



"The Navigator"

Principal's Newsletter

St. Charles North High School

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10 North Star DECA Students Headed to Nashville

On March 4, 5, and 6th, twenty-four St. Charles North students traveled downstate to Decatur, IL, to compete in the annual State DECA Competition. Ten St. Charles North students qualified to compete at the National DECA Competition this May. DECA is an association of Marketing and Management students who compete in areas of business such as Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Financial Services, and Retail Merchandising. The competition consists of a general economics test, a product knowledge test, and two case-study situations called role-plays. Many business professionals and teachers judge the students.

The students who represented North High School achieved great success at this year's competition. The following is a list of awards from this years competition:

- o Greg Stinton, Katie Kurtz – 1st Place – Hospitality Marketing Team
- o Eric Jamison, Cory Jacoby – 1st Place – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team
- o Morgan Andrews – 1st Place – Food Marketing
- o Laura Molitor, David Williams – 1st Place – General Marketing Research
- o Mark Figura – 2nd Place – Vehicles and Petroleum Marketing
- o Bryan Place and Imran Kanchwala – 4th Place – Financial Services Team
- o Ashley Wade, Glen Dickey – Top 10 – Retail Merchandising
- o Ian Casey, Mike Swartz – Top 10 – E-Commerce Team
- o Mike Rosso – Top 10 – Vehicles and Petroleum Marketing

The 10 students above who finished in the Top 4 in their respective event will be moving on to Nashville, Tennessee, to compete at the National DECA Competition in early May. The national event brings together 15,000 of the best and brightest high school business students from all 50 states, parts of Canada, and a few foreign countries.



NEW YORK TRIP

St. Charles North High School's Choral and Orchestra Programs took a trip to New York City over the weekend of March 20th to participate in the Performing Arts Consultants Music Festival. The main purpose of this experience was to receive comments from professional educators in the form of written and audio assessments while being compared to other performing ensembles of similar size schools in the same competition.

We are proud to announce that our North students performed at the highest level and received several awards. 1st Place with a gold rating was awarded to the Chorale in the mixed choir category; Bel Canto was awarded 1st Place with a gold rating in the treble choir category; and the Chamber Orchestra was awarded 1st Place with a gold rating in the string orchestra category. Because of this success, the Orchestra Program at SCN received the Grand Prize with a gold rating for the instrumental category, which included all bands and orchestras, and SCN's Choral Program received the Grand Prize with a gold rating in the choral category.

Congratulations to these students and their teachers for their continuing excellence. We look forward to their future success.

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It is difficult to believe that three quarters of another school year are behind us. This year, we have seen new direction in developing curriculum through our ETC days, a focus on development of standards in Mathematics and Social Studies, and a determination to help our students improve their achievement in the classroom and on standardized tests. We trust that our focus in these three areas will improve overall student learning.

The registration and course selection process for 2004-2005 is nearly completed and the process of hiring staff to meet our student requests is underway. We expect our student enrollment to reach 2,040 this fall and are anticipating additional staff to meet those needs. One year ago, we were concerned about potential cuts to our program pending the vote on the referendum. With passage of that referendum, there are visible additions to North High School. Additional teachers will be added to the classroom, a Math Resource teacher will provide direct support to students in that content area, full time reading support will be available, and our co-curricular program remains extensive.

The end of the year brings a time for seniors to celebrate. This year is no exception, and we have many activities planned that will bring their high school experience to a successful close. Please join us as we help them exit with pride. During the last several weeks of the school year, parents and staff will sponsor a number of activities for seniors including *Academic Scholars Night*, *Senior Sunset Barbecue*, *Senior Breakfast*, *Prom*, *Post-Prom*, and *Commencement*. As the school cycle goes, shortly thereafter, we will welcome the new Freshman Class of 2008.

Please allow me to offer my thanks and appreciation to the many parent groups that continue to share in our efforts. It is through their hard work that we are able to offer many student opportunities and improvements to classroom experiences. My thanks to our many athletic Booster Organizations, PTO, Friends of Music, and the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation. As we join in your efforts, the students and staff of North High School look forward to a successful conclusion to the 2003-2004 school year.

Frank A. Kesman
Principal

Clementz wins Art Scholarship

St. Charles North High School art student Katie Clementz recently won a one-week scholarship to the Art Institute's Summer Program at Oxbough in Saugatuck, Michigan. On February 26th, the Art Institute of Chicago hosted the annual Portfolio Day for outstanding art students in the Fox Valley area. Each school was invited to send one or two of their most committed and promising art students to have an individual critique done by Art Institute representatives. The critiques were very positive and done on an individual basis with each student. The artwork displayed that evening by 26 students was a very impressive showcase of the talented art students of the 13 representative schools in our area. All students participating received a certificate from the Fox Valley Associates in recognition of their outstanding achievement in being chosen to represent their school in this event. Katie Clementz and Stefanie Ricklefs were the representatives for St. Charles North High School. Katie Clementz was one of the two scholarship winners to "Ox-Box", the Art Institute's Summer Program. Congratulations to Katie!

North Star PTO

PTO News

It's hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the school year. I would like to thank all of you that have generously donated your time, creative efforts, and baked goods to our many sponsored events. We are a unique high school - in that so many parents still participate on a daily basis. Thank you.

I'm sure you are aware of the safety changes that will be made to Randall Road shortly. You may not be aware that the Student Council and former board member, Steve Cole, were very instrumental in bringing this issue to the Kane County Transportation Board for consideration. Driving to high school is a right of passage in our culture and having a safer route to school is a community-wide responsibility. As parents of high school students, we greatly appreciate the efforts of the students, Steve Cole and the Kane County Board for their attention to this issue.

April and May are very busy months at the high school. Mr. SCN will be held on April 14 along with the Empty Bowls Project (proceeds benefit Lazarus House) and Student Art Show. The sophomore class is raising money for next year's (2005) prom with a silent auction on that night. Please come out to support their efforts. On April 15th speakers for the Junior Healthy Lifestyle Workshops will be at school. Once again Tom Santoro will be talking about healthy peer relationships and new this year is a presentation by Miss Illinois. We need about 12 parents to assist from 7:00-9:00 am. Please call Jan Stark at 513-5883 if you are available. Then we have the Fox Valley College Night hosted by North on April 20th. About a hundred college and universities will be represented here that night. Freshman and sophomore parents, you may want to stop by just to get a feel for what is awaiting you. Then on April 28 & 29 is the Junior PSAT testing. The PTO and the PPS Department provide snacks for the juniors on these two days. We need about 14 parents each day. Please call Waheeda Anwar at 443-8261 if you can help on either day. Seniors do not have to report to school on those two days. Then in May we have Prom on May 8th, Senior Academic Scholar's Night on May 13th and Commencement on May 30th along with other senior events the week prior to graduation. There is still time to sign up for PTO board positions. Open positions are: President, Vice President, Sophomore Rep, Junior Rep, Senior Rep, Nominating, Post Prom and Scholarship. Please consider a position. We can't provide assistance without lots of parental involvement. This is a great way to find out what is happening at school and having a voice in the activities we sponsor. If you are interested

in serving in any capacity - large or small - please contact Sue Becker at 513-0514 or Pat Screeden at 377-2448.

Post Prom Progress

The Post Prom Committee has been working since last June planning for this year's event. The location will once again take place at Gameworks in Schaumburg during the early hours of May 9th. Students will arrive at the high school around midnight, board buses with a scheduled arrival of 1:00am. They will be returning to the school parking lot around 5:00am. Freshman, sophomore and junior parents, please consider chaperoning that evening. We know these are really strange hours but senior students really don't want their parents attending.

The theme for the evening is "Got Game?" Some very clever ideas have been designed for t-shirts and a logo. There will also be one final Post Prom fundraiser. Gardens and Gatherings, a florist shop (in the green Victorian house) in Wasco, will donate a portion of the cost of every Prom corsage and boutonniere sold to the Post Prom Committee. These corsages are beautiful - carnations to orchids, feathers and Swarovski crystals. Please consider purchasing your corsages there. If you have any questions or are interested in assisting in current activities, contact chairs Mary Fremgen (513-0917) or Christine Krog (443-1104). There are still lots of opportunities to help.

Fundraisers

We hope you have had an opportunity to admire the beautiful print of St. Charles North High School that resides in the main office. The print sells for \$25.00 and with it you'll receive a \$25.00 coupon toward framing. We have some great framing ideas so that it can be used as a keepsake for your student. Call Theresa Shoup at 365-6797 or check out the PTO web site for more information. We also have note cards of the print. Ten note cards sell for \$5.00 and are perfect for writing those senior thank you notes. Call Cindy Hueneke at 377-9692 for information.

PTO Meetings

PTO meetings are held in the LRC from 7-9 pm on the 3^d Monday of the month. Please join us. You can also find our meeting minutes and budget on the PTO web site. Next meeting Tuesday, April 19th.

Jan Stark - PTO President

Curriculum Corner

This issue will highlight assessment of student learning at STC North High School. The table on the opposite page lists all of the tests and surveys in which our students will participate. We have worked hard to organize the test and survey schedule to ensure all students are able to perform at their best on each assessment. There are a few new and exciting assessment tools being used this spring including:

HSSSE - High School Survey of Student Engagement

St. Charles North High School will administer this survey to all students on April 20th. Our school will be among the first 100 high schools in the nation to take part in this survey. The HSSSE was pilot tested with more than 7,200 students in the Glenbard (IL) High School District in the spring of 2003. The survey assesses the extent to which students engage in a variety of good educational practices and will help teachers and administrators with school improvement efforts. Student participation is voluntary and whether or not students take part has no bearing on their grades or other school activities. Parents wanting a copy of the survey or deciding that their children will not participate in the survey should contact Dr. Denise Herrmann, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, at (630) 443-2762 or by email at dherrmann@d303.org.

MAP - Measure of Academic Progress

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) has been working for over 25 years to develop high quality Achievement Level Tests - electronically administered and scored achievement tests designed to measure growth for individual students, classrooms, schools, and districts. The MAP test is adaptive - meaning each student takes a unique test that is dynamically developed for him or her as the test is being administered. The program instantly analyzes the student's response to each test item and determines the appropriate difficulty level to present throughout the remainder of the test. This adaptive test gives all students an equal chance to succeed. There are no "wasted" items; students can

actually attempt all of the items in a given test. During this test low performing students will be more confident and high-performing students will be truly challenged. The test has no time limit - although a typical range is between 30 - 50 minutes. The MAP test will be administered to all 9th grade students on April 28th (Math) and April 29th (Reading).

OTHER CURRICULUM NEWS:

ETC Update

The ETC Steering Committee, a team comprised of teachers and administrators, held two meetings in March to review the work of the winter ETC session and to make recommendations for improving the program. The team examined the portfolio of work each ETC project group submitted at the end of the session to determine what worked well and what should be modified to assist the teacher groups further. In addition, the Steering Committee reviewed teacher's feedback from the end-of-session survey:

ETC was a valuable use of my time.

SA(52%)	A(42%)	D(3%)	SD(1%)
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I feel that this work had an impact on student learning in my class.

SA(35%)	A(55%)	D(6%)	SD(0%)
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To what degree did you meet the goal(s) for this session?

slight (2%)	moderate (11%)	substantial (36%)	met goal (38%)
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Textbooks

At the February school board meetings new textbooks were approved for the following courses for the 2004-05 school year:

- Algebra
- Biology and Biology LH
- Chemistry and Chemistry LH
- Earth Science
- Foundations of Algebra
- Geometry LH
- Sociology

Schedule of Surveys and Tests for Spring 2004

Survey or Test/Assessment	Date(s)	Students involved	Classes impacted	Use of results
Social Studies Common Assessments	Between 3/15 and 3/26	All 10 th -12 th grade students	All social studies classes	District 303 assessment of student progress toward social studies standards - teachers will analyze course data for gaps in understanding
Illinois Youth Survey	Week of 3/22	All 10 th and 12 th grade students	PE and Driver's Ed	Statewide survey used to gather data on substance use, school safety, and student attitude of self, school, and community.
NHS Senior Survey	Wed., March 24 th or Thurs., March 25 th	All seniors	Jr/Sr English classes	NHS survey to gather satisfaction data from all senior students
National ACT Test	Saturday, April 3 rd	11 th graders who sign up for the test	none	Achievement data used for college admissions and career counseling
HSSSE - High School Survey of Student Engagement	Tuesday, April 20 th	All North High School students	All 3 rd period classes - the period will be extended to accommodate the survey	Data on student engagement (academic and social behaviors) will inform and support implementation of our School Improvement Plan.
PSAE - Prairie State Achievement Test <i>(ACT plus Addt'l IBSE authored tests)</i>	Wed., April 28 th and Thur., April 29 th	All 11 th grade students	All junior classes	State-wide test used to measure student progress toward state learning goals in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies <i>(math and reading data used for NCLB accountability)</i>
ISAT - Fine Arts	Wednesday, April 28 th	All 10 th grade students	All sophomore classes <i>(w/ altered schedule)</i>	State-wide test used to measure student progress toward fine arts standards
ISAT - Health/PE	Thursday, April 29 th	All 10 th grade students	All sophomore classes <i>(w/ altered schedule)</i>	State-wide test used to measure student progress toward PE/health standards
MAP - Measure of Academic Progress - MATH	Wednesday, April 28 th	All 9 th grade students	All freshman classes <i>(w/ altered schedule)</i>	Data from computerized test (returned in 48 hours) will show real-time achievement in math and will be used as benchmark to measure future growth
MAP - Measure of Academic Progress - READING	Thursday, April 29 th	All 9 th grade students	All freshman classes <i>(w/ altered schedule)</i>	Data from computerized test (returned in 48 hours) will show real-time achievement in reading and will be used as benchmark to measure future growth
AP Testing	May 3 rd - May 14 th	11 th and 12 th graders who sign up for test	Varies by student	Individual student results used to earn college credit, school-wide data used for program improvement
Senior Exit Meetings w/ guidance counselors	May 18 th	12 grade students	Jr/Sr PE classes	Data on post-secondary plans (choice of college or career) used to track graduate performance

LEGEND OF POLARIS MURAL UNVEILED

On Monday, March 8th, St. Charles North unveiled its newest addition to the school's gymnasium in an effort to boost school spirit.

As many remember, last year the school's mascot, Polaris, was introduced at a pep assembly, and at this year's pep assembly a mural depicting a large polar bear and The Legend of Polaris was unveiled. This mural, spanning 20 feet long and 16 feet high, was produced with funds donated by the Student Council, Athletics, Student Activities and our principal, Mr. Kesman. Members from Student Council helped the artist, Robert Finzel, paint this mural in an effort to defray costs and were on hand to help tear down the protective covering before the entire school.

After the unveiling, "the original" Mike Smith, a nationally recognized motivational speaker, spoke to the entire student body, connecting The Legend of Polaris' values of integrity, leadership and community to the school's spirit and culture. Mike was invited by the Student Council and funded by Student Activities and Student Council funds. The mural will remain in the school's main gymnasium as a gift for years to come.



The St. Charles North HS Student Council is proud to present The Legend of Polaris Mural as a gift to be enjoyed by the student body for years to come.



Literature Festival at North

Authors and storytellers visited North during March 8-12th as part of the St. Charles Literature Festival. Students met with the authors to discuss their works and their perspectives in small lunch group sessions.

They also heard the authors speak in larger group presentations. The storyteller who visited North offered tales new and old to a cross section of classes.

Neal Shusterman visited with our students and amazed them with his accomplishments in areas unknown to them. He has written screenplays for Disney and popular programs that they knew for television. The murmurs throughout the crowds were abundant. Although many were familiar with his young adult fiction material, they knew little of his writings for movies and television. The students asked questions about his writing and his ideas in two large group sessions and a small "lunch with the author" group.

Dan Keding entertained his audiences with stories, tales and ballads from around the world. While some older stories were designed to warn adults and children to behave, he explained that some stories have been changed throughout time to make them more appropriate for smaller children. The audience of each of his sessions heard slightly different stories. His personal tales about two of his dogs were a highlight to his afternoon audience.

Da Chen brought a small rural village in China to life. The village was one with sea winds, a small elementary school, and a primitive life style. Some of his antics about growing up brought out laughter from the audiences, while others were greeted with groans. He captivated those present with anecdotes about primitive bathrooms in a rural area of China where he grew up and with his performance of a song on a bamboo flute that honored his father.

St. Charles North High School Car Show



St. Charles North High School is planning a car show for May 22, 2004. It will be located in the main parking lot and is open to all students and parents of students from St. Charles North. There are going to be several categories of "show" competitions that are to be determined at a later date. Prizes will be determined based on number of participants and possible donations from local businesses that would like to partake in this fun and exciting event.

There are 150 estimated spots available for cars and motorcycles and it is important that all interested members of St. Charles North's population have first choice in filling these positions. All remaining spots will be opened to interested car enthusiasts outside North Star Country.

Food and drinks are to be made available and there will be a small fee for patrons who want to enjoy what will, hopefully, be a fun spring day. All proceeds will be given back to the Technology Department to help purchase new equipment for that department as a whole and to help refurbish our vintage Mustang Coupe.

For more information, please contact Chris Lewandowski (630) 587-7131 or Tim Davis (630) 443-5674 at St. Charles North High School.

Eichmann's Interior Design Chosen



St. Charles North senior, Lauren Eichmann, is the winner of the Interior Design portion of the Charleston XX Building Trades Competition. The Interior Design classes from both North and East High School's participate in this event, which is judged by professional designers from the

community. Lauren's flooring, lighting, cabinetry and counter top selections will be placed in the Building Trades house, which is currently under construction in the Harvest Hills subdivision in St. Charles. Congratulations Lauren!

Stepien Receives 2004 Inspired Teacher Scholarship

Global Studies instructor, Bill Stepien, has been selected as the recipient of a 2004 Inspired Teacher Scholarship for Visual Learning from Inspiration Software. In its sixth year, this scholarship program supports professional development activities for educators in K-12 schools, colleges and universities who champion the integration of visual learning and technology into the curriculum.

Mr. Stepien joins 29 other award recipients worldwide who will use the \$750 scholarships for a wide range of professional development activities, including attendance at a conference, training event or professional education course where visual learning is a key topic.

"When we review the scholarship applications, we are amazed at the innovative ways that educators use the power of visual learning to help their students build critical thinking, writing and comprehension skills, and learn difficult concepts," said Mona Westhaver, president and co-founder, Inspiration Software. "We are proud to support education leaders, such as Bill Stepien, and we know that he will use the professional development activity to develop new teaching strategies and to inspire other teachers in their schools to use this proven instructional method."

CHESS TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The St. Charles North Chess Team completed its most successful season in February with a record of nine wins, six losses. This year's Chess Team boasted thirty players, eight of whom competed on the traveling conference team. At the Upstate 8 Conference tournament in January, three of our players won individual board titles: Brent Wheeler won fifth board; Mike Zubik won sixth board; and, Ben Lacart won eighth board. At the State Tournament, our team finished 60th in state out of 126 teams.



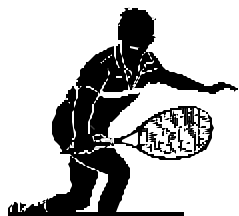
Top finishers included Mike Zubik who placed 8th in state, Ben Lacart who placed 13th, and Eric Chelmecki who placed 20th in state. Other varsity team members included Dan Modica at 1st board, Bobby Clark at 3rd board, Sam Mullineaux at 7th board, Nick Fay at 9th board, and Imran Kanchwala at 10th board. We look to a tremendous season next year.

“BETWEEN THE LINES”

This winter was filled with firsts for the St. Charles North Athletic Program. In Boys Swimming, our North Stars claimed their first sectional title and were ranked fifth in the state. Among our state qualifiers were Tom Barrath, Doug Brooks, Andrew Fenton, Dan Force, Eric Jamison, Alex Kraus and Phil Morton.

Our Girls Varsity Basketball Program took second place in the Burlington and Oswego tournaments. All conference players Bethany Conrad and Annie Lauterer led the team to a new high in victories.

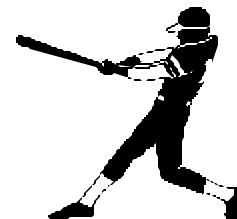
The Wrestling Program worked hard on fundamentals all season. Improvement was evident with Mike Harriett and Tom Fullmer qualifying for sectionals.



The St. Charles Gymnastics co-op never lost an Upstate Eight regular season meet and won the Neuqua Valley Regional. Conference all around champion Stacy Thompson was also named “Gymnast of the Year” by the Kane County Chronicle.

The Varsity Boys’ Basketball enjoyed a 17-win season with a chance to win conference in their last game. Kenny Goldthwaite was named All Conference.

Our Drill team and Cheer squads have qualified for state championship competition. Coach Franson will travel with her drill team to Champaign while Coach Cubberley and the cheerleaders compete in Springfield.



Congratulations to all our winter athletes!

We look forward to spring sports. Home competitions began in late March. Check the athletic website for any additions or changes to the schedules.

***Help Support St. Charles North
April 30th and May 1st***

***20% of your GreenHouse Purchases at
Fifth Avenue Flowers, Gifts & GreenHouse
2701 W. Main
St. Charles/377-1122***

***Will be donated to the St. Charles North
Outdoor Concession Stand Building Fund
Make Your Purchase Just in Time for Mothers Day***

***Please present this Ad or coupon (available in the
Athletic Office) at Time of Purchase***



North Students Serve As Election Judges

While only about one-fourth of eligible voters turned out to vote in Illinois' primary election March 16, more than *one-third* of North's honors American Government students took a more active role in the election.

Thirty-nine seniors in Mike Kuper and Laurel Howard's honors government classes spent the day at polling places working as election judges through the Kane County Student Election Judge Program. Student judges had the same duties and responsibilities as their elder counterparts – signing in voters, answering their questions, collecting ballots, filling out paperwork and sorting the ballots at the end of the night.

Students had to be at their polling places by 5:30 a.m. and had to stay until the ballots and other paperwork was ready to be transported to the County Clerk's Office in Geneva – in many cases 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.

This was the third election in a row in which North students served as election judges, but this year's turnout was more than double that of the past. Fourteen students were election judges in November 2002 and fifteen served in April 2003.

“We encourage our government students to become involved in one way or another, and this program gives them the opportunity to take part in an election and see a part of the process most people don't get to see,” Mike Kuper said.

To prepare for the day, most of the students participated in a two-hour training session run by the County Clerk's Office. Students were paid \$125 for their services.

In addition to the election judges, about thirty-five 18-year-old students in the four classes voted for the first time on March 16 – after spending much of the third quarter learning about candidates, the issues and election procedures.



Lindsey Weber
Election Judge
Campton Township 5th Precinct
Christ Community Church



Jill Rastello
Election Judge
Campton Township 4th Precinct
Grace Lutheran Church



Nicole Anast
Election Judge
St. Charles 30th Precinct
Christ Community Church

Introduction to Spanish Field Trip

Mrs. Landbo and Mrs. Zimmer's team-taught "Introduction to Spanish One – Year One" course recently attended two different field trips. The students first went to Emilio's Tapas Restaurant in Wheaton to sample authentic Spanish cuisine including <<paella>> the Spanish national dish. The following week the students sampled authentic Mexican cuisine at El Puente Restaurant in St. Charles. As per request, the students were provided the opportunity to taste <<mole>> a liquid (drink) made with chocolate, peppers and tomatoes.

Throughout the unit of study about "food" the students learned what foods are/were native to Spain, what foods are/were native to the Americas, and what different foods were available to both continents after they were united. The students learned how geography affects what foods are available and what foods are considered "native" to various parts of the world. The students showed an understanding of that which is outlined in our Year One Foreign Language Culture Standard (below), as they wrote an English paragraph describing the Spanish, Mexican, and United States (Illinois) food preferences.

CULTURE: Understand the culture of target language societies	Identify cultural information and perspectives in societies associated with the target language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students identify people and geographical areas in which the target language is spoken ▪ Students use common forms of courtesy ▪ Students identify common daily habits and leisure time activities ▪ Students identify cultural events and customs
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Advanced Child Development

Monday, March 8, Erin Alfredson, an Advanced Child Development student from St. Charles North High School brought her horse to Corron Elementary. Erin gathered all the second grade students in the circle drive and talked about the care and responsibility of raising a horse. As a student in Advanced Child Development, Erin takes on the role of teacher assistant with Mrs. Rehbock at Corron. The opportunity allows the students to explore the educational field.



Junior, Erin Alfredson, Advanced Child Development Student

ONE-ACT PLAYS

St. Charles North High School presented its second annual performance of the Senior-Directed, One-Act Plays on January 22, 23, and 24 in the auditorium. Under the advisement and supervision of Wendy Elm and Joe Pietrie, four senior directors and their assistants worked for nearly six weeks to prepare their casts for production. Director April Pigott and Assistant Mike Moore directed *Little Airplanes of the Heart* by Steve Feffer; Director Meghan Lamb and Assistant Luke Donia directed *Swan Song* by Anton Chekov; Director Chris Stark directed *Hard-Boiled* by Deborah Lynn Frockt; and Director Katia Malarsky and Assistant Christine Coleman directed *Sure Thing* by David Ives. The directors were responsible for selecting a play, auditioning and selecting their casts, creating and maintaining a rehearsal schedule, working directly with student actors during rehearsals, overseeing production concerns, and ultimately watching their efforts come to fruition on stage. Many students and parents contributed to the success of this year's production. Thank you to all involved!

The Empty Bowls Dinner

Sponsored by St. Charles North Art Department & National Art Honor Society

Date: Wednesday, April 14th

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Place: St. Charles North High School – enter through main doors

Price: \$10.00 donation per bowl or \$15.00 for families

The St. Charles North Art Department would like to invite you to the "Empty Bowls Dinner". Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger. In an effort to raise money for Lazarus house (a St. Charles based facility which provides food & shelter to men, women, teens and children from the local community who are in need), the art classes have made ceramic bowls, which will be filled with soup made by the foods classes.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Help raise money to fight local hunger.
- Have a delicious meal (soup, bread, desert).
- Receive a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl made by art students at St. Charles North as a reminder there are always "empty bowls" in the world.
- Listen to wonderful music.
- View the 4th Annual Galaxy All Student Art Show. Tonight is the opening reception from 5:00-6:30 p.m. with award presentation/refreshments at 6:45 p.m.
- Have a chance to win fabulous door prizes sponsored by the sophomore class student council. Winners will be announced after the Art Awards presentation.
- Guest Potter from Japan, Yosuke Koizumi donated several of his thrown pieces for the auction while he was visiting our art classes last month.



Guest Potter from Japan, Yosuke Koizumi, demonstrating his skills for art students

The Art Department and National Art Honor Society would like to invite you to participate with the annual "Empty Bowl" project in any way you can. If you cannot attend dinner but would like to make a donation to Lazarus House, please make checks out to: National Art Honor Society – Empty Bowls

Thank you for your support!

CLASS OF 2006 WILL HOST SILENT AUCTION

In an effort to raise funds for Prom 2005, the Class of 2006 will be hosting a silent auction throughout the school on the evening of Wednesday, April 14th. This event will coincide with the art program's annual Empty Bowls philanthropy. Items will be placed for bidding around the school, with different student instrumental groups playing music throughout the hallways, along with student artwork being displayed as well. Bidding will start at 5:30 PM and close promptly at 6:30 PM. Winning bids will be announced in room 203 at 6:45 PM. Items up for bid range from swimming and piano lessons to quilts, artwork and possibly a car. Look for more publicity to follow with specific item information. Questions or donations to the auction should be addressed to Ms. Erin Fasbender at (630) 587-7153

"KISS THE PIG"

Signs with "Pucker up Faculty" were displayed throughout the school during the first week of February, as Student Council promoted a new event called "Kiss the Pig". Eight faculty "volunteers" had their names put on large water jugs in the cafeteria, and students put spare change into the jug of the faculty member they most wanted to see kiss a live pig at an all-school assembly on Monday, February 9th. Competition became rough around Friday, February 6th, when Mr. Ryan Colton's jug received four five-dollar bills and then Mr. Rob Rooney's jug received a twenty-dollar bill.

In the end, Mr. Rooney raised the most money in his jug, yet at the pep assembly Mr. Colton, as honorary second placeholder, kissed the pig in honor of Mr. Rooney, who was absent for a family emergency. Colton's demure first attempt to kiss the piglet, donated by a Sycamore High School "Future Farmers of America" student, was rejected by the student body at large during the assembly, and thus Colton had to complete a second, much grander, attempt. The event raised \$200, which was donated to the Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin.



Mr. Colton gives the little piggy a big smooch for charity

HOPE**Understanding Emotions and Stress**

Having a desire to learn more about how to live a healthier and stress-free lifestyle, members of the St. Charles North HOPE Club planning team decided to design a meeting around the topic of stress. On February 24th, Diane Ball, an employee of Delnor Hospital and an expert on the relationship between Emotions and Stress, spoke to the entire HOPE Club.

Ms. Ball began her presentation with an informative PowerPoint and discussed how a person's perception can determine stress. Attempting to prove the point that individuals perceive things in different ways, Ms. Ball next showed a video clip of students playing basketball. Members of the audience watched the clip and were instructed to count the number of times the team in the white uniforms passed the ball. Surprisingly, the audience had numerous answers. The video was then shown again; only this time the audience was instructed to observe if there was anything odd about the basketball game. After a second viewing, some students (not all) noticed a man in a Gorilla suit dancing in-between the players.

The second part of the presentation consisted of how stressful situations can cause a person's heart rate to increase. Various students volunteered to participate in a "mini-activity" and have their heart rate monitored. These students were connected to an EKG machine and had their pulse rate projected on a screen. While the student's were connected, Ms. Ball asked each of them a variety of questions ranging from "what do you like to do on the weekends?" to "do you mind standing-up and singing in front of the entire group?" Each question elicited a different response among the students, and the audience was able to see how each person's heart rate increased if they perceived a question to be potentially stressful. HOPE members felt extremely informed by Diane Ball's presentation and enjoyed the hands-on experience.

**Sadie's Olympics**

The sophomore class helped to plan this year's first ever Sadie's Olympics which were held at the school on the evening of March 8th. The Olympics were designed as an event to promote enthusiasm over this year's Sadie's week, which also coincided with the District's Literature Festival. The Olympics consisted of four different competitions, including a Quiz Show, a whole school Obstacle Course, a floating plastic Duck Hunt challenge, and a Human Foosball tournament. Twenty teams of eight competed this year, with each team choosing a team name, team color and personalized themed uniforms. Awards were presented at the school pep assembly on Friday, March 12th, to the winners of each event, the Most Spirited team; the Best Uniform; the team that Tried Really Hard, But Didn't Do Too Well; and the overall place winners of first through third. This event was an overwhelming success and will happen again next year.

MOCK TRIAL

The St. Charles North Mock Trial Team finished up their fourth season at the state tournament, sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), on March 5 in Springfield, Illinois. There were over 50 Illinois high school mock trial teams at the state competition. For the past three and a half months, the team has been working on a hypothetical criminal case, provided by the ISBA, *The State of Illinois v. Kinsely Craghead*. The case this year was a cyber stalking case that took place on a college campus. The team was responsible for presenting prosecution and defense arguments before judges and attorneys who evaluate their arguments and their performances. Students who participate on the team increase their understanding of the judicial system, the law, and courtroom procedures; it also gives them an opportunity to work on their listening, speaking, writing, reading and analytical skills.

The state tournament was not the only competition for the St. Charles North team. For the first time, they received and accepted an invitation to compete in the Maine South Mock Trial Invitational that took place at the Cook County Courthouse in Rolling Meadows on Saturday, February 28th. Heather Kopec, a sophomore assuming the role of an attorney for the defense, took home an Outstanding Attorney Award from this competition. In addition to the Maine South Tournament, the team competed in the sixth annual St. Charles Tournament at the Kane County Judicial Center on Saturday, January 21, that is co-sponsored by both St. Charles North and St. Charles East high schools. Judge Donald Hudson, 16th Judicial Circuit Court Judge, arranged for the use of the Kane County Judicial Center and three other judges to hear eight high schools argue the cyber stalking case. Local attorneys also volunteered their time to evaluate the performances of each of the high schools.

Students participating on this year's team include: Seniors Tim Timberlake and Maria Zannis, Sophomores Chris Lawrence, Heather Kopec, Christy Shirreffs, Lauren Gardier, and Stephanie Zwolan and Freshman Matt Pezzuto. A special thank-you to the parents, Mrs. Shirreffs, Mrs. Lawrence, and Mrs. Zannis, who supported the team at the state tournament. The team is also especially grateful for the assistance of Patrick Crimmins, attorney for Brady and Jensen Law Firm in Elgin and St. Charles High alumni, for volunteering his time to be our attorney coach.



Mock Trial Team: (L to R) Lauren Gardier, Maria Zannis, Chris Lawrence, Tim Timberlake, Heather Kopec, Matt Pezzuto, Christy Shirreffs

Mathematics Competition

On February 25th, approximately 270 St. Charles North students joined tens of thousands of students nationwide by participating in the annual American Mathematics Competitions. The AMC, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, is used to identify the top math students in the United States and Canada. A score of 100 or better on the upper-grades test qualifies a student to continue in the competition. This year, five North students qualified: Mike Polito, Derek Welch, Joe Lancaster, Darren Pocci, and Brent Wheeler. Congratulations to those five and to all of the students who participated this year.



Sophomore, MacKenzie Travers, participated in the American Mathematics Competition

Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Bowl team recently finished the best season in its four-year existence. The varsity team had a 5-5 record during the regular season in the Upstate Eight Conference, and the junior varsity team was 4-2.

Among the North Stars' five regular-season victories were first-time wins against Bartlett, Larkin and Lake Park. Four of the team's five losses were decided by close margins.

The North Stars also beat Elgin in the Upstate Eight Conference Tournament on March 6 before losing to Streamwood to finish in sixth-place in the conference. Two days later, North beat Geneva in the opening round of the Wheaton-Warrenville South Regional before bowing out to Glenbard South.

Captain Jonathan Liang and Matt Gibson both finished among the top ten individual scorers in the Upstate Eight Conference, the first time the North Stars had two players in the top ten. Newcomer Jessica Wallace was a valuable member in her first season on varsity. Danny Vandenberg and James Samolowicz were also varsity starters, and Ben Mullineaux and Brien Funk saw playing time as alternates.

For the first time, the North Stars also had a regular junior varsity team. The JV squad was paced by sophomore Charles Gorman, who led the team in individual scoring. Also on the JV team were Tim Bisantz, Chris Corry, Ray Hsu, Brandon Lanphear, Evan Phillips, Bill Piggott and Katelyn Power.

Scholastic Bowl is an academic team which competes against other schools in a Jeopardy-style quiz format. Questions come from a variety of academic subjects, including science, social studies, literature, math, economics, music and art.

The North Stars are coached by Mike Kuper and Jennifer Henneman.

Doughnuts+Doughnuts =Doughnations!

On February 19th students and staff raised over \$3,000 in ten minutes. The Doughnut-eating contest is a fun and competitive way to raise money to help local elementary-aged D303 students purchase clothing, school supplies, and books.

The top fundraiser was junior, Brittany Lanphear who raised \$401.50 with the help of her coach and classmates. She did not, however, eat the most doughnuts. For the second year in a row, Senior John Quinlan claimed the prize for eating the most doughnuts. John also won the award for best coach—David Johnson. Juniors Paige Stoeklin and Pat Brown won the award for best costume as Don King and Boxer.

National Honor Society members hosted the second annual event. Members of NHS will take students from D303 elementary schools that have been identified by their principals shopping on one Saturday in April. NHS plans on spending \$150 per child.

According to NHS Co-advisor Amy Macechko, "National Honor Society hopes to be able to help at least twenty elementary students this year. Last year we were able to help sixteen." NHS members are paired with the elementary students and get to shop with the youngsters.

"None of this would be possible without the hard work of the students," says Scott Woods, NHS Co-advisor. "The kids do a phenomenal amount of work raising money prior to the event."

Woods said, "The way you help is to get people to sponsor you to eat per doughnut. For example, if someone will sponsor you for 50 cents a doughnut—and you eat four doughnuts—they will donate two dollars. Of course we'll aim a little higher." Many students this year also began using a flat donation system.

A special thanks goes out to all of the students and staff who helped with the event and the parents and community members who donated.



North HS students and staff raised over \$3,000 to help local elementary-aged students by participating in the donut-eating contest



Senior, Eric Fey, is once again crowned NHS Ping Pong Champion

3rd Annual Ping Pong Tournament

Our third Annual Ping Pong Tournament was held during the months of February and March. A very special thank you to all our parents who volunteered to "referee" this daily lunch hour competition that had over 200 students work through the rounds.

The semifinals showcased the returning semi-finalists from last year with Peter DeHaan and Eric Fey whipping those paddles through the air for the heated and exciting championship on Monday, March 8th. Eric Fey retained his role of Ping Pong Champion, two years running. All semi-finalists were awarded School Store Gift Certificates along with Eric who was awarded a School Store Gift Certificate and a personal trophy. A perpetual plaque will be hung in the cafeteria foyer atrium with

Eric's name inscribed heralding his ping-pong prowess. An additional special thanks to Secretary, Debbie Brannon, who coordinated and scheduled the daily contests!

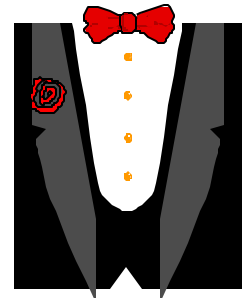
Preparing for Prom: How to Spend "A Night on the Town"



It's time for top hats and tails, glamour and gowns as the Classes of 2004 and 2005 step out to enjoy a "Wonderful Tonight". On Saturday, May 8th, 2004, St. Charles North High School will host its 3rd Annual Prom celebration for the Junior and Senior classes at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Oakbrook, Illinois. Juniors and Seniors received booklets about this momentous occasion that will provide any person who wishes to attend Prom 2004 with all the information necessary to make this night unforgettable.

The foundation of any undertaking of this magnitude involves fundraising. The Junior class realizes this and in order to prepare for such a momentous occasion, the members of this class have been busy raising funds in a variety of venues, most recently including weekly Krispy Kreme sales on Wednesday mornings. Doughnuts can be purchased for 50 cents or \$5.00/box. Come buy and support Prom!

It's back and better than ever!! Mark your calendars now and note the date change: April 14th, 2004, from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Charles North High School Auditorium. It's truly an event not to be missed. Eleven of your own North Star junior and senior men will be vying for the title of Mr. SCN. There will be competitions, voting, and, as Mr. SCN 2003, Chris Gekas, crowns Mr. SCN 2004, a tradition continues here at St. Charles North High School. \$5.00 tickets will be sold at the door for this evening's star-studded activities. This year's candidates are seniors Dave Brackmann, Johnny Buchta, Ian Custer Mike Fremgen, Joe Pelizza, and juniors Jason Javers, Eric Jamison, Jonah Malarsky, Peter Nelson, Jake Rigert, and Mo Thompson.



As you can see, there are many exciting and creative opportunities that are happening here at St. Charles North High School. We invite each and every one of you to participate in preparing for Prom 2004, and thank you, in advance, for making the memories that will be created as we celebrate a "Wonderful Tonight".



Breakfast with the Stars

The *Breakfast with the Stars* Program honors individual stars within our school community. Some of the individuals nominated are out there for all of us to see and congratulate. Others are behind the scenes or who, in their quiet way, demonstrate a level of excellence through service, academics, competition, or simple kindness. Some of these students give of their special talents on a day-to-day basis in the classroom and some of them excel in our extra and co-curricular activities. Each student is unique and special in the way they share and develop our school community.

March 2004 Award Recipients

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Ms. Marilynne Flora	Cyndi Warren	Ms. Debbie Scully	Maddie Johnson
Ms. Erin Fasbender	Aubree Storm	Ms. Colleen Fasbender	Louise Cook Tyler Winans John Taube IV
Ms. Kristin DiTella	Ashley Crimaldi	Mr. Jason Yeates	Kristina McAuliff
Ms. Barbara Beyer	Tyler Chamberlain Hajerah Hameeduddin	Mr. Alan Holtz	Melissa Proulx
Ms. Jennifer Henneman	Christopher Corry		



PPS CLASS NOTES



As we enter the fourth quarter of the school year the members of the Pupil Personnel Services staff encourage all students to reach down within themselves to find the energy to finish the last two months of school with their *absolute best work*. You may have used Spring Break to catch up on assignments or to rest mentally and physically. In either case, you should be prepared to fully engage in the exciting activities and opportunities that the last months of school offer!

As always, the members of the PPS Team are available to support you as you move forward toward your goals and the completion of another successful year. Feel free to call us at 443- 5716 or e-mail us.

We are excited to have the opportunity to serve you!

Dr. Bruce A. Lane
Assistant Principal
Pupil Personnel Services

Senior Class Notes

Senior Counselor Goodbye

On Monday, May 18th, you will meet with your counselor during Physical Education classes. This "Senior Goodbye" will be an opportunity for you and your counselor to make a final check of your records before graduation. It will give you an opportunity to provide feedback to the school. It is a time to let us know what your final career or college plans are and where you want your final, free transcript to be sent. Finally, it will be an opportunity for you to provide personal written feedback to any staff member of St. Charles North High School. If you have any final questions before these meeting, be sure to contact your counselor:

A-Der	Mr. Kirby	443-5717	mkirby@d303.org
Des-Hov	Dr. Freitag	587-7135	rfreitag@d303.org
How-Mas	Mrs. Munro-Krusz	443-5715	kmunro-krusz@d303.org
Mat-Nep	Mrs. Shouba	443-5714	gshouba@d303.org
Neq-Sha	Mr. Nothnagel	587-7146	lnothnagel@d303.org
Shb-Z	Mrs. James	443-5638	jjames@d303.org
	Dr. Lane	443-5668	blane@d303.org

**PPS CLASS NOTES (CONT'D)****Senior Class Notes****Check and Double Check**

All seniors are encouraged to check and double-check their status in their classes. Know what your status is in each of your classes and for graduation overall. If there are any questions regarding what you need to do to pass classes or to graduate, see your teachers or counselors immediately.

Seniors Encouraged to Plan Useful Activities

Seniors will not be in attendance during the April 28th and 29th junior PSAE exams. Seniors are encouraged to use these days for: final college visits, job shadowing, completing job application materials, catching up or getting ahead in class work, or other constructive activities.

Advanced Placement Exams

Students are offered a wide range of Advanced Placement courses at St. Charles North High School. These courses include American History, Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, English, French IV, German IV & V, Latin IV, Music Theory, Physics, Regional Environmental Science, Spanish IV & V, Statistics, and Studio Art. AP courses offer the advanced student an opportunity to get a head start on college by earning high school as well as college credit for their efforts by scoring well on the AP examinations for the areas that they have studied. Many of our students sign up to take multiple exams. The AP Tests cost \$82.00 per exam.

The Value of AP Courses and Exams. Those students who have enrolled in one or more of the 13 AP classes offered at North this year know that it is a demanding, but very rewarding experience. AP Courses are rigorous college level courses in which students are challenged to perform at their personal best. Simply taking the course itself provides a positive learning experience for students. However, if students take the course and pass its AP exam they receive extra value, including:

- gaining advanced placement into college courses.
- fulfilling general education requirements.
- being awarded credit points toward graduation.
- saving the tuition cost per course by receiving credit for an equivalent college course.
- having the rigor of your coursework stand out in the college admissions process.
- providing colleges/universities with extra information about your abilities.
- in some cases, fulfilling a Foreign Language requirement for college graduation.

Because individual colleges and universities formulate their own AP policy for awarding credit, students should consult undergraduate admissions for a copy of their policy. Beginning March 2004 you will be able to use the College Board's AP Credit Policy Search hosted on collegeboard.com to find out what these college and university policies are.

AP Exam dates and deadlines. The exam schedules and registration materials were distributed to students through their AP classroom teachers on February 26th. The priority deadline for registering for the May AP Exams was March 31st. If a student still wishes to take an AP Exam, they may register through April 13th at no additional charge; however, the College Board gives no guarantee of the delivery of tests ordered after the March 31st priority deadline. Students registering from April 14th–23rd during the late registration period will incur a late fee of \$30 per test. Please see the Guidance Office for more details.

The AP Exams will take place during the weeks of May 3-7 and May 10-14.

A special note to all AP students. Some of the AP courses have several AP Testing Options. Please be sure to check with the teacher and clearly specify which test you are registering for. The AP teacher must check and initial your registration forms.

It is our goal to encourage all of you to take the AP exams and do your very best. While the hard work you do in your classrooms and the learning stand alone as the most important benefit of an AP class, passing the AP exam provides you well deserved additional recognition. We challenge you to do your personal best on the exams. Thank you for the personal commitment to excellence that you have shown as an AP student at St. Charles North High School. Good Luck on the Exams!

Mrs. Jeanine James,
AP Coordinator

Junior Class Notes

Searching for the University of Your Dreams!

On Wednesday, March 24, 2004, Dr. Robert Freitag presented an evening designed to help juniors and their parents learn how to find the "University of Your Dreams." This presentation was video taped. The video and handouts from this presentation may be checked out from the PPS Office by contacting Mrs. Zoerlein at 443-5716.

Prairie State Achievement Examinations are April 28th and 29th

On April 28th and 29th all juniors at St. Charles North High School will take the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires that all schools give the PSAE to their juniors in order to assess the academic achievement of juniors in relation to the Illinois Learning Standards.

The PSAE Test daily schedule for juniors will be as follows:

Day 1:	ACT Assessment	
	7:30 a.m.	Students Check into their assigned test rooms
	11:30 a.m.	Students dismissed following collection of test materials
Day 2:	ISBE-Developed Assessments	ACT Work Keys Assessments
	7:30 a.m.	Students Check into their assigned test rooms
	12:30 p.m.	Students dismissed following collection of test materials

Juniors who cannot make other arrangements for transportation home on Day 1 of testing will have the option of riding a shuttle bus that will drop them off at the elementary school closest to their home. This bus will leave at 11:40 a.m. On Day 2, transportation arrangements will be announced.

All juniors received "Preparing for the ACT Assessment" on Monday March 22nd. Each junior will receive additional information regarding their room assignments, test preparation strategies, and the exact schedule of the day following Spring Break. On April 7th and 8th teachers in a variety of junior level classes will be providing juniors with information designed to help them do their best on the PSAE exams. Test preparation materials designed to help students prepare to do their best on the test are available in the Learning Resource Center.

It is very important that each junior prepare for and does his or her very best on this exam. The individual scores from each of the five PSAE subjects are listed on the student's transcript.

Should Students Take The National ACT Assessment In Addition to the PSAE?

Students frequently wonder if they need to take a nationally administered ACT assessment in addition to the state administered ACT exam that they take as part of the PSAE. The Guidance Office recommends that students take at least one nationally administered ACT exam in addition to the ACT that is included in the PSAE. Both exams can be used for college admissions to all universities. The only exception is the U.S. Air Force Academy which will not take the state administered ACT. The state administered ACT given with the PSAE also cannot be used for the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse; and, there are some scholarships that require a nationally administered ACT exam. Therefore, it is a good idea to take at least one nationally administered ACT exam.

Taking the ACT a second time without doing anything to prepare for the test is not a guarantee that a student's score will improve. If a student chooses to take the ACT a second time, it is strongly recommended that they spend time reviewing test preparation materials designed to help them improve their score or review materials related to the areas of relative weakness as indicated in the results from their first test.

Illinois College Exposition Fox Valley College Fair

The Fox Valley College Fair will be held at St. Charles North High School on April 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Representatives from nearly 200 colleges across the nation will be present to answer the questions of Fox Valley students. All students and parents are welcome to attend.

Sophomore Class Notes

This quarter will be the second year for the Sophomore Career Unit. The English II teachers and guidance counselors will be working together to provide all sophomores an overview of the career development process and to introduce them to the various resources available for exploring careers that best match their interests, values, aptitudes, and skills. This academically integrated, developmental guidance curriculum was designed by counselors and English teachers as part of a special grant. This year students will learn how to use CareerCruising.com and a variety of on-line career and college search resources. Students will produce a "Future Plan" in which they use the information gathered through their research to chart a career and educational plan for their future.



CLASS OF 2004

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Saturday</i>	May 8, 2004	Hyatt Regency Oakbrook	<i>Dinner included</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	May 13, 2004	Academic Scholars Night	<i>Auditorium; 7:30 PM</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	May 20, 2004	Cap & Gown Distribution	<i>Café foyer</i>
<i>Friday</i>	May 21, 2004	Cap & Gown Distribution	<i>Café foyer</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	May 25, 2004	Mandatory Grad Group Meetings	<i>2:30 PM; assigned rooms</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	May 26, 2004	Senior Farewell Candlelight Ceremony	<i>Auditorium; 8:00 PM</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	May 27, 2004	Senior Sunset BBQ	<i>Courtyard; 6:00 PM</i>
<i>Friday</i>	May 28, 2004	Graduation Practice	<i>Main Gym; 7:30 AM</i>
<i>Friday</i>	May 28, 2004	Senior Breakfast	<i>Arcada; following practice</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	May 30, 2004	Commencement Ceremony	<i>Stadium; 1:30 PM</i>

Note from Ms. Van Arragon, RN, CSN School Nurse



To parents of graduating seniors:

If you need a copy of your child's immunization records for entry into college, please request these as soon as possible, and **BEFORE** the end of school in June. I am in the office only occasionally during the summer and will not be available on a regular basis to access these for you.

Also, your child may require additional vaccines, such as the Hepatitis B series, or a meningitis vaccine. If he/she does, you should contact your primary care health care provider, or the Kane County Health Department at (630)264-7665.
Thank you.

Adopted March 8th, 2004

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 303
2004-2005 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2004

Aug. 23, 24, Monday, Tuesday	Teachers' Institute Days
Aug. 25, Wednesday	All Students Report
Sept. 6, Monday	Labor Day – Schools Closed
Sept. 17, Friday	School Improvement Planning – No School for Students
Oct. 11, Monday	Columbus Day – Schools Closed
Oct. 12, Tuesday	Teachers' Institute Day - No School for Students
Oct. 29, Friday	End of First Quarter
Nov. 22, Monday	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School for Students
Nov. 23, Tuesday	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences – High School Teachers' Inservice – No School for Students
Nov. 24, Wednesday	Non Attendance Day (offices open)
Nov. 25, 26, Thurs, Friday.....	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 17, Friday	Last Day of School in 2004
Dec. 20, Monday-Dec.31, Friday	Winter Vacation – Schools Closed

2005

Jan. 3, Monday	School Resumes
Jan. 17, Monday	M.L. King's Birthday – Schools Closed
Jan. 20, Thursday	End of Second Quarter
Jan. 21, Friday	Teachers' Work Day – No School for Students
Feb. 18, Friday	Teachers' Institute Day-No School for Students
Feb. 21, Monday	Presidents' Day – Schools Closed
Mar. 24, Thursday.....	End of Third Quarter
Mar. 25, Friday.....	Non-Attendance Day (offices open)
Mar. 28 – Apr. 1, Monday-Friday	Spring Vacation – Schools Closed
Apr. 4, Monday	School Resumes
Apr. 15, Friday	K-5 only – afternoon Parent –Teacher Conference/K-5 in classes in AM
Apr. 18, Monday	School Improvement Planning – No School for Students
May 30, Monday	Memorial Day – Schools Closed
June 3, Friday	Last Day for Students if No "Emergency Days" are Used
June 10, Friday	Last Day for Students if 5 "Emergency Days" are used

Teacher Institute Days

No School for Students

Aug. 23, Aug. 24,
Oct. 12, Feb. 18

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

No School for Students

Nov. 22 K-12; No School for Students
Nov 23 K-8 only, **HS Inservice**; No School for Students
Apr. 15 K-5 only--afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences/K-5 in classes in AM

School Improvement Planning Days

No School for Students

Sept. 17, Apr. 18

Teacher Work Day

No School for Students

January 21

First Quarter

Aug. 25 – Oct. 29 = 46 Days

Second Quarter

Nov. 1 – Jan. 20 = 43 Days

Third Quarter

Jan. 24 – Mar. 24 = 43 Days

Fourth Quarter

Apr. 4 – June 3 = 44 Days

IMPORTANT DATES

- ETC Day** – Apr 7 (Classes start at 8:11 AM)
Breakfast with the Stars – Apr 8, 6:45 AM, LRC
Symphonic Bands Concert – Apr 8, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
School Improvement Day – Apr 9, No School for Students
Chamber Orchestra Concert – Apr 13, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
Board of Education Meeting – Apr 12, 7:30 PM, Admin Building
Empty Bowls – Apr 15, 5:00 PM, NHS Front Hall Foyer
Mr. SCN Show – Apr 14, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
PTO Meeting – Apr 19, 7:00 PM, LRC
Wind/Special Symphonic Concert – Apr 19, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
College Fair – Apr 20, 7:00 PM, Lrg /Sm Gyms
ETC Day – Apr 21 (Classes start at 8:11 AM)
Trunk Full of Funk – Apr 22, 7:00 PM, Rm 302
Board of Education Meeting – April 26, 7:30 PM, Admin Building
PSAE Testing – Apr 28 & 29, TBA, NHS
Spring Musical – Apr 29 & 30, May 1; 7:30 PM, Auditorium
ETC Day – May 5 (Classes start at 8:11 AM)
Breakfast with the Stars – May 6, 6:45 AM, LRC
Vocal Jazz Concert – May 6, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
Prom – May 8, 6:00 PM – Pictures/6:45 PM – Dinner, Hyatt Regency in Oakbrook
Board of Education Meeting – May 10, 7:30 PM, Admin Building
Jazz Café, May 10, TBA, Pheasant Run
Academic Team Banquet – May 11, TBA, Cafeteria
- 8th Grade Athletic Night** – May 12, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
Academic Scholars Night – May 13, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
PTO Meeting – May 17, 7:00 PM, LRC
Freshman/Symphonic Band Concert – May 17, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
Special Symphonic/Wind Band Concert – May 18, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
ETC Day – May 19 (Classes start at 8:11 AM)
Vocal Music Concert – May 20, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
Board of Education Meeting – May 24, 7:30 PM, Admin Building
Mandatory Senior Grad Group Meeting – May 25, 2:30 PM, Assigned Classrooms
Senior Farewell – May 26, 8:00 PM, Auditorium
Final Exams – May 27-June 1
Orchestra Concert – May 27, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
Senior BBQ/Trunk Full of Funk – May 27, 6:00 PM, Courtyard/Cafeteria
Graduation Practice – May 28, 7:30 AM, Main Gym
Senior Breakfast – May 28, Arcada, (Following Practice)
Graduation – May 30, 1:30 PM, NHS Stadium (Weather Permitting)
Memorial Day – (Schools Closed) May 31
Last Day of School – (If no emergency days used) June 2
Board of Education Meeting – June 14, 7:30 PM, Admin Building
SAT Test – June 5, TBA, NHS

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