

## PARENT CONNECTION

May 2010

**Upcoming Events:****May**

- **May 1—Prom**
- **May 3—May 14 AP Testing**
- **May 10—Cap and Gown Pick Up 7:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.**
- **May 16—Honors Assembly 7:00 p.m.**
- **May 16 & 17—Warriors w/Words 6-7:30 p.m.**
- **May 20—Last Regular Day of Class**
- **May 21- Finals**
- **May 24—Finals**
- **May 24-Graduation Practice— 1p.m.**
- **May 25—Teacher Institute**
- **May 30-Graduation 2 p.m.**

## Intervention Periods at SHS

For the 2010-2011 school year Sterling High School will be implementing two intervention periods. Interventions will be scheduled during 3rd period for students needing additional assistance in reading and will be scheduled during 5th period for students needing additional assistance in mathematics.

Students will be placed in these interventions based on their college readiness scores from their spring screener. Freshmen took the PLAN test this April and sophomores took a practice ACT during the same time. Both freshmen and sophomores' score reports for these tests will be sent home during the month of May.

The reading intervention will appear on your child's schedule as Reading Strategies. The reading interventions will be both computer based and teacher led. Interventions

will be skill based in the areas of decoding, fluency, and comprehension. Students will be scheduled into a specific intervention depending on their needs.

The math intervention will appear on your child's schedule as Math Strategies. Math interventions will all be a blend of computer based and teacher led differentiated instruction. Math interventions will be scheduled sequentially beginning with pre-algebra and then progressing through algebra and geometry. Again, students will be scheduled into a specific intervention depending on their needs.

Students will have the opportunity to earn 1/2 elective credit per semester in which they are enrolled in an intervention. Students schedules may be changed upon student demonstration of proficiency. If you any questions concerning your child's schedule or interventions please contact the Sterling High School at (815) 625-6800.

## Sterling High School Finals Schedule

Friday—May 21st—Hours 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th

Monday, May 24th—Hours 2nd, 6th, and 4th

Make-up exams will be scheduled for May 24th and May 25th

## SHS Waves Goodbye

Sterling High School will miss three colleagues, friends, and employees who will be moving on after this 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Janette Kooy, Spanish teacher, and Ms. Jessica Bicknell, Associate Principal, have both resigned their positions and will be moving on from Sterling High School. Mrs. Connie Jones will also be retiring at the end of the current school year.

Mrs. Kooy has been a part of Sterling Public School for the past 9 years. Although Mrs. Kooy began her career at SPS as a bilingual teacher, she most recently has been teaching Spanish 3, 4 and AP Spanish classes. We wish Ms. Kooy the best as she moves on toward the ELL-Bilingual Department as the Department Chair at Rochelle High School.

Ms. Bicknell is finishing her second year at Sterling High School. In her role as the Associate Principal, you have seen her at parent/teacher conferences, supervising athletic events, working with students on their academics decisions, or working with our bilingual families. We wish Ms. Bicknell good luck as she relocates to Princeton, New Jersey.

Mrs. Jones will be finishing her career at Sterling High School after a total of 17 1/2 years of teaching and 13 years of service to Sterling High School. Mrs. Jones will be retiring this year from SPS together with her husband Gilbert Jones, former SHS custodian and current head custodian at Washington Elementary. She and her husband plan on being "gypsies", summering at a nearby private camping resort to be near their grandchildren, and wintering in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. We wish Mrs. Jones a happy retirement and safe travels as she and her husband explore near and far.



## 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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### Parent Coordinator

## 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.

**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.**



## Congratulations to our March, April and May Students of the Month

March Students of the Month are Macie Sinn and Alex Shaw. Macie has been involved at SHS in many clubs and activities such as National Honor Society, Student Council and Girl Power and has served as class officer the past 2 years. She has been active in sports and is currently the captain of the Girl's Track Team. Maci plans to attend University of Illinois majoring in physical therapy. Alex has been involved in Scholastic Bowl and Science Club. He is a computer enthusiast and plans to attend Sauk Valley College in the fall to further his knowledge in computer programming.

April Students of the Month are Allyson Ansinha and George Kelly. Allyson is an Illinois State Scholar who participates in Speech, Science Club and Tennis. She teaches fashion illustration at Woodlawn Arts Academy and has placed in the NCIC Art Competition in drawing and painting. Allyson will be attending the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, California. George is also an Illinois State Scholar and has placed in the NCIC Art Competition and was October Student of the Month for WACC in Auto Service. He has participated in track, soccer, football but more notable is George's swimming career. He is currently the captain of the SHS swim team and will be swimming for University of Illinois in Chicago.

May Students of the Month are Lauren Styczynski and Andrew Haglund. Lauren is actively involved in music participating in band, choir, madrigals and musicals. She is a member of the group interpretation and speech team and holds leadership positions in National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Lauren is also an Illinois State Scholar who will be attending Knox College majoring in creative writing and French. Andrew is also involved in the fine arts at SHS. He is a member of group interpretation, speech and has performed in many plays and musicals as well as being a member of National Honor Society and Science Club. Andrew will attend University of Illinois majoring in psychology.



### Warriors with Words

Come hear juniors' personal stories as each reads his or her favorite from this year's writings in Mr. Francis's class.

**Where:** SHS Library  
**When:** May 17th and 18th, 6 - 7:30 pm.

*Dessert and coffee will be served.*

### Special Olympics

Track athletes will compete May 1st in Rockford at Harlem High School. State Track is at Bloomington/Normal June 11-13. Bowling practice will start in July and you will receive letters for practice dates.



***Congratulations to Chelsey Gallegos, SHS Senior who received the YWCA Young Woman of Tomorrow Award at the YWCA Women of Achievement Luncheon.***



**ITS NOT JUST A WORD ON THE BACK OF A T-SHIRT**

Each year we get to the point where we see the end of the year, end of a season, end of a career both as staff and as students. And for parents of seniors, it is the time when these young adults begin to choose their own path. But before we can realize the end result, we must finish the tasks in front of all of us.

I encourage all of you to work, compete, study, remember the moments until the end of this school year. The memories you create will motivate all of us for college, work, next school year, summer training, and time with family and friends. My favorite poem since I was freshman in college in "The Station" by Robert Hastings. It reminds me and us all that there is no end point, we must continue to FINISH and motivate and prepare for tomorrow. Here is an excerpt from the poem:

*"But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering – waiting, waiting, waiting for the station."*

*"When we reach the station, that will be it!", we cry. "When I'm 18." "When I buy a new SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"*

*Sooner or later, we must realize there is not station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us."*

**FINISH!!!!** The true joy of high school and a career is the journey. With this in mind, please take this last month of the 2009-2010 school year to support our students at one of the many events coming in May, whether that be Spring musical performance, Honors Night, one of the many sporting events, or graduation. Your support is noticed and appreciated by all.

Nathan Delany, Activities Director



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>May 12, 2010</b>	<b>Athletic Booster Club Meeting</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>May 14, 2010</b>	<b>NCIC Boys Track and Field</b>	<b>Duwayne Dietz Track</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>May 15, 2010</b>	<b>NCIC Boys Tennis</b>	<b>Sauk Valley CC</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>May 21, 2010</b>	<b>IHSA 2A Boys Track Sectional</b>	<b>Duwayne Dietz Track</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>May 25, 26, 29, 2010</b>	<b>IHSA 3A Softball Regional</b>	<b>Softball Fields</b>	<b>4:30/4:30/tba</b>
<b>May 26(2), 29, 2010</b>	<b>IHSA 3A Baseball Regional</b>	<b>Garnter Park</b>	<b>4:30/6:30/1:00pm</b>

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*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.*