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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Louis H. Taylor*

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that another school year is rapidly coming to a close. Our school would not be what it is today without the help of all of you. Thank you for another great school year!

The Junior-Senior Prom, one of the premier events of the year, will be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Again this year, we will hold the After Prom Party at SDHS immediately following the prom. Throughout the year, parents work hard to make this evening enjoyable for our students and we encourage all prom goers to attend this fun-filled, safe function.

Graduation will be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. The staff and I are very excited about this event. However, as with all traditional ceremonies, there are regulations concerning dress and attendance to which we must adhere. Senior males must wear white shirts and dark ties, accompanied by navy or black pants and dark dress shoes. Young ladies in the senior class must be dressed in white dresses or white shirts and skirts or capri pants and white shoes with a full back or strap around the heel. Each senior will be issued ten (10) 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. I urge you to begin making plans for graduation attire, invitations, and family celebrations as soon as possible.

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 our students. You are truly an important part of the Seahawk family.

Just about one week after the end of the school year we will be mailing report cards. Information concerning your son/daughter's 2011-12 schedule will be included in this mailing. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the guidance office at 410-641-2207. Summer hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

May and June are exciting times for all of us. However, it is also 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. 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 your youth. Have a great rest of the school year and a very relaxing summer break!

### May/June Dates to Remember

- May 2 - After Prom Meeting 6 p.m.  
Choral Concert 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 - Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- May 7 - Prom & After Prom Party
- May 10 - WeXL Banquet 6 p.m.  
O.C. Convention Center
- May 11 - Choral Booster Mtg. 6pm
- May 19 - NJROTC Boosters 6 p.m.
- May 20 - Progress Reports Mailed
- May 23 - School Senior Awards  
6 p.m.
- May 25 - Community Senior  
Awards 6 p.m.
- May 30 - SCHOOL CLOSED  
Memorial Day
- May 31 - Baccalaureate Ceremony  
7 p.m.
- June 1 - Graduation 7 p.m.
- June 4 - SAT Testing
- June 13 - Final Exams 1 & 2  
1/2 Day for Students
- June 14 - Final Exams 4 & 5  
1/2 Day for Students  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

## **Band Booster News:**

Parents, please remember May is an extremely busy month for the band. Some very important dates are: Tuesday, May 3rd, Spring concert dress rehearsal from 6pm until 9pm Wednesday, May 4th, Spring Band Concert, students report at 6:00pm, May 11th, Band Banquet in the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. and May 30th, Memorial Day Parade in Berlin.

As a reminder, the Band Boosters will be providing fried chicken and drinks for the awards banquet. Parents are to bring a covered dish with a serving utensil or a dessert. There will be a banquet intent form coming home in the mail that has all of the included details. If you can help set up for the banquet please e-mail or contact Lynn Astarb as soon as you can.

Congratulations to the 17 students who performed in the All County Band Concert in Pocomoke. This was a great exhibition from all performing art students in Worcester County. It's great to see all levels of talent from the very young to our own high school band members. Way to go Stephen Decatur!

A huge thanks to family and friends who came out to the Five Guys fundraiser. This was our last regularly scheduled fundraiser for the current school year, and again it was a success. This event is always a fun evening with our band students and their families.

A final congratulations and Good Luck goes out to Sara Prengaman who will be competing at state solo and ensemble festival. Sara qualified for states this past February and has chosen to take her abilities to the next level. The booster club would like to again wish Sara the best of luck and hope she brings back an excellent rating from state festival.

The band board members would like to thank all the parents who came out this year to the football games, parades, festivals and concerts. We appreciate your support and looking forward to another great season with the band. We wish everyone a restful summer and we will see you in the fall for marching band.



Marlena Bakke: Band Booster Vice President

Have a Safe  
& Relaxing  
Summer!

A colorful, stylized illustration of a beach scene. In the foreground, there are blue waves with white foam. In the middle ground, there's a sandy beach with a purple and yellow striped beach umbrella. In the background, there are green hills and a bright yellow sun in a blue sky. The overall style is bright and cheerful.

**STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2011 \*WINTER MINDS IN MOTION & ATHLETIC AWARD WINNERS**

**Men's Indoor Track – County Champions:** \*Cordante Ayres - MVP, \*Bradley Hollowell - Coaches Award, \*Chris Hurely – Coaches Award, \*Garrett Mohammadioun – Coaches Award, \*Ian Bresnahan , \*Spencer Cardenas, \*Billy Caton, \*Dan Cericola - Coaches Award, \*Devon Kee, \*Brett Lueders, \*Benjamin Rakowski, \*Sunday Aroh, \*James Mapp, \*Tristan Peeples, \*Lance Ward - Sportsmanship, \*Daniel Winters, \*Andrew Bradshaw, \*Tyler Coppinger, \*Jacob Eisenman, \*Chris Eslin, \*Zachary Hoshino, \*Sean McNelis, \*Kevin O'Connor, \*Joshua White, Kyle Kelly - Coaches Award

**Womens Indoor Track – County Champions:** \*Elizabeth Davidson, \*Janet Davidson, \*LyVea Oliver, \*Rachel Slotter, \*Katherine Blossveren, \*Careley Bodollus, \*Ariel DePaul - Coaches Award, \*Jessica Galuardi - Sportsmanship, \*Ashley Hrebik, \*Lydia Logan - Newcomer Award, \*Anastasia Priest, \*Michelle Rosinski, \*Ravyn Saunders – MVP, \*Ciara Thumma, \*Christine Timko, \*Anne Brown - Coaches Award, \*Shikerra Collick, \*Kelly Cosgriff, \*Gabrielle Dolby, \*Isabella Iampieri, \*Ameerah Lewis - Coaches Award, \*Rebecca Scott, \*Katherine Collins, \*Ashley DePaul, \*Layla Fowler - Newcomer Award, \*Megan Fulton, \*Nicole James, \*Lauren Logan, \*Kacie Moore, \*Valerie Petsche, \*Christina Pletcher, \*Kirsten Purnell, \*Elizabeth Rougcher, \*Jalinda Bounds, \*Alexandra Saunders, \*Emma Spack, \*Allison Trimble

**IV Mens Basketball:** \*Dimer Andrews - Coaches Award, \*Colin Macomber, \*Noah McAleer - Best Attitude, \*Dallas Harrington, \*Cody Clifton, \*Cameron Gaynor - Coaches Award, \*Danny Beck - Sportsmanship, \*Tylik Lawson, Will Howell - MVP

**Varsity Mens Basketball:** \*Matt Swistak - MVP, \*Tre Foreman, \*Corey Zimmer - Sportsmanship, \*Troy Bollinger, \*Teron Tyre - Coaches Award, \*Greg Peterson, Breon Smith - Most Improved, Jesse Engle - Newcomer Award, Dre Smith - Coaches Award, \*Bradley Messick-Mgr, \*Olivia Quattrini-Mgr, \*Keri Fohner-Mgr

**IV Cheerleading:** \*Madison McLain - Co-MVP, \*Courtney Richardson - Co-MVP, \*Brooke Davis - Unsung Hero, \*Devynn Detzer - Unsung Hero, \*Gabrielle Wooten - Coaches Award, \*Allison Franklin - Best Attitude, \*Paige Bradford - Most Spirited, Charlotte Petsche - Most Improved, \*Cora Cox – Sportsmanship, \*Brooke Elliott, \*Anna Trattner - Coaches Award

**Varsity Cheerleading:** \*Chrissy Aperance - Unsung Hero, \*Daniella Celia - Coaches Award, \*Sara Kessinger - Coaches Award, \*Alycia Pishley - Most Spirited, \*Tierney Waters - Best Attitude, \*Myla Waples - MVP, Most Spirited, Work, \*Jacqueline Saldana - Sportsmanship, Work, \*Mya Taylor, \*Sydnee Funk - Most Improved, \*Ciara Wright - Most Improved, Danielle Dodson - Rookie of Year

**IV Womens Basketball:** \*Elizabeth Brittingham – Coaches Award, \*Keeley Marks, Casey Ortiz - MVP, \*Tamara Pinkney \*Julia Shockley - Sportsmanship, \*Tiarh Water – Coaches Award, \*Victoria Whigham - Unsung Hero, \*Chloe Fauntleroy \*Cassidy Rimmell, \*Rebecca Lederman, \*Addison Rippin - Coaches Award, \*Alexandra Tushup

**Varsity Womens Basketball:** \*Kelly Powell - Most Improved, \*Sarah Wooten, \*LeighAnne Flounlacker – MVP, \*Kaitlin Hardt, \*Michelle Harris, \*Jamie Parker, \*Katie Purnell, \*Kristina Flakowitz - Sportsmanship, \*Monique Wise, \*Abbey Schorr, \*Erin Florek

**IV Wrestling:** \*Brandon Martel, \*Brent Long, \*Caleb Massey, \*Jared King, \*Jonah Crisanti, \*Nick White, \*Bobby Fox, \*J.P. Celozzi, \*Ryan Kail, \*Steve Redner - Sportsmanship, \*Tim Fooks, \*Zach Watters, \*Cedric Land, \*Eric Fooks, \*Jermaine Purnell, Dakota Roderick - MVP, Brandon Storm - Most Improved, Matt Meekins - Outstanding 10<sup>th</sup>

**Varsity Wrestling:** \*Adam Bargar, \*Andrew Borradaile - Outstanding 9<sup>th</sup> , \*Nate Rosenblatt, \*Alex Schiffer, \*Josh Massey, \*Robert Phillips, \*Alford Hardy - Sportsmanship, \*Brian Ford, \*Chad Tobias, \*Dakota Roderick, \*Jeff Evans, \*Luke Bargar, \*Matt Moesle, \*Nick Craven - Outstanding 11<sup>th</sup> , \*Will Robertson, \*Anthony Labarck, \*Brandon Terlizzi - Most Improved, \*Johnny Soghomonian – Heart & Soul, \*Kyle Gilbert, \*Mike Balieri, \*Mike Meekins - Outstanding 12<sup>th</sup> , \*Nick McLoota - Coaches Award, \*Scott Wiskman - Coaches Award, \*Seth Goggin - MVP

**Mens Swimming:** \*Collin Bankert, \*James Hillyer, \*Jake Middleton, \*Colin O'Neill, \*Shayne Custodio, \*Zach Keiser - Most Improved, \*Austin McIntosh, \*Jake Blazer - MVP, \*Zach DiFilippo, \*Michael Murray, \*Josh Kirstein, \*Conner Neville, \*Garrett Neville - Sportsmanship, \*Jon Rothermel, \*Cameron Tull, \*Christian Yandle - Coaches Award, \*Chandler Deppe \*Jeff Middleton, \*Bob Hansen - Mgr

**Womens Swimming:** \*Caitlin Bartlett, \*Ami Oliver, Jessica O'Neill – Coaches Award, \*Shelby Smith - Most Improved, \*Courtney Walls - Coaches Award, \*Marina Arrivello, \*Brianna Carroll - MVP, \*Hannah Getchell, \*Mariah Hale, \*Ciara Merritt, \*Cece Pyles \*Kelly Sullivan - Sportsmanship, \*Hailey Gibbs, \*Kelly Adelhardt, \*Lexi Ashton, \*Ali McLoota, \*Cailey O'Brien, \*Sara Prengaman \*Julia Wellen, \*Chloe Maykrantz

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

May is a very busy month indeed for all of Stephen Decatur's students. Here are a few important things to keep in mind.

Attention Parents of Seniors: We know that for your students the end is near; however, there is still a month remaining and we ask that you impress upon your children the importance of finishing their high school careers on a positive note. Many seniors are facing attendance and grade issues. For those students who are planning to attend college next year, we would like to stress that all colleges require us to send final transcripts and they do not look favorably upon seniors who have not maintained their level of academic prowess. Colleges have been known to rescind offers of admission to students whose grades have fallen below the required standards. Please do not hesitate to contact the guidance office if you need assistance in motivating your child. Some parents may notice that their student is experiencing a great deal of stress, especially if he/she is taking a number of AP classes, is trying to make a final college choice and worrying about how to pay for it. The guidance office can also help your child through this difficult time.

By now all students should have received financial aid award letters from the colleges to which they have been accepted. Please make sure that the guidance office receives a copy of all of these letters, whether the student will attend the college or not. This information is needed to generate final senior reports that must be submitted to the board of education and the state.

Seniors have received the schedule for their last week of school which includes exam dates and times for the mandatory graduation practices. If your child has not yet shared this with you, please ask him/her for it.

Parents of Underclassmen: Juniors who plan on attending college and have not yet taken the SAT's, should make sure that they do so on June 4. The first testing date of the next school year will not be until October; and if that is the first time your child takes SAT's, that will have to be the score reported for most college applications. The regular registration deadline for the June testing is May 6. Juniors should also check with potential colleges to determine if subject tests are required. If so, this is a good time to get one or more of those out of the way especially if the student is just completing an AP course in the subject area. You may register online at collegeboard.com. You will need the following codes: School Code: 210245; Test Center: 21171.

Now is the time for juniors to be doing some serious thinking about post graduation plans, whether it be college, military, or work. For those planning to attend college, a brag sheet and resume' prep sheet are available in the guidance office. Students should complete these and submit them to the appropriate guidance counselor as well as those teachers from whom they are requesting recommendation letters. This should be done before the end of this school year. There are many, many resources available in the guidance career room. A few websites that may be helpful are:

Collegeboard.com – to assist with the college search process and SAT prep

Fastweb.com – an excellent source for scholarships

Educationplanner.org – an excellent A to Z guide through every aspect of the college search and application process

Parents of Students Taking AP Tests: If your child will be taking an AP Test, please pay close attention to the testing schedule below. Since these are national tests, the school must administer them under very strict time guidelines. If your student is taking a morning test, it is imperative that he/she arrive at school before the 8:00 start time. There is no refund for students who are absent and there is no make-up date. In addition, students will be required to be present in school all day on the day of an AP test. No students will be permitted to have early departures following a morning test and students are not to arrive to school late if they have an afternoon test. This policy will be strictly enforced. As with the SAT's, please stress to your child that cell phones and any other electronic devices other than approved calculators will not be allowed in the testing room. If a cell phone is detected, at the very least your child's test will be invalidated and the cell phone will be confiscated and mailed to the testing service. It is possible that all of the tests in your child's testing room could be invalidated. Don't chance this!!

Monday, May 2:	8:00 am – Chemistry
Monday, May 2:	12:00 noon – Psychology
Tuesday, May 3:	8:00 am Computer Science A
Tuesday, May 3:	8:00 am – Spanish Language
Wednesday, May 4:	8:00 am - Calculus AB
Wednesday, May 4:	8:00 am - Calculus BC
Thursday, May 5:	8:00 am - English Literature and Composition
Friday, May 6:	8:00 am - United States History
Friday, May 6:	12:00 noon - European History
Friday, May 6:	12:00 noon - Studio Art Portfolios Due
Monday, May 9 :	8:00 am - Biology
Tuesday, May 10:	8:00 am - United States Government and Politics
Wednesday, May 11:	8:00 am - English Language and Composition
Wednesday, May 11:	12:00 noon - Statistics

## Testing Information for May

*By Jennifer Garton, School Test Coordinator*

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Our students will be participating in Advanced Placement exams during the weeks of May 2-11. Getting to school on time is essential for these national exams. We will test if there is a one hour delay; students will be asked to arrive at 8:45 if this happens. There are **no make-ups** for these tests; **attendance is mandatory**. Because the national exams are given on a school day, students are required to be in school on the day of the exam. Please do not schedule appointments on testing days as students are expected to be in school before and after an exam.

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Our High School Assessments will be given May 16-19. The specific content areas that will be tested are: May 16: English; May 17: Biology; May 18: Algebra; and May 19: Government. If a student is absent for the first week of testing, there are two make-up weeks for these students. **Any student may retake** a high school assessment and I have sent letters to students who may wish to retake tests in May. We are offering after school help sessions to work on content skills starting **May 2**. These sessions are open to **any** students who are taking the test. See Ms. Smith, our After School Academy Facilitator, for registration forms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs. Garton, at 410-641-2171.

### After School and Summer School Programs, by Sharon Smith

Another year of ASA is drawing to a close and summer school is right around the corner. This is a reminder that one of our most valuable programs, HSA Intervention, will conclude this year's ASA schedule from May 2 -12. It is highly recommended for students who need additional review before taking or retaking the High School Assessments later this month.

Thanks to our teachers and community members who provided interesting and beneficial programs for the students of SDHS this year. Additional congratulations go out to students who participated in the After School Academy in order to expand or enhance their interests or improve their academics, as well as to their parents and guardians who encouraged our program.

Our traditional summer school WAVES and Global Village programs have been popular alternatives to summer boredom as they provide worthwhile enrichment and intervention according to your child's interests and needs. Summer programs like these are helpful in closing the learning gap that often occurs over the summer months. Transportation, snacks, and field trips will be offered in our traditional half day programs that run from June 21 through July 19.

In addition to our regular summer programs, SDHS will also offer high school review credits in English 10, Biology, and Health. Students who wish to improve their grades or have not passed the High School Assessments (HSA) are eligible to take review credit courses in one or more of these subjects. Credits will be awarded to students who meet the attendance requirements (45 hours each for English and Biology, 22 ½ hours for Health) and earn passing grades in the courses. The HSA will be administered in English on July 25 and Biology on July 26, upon completion of the review credit program. Tuition for Worcester County students is \$100 and a fee waiver will be granted to students who qualify for free and reduced meals. The fee for all out of county students is \$150 per review credit course. SDHS summer programs are described fully in the insert included with this newsletter.

For additional information and to register your child please call Mrs. Sharon Smith at 410-641-2171, ext. 2230 or email [SRSmith@mail.worcester.k12.md.us](mailto:SRSmith@mail.worcester.k12.md.us). We hope you will consider these valuable programs for your child this summer!

## **SDHS Summer School Programs 2011**

(20 days)

**WAVES** (high school transition/ basic skill review) - 20 days, June 21 - July 19  
Open to Current and Rising Freshmen- Class of 2014 and Class of 2015.

This program is designed to equip rising freshmen with the skills to be successful throughout high school. A program designed to enhance language arts skills, and a freshman math preparation class (basic MSA and HSA review) will be offered. Study and organizational skills will be emphasized in this program. Exercise and music components will also be included.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 - 12:30.  
No classes July 4  
Transportation and snack provided.

**The Global Village** – (review and enrichment) - 20 days, June 21- July 19

This program is open to all current SDHS students. SDMS current eighth graders, Class of 2015 may attend with recommendation of SDMS teacher.

The emphasis of this program is on cultural awareness and diversity. It will provide an opportunity for students to read and discuss selections of international literature, examine their carbon footprint and its effect on local land and waterways, study our governmental process, engage in Terracycling projects in conjunction with our community, and review mathematical skills through a creative hands-on approach. Creative writing, music and exercise will also be included. All summer programs are designed to help students to be successful on High School Assessments.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 - 12:30.  
No classes July 4.  
Transportation and snack provided.

### **HSA**

English - June 21 - July 19, 8:30 -10:30 and testing July 25.  
Biology - June 21 - July 19, 10:30 -12:30 and testing July 26.  
Health - June 21 - July 6, 8:30 – 10:30.  
No classes July 4.

HSA subject reviews in Algebra 1, Government, English 10, and Biology will be offered to current SDHS summer school students who need to pass one or more of the High School Assessments. These students will be scheduled for individualized review sessions during the summer school session.

Review credits are given in English 10, Biology and Health to students who meet all attendance requirements (45 hours each for English and Biology, 22 ½ hours for Health) and earn a passing grade in the course. A waiver of the \$100 fee will be granted to Worcester county students who qualify for free and reduced meals. The fee for out of county students is \$150 per review credit course.

# SDHS Summer School 2011

Return registration form to Mrs. Smith, SDHS Rm. A143, 410 -641-2171, ext. 2230

[SRSmith@mail.worcester.k12.md.us](mailto:SRSmith@mail.worcester.k12.md.us)

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (September 2011) \_\_\_\_\_ Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Ocean Pines \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will need bus transportation. Driver will call with schedule by June 18.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not need bus transportation.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has permission to drive to summer school.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ My child has permission to travel to and from summer school with the following people (in addition to parents/guardians listed). **Students will not be dismissed with anyone other than those specifically listed on this registration form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Bus students must bring a note from home to the Summer School Office (A143) if they are not riding the bus on a scheduled day. Parents who pick up students early from summer school must sign out the student (A143) before leaving. Students who arrive late must check in (A143).

Medical: Please note below any special medical or dietary restrictions or needs of the student. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that all Stephen Decatur High School and Worcester County rules and regulations apply to the Summer School Program. In case it is necessary to contact a parent for any reason, I have provided the following accurate information:

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian 2 - Day Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: (someone who can be contacted incase of emergency and a parent or guardian can not be contacted) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**My child will attend the following summer program(s):  
(Program descriptions on back. Fees apply to Review Credits only.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **High School Review Credit, Biology**      \_\_\_\_\_ **High School Review Credit, English 10**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **High School Review Credit, Health**      \_\_\_\_\_ **WAVES -Ninth Grade Transition and Skill Review**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **The Global Village-Review and Enrichment**