

August 2017

Hello Senior Parents,

As Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) 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.

Caroline Maldonado is Mom to a senior son and a freshman daughter. She is sending her SHS graduate son to his junior year in college (which is much easier than the last 2 years!) (carolinemaldonado@verizon.net)

Silvia Molina, *Hispanic Parent Ambassador* is Mom of three boys. They are in grades 2, 6 and 12. (si9cr@aol.com)

Suzy Rosenzweig is Mom to senior twin girls and can't believe there is only one more year of this to go! (suzyrosenzweig@gmail.com)

Julie Schroeder is Mom to a senior girl and a 6th grade boy – a big year for the Schroeders, and an exciting one! (julieschroeder@mac.com)

Anna Shapiro is Mom to a senior daughter and a freshman son and is very excited about having 2 kids in high school! (Design@annashap.com)

Please mark your calendar with the following dates: **(PTO-sponsored events are in bold)**

- Tuesday, September 12, 2017 Chrome Book Distribution - Seniors are currently receiving Chrome Books. A parent must attend a distribution session to receive one and more meetings have been scheduled. Please check the district website for details.
- Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – Senior Family and Financial Aid Night (6pm-8pm, Auditorium) - Counselors will be reviewing mandatory parts of the college application process, resources available throughout the college process and there will be a financial aid presentation.
- **Friday, September 22, 2017– PTO General Meeting (8:15am, Library)**
- Thursday, September 28, 2017 – Back to School Night (6pm-9pm) - Come to school to meet your child's teachers and navigate the building.
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - Share the Keys (7pm-9pm, Auditorium) - This is an evening meeting that discusses driver safety. Parents and students must attend this meeting (if they have not already done so) to receive their parking permit.
- **Thursday, October 19, 2017 – PTO Coffee with the Principal (8:15am, Library)** - also on Thursday, February 22, 2018 (7pm-8pm, Library). These meetings are your chance to ask Mrs. Grimaldi questions.
- **Thursday, October 26, 2017 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion (7pm-8:30pm, Library)** – “Mrs. Fletcher” by Tom Perrotta.
- **Monday, November 13, 2017 – Ron Lieber/Speaker (7pm-9pm, Cafeteria)** – Author of “The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous & Smart About Money”. 2015 NYT and WSJ best seller list. (For sophomores and juniors there will be session from 1:45pm-2:45pm in the cafeteria)
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – Hallapalooza - 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 seniors are welcome and encouraged to participate!

- **Friday, January 12, 2018 – PTO General Meeting (8:15am, Library)**
- **Saturday, January 20, 2018 – 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.
- **Saturday, January 26, 2018 - Semi-Formal Dance (7pm-11pm)** - Held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Tradition has been that the girls ask the boys as their date. Groups, individuals and non-dates are all encouraged and welcome to attend!
- **Thursday, February 22, 2018 – PTO Coffee with the Principal (7pm, Library)**
- **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion (12:30pm-2:00pm, Library)** – book to be announced.
- **Friday, March 16, 2018 – PTO General Meeting (8:15am, Library)**
- **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Senior Class Gathering (tbd)**
- **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – PTO Parent Book Club Discussion (7pm-8:30pm, Library)** – book to be determined
- **Friday, May 18, 2018 – PTO General Meeting (8:15am, Library)**
- **Friday, May 18, 2018 - Junior/Senior Prom (7pm-11pm)** – The Westin, Governor Morris Hotel
- **Thursday, June 7, 2018 – Senior Banquet (7pm-11pm, Berkeley Plaza)**
- **Graduation** - All Seniors will receive a Graduation Packet in early March that will be full of information for what we need to get ready for Graduation. Graduation is scheduled to be held at Tatlock Field (weather permitting) on Thursday, June 21. Please keep your eyes open for information pertaining to “Project Graduation” to be held at Lifetime Fitness in Berkeley Heights following the ceremony. It’s a fun-filled evening for our graduates to celebrate.

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 (summit.k12.nj.us). As parents of a senior, you will want to be continually checking these websites for information. Your PTO presidents this year are Anjali McCormick (anjalicormick@verizon.net) and Susan Sidebottom (susan@sidebottomfamily.com)

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!

2018 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!