and an art teacher? I'd love to be in that class.
- We could double or triple the size of our Fitness Center and make the transition all at once that David Gusitsch, Department Chair of PE/Health, is trying to make incrementally over time. His vision requires more space and lots of new equipment. In the end, however, ALL students would learn to be healthier and more fit. This is a national goal and, once again, it could happen right here in Westport tomorrow.
- We could vastly expand our Intramural Program with more space. There are many students who are just not talented enough to make junior varsity or varsity in a variety of sports OR who simply don't have the time to devote to such a competitive program, but who would love to just play. Between the needs of our teams and the needs of the Recreation Department, there simply isn't room in our Nistico Field House. How about upgrading the one we have and adding another?

MARCH

- 2-26 CAPT Testing Window (details see p. 6)
- 2 End of IPRs: 3rd Quarter
- 4 PTA/PYD Risky Behavior Forum, 7:30 pm, SHS Cafeteria
- 8 PTA Coffee with John Dodig, 9:00am, Faculty Dining Room
- 13 PSAT Simulation through Westport Continuing Ed (Sophomores only)
- 13 SAT: SHS is NOT a Test Site
- 14 Daylight Savings Time
- 19-20 Fairfield County String Festival—WCSU
- 19-21 Staples Players presents "Little Shop of Horrors"
- 23 Westport Orchestra Festival Rehearsal, 2:30-6:30 pm
- 24 Westport Orchestra Festival Rehearsal, 7:30am-1pm
- 24 Westport Orchestra Festival Concert, 7:30pm, SHS Gym
- 26 PTA Coffee with John Dodig, 9am, Faculty Dining Room
- 26-27 Staples Players presents "Little Shop of Horrors"
- 30 Psychologists' Meeting: Topic Bullying, 8:45-9:45am, Faculty Dining Room
- 31 3rd Quarter Ends

- The amount of time our teachers spend with individual students pays huge dividends. Our students leave Staples as extremely competent writers. That is because they write a lot and teachers have time to correct their work and meet with them to talk about the comments they make on the papers. That all happens because English teachers teach only four sections and have a built-in conference period where students are scheduled in to work with them. Over the last few years these classes have gotten bigger, which means there is less time to read the writing and fewer opportunities to conference with students.

I bet we would see an improvement in the skills of our students in social studies, history, math and world languages if a similar system of scheduling classes was available to students taking those courses. They already do well by all measures, but they would benefit even more by meeting individually with their teachers.

- Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could provide EVERY student with a laptop computer to use in every class throughout the school day? Teachers would certainly be grateful not to have to distribute and collect laptops at the beginning and end of each class using precious minutes which should be devoted to teaching and learning.
- If we had the room, we could offer a series of courses in dance. Many of our students take dance outside of school. Some of them show their talent in the musicals presented by Players each year, but not all. I bet we'd fill up those courses if they were offered.

I could go on and on about what could be if we had unlimited resources and a larger facility. I know it isn't going to happen, but I can't and won't stop dreaming. You send us hundreds of young people who are inquisitive, motivated and talented. Somehow each year we manage to add a little something for a new group of students without asking for lots of money. Let's, at least, insist that we don't lose what we have. Education is expensive. Education at this level is very expensive. I know for a fact that anyone who works with or owns thoroughbred horses feeds them whatever they need for their coats to shine and for them to be healthy so that they can perform at their peak. Why on earth would anyone in town want to diminish what we already provide to the finest group of students I have ever worked with? I guess I am still naïve enough to think that folks should be clamoring to keep what we have if not demanding even more.

I'll keep dreaming. Join me.

John Dodig, Principal

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT ASSASSINATION

As a parent of a Staples student, you may have heard of an activity that some of our students participate in every year. The activity is called AP (Advanced Placement) Assassination. You need to know that this is not a school sponsored or sanctioned activity, and is conducted without the approval of the school. Since this is not a school sponsored activity, Staples High school has no jurisdiction over this activity unless it takes place on school grounds, or causes a disruption in the community which can be viewed as "seriously disruptive to the educational process."

According to the "rules" of the activity, any student who has taken an Advanced Placement course at Staples is "eligible" to participate. The activity typically commences after the conclusion of the AP Exams in mid-May, and involves students "hunting" other participants in the community, and "assassinating" them with a Nerf-style dart gun. The last "surviving" student is declared the winner, and is awarded a sum of money raised through the entrance fee.

Up until last year, these activities have taken place off campus. Last year, however, the activity turned more dangerous:

- 4 students "kidnapped" a "target" by putting him into a van, and driving him off campus to be "assassinated."
- These same 4 students later lay in wait in the Staples parking lot in various locations. When another "target" exited the building after a concert, he was chased and tackled by one of the boys. As he fell to the ground, he struck his arm, which exacerbated an already existing infection. The mother of the student called the police, and the boy was taken to Norwalk Hospital. Four senior students were suspended.
- A student dialed 911 when approached by her "assassin" as she sat in her car in her driveway. The police dispatcher heard screaming and shouts for help. Two police cars were sent to the scene. Fortunately, the police quickly assessed the situation and no one was injured. The incident could have ended tragically.
- The police received a report of an individual with a gun. They stopped a Staples student who had a silver "Nerf" gun in his car.

- At 10PM one evening a boy waited on the outside deck of the house of the girl he was scheduled to “assassinate.” His plan was to have her open the sliding door to the deck, at which point he planned to “assassinate” her. The girl’s father came out onto the deck and was startled by the boy who he perceived to be an intruder. He grabbed the student and attempted to subdue him. The student broke free and was able to run away.

An excerpt from a *Westport Minuteman* article, May 20, 2004 reported:

Parents play their parts as well. A target was “assassinated” in the Green’s Farms Railroad Parking lot this week when picking up her mother at the station. Her mom had innocently informed a friend that her daughter would be picking her up. Little did she know that her friend was the mother of her daughter’s assassin. Another murder occurred at Sconset Square. A girl, driven by her mother, followed her target and shot her “dead” in the parking lot...

We consider this activity to not only be potentially dangerous and disruptive in the community, but also a disruption of the educational process if planning or participation of this game occurs on school grounds. Any student found planning or participating in this activity on school grounds, no matter what time of day, will face disciplinary consequences.

More importantly however, given the examples that I have shared from last year’s “contest”, we are extremely fortunate that a student has not been seriously injured or worse. We are concerned about our students, no matter what time of day it is. We need parental support in not condoning, supporting or participating in this activity in any way. As we rapidly approach graduation, the last thing we need in our community is a tragic injury or loss of any of our students.

A Message From our Co-Presidents...

What’s in store for you in March?

Twice in March, you can hear Principal Dodig discuss the latest happenings of the day at Staples High School at our PTA Coffees:

- Monday, March 8 (rescheduled due to the Feb. 26th Snow Day) at 9 am in the Faculty Dining Room
- Friday, March 26th also at 9 am in the Faculty Dining Room.

Assistant Principal Jim Farnen for the class of 2011 will join us on 3/8 while Rich Franzis, Assistant Principal for the seniors will join us on March 26.

Twice in March, you can support the School budget at the Board of Finance meetings:

- Wednesday, March 3 at 8 pm in the Town Hall auditorium
- Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall auditorium

As you may know from reading the SHS Weekly Planner, this year’s budget has been carefully examined by the BOE and submitted to the BOF at a 2.13% increase over last year’s budget.

Attend the Risky Behavior Forum, sponsored jointly by the SHS PTA and PYD:

- Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 pm in the SHS Cafeteria.

Read through the SHS PTA’s updated job descriptions to find a position that might be a right fit for you:

- Contact one of the Nominating Committee members to let them know of your interest by March 20.

Lastly, if you are new to Staples High School or Westport itself, attend the Spring Newcomers Coffee:

- Thursday, March 4

We welcome those that are new to our community...please know that you and your fellow SHS parents are welcome to call us or e mail us with questions and concerns.

Thanks!

Lee Saveliff and Sandy Rappaport
SHS PTA Co-Presidents

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SPRING NEWCOMERS COFFEE

Thursday March 4th, 9:30 am

Hosted by Caroline Russell-Walling at 2 Canterbury Close

To all Staples High School Parents new or returning to the Westport School District, please join Principal John Dodig, SHS PTA Co-Presidents Lee Saveliff & Sandy Rappaport and the SHS PTA Executive Board for coffee and informal conversation. We look forward to meeting you! If you attended the Fall Newcomers Coffee, you are welcome to join us again this Spring.

Please RSVP by March 3rd to Caroline Russell-Walling at crussellwalling@optonline.net or 557-3230.

SHS PTA RISKY BEHAVIOR PANEL

Thursday March 4th, 7:30 PM, SHS Cafeteria

Do You Know Where Your Teens Will Be This Weekend?

Find Out at the SHS Risky Behavior Panel

Sponsored by SHS PTA/PYD RISKY BEHAVIOR PANEL

Learn the consequences of teen risky behavior. Find out from SHS seniors what is really going on! Listen to an expert panel that will include a Westport paramedic, Westport's Youth Detective, Westport's DARE Officer, a private attorney, an SHS faculty advisor, and SHS Peer Advisors. Parents, it is so important that you know the implications of your teen's behaviors. Find out what to watch for and learn what the kids are doing. Even if you think your student is not involved in risky behaviors, they are affected by what they hear is going on. Come join us and get informed.

Some comments from attendees at Risky Behavior Panels sponsored by SHS PTA/PYD in the past:

"A child under the age of 16 cannot give consent for sex-there is no such thing as consensual sex under the age of 16. And that means all sexual activity, not only intercourse. If charged and convicted of this crime, the offender will be sentenced to a mandatory nine months in jail, which cannot be suspended by any judge. They will then be required to register as a sex offender." - **attorney**

"The biggest mistake made by parents and kids is not calling 911 when they suspect alcohol poisoning. Just remember the police are on your side; they want to help the kids, not get them into trouble." - **paramedic**

"If you take away only one thought from this evening, it should be listen to your kids, really, really listen to them." - **attorney**

"I was surprised to hear so many kids are looking for unsupervised homes after school." - **Staples administrator**

"Being upstairs and knowing you have liquor in an unlocked liquor cabinet downstairs where your child is with friends is the same as providing the liquor to them." - **attorney**

"Using cell phones, kids call taxis at 2:30 in the morning and ask to be picked up on their street corner. They sneak out and go to other people's homes." - **police officer**

"Some of the most dangerous cases coming across my desk these days involve interaction between sexual predators and minors over the Internet. These are extremely dangerous people who try to persuade kids to meet up with them in person." - **police officer**

SAVE THE DATE: 5/17 - 5/21 BOOK FAIR to PROMOTE SUMMER READING

During the week of May 17th, your child will attend the English Department Book Fair set up in the lobby of the SHS auditorium during her/his English class. A schedule will be posted so you know which day your child(ren) will attend. On that day, we encourage you to send in cash or a check for our child to purchase books which can fill the Summer Reading requirement of two books. Lists will be provided by the SHS LMC Specialists and the SHS English Department.

There will also be a one-day Book Fair at Barnes & Noble, to kick off the Summer Reading List on Monday, May 17. Details to follow about the evening event.

PENS - PARENTS ENHANCING STAPLES

The SHS PTA Non-Event Fundraiser

Our PENS campaign this year will continue the tradition of raising funds for the benefit of Staples students and staff. Last year's budget resulted in some significant cutbacks for Staples, yet through your generous donations, the SHS PTA was able to purchase new laptops that ensured continued excellence for your children's education. At this point in time, we do not see any easing of the budget situation. Therefore, PENS will again be raising funds to further support and improve the technology available to all SHS students. As you are no doubt aware, technology significantly enhances our children's learning opportunities, and Staples and the SHS PTA are both fully committed to meeting the diverse needs of tomorrow's learners and to act as leaders in technology integration. Please help continue to make Staples the best school for its students.

Any donation amount or contribution is greatly appreciated.

What is an appropriate gift? Only you can decide what is right for your family. Whether you give \$5, \$50, \$500 or more – rest assured that your gift will be both confidential and greatly appreciated.

Please complete and return the form below:

YES! I would like to support PENS! Enclosed is my gift of \$_____.

___ My/our employer has a matching gift program. The appropriate form is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

Please make your tax-deductible, confidential donation payable to:

SHS PTA – PENS and mail to: SHS PTA, 70 North Avenue, Westport CT 06880.

On behalf of all SHS students, THANK YOU for your generosity!

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER NEXT YEAR FOR SHS PTA?

The SHS Nominating Committee is actively exploring candidates for the full slate of PTA Executive and General Board positions for the 2010/2011 school year. All PTA board positions are filled by the Nominating Committee. Participation can be personally rewarding, and enhances the educational experience of our children. Please consider volunteering to serve, even if you have not done so in the past. We thank those of you who have already expressed an interest in next year's PTA, including those who have indicated interest in a specific position. A list of current PTA positions can be found in the back of your Staples directory and on the Staples High School website under <http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/pta/> and click on "Staples PTA Job Descriptions" on the right. If you would like to be considered for a particular position or if you know of a candidate you would like to recommend, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

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SCHOOL PARENTING DISCUSSIONS

Here are the spring parent/school psychologist Parenting discussions. It's a wise parent who attends these meetings to learn from professionals new techniques, what's "normal" behavior (and what's not!), what the stressors are for our kids and how to deal with them. Bring a friend.

Meetings will be held in the Faculty Dining Room from 8:45-9:45 AM. Your Positive Youth Development (PYD) Reps are Kathy Clair, kathyclair@att.net and Deborah Fritz-Bradeen, dfritzbradeen@westport.k12.ct.us.

Tuesday, March 30 Bullying

Tuesday, April 6 Open Forum Discussion—bring your issues!

PTA News Con't...

SHS PTA WRECKER MINI GRANTS

The PTA Executive Board granted a Mini Grant request from Mr. Stephen Rexford to pay the honorarium for Susan Eaton, author of The Children in E4, to speak to the Advanced Journalism classes.

SHS PTA earmarks a portion of the money it raises through membership and donations to fund enrichment projects proposed by the school community. These grants are called SHS PTA Wrecker Mini Grants. The potential projects should enhance the current curriculum and student development and cannot already be part of the current school budget. If you want to apply for a Wrecker Mini Grant, visit shs.westport.k12.ct.us and TAB to PTA Forms to obtain more information about the program and an application. If you have any questions, contact Jackie Grundeit at Grundeit4@sbcglobal.net or 227-0333. Please email the application to Jackie at Grundeit4@sbcglobal.net.

School News...

CAPT PREP SESSIONS 2010

Sessions will be held after school and will run from 2:30-3:30. The teachers conducting the sessions and the rooms they will be using are listed below. These prep sessions are optional, and there is no need to sign up. Students who wish to attend must simply show up to the classroom on the day of the prep session.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 22	February 23 Response to Lit with Geraghty (2006)	February 24 Interdisciplinary Writing with Fulton (2014)	February 25 Interdisciplinary Writing with Fulton (2014) and Science Prep with Coch- rane (3028)	February 26
March 1	March 2 Response to Lit with Geraghty (2006)	March 3 Science Prep with Voytek (3028)	March 4 Science Prep with Jones (3028)	March 5
March 8 Math Prep with James (3066)	March 9 Math Prep with James (3066)	March 10	March 11	March 12

CAPT WEEK I - Tuesday, March 2nd - Friday, March 5th

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Interdisciplinary Writing Session 1 and Editing and Revising

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:50	125	Interdisciplinary Writing, Session I 80 minutes (65 minutes testing, 15 minutes instructions) 10 minute break Editing and Revising 35 minutes (25 minutes testing, 10 minutes instructions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-10:35	170 1.5 (65+25) + 25 minutes for instructions + 10 minute break	Time and 1/2
6	9:55-10:50	55	
1	10:55-12:35	100	Lunch Wave 1 : 10 :55 - 11 :25 Lunch Wave 2 : 11 :30 - 12 :00 Lunch Wave 3 : 12 :05 - 12 :35
7	12:40-1:15	35	
4	1:20-2:15	55	

School News Con't...

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Response to Literature

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:05	80	Response to Literature 80 minutes (70 minutes test, 10 minutes directions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-9:40	115 1.5(70) + 10 minutes for directions	Time and 1/2
3	9:10-10:00	50	
5	10:05-10:45	40	
2	10:50-12:30	100	<i>Lunch Wave 1 : 10 :50 - 11 :20</i> <i>Lunch Wave 2 : 11 :25 - 11 :55</i> <i>Lunch Wave 3 : 12 :00 - 12 :30</i>
8	12:35-1:20	45	
6	1:25-2:15	50	

Thursday March 4, 2010
Interdisciplinary Writing, Session II

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:05	80	Interdisciplinary Writing, Session II 80 minutes (65 minutes testing, 15 minutes instructions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-9:38	113 1.5(65)+ 15 minutes for directions	Time and 1/2
1	9:10-10:05	55	
8	10:10-10:45	35	
3	10:50-12:30	100	<i>Lunch Wave 1 : 10 :50 - 11 :20</i> <i>Lunch Wave 2 : 11 :25 - 11 :55</i> <i>Lunch Wave 3 : 12 :00 - 12 :30</i>
4	12:35-1:15	40	
5	1:20-2:15	55	

Friday, March 5, 2010
Science Session I and Science Session II

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:55	130	Science Session I 65 minutes (50 minutes testing, 15 minutes instructions) 10 minute break Science Session II 55 minutes (50 minutes testing, 5 minutes instructions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-10:55	180 1.5(50+50) + 20 minutes for directions + 10 minute break	Time and 1/2
2	10:00-10:40	40	
7	10:45-12:25	100	<i>Lunch Wave 1 : 10 :45 - 11:15</i> <i>Lunch Wave 2 : 11 :20 - 11:50</i> <i>Lunch Wave 3 : 11 :55 - 12:25</i>
3	12:30-1:15	45	
6	1:20-2:15	55	

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CAPT WEEK II-Tuesday, March 9th -Thursday, March 11th

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
Mathematics Session I

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:15	90	Mathematics Session I 90 minutes (75 minutes test, 15 minutes directions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-10:00	150 1.5(90) + 15 minutes for directions	Time and 1/2
7	9:20-10:00	40	
2	10:05-10:50	45	
8	10:55-12:35	100	<i>Lunch Wave 1 : 10:55 - 11 :25</i> <i>Lunch Wave 2 : 11:30 - 12 :00</i> <i>Lunch Wave 3 : 12:05 - 12 :35</i>
4	12:40-1:15	35	
6	1:20-2:15	55	

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Mathematics Session II

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPTtesting	7:45-9:15	90	Mathematics Session II 90 minutes (75 minutes test, 15 minutes directions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45-10:00	150 1.5(90) + 15 minutes for directions	Time and 1/2
7	9:20-10:05	45	
8	10:10-10:50	40	
6	10:55-12:35	100	<i>Lunch Wave 1 : 10:55 - 11:25</i> <i>Lunch Wave 2 : 11:30 - 12:00</i> <i>Lunch Wave 3 : 12:05 - 12:35</i>
2	12:40-1:15	35	
5	1:20-2:15	55	

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Thursday, March 11, 2010

Reading for Information and Interdisciplinary Writing (Supplemental Assessment)

Period	Time	Time (Minutes)	Event
CAPT Testing	7:45- 10:15	150	Reading for Information 60 minutes (45 minutes test, 15 minutes directions) 10 Minute Break Interdisciplinary Writing Supplemental 80 minutes (65 minutes testing, 15 minutes instructions)
<i>Extended Time</i>	7:45- 11:15	210 1.5(45+65) + 30 minutes for directions + 10 Minute break	Time and 1/2
4	10:20 – 11:00	40	
1	11:05 – 12:45	100	Lunch Wave 1 : 11:05 - 11 :35 Lunch Wave 2 : 11:40 - 12:10 Lunch Wave 3 : 12:15 - 12:45
3	12:50 – 1:20	30	
7	1:25 – 2:15	50	

Bus Schedule During CAPT - March 2nd – March 11th

- The only students expected on campus before and during testing are 10th graders (and 11th and 12th graders who chose to retest).
- Testing begins each day at 7:45 am.
- For 10th graders (and 11th and 12th grade retests) choosing to take the bus to school during CAPT testing days, you will be picked up at your normal time.
- 9th, and 11th and 12th graders not retesting are not expected to be on campus until their first scheduled class of the day during CAPT testing.
- For 9th, 11th, and 12th graders taking the bus to school during CAPT testing days, the schedule below will assist you in determining when your bus will arrive at your stop.

THESE ARE APPROXIMATE TIMES, AND YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE AT YOUR BUS STOP IN ADVANCE OF WHEN THE BUS IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE!

Test Day	Your bus should arrive at your stop at <i>approximately</i> this many hours <i>after</i> your normal pickup time on a regular school day
March 2	2 hours and 25 minutes
March 3	1 hour and 40 minutes
March 4	1 hour and 40 minutes
March 5	2 hours and 30 minutes
March 9	1 hour and 50 minutes
March 10	1 hour and 50 minutes
March 11	2 hours and 50 minutes

EXAMPLE: If you are normally picked up at 6:45, on March 2 you would be picked up at (6:45 + 2 hours and 25 minutes =) 9:10. On March 3, you would be picked up at (6:45 + 1 hour and 40 minutes =) 8:25.

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ATTENTION AP STUDENTS

AP Students – Sign up for tests will begin on Monday March 1 through Friday March 13 in the Assistant Principals' Office from 7:00 – 7:30 AM, all 3 Lunch Periods, 2:15-2:45 PM. NO exceptions to these times. Please bring the following:

- Index card with your name printed clearly, your grade and the test(s) you are taking.
- Check for total amount of the test(s) you are taking - \$86 per test – written out to Staples High School.
- In the Memo line of the check, write AP Test.

If you receive accommodations, please indicate that on the card.

CO-ED DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday March 19, 2:30-6 pm in the Nistico Fieldhouse

The third annual Dodgeball Tournament is here! Teams must be registered and paid **by Friday March 5th** and only completed packets will be accepted by Mrs. DiSorbo in office 3060H. Teams must consist of at least 2 men and 2 women with a minimum of 7 team members. If staff would like to play they must have students on their team as well. \$8 per person to play and \$3 to watch. Come join the fun!!

TRYING OUT FOR A SPRING SPORT?

Before you know it, tryouts will be here for our spring season. Baseball conditioning will begin Monday, March 15th and the remaining sports begin on Monday, March 22nd. Spring sports include boys and girls golf, lacrosse, tennis and track, plus baseball, rugby and volleyball for boys, softball for girls and coed water polo and sailing. In order to participate, each athlete must have a current sports physical as well as an emergency permission form filled out.

The current sports physical must have been done within one year of the tryout date in order to be eligible to tryout. In order to remain eligible to play, a current sports physical **MUST** be maintained throughout the season.

OUT OF DATE SPORTS PHYSICAL OR NO SPORTS PHYSICAL:

Form A and B: Staples High School Sports Participation Health Record **and** Staples High School Sports Participation Medical Examination:

Side A is filled out by the athlete and parent

Side B is filled out by the physician. The State of Connecticut blue form will **not** be accepted.

Attachments will not be accepted.

http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/staples/athletics/athletic_downloads/Athletic.FormAB.pdf

CURRENT PHYSICALS: If your physical is current, you only need Form C.

Form C: Staples Athletic Emergency Information.

http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/staples/athletics/athletic_downloads/Athletic.FormC.pdf

All athletes need a new Form C every season.

Return the completed forms to the nurses' office or to the athletic trainer. Questions? Call Sue Skutnik, Athletics Secretary, 341-1260.

News from the Physical Education Department...

PE TIDBIT OF THE MONTH:

Can you really boost your metabolism? Yes, in a sense you can. When you exercise, you consume more oxygen, increasing your metabolic rate. This increase even continues for a short time after exercise. If you are able to include higher intensity workouts or intervals, this boost in metabolism will be even greater. Other metabolism boosters include finding ways to move more throughout the day, doing strength training exercises, not skipping meals, getting enough sleep, fidgeting (believe it or not), and don't forget to start the day off right by eating breakfast. Try these out and not only will you burn more calories everyday; you will feel better doing it!

(information obtained from "HealthFitness" at hfit.com)

News from the Science Department...

QAHOG BOWL

We are pleased to announce that the Staples "Team Marine" placed eighth overall in the Quahog Bowl. This is the CT & RI Regional Competition of the National Ocean Science Bowl held at the University of Connecticut - Avery Point, Groton. Please congratulate these students: Perri Moeller (Captain), Nadia Waski, Becky Watson, Jason Bennett, Lia D'Addario, Greg Lawrence.

They did a fantastic job. This is the best Staples had done since being involved four years ago.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT INVITATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

On February 6th at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut, the Science Research Classes at Staples High School participated in the Southern Connecticut Invitational Science and Engineering Fair. Over 125 students from Darien, Greenwich, Westport, Wilton and Woodbridge presented their projects at the fair, in projects ranging from the life sciences to mathematics. The following students were awarded prizes:

First place for physical science: Jason Gandelman

Second place for physical science: Chris Mulreed

Second place for research proposal: Joshua Greenberg

Third place for research proposal: Susan Greenberg

Tied for first place for life sciences: Jessie Davis

Tied for honorable mention: Catherine Coughlin

Congratulations to all of the students for a job well done!

News from the Music Department...

March is going to be an exciting month for the Staples Music Department! Recapping events in February is an adventure in itself. On February 2nd and 4th, the Staples Music Department presented its fabulous *Youth Concerts* to Westport Schools' 3rd through 6th graders in the Staples Auditorium. This year's theme was the *Music of the Circus!*, and the show was enjoyed by nearly 1800 Westport children in grades three to six. On February 3rd, the Staples Chamber Orchestra performed at the *All-City Concert* at Bedford Middle School along with selected 6th and 7th graders from both middle schools. Finally, on February 2nd, the Music Department freshmen and sophomore ensembles combined with the SHS Art Department for the Annual *Fine Arts Night*, performing wonderful music of Bizet, Smetena, and Samuel Hazo and other wonderful pieces.

Based upon their placement in the Regional ensembles at the *Western Region Festival*, several SHS musicians auditioned on Saturday, January 30th for the *All-State Music Festival*, to be held in April in Hartford. Those earning places in the All-State Orchestra are **Carolyn Chen**, **Curtis Chen**, and **Adele Shenoy** – congratulations to them all!

With March's emphasis on state-wide testing, our Music Department activities are a bit more reserved in March. However, as March is *National Music in Our Schools Month*, Westport celebrates Music on March 23rd and 24th with our *Westport Orchestra Festival*. In order to include the almost five hundred orchestra students in grades seven through twelve, the Festival culminates with two spectacular concerts on Wednesday, March 24th in the Staples Gymnasium. The high school students will be involved in both 45-minute programs – the first will be at 6:30 PM along with the combined Middle Schools' 7th Grade Orchestras, and the second at 8:15 PM along with the combined 8th Grade Orchestras. Our guest conductor for this year's *Orchestra Festival* is Dr. Toshiyuki Shimada, Associate Professor of Conducting at the Yale School of Music and Conductor of the Yale Symphony Orchestra.

We all know how wonderful music is, how it enriches our lives and how it helps students learn. With the Westport School District focus on contemporary skills for the 21st Century and beyond, the evidence is overwhelming that music helps students to...

- * explore some of the finest artistic creations of mankind
- * develop cognitive, perceptive and reasoning skills
- * define who they are and develop a positive identity
- * broaden and cultivate their perceptions of themselves and the world
- * expand their abilities to express and communicate
- * escape the mundane and the ordinary, and experience the extra-ordinary
- * think critically, evaluate and problem-solve
- * develop imagination and creativity

High School Music Department is proud to share its excitement and musical inspiration with the Westport community! Please join us for our wonderful concerts, our student expressions of exceptional learning!

News from the Guidance Department...

PRE- REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Counselors have begun to pre-register students for next year. Grade 11 registration was February 9-12 and 23rd. Grade 9 will be seen March 1-5 and grade 10 will be seen March 15-19th. Please be sure that all students sign up in Guidance for appointments with their counselor during the week that is scheduled for their grade.

TUITION GRANTS & LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

STAPLES TUITION GRANTS – For 65 years this program has provided financial assistance to qualified Staples seniors and graduates who plan to continue their education. The single largest distributor of tuition grant dollars in Westport, the Staples Tuition Grants Committee disperses funds contributed by hundreds of donors including individuals, PTAs, civic organizations, local businesses and trusts. Awards range from one thousand to five thousand dollars and are granted based on financial need. A completed Profile or FAFSA Form must accompany every application. The Staples Tuition Grants application is available on line at www.staplestuitiongrants.org. The application can be downloaded, filled out and submitted by email or printed out and mailed to the post office address on the application. **The deadline for applications for the current year is April 1.**

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS - **Deadline for these local scholarships is March 6th.**

WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS – Open to male and female seniors. Need and academic achievement (no lower than 3.0 academic GPA) are important factors. Among a number of awards, there is one designated for someone involved in art, music or theatre.

WESTPORT P.A.L. ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP – Awarded to a Staples senior planning to pursue a career in physical education or a related field. The student must have participated in the Staples athletic program.

WESTPORT P.A.L (CITIZENSHIP) SCHOLARSHIPS – Awarded to two Staples seniors in recognition of their outstanding citizenship and contributions to their school and community.

P.J. ROMANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Awarded by the Police Athletic League of Westport to a Staples senior for being a well-rounded, dedicated, down to earth student at Staples.

JONATHAN UMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – Awarded by the Police Citizenship League of Westport to a Staples senior in recognition of their outstanding citizenship and contributions to their school and community. Jonathan Uman was one of the victims of 9/11.

COLLEGE FAIRS

Fairfield Regional College Fair

Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30 pm - 8 pm at the Fairfield Ludlowe High School Gymnasium.

2010 Spring Hartford National College Fair, www.nacac.com, Connecticut Expo Center

Thursday, April 8, 9:00 - 11:30 AM, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Friday, April 9, 9:00 – 11:30 AM

TIPS FOR COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS FOR JUNIORS

CONTACT EACH SCHOOL: When you are ready to set a date for a visit, you should call to request the time of the tour and information session or check the website. Ask about interview policies.

TAKE GOOD NOTES: Don't trust anything to memory, especially if you're planning to visit a number of colleges. Even if you don't take notes during the visit, write your thoughts down while the experience is still fresh in your mind.

Be Prompt: You never want to be late, especially for interviews.

Explore: Venture to where the real action is. Talk to students. Attend a class. Eat in the cafeteria.

BE REALISTIC: Before you leave campus, take a last glance around and ask your child, "Would you feel comfortable here?"

HAVE FUN! Check out the surrounding area and incorporate other family activities to keep the college process in perspective. Remember this is just an exploration and should be led by the student. So climb in the car, map or GPS in hand and ENJOY!

News from the Guidance Department Con't...

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWS

APRIL 17, 2010, DESIGN YOUR FUTURE DAY brings eleventh grade high school girls with an interest and aptitude in math and science to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) for an exciting day of hands-on exploration in engineering, science and technology. Fun, dynamic and interactive sessions help young women envision how they can apply math and sciences in innovative, creative ways that improve lives and change the world!

Register online at www.eng.rpi.edu/dyfld/ or pick up an application in the College and Career Center. **Deadline is April 2nd.** Questions? Contact Barbara Ruel, Program Director for Design Your Future Day, by phone at (518) 276:2618 or by e:mail at futureday@rpi.edu.

The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at the University of Connecticut will host the first annual Survivor: College Edition, a half day program that will provide two informational tracks one for high school (juniors or seniors) students with disabilities planning to attend college and one for their parents and/or family members on **March 22, 2010.** www.csd.uconn.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please visit **Naviance** or the **scholarship websites** listed below for further award information and eligibility requirements.

Body by Milk "Sammy 2010 Award Program" recognizes outstanding athletes in grade 12 from high schools throughout the U.S. Applications will only be accepted online at bodybymilk.com until **March 5, 2010.**

Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation (two awards): First one is a yearly award for a HS Senior who is a CT resident and will be majoring in a horticulture related field. The second, the Howard Jennings Scholarship is a one time award for a CT student who has been accepted by UConn, majoring in plant science/horticulture. Visit www.flowersplantsinct.com/cnlacnf for an application. **Deadline: March 15, 2010.**

The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences/Connecticut Affiliate: covers 14 fields of study including: Hospitality, Human Services, Early Childhood Education, and Nutrition and Health. Visit www.ctaafcs.org/scholarship for an application. **Deadline: March 15, 2010.**

Dunkin' Donuts Scholarship/ Connecticut Dunkin Donuts Franchisee: invite local high school seniors to apply for one of the 75 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Financial need is not considered. Visit www.dunkindonuts.com/scholarship for an application.

Deadline: March 15, 2010.

"Arrive Alive" Scholarship Program: Applicants are required to submit either a written essay, video or graphic presentation they would present to their classmates, encouraging them not to get behind the wheel while using a cell phone. Visit: www.GetCarter.com for an application. **Deadline: March 19, 2010.**

The Humane Society of the U.S. "Shaw-Worth Memorial Scholarship" awarded to a high school senior who has made a meaningful contribution to animal protection over a significant period of time. There is no standardized application to complete. **Deadline: March 25, 2010.** humanesociety.org

The Associated General Contractors of Connecticut (AGC/CT) Scholarship Awards Program offers a two-year scholarship to graduating seniors entering a four-year building technology or civil engineering program as

freshmen, or entering a two-year technical school with a construction course of study. Visit: www.ctconstruction.org for an application. **Deadline: March 31, 2010.**

Tri-Town Teachers Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program: applicant must be a credit union member or related to one. Visit http://www.tritownteachers.org/pages/scholarship_2010.pdf for an application. **Deadline: March 31, 2010.**

Glen Moon Scholarship: for students who will be pursuing a career in teaching. Visit www.ctretiredteachers.org for an application. **Deadline: March 31, 2010.**

The Susan Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that gives post secondary school scholarship grants to Fairfield County residents who have been diagnosed with cancer at some time in their lives. Please visit www.thesusandfund.org for an application. **Deadline: April 1, 2010.**

News from the Guidance Department Con't...

Family Support Services Scholarship Award: to a student interested in pursuing careers in a profession that provides emotional or medical support to families. Visit <http://www.ctfda.org/html/scholarship:family> for an application. **Deadline: April 9, 2010.**

Milton Fisher Scholarship: awarded to exceptionally innovative and creative high school juniors, seniors, and college freshmen from Connecticut and New York City. Visit www.rbffoundation.org for an application. **Deadline: April 12, 2010.**

Air & Waste Management Association of Connecticut: awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in the environmental field. Visit awmanewengland.org for an application. **Deadline: April 15, 2010.**

Kline Family Community Service Scholarship: for seniors who plan to attend UConn and also have demonstrated a record of community service. Visit www.klinefamilyscholarship.org for an application. **Deadline: April 25, 2010.**

Mutual Security Community Service Scholarships – applicant must be a member of the Mutual Security Credit Union or the child of a member. Visit http://www.mscu.net/pdf/CSSA_0108.pdf for an application. **Deadline: April 30, 2010.**

Northrop Grumman Engineering Scholars: a scholarship competition for Fairfield County and New Haven County high school students who will be entering college to pursue a degree in Engineering. Visit www.es.northropgrumman.com/engscholars/ for an application. **Deadline: April 30, 2010.**

Connecticut State University System Foundation: Ted Martocchio Scholarship: includes all four universities CCSU, ECSU, SCSU or WCSU. Must be the child of a building, trade and union member. Visit www.csusystemfoundation.org for an application. **Deadline: April 30, 2010.**

CHET Fund: provide financial assistance for college and university students from Connecticut who have lost a parent or a sibling to cancer. Visit www.cancercare.org/about_us/contact/connecticut.php for an application. **Deadline: May 3, 2010.**

Connecticut Sun Foundation "Bright Horizons Scholarship" awarded to any deserving CT high school senior who will attend an accredited four-year college or university in the state of Connecticut. Visit www.wnba.com/sun/community/ctsunfoundation.html for an application. **Deadline: May 15, 2010.**

Central Connecticut State University "Scholarship for Singers": Half tuition scholarships will be awarded to (2) incoming freshmen each year. **Preference** will be given to applications received **before March 1, 2010.** Contact: Dr. Pamela J. Perry, (860)832-2912, Perry@ccsu.edu

SUMMER PROGRAMS

www.enrichmentalley.com – There are descriptions of over 225 summer programs with some reviews, created by a guidance counselor.

www.studenteducationprograms.com

<http://collegelists.pbwiki.com/Summer+Programs+:+General>

<http://summerfun.com/>

<http://www.petersons.com/summerop/code/ssector.asp>

Check out the list of sites compiled by the College & Career Center at http://shs.westport.k12.ct.us/staples/guidance/college_career/Summer_Programs.html

STAPLES PLAYERS PRESENTS

“LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS”

Based on the low-budget cult film by Roger Corman, *Little Shop Of Horrors* opened at the Orpheum Theatre Off-Broadway in New York City, playing over 2000 performances and becoming the highest-grossing and third longest-running musical in Off-Broadway history. The show received the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical. The London production received the Evening Standard Award for Best Musical.

One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a house-hold name, thanks to a highly successful film version and a score by the songwriting team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, who redefined the animated musical film with Disney's "The Little Mermaid", "Beauty And The Beast" and "Aladdin." Charming, tuneful and hilarious, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, *Little Shop Of Horrors* never fails to entertain! **Parental Guidance Warning:** Due to some language and intensity of this play, please use discretion regarding bringing children younger than 10 years of age. No one under 4 yrs., please.

Mail in order forms must be received by us no later than 3 days prior to the performance you wish to attend. If the tickets you desire are not available we will attempt to contact you by phone or email. Walk-up sales will be **March 15 thru 19, 12:30-2:00 pm** in the main lobby of SHS (cash or check only). Tickets will also be sold on those dates to students (during the SHS lunch periods), just outside the Cafeteria. Visit our website (staplesplayers.com) to purchase tickets online! **Use the E-Ticket option for convenience!** Call 341-1310 for further information. All Performances @ Staples High School, 70 North Ave., Westport, CT.

Staples Players Ticket Order Form

<u>Performance</u>	Number of Adult	Number of Student	<i>Seats Assigned:</i> (Box Office use only.)
<u>Dates</u>	\$15 tickets	\$10 tickets	
FRIDAY 3/19 – 7:30 pm			
SATURDAY 3/20 – 7:30 pm			
FRIDAY 3/26 – 7:30 pm			
SATURDAY 3/27 – 7:30 PM			
* SNOW DATES Call 341-1310. If a performance is cancelled due to weather the following will apply: 3/19 or 3/20 will play on 3/21, 2PM. 3/26 or 3/27 at 3/28, 2PM.	# of Adult Tix	# of Student/Sr. Tix	Include Check for this Amt:
	@\$15 ea. = \$ _____	@\$10 ea. = \$ _____	\$ _____

Check in order of preference: 1st to 4th ___ Front Orch. ___ Front Orch. Side ___ Mid-Orch. Center ___ Balcony

Name _____ Phone _____

(Please Print!)

Address _____ Town _____ St _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Do you receive Players' emails? _____

NOTE: May we send you E-Tickets at the above email address? YES ___ NO ___ If no, you will receive an email confirmation once your order has been processed. Your tickets will be held under your name at the box office to be picked up, beginning 30 minutes before curtain. **Call 341-1310 if you don't receive an email confirmation regarding your order!**
No refunds or exchanges.

Payment must accompany order. Make all checks payable to: Staples Players. Mail payment & Order form to: **Staples Players Ticket Sales, 70 North Avenue, Westport CT, 06880.**

To support the Staples Players organization by advertising your event, business, or professional services in our program book, email: spboosterads@gmail.com.

Staples Players Presents
***TELEMACHUS CLAY* – A Studio Play**
Directed by Senior, Jahari Dodd

Telemachus Clay is a portrayal of a group of people and the journey each takes to find purpose in his life. A man leaves his suburban life to attempt to make it big in Hollywood ... Along the way he meets new people, and leaves old acquaintances in the past. This show reflects love, loss, regret, and hope. It teaches us that as we journey into the future, we must accept that the change we face is for the better; for if we are caught in the past we are unable to discover our own meaning in the universe. This play, directed by senior-year student Jahari Dodd, will intrigue and entertain audience members and feature the talents of many Staples High School students onstage and off. We are pleased to offer tickets in advance to those who order promptly with the form below. Please note the difference in evening performance start times!

To purchase tickets in advance, please send in this completed order form with your son/daughter along with a check made to "Staples Players" and have him/her drop the order with payment into the envelope posted to the board just outside David Roth's door OR mail to: Staples Players Studio Tickets, c/o Staples HS, 70 North Ave., Westport, Ct 06880 to be received by **March 10**. Seating is not assigned. **All Performances will be at Toquet Hall, 62 Post Road East, Westport, CT.** Doors at Toquet Hall will open 20 minutes before curtain. Enter Toquet Hall through the alleyway next to Matsu Sushi on the Jessup Green (back) side of the building, or next to Dovecote on the Post Road (front) side of the building. Performance space is UPSTAIRS. There is a working elevator for those who need it.

Parental Guidance Suggested: May not be suitable for younger children.

Friday, March 12 @ 8:00 PM # of Tickets _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday, March 13 @ 6:00 PM # of Tickets _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday, March 13 @ 8:30 PM # of Tickets _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Include a check to Staples Players. Total Amount Due for all tickets ordered: \$ _____

Name _____

Email _____

(Please Print!)

Address: _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

*Mail in orders must be received no later than March 10th. Tickets will be held under the name on this form at Will Call. Box office opens 30 minutes prior to performances. Doors open 20 minutes before curtain. Remaining seats can be purchased at the door – first come, first served and cash/check only. Seating will be open and is limited.

Community Bulletin Board...

IS TEXTING TAKING A TOLL?

Westport Public Library presents a forum discussion for parents and teens asking "Is Texting Taking a Toll?" at Toquet Hall on Tuesday, March 9th from 7-9PM. The event will be a panel discussion about cell phone safety and will feature representatives from PeaceWorks, the Westport Youth Commission's IMentor Committee, and family educator Heather Simonson. The event is free and open to the public. For further information call 203 291-4800 or go to www.westportlibrary.org.

PARENT CONNECT

All meetings are casual, free of charge and are held at Christ and Holy Trinity Church, 55 Myrtle Avenue downtown Westport

Grade9/10--Every 2nd Thursday, 9:30 - 11AM

Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13

Grade11/12--Every 2nd Wednesday, 12 - 1:30PM

Mar 10, Apr14, May 12

(Please note some dates may be different than normally scheduled weeks due to school vacations).

SPORTS LEGACY FOUNDER to SPEAK on CONCUSSIONS MARCH 14

If you missed it in January, come hear Chris Nowinski from the Sports Legacy Foundation speak about the new research being done on athletes' brains and the dangerous effects of concussions on our kids. Come learn about the changes coming to football and other contact sports. Sponsored by Westport PAL, and required of their coaches (other town coaches are invited).

Nowinski is a Harvard educated, former football player and world wrestler, forced to retire because of multiple concussions. He is an engaging and informative speaker, not to be missed. Watch for announcements about the time, but please put March 14, Saugatuck Elementary School Auditorium on your calendar if you interested in attending this worthwhile event. Bring a friend!

For more information, please call Carmen Roda at 203-640-8085 or email aterber@optonline.net.

For information on concussions, go to sportslegacy.org.

TAMING THE COLLEGE PROCESS

(Why are we so stressed out about our kids Getting In?)

Positive Directions will be offering a four session workshop called **Taming the College Process** for parents of 9th through 11th grade students. This workshop is intended to address what has become a community-wide issue affecting our children, our families, our friendships, our schools and our guidance counselors. We will explore the effects of stress on our children relating to the college process and what we can do to tame our own anxieties so we can enable the independence and self-esteem our children need to become healthy adults.

The NUMBER 1 RULE of this group: Leave *college names, standardized test scores, class schedules and college road trip planners at the door!*

The course will be led by Positive Directions Counselors who are experienced in launching kids through the "College Process" and beyond. The course will meet on **Thursdays beginning March 18th, 25th, April 1st and April 8th from Noon to 1:45 pm** at the Positive Directions offices across from Whole Foods. An evening class will be offered beginning March 16th in a location to be determined.

Registration is limited and the fee is \$195. For more information or to register securely online, visit our website at www.positivedirections.org or call Positive Directions at 203-227-7644, ext 132. (Scholarships are offered and requests are confidential).



**PTA COFFEE WITH
JOHN DODIG:
Monday, March 8th,
9:00am
Faculty Dining Room
(rescheduled due to snow)
and
Friday, March 26th,
9:00 AM in the
Faculty Dining Room**

FTW MARCH DEADLINE
MONDAY, MARCH 22nd
5:00 PM
Submit articles to:
shs_pta@westport.k12.ct.us

APRIL

- 1 Staff Development Day—No School for Students
- 2 Good Friday/Passover—No School
- 5 4th Quarter Begins
- 6 Psychologists' Meeting: Open Forum, 8:45 to 9:45, Faculty Dining Room
- 8-10 All-State Music Festival at Hartford
- 10 ACT: SHS is NOT a Test Site
- 19-23 Spring Recess—No School
- 28 Sophomore Parent Breakfast, 7:30 am
- 28 PTA Coffee with John Dodig, 7:00 pm (note special time) SHS Library Media Center
- 29 Sophomore Parent Breakfast, 8:30 am

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