

PARENT CONNECTION

April 2010

**Upcoming Events:****April**

- **April 6—School Resumes**
- **April 7 —AM Homeroom Schedule**
- **April 10—Spring Fling 8-11 p.m.**
- **April 11—Mr. SHS 4 p.m. Auditorium**
- **April 12—Summer School Sign Up begins in Main Office**
- **April 21—Early Release 11:30 a.m.**
- **April 28 & 29—Spring Testing**
- **May 1—Prom**

AP Courses at SHS

Sterling High School has one of the largest Advanced Placement (AP) programs in the area. These courses provide our students the opportunity to take college-level classes while in high school and earn college credit through course-end proficiency exams administered through the College Board.

Beginning their sophomore year, students may elect to take their first AP course: Human Geography. At the junior level, students may choose from AP courses in US History, Chemistry, and English Language and Composition. As seniors, students elect to take AP Government, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB or BC, Statistics, Spanish Language, Biology, or submit one of three Studio Art Portfolios: Drawing, 2-D, or 3-D.

Instructors who teach the AP courses are all Sterling High School teachers who have

participated in one or more intensive summer training programs held at universities throughout the Midwest. Training participants collaborate on teaching methods and become familiar with exam content in order to best prepare their students.

In May 2010, SHS students will take 174 exams and submit 9 Studio Art portfolios. Each exam and portfolio can earn the student between 3 and 9 college credits, depending on the score and the university to which the student applies. Students who take advantage of multiple AP courses in high school can enter college with a full semester or more of credit, reducing the cost of and time spent pursuing a college degree.

If you have any questions about Advanced Placement Courses at Sterling High School please contact the main office at (815) 625-6800.

Pre-registration for the 2010-2011 School Year



Look for pre-registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year to come home in early April. The forms need to be completed and turned back into the main office by April 30, 2010.

Spring Testing – Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

On **April 28th and 29th**, SHS freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be participating in spring testing to determine students' academic growth and areas for remediation or enrichment. **SHS Juniors** will be taking the **Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)**. There are two components to the PSAE: an ACT with writing on Day 1, and WorkKeys reading and math tests and a state-developed science test on Day 2. **Freshmen and sophomores will also participate in testing on April 29th**. They will be taking the spring universal screener. Freshmen will be taking the PLAN test and sophomores will take an ACT test. Make sure that your student has a good breakfast and plenty of sleep so that he/she is able to test to the best of his/her ability.

Student attendance requirements for each day are as follows:

Wednesday, April 28th: only juniors are in attendance (except seniors who have not taken the PSAE and who have been notified that they need to test) **Dismissal time: 1:00 p.m.**

Thursday, April 29th: freshmen, sophomores, juniors in attendance (and seniors taking the PSAE) Thursday dismissal time: 11:30 a.m.

Friday, April 30th: freshmen, sophomores, and seniors in attendance with normal classes

IF juniors have 100% attendance during the PSAE, they will not be required to attend on Friday, April 30th.



Sterling High School's Mission Statement

Sterling Schools, in partnership with parents and community, will create a caring environment in which all students learn. This partnership shall empower all students to become responsible learners and decision-makers as they prepare for the future.

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GO GREEN

The sophomore class will be doing a fundraiser that is also helping the environment! Bring your old (working or non-working) electronic devices such as cell phones, video cameras, digital cameras, computers, or any electronic hand-held devices.

April 11, 2010 from 11 am to 3 pm and

May 16, 2010 from 12 pm to 4 pm

Sterling High School Commons

If you have any questions please call Robin Monaghan at Sterling High School 625-6800, ext. 1443.

Final Yearbook Sale

2009-2010 Yearbooks are currently being pre-ordered. Extra yearbooks will be available in very limited quantities for the fall release and are not guaranteed. If you want a 2009-2010 yearbook, please see Mrs. Drew. Cost is \$60.



Sterling High School's February Students of the Month Allie Yemm and Drew Neubauer

Allie has been involved in many activities during high school and is a member of band, Student Council, Science Club, Art Club, FCA and National Honor Society. Allie is not only successful in the classroom but at swimming as well. She has been competing at the varsity level for the past four years, holds the conference MVP for two years, and is a 4-time state qualifier. Allie plans on attending a four-year university and swimming for that university.

Drew is also involved in many activities at SHS including B.L.I.N.D., ASSETS, REAL, and National Honor Society. He has been a 3 sport athlete during his four years at SHS in football, basketball, and baseball and was chosen as October Student-Athlete of the Month. Drew plans on attending a 2 year college taking coursework towards a pre-med degree.



PROM PREMIER

Saturday, May 1st

8-9:00 p.m.

SHS Auditorium

\$2.00 Donation Appreciated

Summer School Registration

Sterling High School will again be offering summer school classes. Registration will begin on Monday, April 12th in the Main Office. A brochure with summer school information has been mailed along with this newsletter. Registration forms are in the main office. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please call Joyce at 815-625-6800 ext. 1505.

Did you know??? The Warrior Word, our school newspaper is online for you to read at www.sterlingpublicschools.org/shs/library/lib_wword.htm. Check it out!!



Nathan Delany,
Activities Director

CHANGE IN THE SEASON

April is only 5 days away and while many of you prepare for the much needed break, our teams, coaches, and administration prepare for an eventful week of competition, camps, practice, and team bonding. The seasons have changed and we are now OUTSIDE. It's a huge hurdle and concern each spring. We don't know when the season will actually change in our favor.

On March 13th, many of you were able to attend the 10th Annual Booster Club Drawdown. I want to take the time to thank all of you for your support. If you were not able to attend or didn't know about it, we hope you will look for the next year's date and attend this event which supports the entire Athletic Department.

If you were in attendance, you heard about the current Booster Club Board's desire to pass the torch on to a new leadership and current group of parents. The current board has helped raise \$1,000,000 since 1998. This is a huge feat and all of the students, past, present, and future have benefited. Projects taken on by the Athletic Booster Club include: weight room, softball dugouts, stadium scoreboard, uniforms/warm-ups, and organizing Gus Macker, Drawdown, and the Golf Outing.

The current board will not disappear and is willing to help a new board, but almost all of the Board's children have graduated and they have continued to contribute a great deal of time and effort to Sterling High School. The time has come for a new group to take the leadership role. At the May 12 meeting, the Athletic Booster Club Board Elections will take place, if you are interested for running for the Board please contact myself or Jeff Gee, current Booster Club President.

Our students and staff are ready for the opportunities of the Spring. We hope you are able to enjoy a few spring events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14, 2010	Athletic Booster Club Meeting	Library	7:00pm
April 30, 2010	60th Sterling Night Relays	Duwayne Dietz Track	4:30pm
May 12, 2010	Athletic Booster Club Meeting	Library	7:00pm
May 14, 2010	NCIC Boys Track and Field	Duwayne Dietz Track	4:30pm



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Kroger makes a donation equaling 3% of all money added to the rewards card!!!

Contact any booster club member or email shsboosters@comcast.net with your contact info and they will get a card to you. Remember to reload your card! We earned \$6000 in first 11 months of the program.

Please encourage your students to become involved in fine arts, activities, and/or athletics. The rewards and life lessons are great and their academic performance will improve.