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This Week & Next

High School Cafeteria Menu

March 10 7:45 a.m. SAT

7 p.m. A Night for the Red & White

March 11 2 a.m. Daylight Savings Begins--Turn Clocks Forward

March 12 OGT Testing Begins

7-9 p.m. HS PTO Meeting & Program

March 13 6 p.m. Board of Education @ Onaway

March 14 8 p.m. New Stages 30 (Theatre)

March 15 3-5 p.m. Annual Staff vs Student Basketball Game

8 p.m. New Stages 30 (Theatre)

March 16 & 17 OMEA Band Contest @ Mentor

Upcoming

March 19 6:30-8:30 p.m. Men/Women Winter Athletic Awards

7-9 p.m. Band Boosters Meeting

March 23 End of Grading Period (3rd Quarter)

March 26-30 Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL K-12

[District Online High School Calendar](#)

OHIO GRADUATION TEST

Monday, March 12 - Friday, March 16

Testing 10th grade students (and any 11th & 12th graders needing to pass any of the OGT).

Any students NOT taking the OGT have delayed start for the week. Lunch for all grades begins at 10:45 a.m. and classes resume for all students at 11:39 a.m.

SHHS PTO MEETING & PROGRAM

Monday, March 12 @ SHHS Small Auditorium

After a brief PTO business meeting beginning at 7 pm, stay with us for a program at 7:30 to hear an update of the "Strategic Plan in Action" from our Principal Mike Griffith.

Topics include:

- The new Summer Academy
- The return of Homeroom Advisories
- Accountable Goal Setting for each & every single SHHS student
- Intervention Programs
- Middle Years IB Programming

If you have a student at SHHS, current or future, you will want to hear about it. Please join us!

From the SHHS PTO

Shaker Heights High School PTO 2012-2013 Proposed Slate of Officers

Co-Presidents: Patty Kilroy and Eileen McKeon

Co-1st Vice Presidents: Marnee Anderson and Caroline Weingart

VP Communications: Marisa Maury and Robin Eisen

VP Educational Enrichment: Lisa Hamilton & Monica Lacks

VP Financial Management: Kathryn Loughheed

VPOutreach: Amanda Mann & Amy Callahan

VPParent Ed and Advocacy: Kimberly Rodriguez

Secretary: Audrey White

Treasurer: Joe Calger

Asst. Treasurer: Charles Crowley

Nominating Chair: Dorothea Polster and Nancy Longman

Notes & News

Tutoring Center

The Homework-Tutoring Center, for all students, is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4-6:30 p.m. in rooms 155, 156 and 157 and room 108 (computer lab).

Honors & AP Study Circles

Math - Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. in Room 204.

Social Studies - Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. in Room 302.

Science - Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. in Room 274.

A Chariotload of Awards for Latin Club

Forty-four members of the Latin Club brought home more than 200 awards from the 2012 Ohio Junior Classical League State Convention. [Full story on shaker.org](#)

Annual Staff vs. Student Basketball Game

The annual Staff vs. Student Basketball game is in less than two weeks. It

will take place on Thursday, March 15th right after school (start time is around 3:30 p.m.) in the North gym of the high school. The Onaway Ropes of Lightning team will be performing a half time show and admission is only \$1 with all proceeds going to the Harvest for Hunger Food Campaign.

Special Education PTO

Please join us March 15th at 7 pm in the Middle School library. This month, Linda Hile and Jessica Wilks will talk to us about "The High School and Beyond". Parents please come, ask your questions and plan for high school....and beyond. Please RSVP to pattykilroy@yahoo.com.

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

Advanced Placement Exams will be administered May 7 - 17. Registration continues. Each student needs to submit a registration form with the teacher's signature for each exam to Mrs. Neil in the main office. The fee per exam is \$100. Financial Aid inquiries were due March 1. Feel free to contact Mrs. Slovikovski slovikovski_k@shaker.org or 295-4068 with any questions.

A Night for the Red & White

Want a fabulous get-away to the Turks & Caicos islands, Myrtle Beach or Nemaocolin ? Want to drive a Porsche for the weekend, have your own flat in London or try flying lessons? The silent auction at A Night for the Red & White features these items and many more! Join your friends and neighbors this Saturday, March 10, 2012, 7:00 pm at Landerhaven for a fun-filled party and help raise money for the educational enrichment of all Shaker students. For ticket information call 295-4325. Look for the on-line version of the silent auction catalog at <http://www.shaker.org/ssfANightfortheRedWhite.aspx>.

Meet a Board Member for Coffee

Board of Education officers will meet with any interested constituents for informal discussion, at Panera restaurant on Van Aken on Friday, March 16, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Board President Annette Tucker Sutherland and VP Jennifer Proud Mearns are making themselves available to answer your questions and provide information about District programs and policies.

Ballet Jeunesse in Concert

You are invited to watch Shaker High School students Maria Slovikovski, Julia Thome and others present the classical ballet **Beauty and the Beast** along with other original ballet and modern dance pieces on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, 2012, at 7:30 pm at the Hawken Upper School Auditorium on County Line Road, Gates Mills, Ohio. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets or more information call 216-464-6681.

SHAKER THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Shaker Theatre presents New Stages 30: Shaker New Plays Series Written, Directed, Produced & Performed by Students

The Theatre Arts Department of Shaker Heights High School presents the thirtieth festival of new plays, written, directed, produced, and performed by students in our intimate black box theatre, Stage 3. Six one-act plays will be presented as part of a full season of theatrical events, which began Leonard Bernstein's Wonderful Town in December and concludes with the Spring Ensemble Show in May.

The plays are: Auf Weder Sehen, written by senior Barbara Craig and directed by senior Jonah Weinstein; Blood is Thicker than Ketchup, written by senior Graham Fine and directed by senior Hannah McCandless; Boujetto, written by senior Diamond Miller and directed by junior Kevin Parker; IBF, written by senior Allegra Verlezza and directed by junior Ford Shelton; Murder in the Worst Degree, written by senior Josh Barnett and directed by senior Brendan O'Connell; Paint Brushes, Canvasses & the Art of Giving Up, written by sophomore Claire Lawrence and directed by junior Kristen Leonard.

Performances are at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 15. Performances on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 are at 7:00 pm AND 9:15 pm. All performances are in Shaker Heights High School Stage 3. Seating is limited and all seats are reserved. Note: Mature Content. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and senior adults, and may be purchased in on line at www.tix.com or by calling the 24 Hour Reservation Hotline at 216-295-4287. [SOLD OUT]

New Stages, now in its thirtieth continuous year, was begun by retired Shaker Theatre Arts Department founder, James Thornton, in 1983. Having developed it out of a playwriting class, Thornton considered New Stages to be the most significant thing we do as a theatre program.

"The fall show is flashier and on a larger scale. The Spring Ensemble Show provides our most polished and sophisticated performances. Across the line, if you ask Shaker Theatre alumni what their most memorable moments were, they will most likely recall those moments shared in New Stages. To my knowledge, no other high school in the country has a new play series of this design."

Department Chair, Christine McBurney adds that "New Stages provides an exciting guided learning experience for students that is unparalleled. A diverse group of students works closely together, learning how to communicate ideas and with each other, how to problem solve, collaborate, and tell stories that impact an audience."

This year's New Stages provides working and learning opportunities for more than 65 students. For 30 years, the series has involved more than a

thousand students in the creation of new works for the theatre. Among Shaker Theatre alums are:

- Jamie Babbit, '89, writer/director of the film, *But I'm a Cheerleader*, *The Quiet*, and *Itty Bitty...Committee*. Television directing credits include *"Smash," Ugly Betty*, *"Dirty Sexy Money," "The L Word," "Gossip Girl," "Gilmore Girls,"* and more. She is in post-production for two films, *Cleveland*, *I Love You and Breaking the Girl*.
- Carter Bays '93, five-time Emmy-nominated writer for *Late Night with David Letterman*. Bays is also a writer and producer for *American Dad* and executive producer, head writer, and co-creator of the Emmy-award winning comedy, *How I Met Your Mother*.
- David Wain, '87, writer/director of the film *Wonderlust* (in theatres now), *Wet Hot American Summer*, *The Ten* and *Role Models*. Writing credits include *"Mad TV," "The State," "Stella,"* and more.
- The late Louis Schechter, '83, Los Angeles film producer and director whose credits include *Proximity*, *Next Action Star*, and *Bet Your Life*.
- Michelle Federer, '91, New York stage actress, the original Nessarose in Broadway's *Wicked* and who recently appeared Off Broadway in *Anon*, and in the film *Flannel Pajamas*.
- Michael McElroy, '84, New York Tony nominated stage actor, *Big River*, *Rent*, *Miss Saigon*, *Angels in America*, *Some Men*. Now a Professor at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.
- Andrew Kober '02. An original member of the Tony-nominated production of *Hair* on Broadway and in London.
- Halle Morse '05. In the current production of *Mama Mia* on Broadway.
- Laura Jacqmin, '00 recipient of the second annual Wasserstein Prize, established in memory of the esteemed playwright Wendy Wasserstein, who died in 2006. The \$25,000 prize is awarded for an outstanding script by a young woman who has not yet received national attention.
- Sara Knowlton, '86, television, film and New York stage actress. TV includes *"House," "Ugly Betty," "As the World Turns,"* and more.
- Betsy Hogg, '06, appeared Off Broadway in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* with Cynthia Nixon and on Broadway in *The Crucible* with Liam Neeson and *Laura Linney* and *Fiddler on the Roof* with Harvey Fierstein. She appeared in the film, *Rocket Science* and on television's *"Law and Order."*
- Gabrielle Perrin, '87, former casting director for all West Coast operations for the television channel, Nickelodeon.
- Two English Speaking Union Cleveland Shakespeare Competition winners, Valerie Kilmer (2009) and David Wemer (2010)
- and many others...

Stage 3-Shaker Heights High School's intimate black box theatre-was the vision of student Amy Silberman, '81. For her Senior Project, she drew a design for a black box theatre and identified the space in the basement of the school. Amy was the catalyst for turning the former fallout shelter into a performing space. Stage 3, dedicated in her memory, is the perfect venue for New Stages, seating only 70 people and usually selling out

every performance.

The award-winning Theatre Arts Department at Shaker Heights High School offers 8 daily theatre classes, produces 4 major productions, several showcases and tours, and involves nearly 300 students each year.

This year the program has already hosted numerous Guest Artists, including:

- Jamie Babbit '89
- Writer Karey Dornetto (Portlandia, Community, South Park)

- Filmmakers Robert Banks and Eric Swinderman

- Geoff Bullen, Associate Director at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA)/Tisch NYU.

- Actor Derdriu Ring

- Actor Jim Green

And our Associate Guest Artists include:

- James Thornton, Founder of the Shaker Theatre Arts Department & Creator of the Ensemble Program

- Matt Thornton '92 of Pilobolus Dance Theatre

- Wendy Kriss, Movement Specialist & Director

- Katie Daley, Poet

- Megan Pitcher, Costumer

- Bruce Jennings, Musician

Faculty and staff include:

- Theatre Arts Department Chair Christine McBurney, who teaches (or has taught) Dramatic Literature & Writing, Film as Art, IB Theatre Arts, Junior Ensemble, Acting, Improv, Shakescenes, Theatre I, and Theatre Management

- Ensemble Program Director Erik Johnson, who teaches or has taught Junior, Advanced and Senior Ensembles, IB Theatre Arts, Theatre I, and Theatre Management

- Chuck Tisdale, Technical Designer and Auditorium Manager

- Brian McCann, Stage Manager
- Julia Rossi, Box Office Manager

SPORTS NEWS -- GO RAIDERS!!

[vs.= home game and @=away game]

Please check out the [Shaker Raider Athletics page](#) at Shaker.org for sports schedules, team information and links to community sports and Shaker Sports Boosters.

[Join Shaker Heights Sports Booster online!](#)

For a schedule of Athletic events occurring over spring break please see the [Shaker Schools online calendar](#) or [Shaker Schools on Highschoolsports.net](#).

Men's Basketball

Saturday, March 10 2:30 p.m. @ District Final @ Solon

Shaker defeated St. Ignatius in a Division I District Semi Final. The 20-2 Raiders advance to the District Final against Garfield Heights at Solon on Saturday. Go Raiders! More details about the St. Ignatius game can be found on [cleveland.com](#)

Women's Track

Friday, March 9 4 p.m. @ SPIRE Scholastic Meet

Crew

Save Money - Save Time - Eat Well and Support the Shaker Crew Team!

Did you know that Market Day's grocery program offers a wide assortment of exclusive high quality foods for every eating occasion from breakfasts to desserts, including many all natural and low fat selections?. Support your High School Crew Team by visiting [www.marketday.com](#), enter our team code (5505), make your selections and complete the purchase by using a credit card. Deadline for orders is Tuesday, April 10 with a convenient pick up location at Woodbury school on Saturday, April 14 between 10-11 a.m. Questions? Call Nancy Jackson: 283-6897 or Kerry Rafferty: 921-2125. Thanks for all your support. [Pick up date for March orders is Saturday March 10, 10-11 a.m.].

"Hey, where's my team's information?" If you don't see your team's upcoming games listed or results from matches/games it's because nobody sent them to the Oval. To get games/matches listed or results . . . send them to shakerhighpto@gmail.com before NOON on Thursday.

*Please note: Coaches and the Oval Editor do their best to get the right spellings for athletes' names but there may be mistakes now and then. Feel free to email me at shakerhighpto@gmail.com with any corrections and I will note corrections forward them on to the appropriate contact. Thank you for your understanding. Stacey Reed, Oval Editor 2011-12.

Community News

AFS Intercultural Program Student Presentations

Foreign exchange students, through the American Field Service, who are living with local families and attending eastside public high schools give presentations about their countries. This month's featured presentations are by students from Chile, Argentina and Brazil. Local residents, including children, are welcome. Learn more about other countries, learn more about being a host or liaison for an AFS foreign exchange student. Sunday, March 11, 7pm. First Unitarian Church, 21600 Shaker Boulevard, Shaker Heights. Questions, call Liz Woyczynski 216-647-8829.

Host Families Needed

AFS Intercultural Program students come from more than 90 countries to study at Shaker Heights High School for a year or a semester. Host families can have small or teenage children at home, be empty nesters with adult children, or couples with no children. Single adults and single parents are also welcome. For more information, contact Shaker resident, Margaret Krolikowski at 216-956-4341 or mkroliko@yahoo.com

Cleveland Council on World Affairs

Cleveland is hosting a Kosovo Youth Exchange Group for the 2012-2013 school year and we need your help! The Kosovo Youth Exchange Program (KYEP) is a collaborative effort funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. This unique exchange program will award 16 high school students from Kosovo the opportunity to live and study in the United States for the 2012/2013 academic year. The exchange will encourage participants to take an active role in academic and civic life in their host communities and to develop a strong understanding of American culture. Participants will expand their leadership skills and be encouraged to share their own rich heritage.

We are looking for any interested host families who would be willing to have the opportunity and excitement of hosting a Kosovo Youth Exchange high school student for a semester to help them experience our great country! The qualifications for this wonderful event where you can be a citizen diplomat are very simple. All we are looking for are families that have a spare bedroom and someone in your family who attends high school during the 2012-2013 school year. If interested in more information or wanting to fill out an application, please visit our website at www.ccwakyep.org. Once again, this is an amazing opportunity and we hope to bring a future leader to your home.

City of Shaker Heights

CENTENNIAL EVENTS CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH

Learn easy ways to start your seeds inside and get a head start on your garden. Windows or minimal additional lighting is all you need.

Soils and Compost Systems

Tuesday, March 20 @ 7 pm

Speaker: Daniel Fisher, D&S Farm and Garden

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Free

"Never put a five dollar plant in a 50 cents hole!" Learn how to make all your

garden holes priceless! How to get your soil tested, keep your plants and soil healthy, make compost work for you, break your reliance on fertilizers and chemicals - it's all here! [Registration is required](#).

Other March events honor Shaker's Centennial:

- Celebrate three milestones: the 100th anniversary of the schools, the 30th anniversary of the Shaker Schools Foundation and the 20th anniversary of the annual gal fundraiser, A Night for the Red and White on Saturday March 10 at 7 pm at Landerhaven. Information: Christine Auginas 216-295-4325.
- Connecting Cleveland to Shaker Heights: The Building of the Shaker Rapid & Terminal Tower opens Sunday March 11 at 4 pm. Bill Barrow, Cleveland State University special collections librarian, traces the history of the Terminal Tower and the Shaker Rapid at the Shaker Historical Society and Museum. Free/members, \$5/non-members. Information: 216-921-1201.
- Local historian and author Virginia Dawson reveals the stories behind the business and railroad empire created by the Van Sweringen brothers at The Collapse of the Van Sweringen Empire, Sunday March 25 at 4 pm at the Shaker Historical Society and Museum. Free/members, \$5/non-members. Information: 216-921-1201.
- The Barbara Luton Art Competition Awards and Gallery Opening are scheduled for Sunday March 25 from 2-4 pm at Shaker Heights Main Library. Information: 216-991-2030.

BROOM BALL PARTY!!!!

[Click here for information](#) on BROOM BALL PARTY AT THORNTON PARK (for Middle School and High School Students) on Saturday, March 10 from 6:30- 8 p.m. sponsored by MyComm Youth Council.

MyCom South Shaker Neighborhood Council

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 22nd to attend the next community meeting of the South Shaker Neighborhood Council.

Please come out and share.....

information about your programs and services that help support and contribute to the healthy development of our Shaker Heights youth !!

REMEMBER THIS DATE.....

Thursday, March 22, 2012
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Center
7:00 - 8:30p.m.

"it takes a village to raise a child...."

Thank you for your support!

Alateen

Please note the new time and location for Alateen Shaker Thursday! Interested students are welcome to join this group. It meets every Thursday, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., in Room G (second floor) of the Shaker Heights Public Library, 16500 Van Aken

Boulevard. Alateen is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking or substance abuse. During meetings guided by two adult Al-Anon members, teens share their experiences, strength, and hope with each other and learn new ways of coping. For more information, call Pat at 375-4387 or Chris at 295-4232.

HEIGHTS YOUTH THEATRE

presents

The King and I

directed by Treva Offutt

featuring Shaker Heights High's own:

Eliza Sindelar and Katie Wilkinson
and 14 other students from the Shaker Schools

Friday, March 9 & 16, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10 & 17, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2 p.m.

Wiley Middle School - Auditorium (2181 Miramar Blvd, University Heights, Ohio 44118)

Tickets~\$9 general admission, \$8 children 6 and under/seniors (cash or check only)

www.heightsyouththeatre.org

Shaker Heights Public Library

Teen Center Hours

3:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday

[Library Calendar of Events](#)

Shaker Historical Society

Connecting Cleveland to Shaker Heights: The Building of the Shaker Rapid & Terminal Tower

The Shaker Historical Society (SHS), 16740 South Park Blvd. in Shaker Heights, OH hosts William Barrow, Special Collections Librarian at CSU, for a program entitled "Connecting Cleveland to Shaker Heights: The Building of the Shaker Rapid & Terminal Tower" on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

In the early 1900s, the commute from Cleveland to Shaker Heights was long and arduous. The Van Sweringen brothers were convinced that the key to the suburb's development success lay in the availability of public transportation. Bill Barrow traces the history of Terminal Tower and the Shaker Rapid.

Cleveland, like many American cities, experienced its heyday of streetcar transit lines in the early decades of the twentieth century. While streetcars formed the backbone of public transit in the first half of the century, in the second half, buses and rapid trains became common.

The Terminal Tower complex grew out of the Van Sweringen brothers' efforts to

provide a system of rapid transit from Shaker to Downtown Cleveland for suburban commuters. Their original plan for a small terminal near Public Square morphed into the massive Cleveland Union Terminal project, which included a new central rail station for the city in addition to the 52-story Terminal Tower and three other office buildings.

Visit the [Shaker Historical Society web page](#) for information about this exhibit and other ongoing and upcoming events.

SHAKER HEIGHTS PTO INFORMATION

"How do I join the PTO?" You don't. If you have a student in the Shaker Schools you are automatically in the Shaker Heights PTO. **"Where do send my dues?"** We do not collect dues but do ask for voluntary donations when we send out the calendar at the beginning of the year. It's still not too late to make that donation!!

Mission Statement...

The Shaker Heights Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is dedicated to facilitating the active and informed involvement of all parents and families to achieving the educational success and well being of children.

OVAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for submitting SHHS-related information for the SHHS Weekly OVAL Email is weekly Thursday at noon. Send submissions, subscription requests, comments or questions to ShakerHighPTO@gmail.com.