Congratulations Class of 2009

Graduation Commencements
June 10, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.
GP South Front Lawn

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Please Attend
Mothers’ Club ANNUAL MEETING
June 2 @ 9 a.m.
Clemison Hall

Unsolicited submissions to High Pointes are welcome, subject to review and space limitations. Information must concern South High parents or students directly.
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Wow!! The school year is almost over and so is my year as Mothers’ Club president. When I was first approached to serve as president, I knew I would meet new people and take part in some very rewarding community service, but I had no idea of the breadth and depth of the Mothers’ Club involvement at South and in the community. Nor did I have a full appreciation for the wonderful administration and staff that work at South developing our students every day. It has been a wonderful experience and I feel very blessed for having had the privilege.

As the Executive Board changes, I’d like to thank the wonderful group of women who were all great to work with this past year. I want to thank past president Elaine Schweitzer for her unending patience, memory and energy. It was wonderful to have someone so knowledgeable and passionate to help guide my way when the path was a little overwhelming or unclear. I also want to thank outgoing treasurer, Daisy Hartz, who served a double term and did a wonderful job.

On June 2nd, Ann Marie Alliota will begin her term as the new president. Having had the honor of working with Ann Marie in a number of capacities, I know she is going to do an outstanding job and is very excited about the opportunity. She will lead the new executive board to continue to refine our fund-raising and fund-dispersion processes. Once again this year, we will give back more than $100,000 in enrichment, scholarship and preservation support.

On April 28th the gym was transformed into a sea of pink and green for Grosse Pointe South’s own Project Runway. Approximately 430 guests attended. We had more than 250 students involved, 11 local merchants, 8 vendors and many, many more businesses that donated items to make it a grand event. Many agreed that the highlights of the afternoon was the wonderful, amazing fashions made and modeled by our own students. Maybe you were even one of the lucky ladies who had her hair done on stage or one of the more than 40 who won a special raffle item. It truly was a blast. Because of Annette Siwak, our spring benefit chair, and her wonderful committee, we had a FABULOUS Fashion Show and Luncheon. Several of the committee chairs took on multiple assignments and shifted responsibilities with flexibility and a smile. If you see any of the these special ladies, please give them a hug, as they truly deserve it: Shari Alber, Ann Marie Alliotta, Marti Benedetti, Lindy Cavanagh, Suzanne Clem, Jo Darolfi, Mary Farley, Betsy Fox, Patty Groezinger, Angela Kennedy, Kathy Manos, Debi Schoenherr, Kelee Teodecki and Diane Zedan.

Another very important Mothers’ Club event that took place in May was our Annual Scholarship Awards. Elaine Schweitzer and Polly Tech worked countless hours reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and developing a very thorough review process to award more than 50 need-based and merit scholarships this year. We are so proud of all of the students, and this is one way to show them how much their academic accomplishments and service are appreciated by the community.

I want to thank Cathy Leverenz, Donna Martin and Liz Jarboe, our All-Night Party Committee Chairs, for what is guaranteed to be a fabulous party. I know they have been leading a dedicated committee who is looking forward to making this a special night for our graduating seniors.

This is also my last chance to thank the entire advisory board for taking the time to give back to South throughout the year. In particular, I would like to extend a thank you to our hospitality chairs Kathleen Harness and Cindie Casazza and their committee who brought back a “home-baked” tradition to our meetings. Thanks to Helen Srebernak, Cindy Aboukasm, and Sue Sattelmeier for coordinating our last Staff Event. The staff is raving about the "Dessert and Dash" and the scrumptious goodies made by our volunteer bakers. Thanks to Carol Switalski and her South gardeners for sprucing up the grounds for graduation. Thanks to Sharon Mc Millan and Khristi Zimmeth for putting out the High Pointes so efficiently. I had several positive comments throughout the year relative to the newsletters new look and lay-out.

I look forward to serving my last year on the executive board as past president. I would encourage all of you to consider volunteering with the Mothers’ Club and if you haven’t already taken on a leadership position, please do. There are many to choose from and it gives you a bird s-eye view of the wonderful school and community that we are all a part of.

Thanks again and see you around town this summer.

Jane Bashara
2008-09 Mothers’ Club President
The Mothers’ Club executive board is proud to announce that for 2009 we will be awarding more than $64,000 in scholarships to 53 graduating seniors! Approximately $22,000 of these funds will be coming from the community partners we work with, and the remainder of scholarship funds will come from the Mothers’ Club budget. Our annual Scholarship Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students at this wonderful event!

The Mothers’ Club Executive Board has approved its new 2009-2010 slate of Officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. The general membership will vote on these candidates at the June 2nd Annual Meeting.

The Executive Board is pleased to present the recommended slate of officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

- President-Elect: Pamela Flom (3-year term)
- VP, Preservation: Debbie Fisher (1-year term)
- Assistant Treasurer: Megan Hughes (2-year term)
- VP, Enrichment: Patty Groezinger (2-year term, replaces Corr. Sect’y commitment)
- Corresponding Secretary: Allison Baker (1-year term to complete Patty Groezinger’s commitment)

Please plan on attending the June 2nd annual meeting to vote on this slate of Officers, 9 a.m. in Cleminson Hall.

Staff Appreciation Dessert & Coffee
Thanks to all the parent volunteers who made the wonderful baked goods for our Staff Appreciation Dessert & Coffee. We could not do it without them.
Big thanks to: Mary Ann Burke, Kathy Giancarlo, Cindy Aboukasm, Mary Basse, Mary Ann Bury, Trish Cozad, Diane Croce, Joellen Campata, Jo Darolfi, Doug Dossin, Carmen Dusina, Patrice Esse, Sonja Franchette, Kelly Fry, Sue Griffin, Patty Groezinger, Michelle Hartman, Carol Jackman, Kirstie Jeurgens, Lentawn Knight, Nancy Kramer, Paulette Lavins, Cathy Leverenze, Kim Llorens, Kim Manikas, Kathleen McClanaghan, Chris Mollison, Jean Remillet, Susan Richner, Amber Ritchie, Cat Ruffner, Sue Sattelmeier, Cathie Schneider, Rose Smith, Elizabeth Sparks, Helen Srebernak, Corinne Texler, Pari Turner, Bonny Utz, Christy Warren, Mary Beth Williams.
Thanks for your help-the staff is always so appreciative!

Cindy Aboukasm, Sue Sattelmeier, Helen Srebernak
Staff Events Coordinators
Advisory Board Positions
Still OPEN

Board of Education Rep—attend Board of Education meetings and report back to the Mothers’ Club

Holiday Walk—organize our bi-annual holiday home tour fundraiser

Spring Benefit—organize the annual Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show.

School Store Co-Chair—help coordinate the operation of the school store

Financial Reviewer—conduct a year-end review of the Mothers’ Club financial information in conjunction with the Treasurer (some financial experience helpful)

Class Sponsors—plan the year-long activities of your child’s class, including homecoming activities, and meet regularly with class officers.

9th Grade Parent Liaison—help plan a reception welcoming new parents to South. Reception will take place the week of registration, in the end of August.

It’s a great way to get involved and meet new friends.

for more information
contact Ann Marie Aliotta, 884-7369
amaliotta@att.net

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

DID YOU KNOW?????

Interesting facts regarding Grosse Pointe (South) High School
(From the school archives, compiled from the Program of Dedication – 1928)

Purchase of school site authorized October 24, 1923
Site purchased August 25, 1925
Area of school site: 22,503 acres
Ground broken January 1927
Cornerstone laid April 18, 1927
Occupied for school February 1, 1928
Dedication June 1, 1928

Fascinated with the history of Grosse Pointe South and interested in preserving its historic integrity? Looking for an exciting and different opportunity where you can work with a great group of volunteers who share a common passion?

Then join the Mothers’ Club preservation committee! We have many exciting projects in which you can get involved!

Mark your calendar for next year’s meetings:
September 30, 2009 at 10 a.m.
November 19, 2009 at 7 p.m.
February 24, 2010 at 10 a.m.
April 22, 2010 at 7 p.m.
All meetings held in the cafeteria conference room

For more information, email Debbie Fisher:
dvfisher@ameritech.net

FERPA regulations (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) prohibit school personnel from providing information about students to anyone outside the immediate family structure. This includes, but is not limited to the following: phone numbers, attendance data, academic records and discipline records.
Come in to the school store to purchase great gifts for your graduate. We have fleece blankets, commemorative tiles, note cards, and Grosse Pointe South perpetual calendars, just to name a few wonderful items. We also have paper plates, napkins, and cups displaying the South logo, a perfect touch for your graduate’s party.

Don’t forget to sign up to work in the school store next year! It is a great and fun way to volunteer at South.

We would also like to thank our volunteers for the gift of their time this year, especially Liz Jarboe, our treasurer, and Clarisa Piecuch, our banker and Annette Law-Siwak, our merchandiser. The school store has been successful due to the people that help out!
Thanks to all of you for your patience and cooperation this year. We especially appreciate your patience when we have not been able to immediately return phone calls during peak times for scheduling, etc. We are also very grateful for your cooperation in using email to contact teachers directly when you have had questions that only they could answer. We continue to encourage you to use Parent Connect (see the www.gpschools.org website for the link) to get up-to-date information about attendance, and grades.

Reminder for college-bound seniors: Please remind your graduating senior that they must fill out the appropriate paperwork with Mrs. Buckler in the records room so she can release the final high school transcript to the college the student will be attending. This is an important step in completing the college-application process.

It is also the responsibility of graduating seniors to make arrangements with the college board to have their AP scores sent to the appropriate college if they did not designate a college at the time of testing (this applies to tests taken in the junior year as well as the senior year). Students can access the website, www.collegeboard.com to get full instructions and information.

Summer School reminder for all students in Grades 9 thru 11: You can access the Grosse Pointe summer school information at the www.gpschools.org/summerschool website. Students wishing to take classes for credit or grade improvement during summer school should make an appointment to discuss their options with their counselor. They can either register using a downloaded form which requires the counselor’s signature or they can register online and the counselor will be contacted for approval. Please note that most high school credit summer school classes will be held at Parcells Middle School. Most classes will run for three weeks on Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The first session runs from July 6th thru July 22nd. The second session runs from July 27th thru August 12th. Some classes have a different schedule, however, so be sure to check the website for accurate information.

Students wishing to attend a summer school other than the Grosse Pointe Summer School must also see their counselor for information and approval. We will do our best to contact you to about summer school for any failures in required classes that are offered in summer school.

Note to Junior Parents: We encourage you and your children to continue your college visitations during the summer months if you have not already completed your visits. Counselors will not be available during the summer months to process college applications. We will meet with all seniors early in the school year to review the application procedures and we will begin processing college applications in September. If your student intends to apply online to college, they should wait until school opens to apply so that the transcript, recommendations, etc. can follow the application in a timely manner. Premature electronic applications will result in correspondence from the college telling the student that their file is incomplete. Seniors will submit the bulk of their college applications in September, October and November, so we ask your cooperation in observing the deadlines for submission of applications to us. In September, we will give those deadlines to the seniors and we will also publish them in this column. As has been our practice for the last several years, we strongly encourage September applications to Michigan State University as well as September or early October applications to the University of Michigan.

Important Information about Schedule Changes for Next Year
The only schedule changes we are allowed to do are those that fall in the following categories:

- Scheduling errors due to computer errors. For example: two tutorials in the same semester; both English classes in the same semester; less than the required six credit hours appearing on the schedule, etc.
- Necessary adjustments to schedules because the June failure in a course prerequisite; because a failed course needs to be repeated to fulfill a graduation requirement or because of successful completion of a summer school program which dictates course changes.
- Balancing classes to facilitate and improve student-to-teacher ratios which may involve (a) assigning a student to a different, existing class section with a reduced class size; or, (b) assigning a student to a newly created class section with a reduced class size. These adjustments will take into account the disruption to a student’s overall schedule and will only be carried out in those instances where the disruption is critical to the efficiency of the master schedule.

We will not be able to accommodate requests for class period changes, teacher changes, lunch hour changes, tutorial changes, or additions to classes that are closed. **We wish all of you a wonderful summer!**
Exploring what federal stimulus funds means for Grosse Pointe Schools

Why is there still a $5.4 million shortfall in this year’s budget?
Even with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), also known as the federal stimulus package, the district will still have to cut approximately $5.4 million from next year’s budget. Primary factors for this are:

- decreasing enrollment, which means the district will receive less money from the state-trend seen across the state and nation that is just impacting us now (due to lower birth rates, out-of-state migration)
- increasing health care costs-up an estimated 5% from last year
- increasing retirement costs-up .5% from last year as mandated by the state

What does the federal stimulus package mean for Grosse Pointe?
The ARRA will certainly help address the GPPSS budget shortfall. However, the impact may not be as great as people are expecting. At this time, it appears it will eliminate the $59/pupil reduction in State aid the governor had proposed. That alone is a half million dollars we do not have to reduce from our budget for the 2009-10 school year. We still must live within our means and present a balanced budget by June 30, 2009.

Stimulus funds target Title I and Special Education for only two years
The rest of the ARRA funding our district will see has specific strings attached. Funds will come to Grosse Pointe for Title I schools (three of our elementary schools meet Title I qualifications) and for special education services. It is anticipated that rules regarding these funds supplementing but not supplanting district dollars for these programs will still apply but final details have not yet been released. So, suggested uses for these two-year funds include investment in technology, teacher training, and other one-time expenditures.

What will change next year?
Since 85% of our budget is in salaries and benefits, and five years of multi-million dollar cuts to supplies and other purchased services have been made, the easy fixes are gone. The Board of Education and Superintendent’s budget council are committed to minimizing the impact of cuts on the educational program, but with falling enrollment we will have to cut staffing. The Board has said it will not raise the student teacher ratio above the 2006-07 level, but reducing to that level means laying off 73 of our valued staff. Last year 21 were laid off.

What programs will be impacted?
Proposed cuts mean some larger classroom sizes in elementary schools (back to the 2006 student:teacher ratio), and programs like SAFE, community education, athletics, summer school, professional development, and music will also be impacted. Again, the district is doing everything it can to minimize cuts and continue to provide a mosaic of learning opportunities for students.

What can I do?
Your ideas and input are valued and necessary as difficult decisions are finalized. You are encouraged to:

- Visit the district website www.gpschools.org under District-School Finance for updates
- Attend school board meetings and work sessions-dates and times are posted online and at the administration building, 389 St Clair Avenue, GP
- Watch the school board meetings on Comcast Channel 20/902 or through video streaming (click on “Watch the School Board Meeting” under the School Board dropdown on the website)
- Email your school or central office administrators
- Email all of the Board of Education members at schoolboard@gpschools.org
- Call 313-432-3007 with ideas or input that will be shared with the board and budget council
- Contact your State representatives with your opinion on school funding in general or 20J in particular
- Help us by being an ambassador for enrollment
- For more detailed information regarding the ARRA, go to the U.S. Department of Education ARRA website at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery or the state’s primary ARRA website at www.michigan.gov/recovery.
As the Grosse Pointe South community scatters to enjoy the long, warm days of summer, the South Athletic Booster Club wraps another great year.

Not only do the annual ABC-sponsored events, the Run-the-Pointe Run-A-Thon and the Challenge Cup Golf Outing contribute to the physical well-being of athletes, these events raise much-needed funds that return directly to our students’ benefit.

This year the Athletic Booster Club contributed some $60,000 to the kids and to the community. Along with a generous donation from the John and Marlene Boll Foundation, we outfitted a world-class fitness facility that opened shortly after the New Year with some 40 pieces of weight and cardiovascular equipment.

As has been the case for the last half-decade, the boosters recently awarded four $1,250 scholarships to outstanding Varsity Club student-athletes, male and female, attending college in the fall.

Next year will see equally grand plans and projects that the booster club will tackle, all of which will continue the tradition of making South’s sports and the athletic community among the state’s best.

For the coming 2009-10 school year the South boosters installed Bill Flom as president and Suzanne Conroy as vice president / president-elect. Please join me in congratulating them both; Bill and Suzanne are energetic and enthusiastic and, I’m sure, would welcome all help the greater community can contribute.

With this I finish my tenure as booster club president. It has been an exciting, productive year because of the energy so many have brought to benefit sports at South. There is not a better group of dedicated, passionate people than those on the Athletic Booster Club board.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the many families who support booster activities through volunteerism as well as with their membership purchases. In these trying economic times, it is far too easy to cut out the extra-curricular activities, like organized sports. With your continued support you make it happen each and every day and it couldn’t be done without you. Thanks.

Have a great summer!
Dutch Mandel
GPS Athletic Booster Club, President Emeritus 2008-09

The mission of the Grosse Pointe South Varsity Club is to provide local community service and camaraderie for GPS athletic Varsity-letter award athletes. It is supported by the GPS Athletic Boosters and the Athletic Department.

Recently completed service projects include:
- Swimming assistance with special needs students
- GPS Basketball concession work for JV games
- Volunteer work for GP Gators Swim Club

Interested athletes email: Patti.Cohan@gpschools.org with VARSITY CLUB in the subject line.
• MSBOA District & State Solo & Ensemble Festivals: 50 First Division, 27 Second Division ratings
• MSBOA Band Festival: Symphony Band, First Division
• MSBOA Orchestra Festival: Symphony Orchestra, First Division, Concert Orchestra, Second Division
• MSBOA Jazz Festival: Jazz Band: First Division
• Successful Toronto Performance Tour with excellent reviews by Toronto Symphony Orchestra members
• Two original student compositions selected for Michigan Music Conference Honors Composition Concert: Allison Biaglow, Brendon Wilson
• Three students named “Outstanding Soloists” at Western Invitational Jazz Festival: Andrew H., Ethan B., Dan D.
• Two students selected for MSBOA All-State Orchestra: Kellen D., Brian H.
• Two students selected for MYAF Honors Orchestra: Katie S., Jasper Z.
• Outstanding Concert series, including Pops & Pastries, Holiday Jazz Concert at Music Hall Jazz Café and Hard Rock Café, Band-O-Rama, String Extravaganza, Spring Concert at Music Hall, Spring Jazz Concert at Hard Rock Café, Outdoor Concert

UPCOMING EVENTS
Tri-M Composers’ Concert
   Wednesday, June 3, 7 p.m., South Auditorium
Music on the Plaza – Jazz Band
   Thursday, June 4, 7 p.m., Kercheval at St. Clair
Graduation
   Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m., South Front Lawn
Spring Choir Events

Tri-M Concert
May 13
South Auditorium 7:00PM

Choir Banquet
May 20
War Memorial 6:00PM

Broadway 2008

May 29 & 30

Featuring over 20 Senior Solos
Ask your favorite senior what day he/she is scheduled to perform.

Reserved tickets are available at
Posterity: A Gallery
In Grosse Pointe’s Village

2009 THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT
Show Choir / Vocal Jazz WORKSHOP
August 17 – 22
GP Performing Arts Center
707 Vernier Rd. GPW

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membership@gpsouthchoir.org

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THANK YOUS: Thank you to all the parents that chaperoned the Sadie’s Dance: Bette Wisniowiecki, Martha and Tony Cimmarrusti, Jan and Dave Hiller, Marty Pavlock, Jane Ellis, Mary Jo Harris, Lentawn Knight-Rist, Joanne Swanson, John Lynch, John Leverenz, Suzy and Chip Berschback, and Rick and Eileen Stratelak.

Also, A BIG THANKS to all the senior parent sponsors and to everyone who has worked extremely hard organizing graduation and the All-Night Party.

AND… A letter from our Class Advisor

Dear Senior Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the sponsoring parents, and all parents for your support. The Class of 2009 has had a very successful year starting with the Homecoming sweep, Tutoring Tree Christmas Party, Sadie’s dance, and many more activities. Winning the Homecoming in all categories was the first one in five years. Your patience and time was a critical part of this amazing victory.

The Class of 2009 is a terrific class. They have demonstrated independence, hard work and determination in a very positive way. All this was a result of your persistence and tremendous effort since they were young children.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a class advisor for these past two years. I want to wish you and your sons and daughters all the best in your future endeavors and much success.

Kindest regards,
Kaisa T. Mikkola

GRADUATION!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 23, Saturday
Prom: 7 p.m. to Midnight at the Roostertail. Semi-formal.

June 2, Tuesday
Cap and Gown Distribution: 9:45 a.m. in girls’ gym

June 9, Tuesday
Graduation Rehearsal: 1 p.m. in the main gym.

June 10, Wednesday:
Graduation Commencement: 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn.
Seniors are to meet at 6:00 p.m. sharp in the main gym.

ALL NIGHT PARTY REMINDERS

Please check out the senior packet for important All-Night Party information and these great opportunities to get involved to make it a truly great event for our seniors: *Volunteers needed for all activities and shifts / *Food items needed in many categories / *Donations appreciated for terrific raffle prizes / *Baby pictures and memorabilia wanted…and MORE!
Look for more information in the senior packet and on this month’s page in High Pointes to sign up!

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS
Charlotte B. - President
Jon M. - Vice President
Pilar M. - Secretary
Mike B. - Treasurer
Kaisa M. - Faculty Advisor
(Class meetings are held weekly in the main building, 3rd floor, at 7:15 a.m. on Thursdays. All students are welcome.)

SENIOR PARENT SPONSORS
Chip & Suzy Berschback/885.1817
John & Val Long/886.5664
Kevin & Clarissa Piecuch/881.2903
Peter & Elaine Schweitzer/881.1254
Annette Siwak/433.8586
Eileen & Derek Stratelak/303.5554
Tom & Carol Switalski/885.9469
Bette & Don Wisniowiecki/510.5852
Senior's Guide to a Great Time…

Following Graduation
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.
Grosse Pointe War Memorial

6 EASY STEPS FOR A NIGHT TO REMEMBER…

1. Complete and mail registration form below

2. Provide one baby picture and (up to three) friends’ photos
Add senior’s name on the back and drop off or mail as soon as possible to
Chris Ginnebaugh, 338 McMillan, GPF 48236

3. Donate raffle prizes (duffle bags, iPods, sports equipment, cash cards, etc.)
Contact Cat Ruffner at 642-0374, junglebird2002@aol.com, or Suzanne Clem at 885-1394,
clemsterr@ameritech.net, for ideas and much-needed items.

4. Sign up as a parent volunteer
Simply e-mail Bette Wisniowiecki at dbwiz@prodigy.net or call Anne Karle at 884-8454 to sign up for available
shifts/activities. We really need more parents to sign up for the “extra fun shift” of 12:30-3:00am. Please
provide your e-mail and telephone number, so we can contact you prior to the party to confirm your shift.

• Prepare culinary delights for party-goers (cash donations also welcome)
Contact Cindy Aboukasm at 313-640-4656 / amer1051@yahoo.com to sign up for needed items.

6. Donate Moosejaw Reward Points
Please email: moosejawrewards@moosejaw.com and transfer the rewards to our email address
gpsclassof2009@yahoo.com Any questions, please call Cathy Leverenz at 884-0404 or email her at
jricel@comcast.net. Anyone is eligible to support the party in this manner.

Please provide a check and Senior Registration form (below) to Nora Glenn at 374 University GPC 48230. Ticket
Cost: $75.00. Make checks payable to Mothers’ Club All Night Party (MC of GPS-ANP). Mail check &
registration form below to Nora Glenn at 374 University GPC 48230.

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ALL NIGHT PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Senior's Name _______________________________________________
Phone Number _________________________ Email __________________

Mom's Name ___________ Phone ___________ Email ___________
Dad's Name _____________ Phone ___________ Email __________

Questions? Call Reservation Chairs Nora Glenn at 881-1124 or Mary Moin at 640-7895
JUNIOR CLASS NEWS
CLASS OF 2010

PLEASE NOTE:
Homecoming float building will begin in August
Detailed information will be in the next issue of High Pointes

We still need parent sponsors for next year.
The senior year is very special, so please consider volunteering to help the students coordinate homecoming and senior prom. Contact class advisor Scott Peltier at scott.peltier@gpschools.org or Carrie Halliburton at carrie.halliburton@gpschools.org

Following are the results of the recent school elections:

Class Officers for 2009-2010
President: Kiki F.
Vice-President: Katie H.
Secretary: Molly A.
Treasurer: Darien P.

Class Senators
Sara B.  Courtney C.
Cherie E.  E.A. K.
Torie P.  Joey S.
Bobby S.

Student Association Officers
President: Elena E.
Vice-President: John M.
Secretary: Lindsey T.
Treasurer: Julia J.
Historian: Matt S.

Student Association Class Representatives
Stephanie B.  Sarah F.
Ana H.  Maggie H.
Alexis M.  Rose P.
Cassie R.
Class of 2011 Student Council Election Results
(for the 2009-2010 school year)

President: Dan G. 
Vice President: Nicky D.
Secretary: Natalie S. 
Treasurer: Alana D.

Senators:
Brooke C., Dana D., John D., Tyler H., Clarke H., Katie N. and David P.

Congratulations to all!

Class of 2011 Cook Book

The Class of 2011 is still accepting recipes for our cookbook. Please email your recipes to Mr. Provenzano at; Nicholas.Provenzano@gpschools.org or gpscookbookcommittee@gmail.com

Did you know?

The Class of 2011 held a student council lock-in at South’s gym at the end of April. We worked very hard on our team building and leadership skills. We all came together and worked all night to come up with new and exciting ideas for next year. The Class of 2011 would like to “THANK” the following people; Ms. Kurtz, the South Administration and the Custodial Staff for supporting this event. We look forward to holding another one in the future.

Parent Sponsors
2008-2009

John & Megan Hughes 822-3331
Maureen Finnigan-Mara 343-9983
Ed & Leslie Wizner 885-3967
John & Cynthia Sohn 881-7570
Rick Cardoze 882-8008

We are in need of a few good parents to serve as Parent Sponsors for the Class of 2011’s junior year. If you are interested please contact any of the parent sponsors listed here and we would love to fill you in on all the fun you will have. You can email Mr. Provenzano if you are interested.

Student Council meetings are held in Mr. Provenzano’s room (room 248) every Thursday morning at 7:15 a.m.

These meetings are open to all students of the Class of 2011 (you do not have to be elected to join). Come to a meeting and get involved!

Students/parents please check Mr. Provenzano’s web page for updates on events that will take place during the 2008-2009 school year.
http://staff.gpschools.org/provenn/Freshmen%20Class/class_of_2011.htm

Class of 2011
Dear Parents,

Wow -- I can’t believe the end of the school year is almost here! The Class of 2012 got off to a great start. The students completed a variety of successful fundraisers that includes the holiday wreath sale, numerous bagel sales, school dances, and I’m sure our last fundraiser of the year, Mr. C’s coupons for Father’s Day will be equally successful.

Class officers, senators, and ambassadors attended two leadership conferences this past school year in Frankenmuth, Michigan and at L’Anse Creuse High School. Students had the opportunity to meet their contemporaries from communities all over Michigan. Students shared ideas, developed their leadership skills and made new friends.

While students take a more active role at the high school level, parents are still a key component. I want to thank parent sponsors that were supportive throughout the year; Bridgette Murray and her time for the newsletter; Jane Ellis for assisting with the Sadie Hawkins dance and organizing the troops; and Melissa Wenzler for graciously allowing homecoming activities to take place at her home. A special thanks to others that attended weekly meetings or chaperoned dances – thank you for supporting the students at South.

I look forward to working with the students and parent sponsors for the 2009/2010 school year. Have a wonderful summer!

Marianne Vukas
2012 Faculty Advisor

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Mr. C’s Car Wash Coupons

Surprise Dad with a great Father’s Day gift! The class of 2012 will be selling coupons from Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 29th 2009. Coupons are just $9.99 for a full-service wash (normally $12.99). Coupon orders can be placed with Ms. Marianne Vukas marianne.vukas@gpschools.org (for pick-up by your student in room 148) or you may preorder by visiting the Class of 2012 website for an order form. Make checks payable to GPS Class of 2012. Return the form to the main office or mail to:

Class of 2012 – Attn: Ms. Vukas
Grosse Pointe South High School
11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY
19 Mothers' Club Scholarship Awards, 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
20 Choir Banquet, 6 p.m. War Memorial
21 North/South Band & Orchestra Outdoor Concert, 7 p.m. GPN
23 Senior Prom - The Roostertail 7 p.m.
25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Observed
28 Senior Finals 8 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Classes Resume All Grades 11:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
29 Senior Finals 8 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Classes Resume Gr. 9, 10 & 11 11:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
29-30 Broadway 2009 Senior Solos, Performing Arts Center

JUNE
1 Senior Finals 8 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Classes Resume Gr. 9, 10 & 11 11:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
2 Senior Finals 8 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Classes Resume Gr. 9, 10 & 11 11:45 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
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2 Seniors - Cap & Gown Distribution 9:45 a.m. Girls' Gym
2 Mothers' Club Annual Meeting 9 a.m. Clemison Hall
3 Tri-M Composers' Concert 7 p.m. South Auditorium
3 Jazz Band-Music on the Plaza 7 p.m. GP Village
8 Final Exams (9, 10 & 11) 8 a.m.-11.15 a.m.
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9 Seniors - Graduation Rehearsal 1 p.m. Main Gym
10 Final Exams (9, 10 & 11) 8 a.m.-11.15 a.m.
10 Graduation 6:30 p.m. Front Lawn (Seniors 6 p.m. sharp Main Gym)
10 Seniors - All-Night Party GP War Memorial 10:30 p.m.
11 Final Exams (9, 10 & 11) 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

HAVE A FUN & SAFE SUMMER VACATION!

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DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE