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A Message From The Principal

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the school year is rapidly coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our booster organizations and all of our parent volunteers who so generously give of their time for the benefit of our school and students. We sincerely appreciate everything you do!

The Junior-Senior Prom, one of the premier events of the year, will be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on May 13 at 6:00 p.m. Again this year, we will hold the After Prom Party at SDHS immediately following the prom. Throughout the year, parents and volunteers work hard to make this evening enjoyable for our students and we encourage all prom goers to attend this safe, fun-filled event.

Graduation will be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. All of us at SDHS are excited and proud to see our seniors graduate. However, as with all traditional ceremonies, there are regulations concerning dress and attendance that we must address. Senior males must wear white shirts with dark ties, accompanied by navy or black pants and dark dress shoes. Young ladies must be dressed in white dresses or white shirts and skirts or capri pants and white shoes with a full back or strap. Each senior will be issued eight (8) tickets for graduation. If your family needs more than the allotted amount, please contact friends of your children since they may have more tickets than they need. There will not be extra tickets available through the school. The senior exam and graduation activity schedule is enclosed in this newsletter. I urge you to begin making plans for graduation attire, invitations, and family celebrations as soon as possible.

Just about one week after the end of the school year, we will be mailing report cards. Information regarding your son/daughter's 2017-18 schedule will be included in this mailing as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the guidance office at 410-641-2207. Summer hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

May and June are the time when Spring Fever takes effect and we are plagued with a high rate of absences, early departures and late arrivals. Please encourage your students to make every effort to come to school on time and stay for the duration of the school day. I want all seniors to participate in graduation activities, and underclassmen to continue to work hard these last weeks of school. With the continued support from parents and community members we will continue to foster and promote the best possible education for our students. Have a great rest of the school year and a very relaxing summer!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 2: Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 4: Band Concert 6:00 p.m.
- May 6: SAT Testing
- May 8: Choral Booster Meeting
- May 9: WeXL Banquet 6:00 p.m.
- May 10: Athletic Booster Meeting
- May 11: Choral Concert 6:00 p.m.
- May 13: Prom/After Prom Party
- May 18-20: Shakespeare Under The Stars
- May 19: Interim Reports Distributed
- May 22: School Senior Awards 6:00 p.m.
- May 24: Community Senior Awards 6:00 p.m.
- May 30: Baccalaureate Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
- May 31: Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- June 3: SAT Testing
- June 10: ACT Testing
- June 15: Final Exams Period 1 & 2
1/2 Day for Students
- June 16: Final Exams Period 4 & 5
1/2 Day for Students
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

2017 GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18	-	Regular Full School Day for Graduates 4th & 5th Period	Exam Reviews
Friday, May 19	-	Regular Full School Day for Graduates 9:00 a.m. Aud. 4th & 5th Period	Graduate Award Practice - School and Community Awards Exam Reviews
Monday, May 22	-	Regular Full School Day for Graduates 4th & 5th Period 6:00 p.m. Aud.	Exam Reviews School Graduate Awards (invite only)
Tuesday, May 23	-	Regular Full School Day for Graduates 1st & 2nd Period 4th & 5th Period	Exam Reviews Take Final Exams
Wednesday, May 24	-	1st & 2nd Period 11:15 a.m. Aud. 6:00 p.m. Aud.	Exam Reviews Mandatory Graduation Practice Community Graduate Awards (invite only)
Thursday, May 25	-	1st & 2nd Period 11:15 a.m. Aud. After practice	Take Final Exams Mandatory Graduation Practice DEADLINE TO COMPLETE SURVEYS Senior Picnic - Stephen Decatur Park
Friday, May 26	-	9:00 a.m. Aud.	Mandatory Graduation Practice at SDHS Distribution of Cap & Gowns Distribution of Tickets to Graduation Senior Picnic Rain Date (after practice)
Tuesday, May 30	-	9:00 a.m. Aud. 7:00 p.m. Aud.	Mandatory Graduation Practice at SDHS Baccalaureate Ceremony <u>ALL DEBTS MUST BE PAID</u>
Wednesday, May 31	-	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mandatory Graduation Practice At Ocean City Convention Center Graduates Report to Convention Center Graduation Line-Up Graduation Ceremony Begins!

GRADUATION DRESS CODE

Girls: White Dress or White Capri Pants & White top, Light Colored Shoes

**Boys: Dark Pants, Dark Shoes, Dress Shirt, Tie
No Flip Flops or Sneakers**

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!

FROM THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

As we approach the end of another sports season and school year, the Athletic Boosters would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, teachers, coaches and administration for another successful year. We are fortunate to have so many people invested in the successes of our students both on and off the playing field. The Athletic Boosters work hard year-round to schedule, plan, shop, stock and man our many concessions stands and apparel stores all to raise funds for our coaches and kids so that they may have the absolute best experience when it comes to sports at Stephen Decatur.

We have one reminder for all of you in regards to our **18th ANNUAL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT** to be held on Tuesday June 20, 2017 at Eagles Landing Golf Course. We are again asking all sports teams to choose a theme for a Silent Auction Basket and collect items/donations for team members to stock this basket. Below are the themes for each team. We thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in this event. All items can be turned in to the Coach, Coach Krall or Athletic Boosters Officer.

FIELD HOCKEY-LAWN AND GARDEN, FOOTBALL-NFL, ALL TRACK TEAMS-MEXICAN, WRESTLING-SEAFOOD FESTIVITIES/BEER/WINE/ALCOHOL, BOYS SOCCER-2 BIKES/CRUISERS, GIRLS SOCCER-RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS, GOLF-GOLF, CHEERLEADING-SPA PACKAGES, SOFTBALL-A NIGHT IN WEST OC, SWIM-BEACH THEME, GIRLS BASKETBALL-GIFT CARDS, BOYS BASKETBALL-DONATION, BASEBALL-SUMMERTIME FUN, BOYS LACROSSE-TAILGATING, TENNIS-FISHING/ASSATEAGUE ISLAND, GIRLS LACROSSE-(SEE COACH)

Our final Boosters meeting will be held on Wednesday May 10, 2017 at 6:00. At this time we will have our final nominations and election for our officers for the 2017-18 school year. During our last 2 meetings, we have had nominations that have not changed and expect the election to go as follows:

President, Christine Brous	Vice President, Jen Wheeler
Treasurer, Bridgette Hargrove	Secretary, Jodi Purnell

We thank the above named for their dedication and commitment to the Athletic Boosters in taking these offices. Our Board has worked very hard to seek out responsible and motivated parents to take on the challenges of this organization and feel these women are the best of the best! We wish them great success in the coming years. On a personal note as I end my tenure of the last 5 years as President I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following:

Ryan Cowder, Tom Zimmer, Mark Flynn, Kathy Cater, Karen Barrett and all our Coaches for your dedication, friendship and commitment to the Athletic Boosters. **Principal** (at the time) and now **Superintendent Lou Taylor** for calling me into his office (literally) to ask me to take on the position of President, of which I had no idea what it

entailed. I was scared to death but it taught me some very valuable lessons! **Coach Jim Krall** for the absolute best golf tournament on the shore! There are no words to express our thanks to you for your countless hours and dedication! **Katy Coates, Linda Oliver, Kim Mumford, Bea Mason, Ashley Furbay, Christine Brous, Jen Wheeler, Jodi Purnell, Bridgette Hargrove, Robin Smith** for serving with me and taking on their upcoming roles within the organization. You are only as good as who you surround yourself with and this is a big job that could not have been done without all of you. **My husband John (alumni), Brooks (alumni) and Brennan, Amy (sister), Gary (alumni), Victoria (alumni) and Bethany** for helping in the concession stands when I needed, taking care of the grill on very busy football nights and for allowing me to be at scores of events instead of home.

It has truly been an honor to be the President of this organization and my departure is bittersweet. I look forward to the joys of boys in college but will never forget the wonderful people who helped mold my boys into the athletes and students that they are today! I intend on getting plenty of use out of my lifetime pass to sporting events, courtesy of Mr. Zimmer and **Mrs. Fenzel-Mergott**. Cheering from the stands will be something new for me but you will probably see me in the concession at halftime!! I wish all of you the very best from the bottom of my heart!!

Band Booster News

We've finally made it to the month of May. It seems like it has taken forever to get to this month, but we've finally made it! May is one of those particularly busy months for the band. The symphonic and jazz bands will be finishing up the Spring semester with a variety concert performances to complement all the hard work our students put forth this semester.

The first big event is the annual Spring band concert. This will feature three groups that will include the percussion ensemble, the jazz combo, and of course the symphonic band. Each of these groups will have their moment to shine during the evening's festivities. Everybody is invited to join us for the show and admission is free. So please join us for a night of instrumental music, Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00pm in the SDHS auditorium.

The excitement doesn't stop there. In two days following the Spring concert, the jazz combo will play at the Berlin Jazz and Blues festival on Saturday morning. Though this is an all day event planned by the town of Berlin, the SDHS Jazz Combo will be a part of the event by kicking off the day at approximately 10am. Remember that Main Street will be shut down for the event and the jazz combo will be performing outside on one of the stages. The boosters hope you get a chance to come out and see the combo students play. It will be fantastic!

The booster club has the annual awards banquet after the jazz festival. The date for the awards banquet is Wednesday, March 10th and it's held in the school cafeteria. All band and orchestra students are invited to attend and Mr. Foell has sent home banquet forms to be returned by May 3rd. Being the booster club needs to buy the food for the event it would be nice to know how many people are coming. So even if you cannot join us for this event please check off the appropriate box so that the boosters can have an accurate count of who is and who is not coming to the dinner.

The last big event for the school year is the Memorial Day parade in Berlin. This has been the annual "end of school" event for the band for decades. The parade happens on Memorial Monday, May 29th. The staging area is Stephen Decatur MIDDLE school and the parade processes down Flower Street to the end at Henry Park. Students are to be at SDMS by 10:15am and wear a white t-shirt, shorts, and sneakers for the performance. There will be one rehearsal for this event and it will happen during the last period band class on Friday, May 26.

The booster club would also like to remind everybody that the final Band Booster meeting of the year is Wednesday, May 3rd, 6:00pm in the media center at SDHS. The change in meeting space is due to Mr. Foell holding dress rehearsal the same evening which means all the chairs will be on the stage. Hope to see you all then!

WELLNESS TIP!!!

Try substituting processed snacks with healthier options!!
Below is a dairy free, sugar free recipe for a yummy snack!!

Homemade All Natural Protein Energy Bar Bites

3 1/2 cups Old Fashioned Oats
8 oz. **Dried Dates**
4 oz. **Chopped Pecans**
3.4 oz. **coconut**
6 oz. **Dried Cranberries**
1/3 of a 40 oz Jar **All Natural Peanut Butter**
Honey or **Agave Syrup** (about a cup, until it sticks together)

*Blend the oats in a blender until you have a more powdery consistency.
Pour into a large bowl.

*Mix in the dates, pecans, coconut, and cranberries.

*Add the peanut butter and mix (may have to use your hands for this part!)

*Work the honey (or agave) into the mixture.

*Roll into 1 inch balls....refrigerate and enjoy!

