

July 29, 2009

Dear High School Parents/Guardians:

During last spring's budget development, the Board of Education reluctantly approved a \$100 activity fee for high school sports, music and co-curricular activities supported by district funding, and for middle school sports and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music. With the tight fiscal constraints the district is facing, this action was necessary in order to maintain these programs for our students.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that SPFHS students participating in sports, music or co-curricular activities will be assessed a \$100 participation fee for the 2009-2010 school year. This fee will help defray the cost of these programs and does not replace existing club dues. The fee is not assessed per activity and supports your child's participation in one or more activity throughout the year. A limited number of activities are excluded from the fee; these are listed on the back of this letter for your information. No fee will be required if these excluded activities are the only ones your child selects for the upcoming school year. In addition, no fee will be assessed for any student eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

If your student will be participating in a sport, music or co-curricular activity this fall, please submit the \$100 fee by August 31, 2009. Your check or money order should be payable to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and forwarded to:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools  
c/o Mrs. Deborah Saridaki  
Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street  
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our schools.

Sincerely,

Margaret W. Hayes, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Anthony Del Sordi  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Please complete and return this form with your check for the \$100 Activity Fee  
payable to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2009-2010 school year): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Activities 2009-2010 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

## **Co-Curricular Activities Excluded From the 2009-2010 Participation Fee**

Anime Club  
Bible Club  
CAD  
Drama Club  
Fed Challenge  
Forensics  
Future Educators  
Ice Hockey (Boys)  
Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)  
NJ Environmental Club  
NJ Youth and Government  
Philosophy Club  
SAVE –Students About Vaccinating Everyone  
SPF-TV  
STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur)  
Ultimate Frisbee