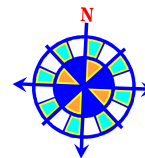

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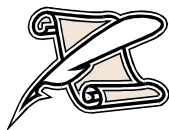
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We value feedback from the District 303 community. Write or call us. Your response is always appreciated.

Mr. Frank Kesman, Principal

e-mail: mringsby@d303.org



“From the Pen of the Principal”

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first quarter of the new school year! It seems like “only yesterday” that we were opening our doors to the new freshman class and helping them become a part of the North Star family. They have certainly joined us on our adventure in fine style and are already developing their own identity. Our plans for the class of 2006 are already well under way.

Many new programs are joining the long list of services already established at North High School. Our PPS Department is beginning to focus on services designed to assist junior students with college and career plans. Included in this list of services is a comprehensive testing program including the PSAT, ACT, SAT, PLAN, A.P. and the state mandated Prairie State Exam. This test is required of all juniors, is administered in April of each year and the individual results are included on every student’s transcript. The components of this test include the ACT and evidence of student success on State of Illinois Learning Standards. We are in a continuous process of aligning our curriculum with the State Standards, and evidence of student learning is received through this test.

We have completed our second fall season of activities. I would like to offer my thanks to our students and staff for their hard work in a number of extra-curricular opportunities. Through this hard work, we have continued to enjoy success in music, theater, special interest clubs and organizations and a comprehensive athletic program. Your support of these programs is critical to our student’s success and that support is shown in a number of ways. Whether you are fund raising or driving your students *to yet another practice*, you are a key component of a successful program.

I continue to be amazed by the high energy level and the commitment of our many parent organizations. Friends of Music, PTO, Athletic Boosters, The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation and others are true partners in our efforts on behalf of students. Our PTO is initiating a new program known as the Parent Resource Network. This District-wide organization, started at North High School, is working to bring parents together to enhance parenting skills, to share experiences in a variety of situations and in general to develop a network of support as we continue to work with an ever-changing and challenging teenage population. In addition, our Boosters are beginning a project to provide an all-purpose facility at our athletic stadium. Team room, equipment storage, concessions, restrooms and spirit wear sales will all be enhanced through this facility. Look for an opportunity to support this or any of our special programs.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation for their support. On October 16th, a number of grants were awarded to North High School. These grants support equipment, curriculum and our staff by directly impacting the instructional program. We thank them for their continued efforts on behalf of our students.

Please join us as partners in your child’s education. Parent conferences are November 15th and your presence can only improve an already excellent relationship between home and school. Please stop by and say “hello” as I look forward to meeting each of you.

*Frank Kesman
Principal*

PTO NEWS

We have an energetic PTO here at North High School but are always looking to improve!! **We** would love your opinions and suggestions on how **we** can be better.

Thank you to the dozens of moms who helped with the hot dog lunch for the Fall Fling walk-a-thon. It was a beautiful day, and we helped raise thousands of dollars for the Red Cross.

On Oct. 9th, the Hospitality Committee hosted a bountiful breakfast for our teachers and staff. They had to get up awfully early but it was worth it when they had many appreciative teachers with full stomachs! Speaking of breakfast, Krispy Kreme donuts are still being sold every Wednesday morning by the Post Prom Committee. Please encourage your student to buy them because the proceeds go towards keeping the Post Prom ticket prices down. Look for information on their upcoming Poinsettia sale.

Did you know you can order Market Day online? Place your order online at www.marketday.com. How easy is that?! If you are a working parent and can't pick up your order, just let us know and we will have it delivered to you.

Our next PTO meeting will be NOVEMBER 19th at 7:00 PM in the LRC. As an incentive to attend, we will be serving wonderful homemade desserts!! You won't want to miss it! This is a great opportunity to participate in an informal, intimate dialogue with the Principal and a teacher representative. So come to the meeting and then go home and tell your student what's going on at school!

WHAT IS STUDENT COUNCIL AT SCNHS?

North Star Council is a leadership organization that is comprised of a group of students who have been elected by their peers to represent the student body of St. Charles North High School. This organization is made up of an Executive Board and a group of elected individuals from each class. Together, these students work to make decisions that will positively impact individual students, classes, and St. Charles North High School as a whole. North Star Council is also a service organization that is involved in orchestrating major events such as Fall Fling, Autumn Ball, and other service projects and fund-raisers in an effort to make our school community the best it can be.

Currently, North Star Council is involved in several activities to help achieve this goal. Honorary members have been chosen to become part of North Star Council to help current members with many of the responsibilities of this organization. The North Star Council Workshop provides an opportunity for newcomers to student council to learn the roles and responsibilities of being a council member. Many students will be attending conferences during October and November, including Upstate Eight and the North Central District Winter Retreat, in an effort to gain skills and knowledge that will help them to become effective leaders. North Star Council is also currently planning to make this year's Autumn Ball, which is St. Charles North High School's fall formal dance, a stunning success with the theme of "Shanghai Moon". The members of North Star Council look forward to serving the student body of St. Charles North High School during the 2001-02 school year.

Did You Reserve Your Student's Upcoming Yearbook?

If you purchased an activity ticket for \$30 at registration, then your student's yearbook has been reserved. The yearbook order and cost comes from numbers generated by activity-ticket sales; therefore, if you did not purchase an activity ticket, your student will not get a yearbook in August. However, it's not too late to purchase an activity ticket. Activity tickets can be purchased in the Student Activities Office for \$30.

Help the Yearbook Shatter Expectations

The *Polaris* staff is working hard to develop the second edition of the yearbook. The theme for this year's edition is "Shattering Expectations." In order to do just that, we need help from parents and other community members.

The yearbook is a vital publication for our school. It is a record of the traditions, memories, and culture we are creating here at St. Charles North. However, the price of the yearbook only covers part of the printing costs. Therefore, we need your help in making our yearbook reflect the wonderful school we are all creating.

In lieu of business ads, we would like to personalize *Polaris* by allowing you to sponsor your student's favorite page or for your business to support a specific club, sport, or fine art. Page sponsorships will not only help us print our spectacular second issue, but they will also help support an educational program that teaches students valuable skills in writing, design, photography, computer use, and business.

The minimum purchase price for a patron page is \$20. Of course, we would appreciate any further donation. In exchange for your kind donation, your name will appear on the page you have selected (on a first come, first serve basis) or on the list of *Polaris Patrons*. Please return the following form along with your donation by December 1, 2001.

Thank you in advance for helping us *Shatter Expectations*.

Patron's Name (print) _____

Phone _____ Patron's Student/Business (print) _____

I would like to sponsor this page: _____

(Please list the specific club, sport, fine art, activity, or student photo page that you would like to sponsor. Patrons will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis. All other patrons will be placed on the list of *Polaris Patrons*.)

Amount _____ Please make check payable to St. Charles North High School.

Patron's Signature _____

Please send form and donation to: *St. Charles North High School*
Attn: Kristin Williams/Polaris
255 Red Gate Road
St. Charles, IL 60175



The LRC staff welcomes Marjorie Johnson to the bookroom. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7-11 and Tuesday, Thursday 11-3. If you, or your student, have questions regarding textbooks, please call the bookroom during those hours or Mrs. LaMaster in the LRC during school hours. As a reminder, materials may be checked out in the LRC and the bookroom with a current ID only. If your student has lost an ID, a new one may be purchased for \$5 in the LRC with the accompaniment of a fee sheet.

Twenty-seven computers were added to the LRC this month for class and student use. In combination with two adjacent labs and 15 computers already in the LRC, there are over 100 student access computers. Two older donated computers are in use for assessing the computer card catalog, six are available for video production. Usage is high as many classes visit the library each day. Between October 1st and October 22nd we had 206 classes use the library facilities doing projects ranging from research on censorship, colonies and western civilization to graphic organizers in Inspiration and web pages in FrontPage. Over 2000 walk-in's, from classes and study halls or lunch, also used the library so far in October. Ask your student what projects they've been doing in the LRC.

COOK SELECTED FOR "BE REAL" PROGRAM

Jenny Cook, Class of 2005, has been selected from more than 300 Illinois youths to be a part of "Be Real", the state's new MTV style drug prevention program. The "Be Real" Program has teamed up with the Illinois Drug Education Alliance to make "Be Real" the capstone event for Red Ribbon Week celebrated at our school the Week of October 21st to 27th. Jenny's photo will be featured on posters throughout the state in an effort to inform youth on the importance of staying drug free. The program features real kids from Illinois – kids who are being real to themselves, their communities, and their families by staying drug-free. Jenny, a member of the junior varsity drill team and part of the concert band, serves as a positive example and role model for our school community.



JENNY COOK, Freshman

TITLE VI GRANT

Every year, the LRC receives funding through a federal Title VI Grant which is designated in our district for the purchase of technology, library books, software, and audiovisual materials for our collections. We have used them to expand and develop our collections to meet the changing curricular needs of our students. We encourage parent input on how to use the funds. Suggestions may be made by calling Anne Fleming, District Director of Media /Technology, at 630-513-2278

BREAKFAST WITH THE STARS

The Breakfast with the Stars is a program that was established to recognize students who exemplify major contribution or significant accomplishment to our high school.

Congratulations to our Breakfast with the Stars Award recipients for the months of October and November!

October

Recipient

Nominated By

- Bethany Conrad
Scott Erdenberg
Chris Miceika
Devin Moberg
Katie Brase
Casandra Cherco
Ryan Harloff
Abby Lynch
Allison Ramey
Brian Roach
Lauren Westergren

- Kristin Kulzer
Trisha Olson
Mike Alther
Valerie Landbo
Rob Rooney
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November

Recipient

Nominated By

- Kyle Bove
Greg Fenton
Dave Fowler
Chris Gekas
Stephanie Heller
Taira Racine
Nick Webb
Lisa Zavala

- Eric Bostrand
Jaime Mitchell
"
Carolyn Roys
Shari Hayes
Bill Stepien
Steve Mahoney
Ann LaBotz



Key Club is off to another busy year of community service. Our new Executive Board has implemented an involvement based membership agreement that has encouraged more student to participate and has allowed multiple students some leadership opportunities that were not available previously.

On the weekend of Scarecrow Festival, Key Club volunteered labor hours to help with the information booth and main tent at the festival. That same Saturday, Key Club participated in the Kane County Walk-a-thon supporting mental health.



Though some might call this after-school activity an organized quarrel, a repeated dispute, or a chaotic sequence of one controversy after another – we prefer the title "St. Charles North Debate Team".

St. Charles North Stars participate in a version of debate known as Congressional Debate, which resembles the speaking style and procedure demonstrated by Senators and government officials on programs like CNN or C-SPAN.

Representatives are welcome to join throughout the year. Meetings take place every Tuesday, where students discuss events and possible topics for monthly tournaments.

FEELING SAFE TO MOVE FORWARD

Young people who feel threatened, unsafe, or scared often spend a lot of time trapped in fear or in their attempts to try to protect themselves. They're less likely to venture forth and take some risks. On the other hand, children and teenagers who feel safe are more likely to feel secure enough to try new things. That's why safety is an important empowerment asset. Young people who feel safe at home, at school, and in the community are more likely to make positive contributions.

Yet fear is part of childhood and adolescence. Phyllis Tyson, PH.D., a clinical professor of psychiatry, says young people face two types of fear: imaginary fears and reality-based fears. Imaginary fears vary depending on the developmental stage your child is going through. For example, toddlers frequently are frightened of toilets, separation, and loud or strange noises. Preschoolers fear monsters and animals. Fears for teenagers often revolve around injuries, natural events, and social anxieties.

Television, newspapers, and other people fuel reality-based fears, such as crime and accidents. Parents can also add to this sense of insecurity by feeling anxious and believing the world is a dangerous place. Children and teenagers pick up on our body language, our attitudes, and our beliefs — even when we don't articulate them.

"Having fears is normal, and acknowledging, understanding, and learning to deal with them is part of the child's continuing development," Tyson says. It's also important to do our part in ensuring that our homes, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our communities are safe places for children.

(KIDS FIRST; Ideas for Parents; Newsletter #13)

ADVENTURE CLUB



ADVENTURE CLUB MEMBERS: (Left to Rt) Nick Gilberto, Dan VanDyck, Kevin Real, Mike Stark, Michael Wachs, Joanna Ryther, Stacy Pancratz, Advisor – Audra Christenson

The Adventure Club is off and running! Seven students and advisor Audra Christenson journeyed to Maquoketa, Iowa and explored 13 caves at the state park. The club has many other trips planned for the rest of the school year: indoor rock climbing in November and January, downhill skiing in February, backpacking/hiking/camping in the Smokey Mountains in March, outdoor rock climbing in April, and whitewater kayaking in May. In addition, we are offering monthly kayaking lessons to anyone interested (students, parents, families, community members, etc.) as a fundraiser. Lessons run from 7-9 PM in the North High School Pool and the cost is \$20. Dates are: 11/19, 12/17, 1/14, 2/11, 3/19, 4/16 and 5/20. All students are welcome to attend meetings and trips based on their interests. See Mrs. Christenson if you need more information!

SHOW YOU CARE

Ways to show kids you care:

- ♥ Notice when they're acting differently.
- ♥ Present options when they seek your counsel.
- ♥ Stay with them when they're afraid.
- ♥ Delight in their discoveries.
- ♥ Share in their excitement.

HELP YOUR CHILD FEEL SAFE

Three ways to help your child feel safer:



Curriculum Corner

On Tuesday, October 9th, the St. Charles North High School Staff participated in several Professional Development Day activities including:

- Starting the day with a delicious Staff Appreciation Breakfast – a big **THANKS to STC North PTO!**
- Ratification of St. Charles North Belief Statements. The process began in March with individual reflection and Learning Area discussion of what we believe and value in a teaching and learning organization. The work culminated Oct. 9th with lively dialogue and a vote by the staff to ratify the following shared belief statements.

ST CHARLES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL SHARED BELIEF STATEMENTS

A school climate that encourages choice nurtures a sense of ownership and personal responsibility.

A trusting environment fosters meaningful discourse in which members question, challenge, and refine the ideas of others.

Collaboration builds a productive learning environment.

Cultivating thoughtful traditions and symbols establishes community identity and purpose.

Diverse learning styles require adaptations in both teaching and learning processes.

Each individual is capable of learning and is responsible for continuous improvement and personal growth.

Learning takes place through the integration and application of knowledge, skills, and habits of mind within and across disciplines.

Promoting intellectual curiosity leads to innovation and creativity.

Reflective thinking generates learning from both successful and unsuccessful experiences.

Through strong communication networks, staff, students, and parents become better connected and more committed.

- Teams of teachers from STC North and East High Schools worked to revise and update course descriptions for the soon-to-be-released, new-and-improved D303 High School Course Offering Booklet

REMINDER: Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15th, 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. (appointments are not scheduled for Friday, Nov. 16th due to 9-12 school improvement work). All families should have received a packet in the mail with information that outlines the procedure for scheduling parent-teacher conferences. If you have any questions, please call 443-5700.

Upcoming School Improvement Work: Our school is beginning the NCA Performance Accreditation process. In this framework, all schools must improve the performance of their students. The first stage in the process includes the following activities:

- Environmental Scan/Visioning: A process through which we envision our preferred future and where the school community responds to the question, “*What are the most important things we can develop in our students, based upon the kind of world in which they are likely to live?*” We invite parents and students to respond to this question on-line at: <http://www.d303.org/schools/scn/survey/develop.htm>
- Creating a School Profile: A collection of data used to give a clear picture of the current status of STC North High. The sources of data include student performance, instructional data, and community input through satisfaction survey.
- Writing a Mission Statement: A process in which staff, students, and parents will collaborate to craft a broad statement of the unique purpose for which our organization exists and the specific function which we perform. (We will be seeking participants over the winter months)
- Selecting/Identifying Goals for the School Improvement Plan: Examination of the work and data from the steps outlined above to write goals that identify needs in student performance, address all of our learners, and can be implemented school-wide.

We look forward to your participation in this important work!

*“The future belongs to those
who see possibilities
before they become obvious”*

- Theodore Levitt, author

Parent Resource Network Survey

In October, a group of District 303 parents met to form the Parent Resource Network. The objective of this network is to provide parents with information on a variety of topics that may be useful in parenting adolescents. So that we may plan informative and useful presentations, we would like to know those issues in which parents are most interested. Please check those topics below which would be of interest to you. Indicate whether you would prefer to attend a speaker presentation, small group discussion, or a combination of the two.

	[Small group]	[Presentation]	[Combination]
<input type="checkbox"/> alcohol and teens	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> bullying	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> college			
<input type="checkbox"/> choosing a college	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> alternative careers to college	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> curfews	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> dating	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> depression in teens	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> driving issues with teens	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> drugs	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> eating disorders	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> gangs	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet issues	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> parties with teens			
--what are the guidelines?	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> self esteem issues for girls	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> self esteem issues for boys	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> sex			
<input type="checkbox"/> how to talk about sex with your teen	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> gay issues and teens	___	___	___
<input type="checkbox"/> sexual harassment	___	___	___
other topics of interest _____			

You may drop this off in the PTO box in the office of any D303 middle school or high school. Or you may mail it to:

Parent Resource Network
St Charles North High School
255 Red Gate Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

If you have questions, you may call Jan Stark (630)513-5883 or Sharon Bossemeyer (630) 377-5985. Please do not call your school office with questions.

BRIEF NOTES FROM P.P.S.

It is hard to believe that Halloween and the end of the first quarter of school has passed us by and that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! It has been a very positive beginning to what looks to be a very positive year. Students, parents, teachers and Pupil Personnel Staff have worked through the whole range of beginning of the year activities and have settled into a strong pace for the rest of the year.

Counselors have visited all freshmen during their Physical Education classes to review the "Ten Top Tips for a Successful Freshman Year." Juniors and sophomores have also been visited by counselors to review information on the first round of standardized tests. On October 22nd over 325 students took the PSAT, the first of these formal standardized tests of the year. Nearly 250 sophomores are signed up and ready to take the PLAN test on November 10th. The Deans, with the help of the Deans Assistants, have completed the first fire and take cover drills with very positive results. The Deans and the Police Liaison Officer have worked hard to assist the staff and students to establish a safe and orderly environment for the school. The Social Workers and Psychologist have worked with a range of students who have special needs. They have helped a variety of teams to establish proactive plans to support these students' efforts to be successful in school. Our school nurse has collected all the required physical and immunization documents, notified staff of special health concerns of individual students, and is working daily to address the health needs of our students.

In PPS, the focus has shifted from helping students, parents, and staff get their year started to providing the supports they need to complete the year and begin planning for the next. We encourage you to contact us with any questions you may have. We also encourage you to suggest questions or topics you would like us to include in our "Brief Notes" and other communications. Feel free to call us at 443- 5716 or e-mail us at blane@d303.org to ask questions or suggest future topics.

We are excited to have the opportunity to serve you!

Dr. Bruce A. Lane
Assistant Principal for PPS

Career and College Corner

Test Preparation Activities

We are pleased to announce that the Excel Edge Program designed to help our students prepare for the ACT test, will be available to interested students at North Campus beginning in January. Information regarding the program, the costs, and dates of the classes will be available in November. Additional information regarding local test preparation programs and activities can be found on the PPS website.

P.P.S. Parent Coffees Planned

PPS will offer several brief "Parent Coffees" during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The topics of these informal chats will be "Ten Top Tips for a Successful Freshman (and Sophomore) Year" and "Basic College Planning". "Basic College Planning" will be offered at 12:30 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. "Top Ten Tips" will be offered at 1:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending these please call the Guidance Assistant at 443-5700.



GLOBAL STUDIES

The Spanish III classes at St. Charles North High School recently participated in a $\frac{1}{2}$ day fieldtrip to the St. Charles Heritage Museum. The unit of study in which the students were involved challenged students to describe life where they live, compare life in St. Charles present to life in St. Charles past, and to indicate the advantages or disadvantages to living in St. Charles - all in Spanish!

Throughout a three day period, 170 students total boarded school buses to complete 45 minute shifts at the Heritage Museum, El Puente Mexican Restaurant, and touring the downtown to take digital pictures. The students were each assigned a specific topic to research in the past or the present i.e. parks, schools, buildings/architecture, bridges, climate, population, etc. Each student, then, created a Microsoft Power Point slide (en español!) to present to the class as one succinct Power Point presentation. The slide shows will be donated to the Heritage Museum to use with Hispanic visitors.

We would like to offer our special thanks to the St. Charles Heritage Museum and to El Puente Restaurant for helping our students make real-world connections with their foreign language learning. The Community Unit School District 303 Strategic Plan states that, "We will pursue new and expanded partnerships among the schools and community to best achieve our mission and our objectives." These community connections will certainly aid in achievement of our mission " . . . to educate students who will have the competence and character to excel in the global community as responsible citizens and life-long learners."

Upstate Eight Art Competition

The Upstate Eight Art Exhibit is an annual art competition that exhibits the work of all eleven Upstate Eight High Schools. The following artists were selected from our high school for the competition and display this year at Elgin Community College from November 1st through November 29th:

Ruta Grigaliunas, Matthew Kling, Katie VanCleave, Lauren Kutella, Stephanie Kollins, Erin Schuetz, and Amy Vasica.

You are invited to attend the Artist's Reception and Awards Presentation in the Max von Isser Art Gallery from 6:30-8:00 PM on Thursday, November 29th

**Parent or Guardian State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement
for the 2001-02 School Year**

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost.

If you can answer "yes" to the following questions for the 2001-02 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation:

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 years at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 ½ miles or more from school or live less than 1 ½ miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation? (See following paragraphs.)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, lived in Illinois, and wish to file a claim, you must go to the school where each of your children are enrolled by June 30, 2002, to complete a claim application. Claim forms should be available from February, 2002, through June 30, 2002.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who had pupils living **less than 1 ½ miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. Parents can obtain a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside **except** parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Illinois State Board of Education, 1000 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2002, at the office from which the application was requested. Example: ISBE (Chicago residents), ROE (IL residents other than those residing in Chicago). The Regional Superintendent of Schools is required to send the Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation within 15 days. The Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and approves or denies the application and returns it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reviewed application, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will mail it to the parent/guardian who requested the safety hazard be verified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends and complete the claim form.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 1998-99 school year, whose children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

Once all claims are completed at the school, the claim forms will be sent to the Illinois State Board of Education. If your claim is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

If you have any questions, please call or come to the school as soon as possible.



“BETWEEN THE LINES”

The beginning of November signaled the close of the North Stars first full season of Varsity athletics. As a program, we are exceedingly proud of our athletes for their dedication to excellence within the framework of a team's performance.

There are, however, a group of athletes who have excelled above and beyond the norm, either athletically or most importantly academically. Let's take a moment and celebrate these wonderful accomplishments.

UPSTATE EIGHT CONFERENCE FALL ALL CONFERENCE

Sean Courser	B. Golf	Brian Roach	Football	H. Mention
Brendan Kroll	B. Golf	Matt Gilpin	Football	H. Mention
Lauren May	G. Golf	Kirk Joss	Football	H. Mention
Christine Zoerlein	G. Golf	Kevin Czerwinski	Football	H. Mention
Dan Krywaruczenko	Football	Jessie Folk	G. Volleyball	H. Mention
Dominic Cozzi	Football	Melissa Serritella	G. Volleyball	H. Mention
John Brackmann	B. Soccer	Matt Curran	B. Soccer	H. Mention
Sean Doherty	B. Soccer	Mark Kehm	B. Soccer	H. Mention
Ryan Shanahan	B. Soccer			

UPSTATE EIGHT CONFERENCE FALL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Katy Krol	G. Volleyball	Kim Gurga	G. Tennis
Kirk Joss	Football	Dan Slonina	B. Cross Country
Ryan Johnson	B. Golf	Lindsay Rohrs	G. Cross Country
Brittany Hildebrand	G. Golf	Amanda Zaferopulos	G. Swimming
John Brackmann	B. Soccer		

UPSTATE EIGHT CONFERENCE FALL ALL ACADEMIC

Patrick Hutter	B. Golf	Ken Chakour	Football	Melissa Serritella	G. Volleyball
Ryan Johnson	B. Golf	Ryan Duncan	Football	Lynnette Waters	G. Volleyball
Gary Knight	B. Golf	Kirk Joss	Football	Lindsay Kraus	G. Swimming
Brad Urhausen	B. Golf	Dan Krywaruczenko	Football	Randi Streng	G. Swimming
Graham Faassen	B. Cr. Cntry	Matt Loula	Football	Briana Tubman	G. Swimming
David McCurdy	B. Cr. Cntry	Joe Pelizza	Football	Amanda Zaferopulos	G. Swimming
Natalie Gurga	G. Tennis	John Brackmann	B. Soccer	Kari Arnet	G. Cr. Cntry
Lauren Horneck	G. Tennis	Chris Hanson	B. Soccer	Ashley Boller	G. Cr. Cntry
Samantha Joos	G. Tennis	Brian Harks	B. Soccer	Kelly Boynton	G. Cr. Cntry
Catherine Klinchuch	G. Tennis	David Johnson	B. Soccer	Amy Ducharme	G. Cr. Cntry
Jennifer Westfall	G. Tennis	Michael Keeley	B. Soccer	Emma Eschenfeldt	G. Cr. Cntry
Lindsay Weber	G. Tennis	Michael Rosso	B. Soccer	Jenna Nichols	G. Cr. Cntry
Lindsay Cole	G. Volleyball	Kori Roys	B. Soccer	Lindsay Rohrs	G. Cr. Cntry
Jessica Folk	G. Volleyball	William Suppes	B. Soccer	Jerrilyn O'Brien	G. Golf
Kathryn Krol	G. Volleyball	Joseph Steidl	B. Soccer	Jesse Slack	G. Golf

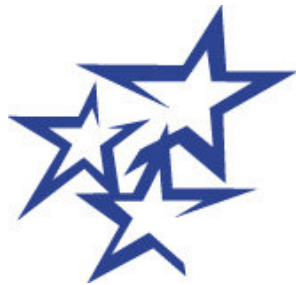
And last, but certainly not least, a special “Good Luck” to our Girls’ Swimmers, Cheerleaders, and Drill Teams as they continue their season and look forward to continued success as their major competitions approach.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- II **Wind Ensemble & Orchestra Concert:** Monday, November 5 at 7:30 PM
- II **Plan Testing:** Saturday, November 10 at 8:00 AM
- II **Autumn Ball:** Saturday, November 10 at 8:00 PM
- II **Board of Education Meeting at Administration Building:** Monday, November 12 at 7:30 PM
- II **Jazz Band & Jazz Choral Concert:** Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM
- II **Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School for Students:** Thursday, November 15
- II **Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students:** Friday, November 16
- II **PTO Meeting in LRC:** Monday, November 19 at 7:00 PM
- II **Thanksgiving Vacation:** Thursday, November 22 - Friday, November 23
- II **Board of Education Meeting at Thompson Middle School:** Monday, November 26 at 7:30 PM
- II **National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in Auditorium:** Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 PM
- II **Board of Education Meeting at Administration Building:** Monday, December 10 at 7:30 PM
- II **Constellations Concert in Auditorium:** Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM
- II **PTO Meeting in Cafeteria:** Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM
- II **PSAT Interpretation Program for Students in Room 302:** Wednesday, December 19 at 1:30 PM

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