

August 2017

Hello Junior Parents,

As Class Parent Liaisons, we want to introduce ourselves and touch base about some important dates and events. If you have any questions, please email any one of us.

We are:

- Yorlery Arias ~ *Hispanic Parent Ambassador*. She is a Mom of 2 (Maria Jose, a junior; Sebastian, grade 6). Yor95@yahoo.com
- Torie Bligh is a Mom of 3 (Julia, a Junior; Abby, grade 5 and Cole, is a college Freshman). Blighfamily@gmail.com
- Christie McGinn is a Mom of 3 (Kailey, a Junior, Matthew and Brendan are both in college). cemcginn8@gmail.com
- Holly Moller is a Mom of 4 (Greg, a Junior; Jackson, Freshman; Carly, grade 4; McKenzie, grade 3). hlmoller@aol.com

Please mark your calendar with the following event dates (***PTO Sponsored Events**):

- **Tuesday, September 12, 2017– Chrome Book Distribution** - All students will be receiving Chrome Books. They will be handed out during the Physical Education (PE) periods for everyone who has turned in their fee for insurance. The insurance fee is collected each year.
- **September 22 – PTO General Meeting *** – 8:15 a.m. in the SHS Library.
- **September 28 – Back to School Night** – 6-9 p.m. Come to SHS to meet your child’s teachers and navigate the buildings.
- **October 5 - Junior Class Get Together *** - Time and place TBD. . A relaxing format to get acquainted with one another, chat, get excited for upcoming events and ask questions. Mrs. Grimaldi will attend part of this social event.
- **October 18 - Junior Family Night:** This is an opportunity to learn about the college preparation and application process. Held at the high school from 7-9 p.m.
- **October 19 – PTO Coffee with the Principal *** - 8:15 a.m. in the SHS Library.
- **October 26 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion *** - 7p.m. – 8:30 in the SHS Library. Book is Mrs. Fletcher by Tom Perrotta. Copies are available at the SHS Library as well as town Library.
- **November 2 - SHS College Night** - 7-8:30 p.m. An Expo of over 100 colleges and their representatives. This is a must-not-miss event for juniors.
- **November 13 – Ron Lieber/ Speaker *** 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Student only seminar for 10th and 11th grade classes. He is the author of *The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids who are Grounded, Generous & Smart About Money*. 2015 NYT and WSJ best sellers list.
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- **November 21 – Hallapallozza** - A SHS tradition where the students volunteer to decorate an assigned hall way at **SHS** over a week’s period. It’s a great opportunity to drum-up school spirit. The students

have a blast and snacks and drinks served. Takes place after school and in the evenings. All juniors are welcome and encouraged to participate!

- **January 12 – PTO General Meeting *** - 8:15 a.m. in the SHS Library
- **January 20 - SHS Parent Social/Fundraiser *** - A fun evening “Dueling Pianos” for all SHS parents at the Summit Grand Hotel starting at 7:00 pm – ticket info to come later in the year.
- **January 26 - Semi-Formal Dance** - Held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange 7-11 p.m. This dressy dance is open to all SHS students (only), tradition is that the girls ask the boys as their date. Groups, individuals and non-dates are all encouraged and welcome to attend!
- **February 22 – PTO Coffee with the Principal *** - 7 p.m. in the SHS Library.
- **February 28 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion *** - 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 in the SHS Library. Book to be announced.
- **March 16 – PTO General Meeting *** - 8:15 a.m. in the SHS Library.
- **May 16 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion *** - 7 p.m. in the SHS Library. Book to be announced.
- **May 18 – PTO General Meeting *** - 8:15 a.m. in the SHS Library.
- **May 18 - Junior/Senior Prom** - Held at The Westin, Governor Morris Hotel, 7-11 p.m.
- **Graduation Preparation** – A SHS tradition where junior parents help with the planning and implementation of the current year's graduation ceremony. Beginning in April we will be asking for your help with graduation and post-graduation activities, so please be on the lookout for emails from us. Graduation will be held at Tatlock Field (weather permitting) on Thursday, June 21.
- **College Preparation** - Look for emails from Alison Grill, the SHS College Counselor. She will be sending out notices about college informational sessions held throughout the year at SHS and other venues. Alison Grill is a great resource, but prioritizes her time for the first few months of the school year to work with seniors who are applying to college. If you have any college questions, it is best to reach out to your guidance counselor until Ms. Grill's schedule opens up later in the school year. Guidance will begin to send updates to families about the college representatives that are visiting Summit High School. The PTO website will always have a link to the college visit roster.

To dial in the PTO General Meeting, dial 877-327-6710, participation code: #87531623

Finally, the PTO website (summitshspto.com) is a great source of information and contains links to the district website (<http://www.summit.k12.nj.us>). As parents of a junior, you will want to be continually checking these websites for information. All this information will be posted on the PTO website under class level information.

We look forward to a great year ahead, to your participation in the PTO, and to seeing you at events and happenings related to Summit High School!

Go Hilltoppers,

2019 Class Parents

P.S. The PTO has added a time-saving innovation this year to aid with parents' calendar management. [Click here](#) to access the new subscribe feature that will allow you to automatically populate your online calendars with the important dates highlighted above!