



# "The Navigator"

## Principal's Newsletter

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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

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Senior Mitchell Ware receives his Unsung Hero Award from Principal Kesman and guest speaker Joe Dittmar



Junior Stephanie Cihlar and Sophomore Scott Dauksha are acknowledged for their "behind the scene" efforts.



Junior Leah Bressler is recognized for her "unsung" daily efforts of helping others.

## North Star Unsung Heroes

A new recognition program was unveiled with the first annual "Unsung Heroes Awards" ceremony which took place on February 10<sup>th</sup> in the school Auditorium. This award was created to honor and applaud the "behind the scenes" students who are the unpretentious helpers, the givers, always anticipating the needs of the classroom, the activity or the sport. These special students are there as a constant unassuming reminder of the "goodness" that occurs everyday in our school community.

Mr. Joe Dittmar, a survivor of the 911 World Trade Towers, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. The expression "you could hear a pin drop" was never more true as students, parents, and staff listened to Mr. Dittmar describe the fateful day that made "Unsung Heroes" out of ordinary people. Mr. Dittmar explained that he was attending a business meeting on the 105<sup>th</sup> floor of Two World Trade Center. One of only seven survivors of the 54 attending the meeting, Mr. Dittmar gave an inspirational insight into one of the most incredible events in US history. His story provided a wealth of lessons about how we proceed with our daily lives. His message dealt with not only our vulnerability but also the impact of human determination and how we can all make a difference in our day-to-day lives.

The following sixty-three students were nominated by staff to receive the 2005 Unsung Hero Awards: Brittany Albers, Bryan Barker, Mary Bialek, Frank Bisceglie, Jackie Bober, Jackie Brannon, Leah Bressler, Bill Britton, Samantha Brown, Corey Burmeister, Stephanie Cihlar, Scott Dauksha, Kara Deibel, Tom Elapumkal, Jake Fenoglio, Neil Goldberg, Joshua Gray, Colin Harrison, Nicholas Higgins, Maddie Hughes, Keith Kaplan, Emma Kaska, Adam Keen, Brian Keen, Corbin Klett, Jennifer Klink, Andy McCoy, Kelly McDonnell, Kevin McEnery, Kelly Meyer, Robbie Miller, Amber Millard, Chris Montgomery, Christine Mullen, Sam Mullineaux, Katie Panger, Kyle O'Brien, Kate Oscarson, Erin Pecina, Evan Phillips, Derek Sanders, Kristina Serewicz, Leah Shales, Rick Shales, Kirsten Shoup, Laura Siemianowski, Michael Sircher, Samantha Stewart, Alexandra Szarmach, Ryan Taylor, Mitchel Tegtman, Maria Tetzlaff, Emma Titus, Pat Tobin, Elise Valdez, Corey Verisario, Mitchell Ware, Kendall Williams, Kristin Wlezien, Jennie Wyrwicki, Kristy Young, Jason Zabler, and Robby Zimmer.

You have much to be proud of in your contributions to "make-a-difference" excellence, and we are fortunate to have you as part of our school community. Congratulations to all of our "Unsung Heroes!"

*PEN OF THE PRINCIPAL*

It is difficult to believe that nearly three quarters of another school year are behind us. This year, we have seen continuing development of curriculum with our ETC days, a renewed focus on curriculum development in Mathematics, Science and English, 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.

As you are aware, District 303 will be asking our voters to approve a referendum that will add facility space to North High School as well as meet a number of other needs throughout the District. Please take the time to carefully review this referendum proposal. Certainly, we encourage everyone to vote on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, the entire St. Charles North community welcomes our next principal. Mrs. Kim Zupec will take over as North's second principal following my retirement at the end of June. Please note Mrs. Zupec's warm wishes for SCN and please take the opportunity to meet her when she assumes her responsibilities on July 1.

Frank A. Kesman  
Principal

*"Choose the work you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."  
Confucius*

I have traveled one of the most incredible professional journeys one can imagine. A native of Peoria, I graduated from Illinois State University in December of 1975 and taught high school English for the next seventeen years in Minonk, Geneseo, Waukegan, and Gurnee, Illinois. As a teacher, I assisted with the theater department and various class sponsored functions. In the fall of 1994, I transitioned into administration serving at Warren High School and Niles West High School. During these years, I coordinated efforts in curriculum revision targeting student accessibility to more rigorous curriculum. These positions taught me much about curricular designs, which advance student achievement.

In 1998, I came to Waukegan High School as principal. For the past seven years, I have worked closely with various school and community groups to redesign programs so as to address the specific needs of Waukegan High School students. Our graduation rate has risen dramatically by developing several optional paths for students to follow in their pursuit of a diploma. Our fine arts program has nearly tripled in size. Our business partnerships have grown and produced such wonderful entities as the Hewitt Career Center. We have continually worked to incorporate more outside resources to build on our community's diversity.

From my experience at Waukegan, I have gained a deeper understanding of the trust that our community places in us as we educate their students. Whether a teacher or administrator, I have always held as my constant, my Polaris, the students. Early on, I adopted from one of my mentors, a simply phrased question on which I base my decisions: How is what I want to do beneficial for students? As long as the students for whom I work are the focus, I never have to question my motivations or priorities. Seeing success in the eyes of a high school student is by far the greatest reward for all that is done in schools.

I look forward to continuing my career at St. Charles North High School. To be a part of such a superb community is an honor beyond imagination. I pledge to respect and continue the fine work that is underway. Thank you for this opportunity.

Kim Zupec  
Incoming Principal  
2005-06

**PTO NEWS**

**POST PROM “California Here We Come” – OC Style!!**

Just think of it - the main gym, balcony and cafeteria will be filled on the night of May 14th with games, including a 30 foot race track from RC Racing Experience, Adrenaline Rush Obstacle Course, Bungee First Down, Gladiator Joust, Money Machine (real money!) simulator games, old beach movies, casino games, and food, food and more food. Because this is happening at our school many parents are needed to make this party run smoothly. There are jobs to be done before, during and after the Post Prom. Parents are needed on:

Friday, May 13th after 3pm, and Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for set up and installation.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (11pm to 3am) to work Games, Security, Food and Prizes

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> for take down.

Post Prom needs parents from ALL grade levels. No special experience is necessary, just an ability to have fun while making this a fun night for our students. Please volunteer and help make this first on-campus Post Prom a huge success. Contact Sue Wachs at 630-587-1121 or e-mail at [sewachs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sewachs@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Election**

There are eight candidates campaigning for four seats on the Board of Education. There are four candidate forums scheduled in March to help the voters learn about the candidates. Please feel free to attend any of them to see what the candidates are all about.

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Corron Elementary School

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Norton Creek Elementary School

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am at the District Office

Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm at Ferson Creek Elementary School.

The April 5<sup>th</sup> election will also include an \$86 million referendum question, which will fund changes for our school.

**Reminder to Senior students**

PTO offers four \$750 scholarships for post high school education, including but not limited to college. Applications are in the Guidance Office. These scholarships are available to students of PTO members.

**Ping Pong Tournament**

Thank you to all the parents who helped referee the Student Ping Pong Tournament. What a fun six weeks!

**Market Day**

A belated, but heartfelt, thank you to all who supported the Pie Promotion in November. SCN was the 10<sup>th</sup> largest seller in the Market Day Company. February featured a cookie dough sale, and in March our thirty-eight Frequent Buyers will begin to receive their rewards. We'd like to thank the many school groups and clubs that have helped us with the delivery of product this year. It's been a real pleasure for us to work with and get to know the students and their advisors. A HUGE thanks to all who have ordered from Market Day! We have doubled our profits in the last two years, and we continue to grow. The September through January sales have produced over \$9,500 in profit. This means money for most school groups and organizations to supplement their programs for our students.

**School Portraits**

School portraits are available for \$25. See the framed print hanging in the Main Office. With your \$25 purchase you will receive a \$25 coupon toward framing. Check out the school website for more information, or call Theresa Shoup at 365-6797. We also have note cards of the print; ten cards for \$5. Perfect for writing senior thank-you notes. Call Cindy Hueneke at 377-9692.

**PTO meeting minutes**

Minutes are posted on the school website (click on Community then SCN PTO). The remaining meetings are:

Monday, March 21st

Tuesday, April 19th

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Meetings start at 7:00 PM and take place in the school LRC.

## Mother/Daughter Prom Brunch

The Junior Class is sponsoring the first ever *Mother/Daughter Prom Brunch* on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pheasant Run New Orleans Ballroom. Local dress and tuxedo shops will be displaying their fashions and prizes will be given out. Students may purchase dresses they like at this event, and some of the shops will be guaranteeing that no other student in the Fox Valley will be able to purchase a design that is bought at the event. Tickets are on sale for \$35 each (includes brunch and the show) in the Student Activities Office. The event promises to be a special event for parents and students alike, and a strong tradition for years to come.

## Win a car at Post Prom!

The students at St. Charles North High School are extremely excited about the upcoming post prom event because they will have the opportunity to drive away in an automobile!! McGrath Motors of St. Charles graciously donated a vehicle to the upcoming event at the school. "It is a great way to encourage kids to attend a safe and fun party after prom" said Mark Newmann, General Sales Manager of McGrath Motors.

The community has been very supportive of this event being sponsored by a group of parents of St. Charles North students. This is the first time North has hosted the event at the high school and extensive work has been involved in the preparation. If you wish to donate or can help please contact Paula White at 377-2050. McGrath Motors is located at 1421 East Main Street, St. Charles.



Seniors (L to R) Derek Welch, Jason Javers, Katie VanCleave, Jaime Spolum, and Ashton Butler are ready to catch a wave and win a car at Post Prom!

## SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER

- All visitors are to park in Visitor Parking.
- No parking is allowed in the Fire Lane (Yellow Curb) around the school perimeter.
- Please enter at Door # 4 the Main Entrance to St. Charles North.
- Please report to the kiosk at the Main Entrance where you will be asked to provide the following information:
  - Valid picture identification
  - Make and model of your vehicle
  - License plate number
  - Reason for your visit

We appreciate your cooperation in providing a safe, secure campus for all of our students and staff here at St. Charles North High School.

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Buses only in the Bus Lane from 6:50 -7:30 am and 1:45pm-2:30 pm.
- Morning student drop-off is allowed in the first lane of the parking lot.
- Please refrain from using the Bus Lane.

## REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the parents of graduating seniors: Your son/daughter will most likely be required to submit immunization records for admission to college. Please remember that the School Health Office is closed for the summer, so please make arrangements to do this BEFORE the last day of school.

If you have any questions, please call us at (630) 443-2752.

Mrs. Amy Boynton & Ms. Wilma Van Arragon

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS!

The scholarship file is full of great scholarships for seniors. Some of the local applications are The Greater STC Education Foundation (\$1000), The SCN PTO (\$750), Pottawatomie Garden Club (\$1000), Central DuPage Hospital (\$1000) and Provena St. Joe Hospital (\$1000). The American Legion scholarship is a guaranteed \$5000 for one of our students who have a parent/grandparent who was a veteran. All the scholarships are listed on the North website and updated weekly. You go into PPS, and then hit Counselors/Guidance, then Scholarships. Many deadlines are fast approaching so send your student to the Guidance Office soon!

In May we have our Academic Scholar Night where we honor those seniors who have received scholarships. We are only as good as the information given to us so please, when your student receives word they have received a scholarship, please call/email Karen Porter ([kporter@d303.org](mailto:kporter@d303.org)) at 630.587.7653 to be included on the agenda.

## SENIOR EXIT MEETING

On Monday, January 24, 2005, seniors attended their senior exit-planning meeting in the auditorium during 3<sup>rd</sup> period. The meeting covered many aspects about end-of-the year planning. Seniors were measured for their graduation caps and gowns; received information on ordering graduation announcements; were informed about their final senior exit obligations; and had an opportunity to sign up to help with special end-of-the year events.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please call the Student Activities Office at (630) 443-2777 to get information that will assist your senior as they "exit with pride". Important "Dates to Remember" handouts are available in the main hallway kiosk. More information will be mailed home in the near future with regards to graduation, so please take the time to review this material when it arrives to your home.

## *"BETWEEN the LINES"*



*Our winter athletic season is coming to a close very quickly. St. Charles North has enjoyed many team and individual successes over the past four months. Despite having to travel off-campus to practice throughout the winter months our Gymnastics team ended the season in fine fashion qualifying for the Sectional meet. Our wrestling program concluded its season on a high note as Dan Viso finished 2nd at the regional match which qualified him for the sectional meet at 160 lbs. The girls basketball program had its ups and downs throughout the winter winning some close match-ups and suffering some tough loses. The boys basketball program made some great strides this winter. Both our freshman and sophomore teams enjoyed lots of success and our varsity boys have had a terrific season. Our boy's swim had an outstanding season. They were Sectional Champions and qualified 12 individuals for the IHSA State Meet. Our drill team and cheerleaders have also qualified for the state tournament, which takes place the weekend of March 10th – Good Luck Ladies!*

*As our winter sports season ends and our spring season approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents whom have provided us with rides to and from practice, washed our uniforms, prepared our pre-game meals, dropped off our forgotten clothes, and supported us through thick and thin - you're very much appreciated.*

*Lastly, I remind each athlete and parent that proper paperwork must be on file prior to trying out for a spring sports team. This includes: a signed parent consent form, a current physical examination, and a signed code of conduct form. Registration materials are available in the Athletic Office.*

*On behalf of the student-athletes, coaches and administration, we would like to invite you to be a part of the St. Charles North High School 2005 Spring Sports Season! St. Charles North High School values your support and believes it is critical to our success. Hope to see you at a North Star contest!*

**GO NORTH STARS!!**

### **North Star to sing at State Basketball Championship**

St. Charles North High School senior Emily Shankman, a member of the All-State Honors Choir, will perform the National Anthem at this year's Illinois High School Association's Class AA Boys State Basketball Championship Tournament.

The tournament will take place on March 19, 2005, at the Peoria Civic Center.

Shankman beat out 18 other top honors choir students from across the state to earn this prestigious honor. Congratulations Emily!

### Daily Herald Leadership Team Announced

Senior Patty Dillon has been named to the Daily Herald's 2004-05 Leadership Team and senior Eric Jamison received honorable mention.

The Leadership Team honors high school students who maintained at least a C+ average and whose involvement with school, church and community non-profit groups and organizations helps to make our communities a better place to live.

Patty, the Class of 2005 Senior Class President, has been a guiding force in opening our high school. She has planned, organized, recruited, and thanked countless students, parents, staff, and community members as the Student Council has worked to create memories of Homecoming, Sadie Hawkins, Prom, and now, graduation, as she perseveres to provide a path of promise for those who pursue possibilities within our school community.

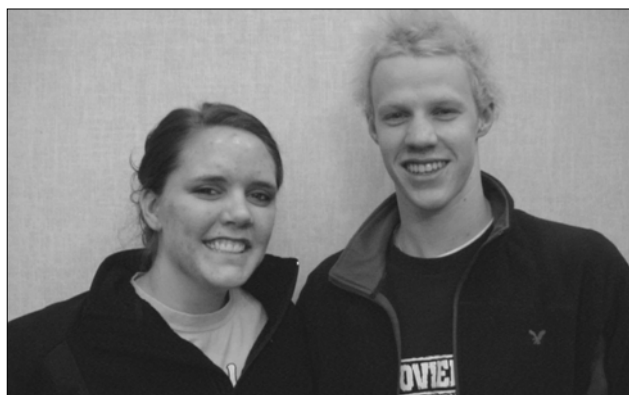
Besides Student Council, Patty has also been a member of our Girls' Softball Team and National Honor Society.

Patty has given of her time as a volunteer in a wellness center nursery, taught elementary school students how to make healthy decisions in high school, entertained senior citizens, and volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

"Patty's mere presence emanates integrity and character as she initiates action and promotes progress," wrote Dr. Debbie Kling, the Assistant Principal who nominated Patty for this Award.

Enthusiasm abound, dedicated and committed to his school community sums up Eric Jamison who received honorable mention to the Daily Herald Leadership Team. Eric has inspired and led fellow students to a new level of school spirit. His unassuming leadership style, friendly approach and good will towards all students offer a valuable and often rare mix of solid character that works everyday to build and improve our school community.

Eric is the Student Council Executive Board First Vice-President, is involved in many committees, and is on the Varsity Boys' Swim Team. He also finds time to perform a variety of community service work through National Honor Society and his family church.



Congratulations to seniors Patty Dillon and Eric Jamison

### A SNAPSHOT OF THE LRC

Freshman English teachers have been bringing their classes into the LRC for a new unit dealing with adversity. Students are researching for fiction and non-fiction materials on a topic personally relevant to them. Many students are using materials borrowed from local public libraries in addition to our resources. Students without library cards at the local public library request materials through the North LRC. Web pages for the adversity project can be found linked from the school LRC site under the curriculum links for English.

Sophomores are involved in a multicultural independent reading project. Students are reading books by authors from other countries and/or other ethnic groups. Many of the books are chosen based on book talks given by the librarians to introduce the wide variety of books present in the LRC collection.

Some biology students are producing brochures on genetic diseases using Microsoft Publisher. The brochures, designed to provide information regarding the disease, will be printed in color before being turned in to the science teachers.

Students in some Spanish classes are showing their creativity with restaurant menus. The menus, in Spanish of course, are printed in color using the LRC's laser printer.

And, of course, we are still working on getting the first semester textbooks back that are overdue. Textbooks from first semester classes that ended in January are overdue and should have been returned, but an amazing number of students don't return them on time. Why would they want to keep the book for a class they no longer have? An age-old question for librarians!

### USED BOOK DRIVE – BOOK WORM ANGELS



Students in the AP Biology classes are doing a service project to provide gently used books to students in Chicago schools. The vast majority of students in over 190 schools in Chicago's inner city are reading below grade level. To help solve this problem our students are having a book collection drive in March. Students will be asked to bring in slightly used "fun" books suitable for students pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Donations can be dropped off at the LRC at North High School through March 23. This is a great "kids helping kids" program to improve literacy and we appreciate your help in making this project a success. The books will be donated to BOOK WORM ANGEL, whose mission is to put lending libraries in each classroom in Chicago elementary schools where so many children are reading below grade level. Over 14,000 at-risk children now can borrow books right in their classrooms. 170,000 books have been collected to date and put into 22 inner city schools. **PLEASE BRING ANY BOOKS TO THE NORTH LRC – MANY THANKS!!!**



### International Studies: School-in-a-Box

After having studied in great detail worldwide human rights violations and concerns, Mrs. DiTella's International Studies classes joined together and purchased a "school-in-a-box" from UNICEF for victims of the horrible Tsunami tragedy.

Upon first hearing about the tremendous suffering and casualties in south Asia, the International Studies students were sympathetic and felt compelled to do something to help with the recovery. The students independently researched opportunities for donations and actively looked for unique ways to assist the suffering people. Both classes took a vote and decided that third period student Denise Gonzalez-Menendez's idea of purchasing a "school-in-a-box" was the best suggestion.

A "school-in-a-box" is a pre-packaged kit that provides basic education to children whose lives have been disrupted by the events surrounding the Tsunami. The kit contains basic educational supplies such as: exercise books, pencils, erasers, posters, and scissors. Teachers have been known to create makeshift classrooms using the "school-in-a-box" in order to ensure the continuation of education in the case of an emergency.

Every International Studies student donated money and both classes combined were able to purchase a kit that would ultimately benefit around 80 students living in south Asia.

### "Bonjour la France/Hello America!"

Ms. Heinz's French II classes are participating in a pen pal exchange with high school students in Paris. The French students are in their second year of studying English and are currently writing letters in English to our students. Our students will be writing back in French. Students are encouraged to include information about hobbies, family, school subjects and activities, as well as photos and an e-mail address for future contact.

### **National German Exam**

Congratulations to Certificate of Merit winners in the 2005 AATG National German Exam. Merit winners from North High School who scored in the 70th percentile or better are: Adam Fain, Kyle Burson, Brian Kelso, Lisa Blahut and Shannon Newman. Shannon's high score makes her eligible for an all expenses paid study trip to Germany sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

### Wellness Area Receives Donation

We would like to thank **AthletiCo** for donating \$16,000.00 worth of weight room equipment to St. Charles North High School. Mr. Mark Kaufman PT, ATC, President and CEO of Athletico and Mr. John Honcharuk ATC and Facility Manager at the St. Charles Foundry Street location were able to work out this donation with Steve McInerney ATC, CSCS, Assistant Athletic Director and Dean of Students.

This equipment will benefit all of our physical education students and have a positive impact on our athletes here at St. Charles North. The equipment included a seated leg curl, seated leg extension, abdominal machine, hip abduction, hip adduction, standing calf raise, and a cable crossover unit.

The licensed and certified athletic trainers and staff offer a variety of programs to improve and enhance athletic ability. They are professionals trained to recondition athletic injuries from the weekend warrior to the dedicated athlete. On site physical therapists provide physical therapy services with a prescription from your physician.

Please stop by and take a look at our new and improved weight room at St. Charles North. Thanks again **AthletiCo!!**



Senior Tyler Chamberlain enjoys working out on a new piece of equipment in the weight room.

## StarKids Teaching and Learning Center

Imagine being a teenager and being responsible for 15 3 - 5 year old children. What guidance technique or strategy works best for this child or in this situation? What activities need to be planned so they are developmentally appropriate and fun? How do I plan a lesson? How does one keep all their attention during story time? What information can I obtain to see where a child is in their development socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically? How do my observations help me understand my assigned child?

Welcome to Child Development 2: Preschool Experience. Fifteen preschoolers celebrated their first day on February 8 eagerly waiting to play with their high school friends. The Child Development 2 students run a 14 week StarKids Teaching and Learning Center in room 411 during periods 2 through 5 where they learn skills as a teacher, planner, observer and teacher assistant. The students gain wonderful hands-on experiences as they learn how to deal with the preschool aged child by practicing communication and interpersonal skills. Perhaps a career as a pediatrician, school nurse, early childcare educator, teacher, parent, psychologist, pediatric therapist, counselor, or social worker, is in the future. For further information, contact Colleen Fasbender or Jeanne Manly. Come check us out.



Freshman Angelike Zannis enjoys working with pre-schoolers at StarKids

## Fashion Design

Molly Moser, senior high school representative for the Illinois Institute of Art in Chicago and Schaumburg, was the guest speaker for the Fashion Design I and II classes in February. Ms. Moser focused her discussion on fashion careers and related



degree programs at The Illinois Institute of Art. A video showing the Institute of Art spring fashion show was also shown.

## Developmental Disabilities Survey

As a result of new legislation, the State of Illinois is conducting a statistical survey entitled, the Illinois Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS).

This survey will target information about the needs and preferences of people with developmental disabilities and their families. The survey will cover residential, vocational, in-home supports and transportation services for existing and future needs. The information gathered will be used to develop a support system that will benefit individuals with disabilities.

**The state departments, Day One Network and Office of Rehabilitation Services, encourage parents with students with developmental disabilities to contact them and set up an interview at the families' convenience.**

The contact information for your local state departments is listed below:

Day One Network  
179 Oswalt Avenue  
Batavia, IL 60510  
630-879-2277 Extension 105  
Contact: Lisa Jacino

Office of Rehabilitation Services/Department of Human Services  
888 S. Edgelawn, Suite 1771  
Aurora, IL 60506  
630-892-7417  
Contact: Jan Carey

## Transportation Reimbursement Program

Information regarding Parent/Guardian State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement was published in the November 2004 issue of The Navigator.

If you need more information regarding this reimbursement program, please call Tina Zucker at (630) 443-2750.

**Recycling is alive and well at St. Charles North HS.....did you know we have the highest recycled materials of any school in our district?**



**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.

**FEBRUARY STARS**

**Presenter**

Mr. Chip McPheeters  
Mr. Tim Davis  
Ms. Janice Young  
Mr. Mike Horn  
Ms. Rebecca Reber  
Music Department

**Recipient**

Peter Nelson  
Dan Surjan  
Christine Mullen  
Tyler Mahaffey  
Aaron Herreras  
Teah Riggs  
Colin Banker  
Evan Bravos  
Nicole Bremer  
Dipika Cherala  
Sheryln Mahren  
Hannah Qualls  
Emily Shankman  
Brianna Smith  
Jessica Wallace  
Brian Zankowski

**MARCH STARS**

**Presenter**

Mr. Mike Dockum  
Ms. Katherine McCleary  
Mrs. Julie Bishop  
Mr. Mike Kuper  
Ms. Jennifer Henneman  
Mr. Mark Gould  
Ms. Kathy Edgar

**Recipient**

Nick Bruhn  
Mike DeWitte  
Daniel Steamer  
Mary Toledano  
Joshua Grote  
Stephanie Horton  
Ashley Barthel

**National Honor Society**

On February 11, 2005 North's National Honor Society held its second annual blood drive in correlation with the Heartland Blood Donating Association. The blood giving stations were set up in the auditorium foyer, and students and staff just went down on their free periods to give blood. Many students as well as parents volunteered to help out that day as well. Blood donations went on from the morning till five pm that night. Donors were served snacks and juice after giving, as well as received a t-shirt and wristband for their contribution. There was a wonderful turnout this year, with a total of 141 people showing up to donate blood and 122 actually having blood drawn.



Junior Ryan Lavaja devours donuts during the National Honor Society "Donuts for Dozens" fundraiser. He was coached by fellow junior David Jones. The "Blues Brothers" team took second place in the donut-eating contest and first place for their costumes. The money raised by this annual event will be used by NHS to purchase classroom supplies and clothing for needy elementary-aged students living in our district.

**Yearbook Looking for Staff**

Yearbook is a lot more than just plugging away at the computer.....even though we do a lot of that! The club has a lot of great times together all year long, because yearbook never ends. Once we finish one, it's right on to the next one. The club also goes on two trips a year. One over the summer and the second trip is to the Journalism Education Convention in November for active members.

The staff is in immediate need of solid writers and photographers. If this is something you think your son or daughter might be interested in, please encourage them to contact Mrs. Szmajda in office 410.

## MATH TEAM

The Math Team qualified 11 students for the ICTM State Math Contest at the ICTM Regional Math Contest on Saturday, February 26. Twenty-one students competed at the ICTM Regional. This is North's second year for participating in the ICTM math contests. The State Math Contest will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. More information about the state contest is available at [www.ictm.org](http://www.ictm.org) (look for "contest" on the left).

The qualifiers are:

Oral Contest: Stacy Pancratz (senior); Regional 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Pre-Calculus Contest: Katie Evans (senior); Regional 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Algebra I Contest: Lin Stacey (freshman); Regional 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Patrick Eschenfeldt (freshman); Regional 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Freshman-Sophomore Two-Person Team Contest: Patrick Eschenfeldt (freshman) and Karl Becker (sophomore); Regional 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Freshman-Sophomore Eight-Person Team Contest: Lin Stacey (freshman), Robbie Johnson (freshman), Joe Derroch (freshman), Joe Clay (freshman), Nicholas Alhambra (sophomore), Karl Becker (sophomore), Shannon Newman (sophomore), Surbhi Sarang (sophomore); Regional 1<sup>st</sup> place.

In February, 346 North math students joined over 200,000 of the top math students in North America in the American Mathematics Contests (AMC-10) and AMC-12), an annual test for advanced math students sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America. This year, ten students (up from four last year) qualified for the prestigious American Invitational Mathematics Examination, to be held on March 8. Nine students qualified by scoring at least 100 points on the AMC-12, which places them in the top 5% of all advanced math students nationally. One student qualified by scoring over 120 points on the AMC-10, placing him in the top 1% of freshman and sophomore advanced math students nationally.

The qualifiers from the AMC-12 (with scores) are:

Katie Evans (senior) 106.5; Jeff Engel (senior) 106.5; Brian Cheney (senior at East who travels to North for BC Calculus) 104.5; Dan Polito (junior) 104.0; Vincent Frantz (junior) 101.0; Eric Jamison (senior) 101.0; Kati Skelton (junior) 101.0; Elizabeth van Dril (junior) 101.0; Derek Welch (senior) 100.5.

The qualifier from the AMC-10 (with scores) are:

Raymond Hsu (sophomore) 122.0.

More information on the AMC Program is available at [www.unl.edu/amc](http://www.unl.edu/amc).

## Ping Pong Tournament

The annual Ping Pong Tournament saw a talented crowd of players as it was kicked off in the beginning of February. Each day during lunch hours, students, at the tables playing vigorously, were eliminated in rounds of play. Through volunteer efforts on the part of the PTO, referees were in place daily to supervise the competition rounds.

A hard and fast championship round of ping-pong was played on center court after a basketball game in late February. The final round came down to juniors Austin Trayser and Adam Shiltz who tied the match with the second game. Adam Shiltz walked away with the 2005 Ping Pong Tourney Trophy after a heated third round match. Congratulations to all the players who participated in this year's Ping Pong Tournament.



Junior Adam Shiltz (L) prepares to serve to junior Austin Trayser during the final match of the 2005 Ping Pong Tournament.

## FCCLA BRINGS HOME FOUR MOST OUTSTANDING

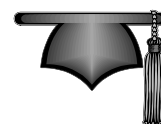
Four Most Outstanding placements came home to St. Charles North High School. On Friday, January 28, 2005 Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members from St. Charles North competed at their Section 1B Competition held at the College of DuPage. Twenty plus high schools competed in various skill events. The students in attendance were from various classes in the Family and Consumer Sciences department, such as, Foods and Nutrition; Fashion Design; Interior Design; or Child Development. The specific competition allowed the students an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, critical

**FCCLA BRINGS HOME FOUR MOST OUTSTANDINGS (cont'd)**

and creative thinking skills while competing against peers from other high schools. Judges for the various events were professionals in that particular field or teachers from area high schools, community colleges or universities. The judges had the ability to announce a most outstanding winner in their particular event if they felt the criteria had been surpassed. Out of 30 possible events, St. Charles North High School came away with 4 MOST OUTSTANDING WINNERS. The results are as follows:

NAME	SKILL COMPETITION	PLACE
Katelyn Keck	Salad Demonstration	Silver - Red Ribbon
Eric Loots	Relish Tray	Silver - Red Ribbon
Brittany Ginger	Relish Tray	Gold - Blue Ribbon
Maddie Johnson	Team Preschool Storytelling	Gold - Blue Ribbon
Maddie Hughes	Team Preschool Storytelling	Gold - Blue Ribbon
<b>Lindsey Richardson</b>	<b>Team Preschool Storytelling</b>	<b>Gold - Blue Ribbon and Most Outstanding</b>
<b>Genny Coulson</b>	<b>Team Preschool Storytelling</b>	<b>Gold - Blue Ribbon and Most Outstanding</b>
Emily Rayl	Team Preschool Storytelling	Silver - Red Ribbon
Sara Switzer	Team Preschool Storytelling	Silver - Red Ribbon
<b>Ali Johnston</b>	<b>Team Preschool Storytelling</b>	<b>Gold - Blue Ribbon and Most Outstanding</b>
<b>Sarah Sams</b>	<b>Team Preschool Storytelling</b>	<b>Gold - Blue Ribbon and Most Outstanding</b>
Shelby Harris	Preschool Storytelling	Gold - Blue Ribbon
John Taube	Culinary Arts Star Competition	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Stephanie Gutierrez	Culinary Arts Star Competition	4 <sup>th</sup>

On February 4<sup>th</sup> SCN students John Taube (senior) and Stephanie Gutierrez (sophomore) attended the section Culinary Arts Star competition for FCCLA at Robert Morris College in Naperville. This team event is somewhat similar to the "Iron Chef" series on TV in that teams of 3 students are given recipes for a dinner they are to prepare. They have 30 minutes to plan the meal and 60 minutes to prepare. Judges (usually area chefs) evaluate students on sanitation, food preparation skills and plating techniques. Top performers then qualify for state competition. Both students performed very well, John received third place out of 30 students, and Stephanie received fourth place! They will both be going to state held at the Kendall Culinary College in Evanston in March. The students will compete at the state level in April in Springfield.

**CLASS OF 2005 UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday	<b>May 11th</b>	<b>Academic Scholars Award Night</b>	Auditorium
Saturday	<b>May 14th</b>	<b>Prom (dinner included) Post-Prom</b>	The Seville North HS
Thursday	<b>May 19th</b>	<b>Cap &amp; Gown Distribution</b>	Cafeteria Foyer
Friday	<b>May 20th</b>	<b>Cap &amp; Gown Distribution</b>	Cafeteria Foyer
Tuesday	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mandatory Grad Group Meetings</b>	Assigned Rooms; 2:30 PM
Wednesday	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Senior Farewell Candlelight Ceremony</b>	Auditorium; 8:00 PM
Thursday	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Senior Sunset BBQ</b>	Courtyard
Friday	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Graduation Practice</b>	Main Gym; 7:30 AM
Friday	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Senior Breakfast</b>	Following Graduation Practice (location TBA)
Sunday	<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Commencement Ceremony</b>	Stadium; 3:30 PM




**PPS CLASS NOTE**

**Registration**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> is the Deadline for Requesting 2005-2006 Course Changes.** Letters verifying the courses that students have requested have been mailed to all students and their parents. Students have until March 11<sup>th</sup> to request course changes for the 2005-2006 school year. It is extremely important that parents and students carefully review the courses listed on this verification letter to be absolutely sure they are the courses wanted for the following year. If there is a change to these courses the student's counselor should be contacted immediately. Counselors may be contacted at:

Mr. Kirby	A-Cou	443-5717	<a href="mailto:mkirby@d303.org">mkirby@d303.org</a>
Dr. Freitag	Cov-Haf	587-7135	<a href="mailto:rfreitag@d303.org">rfreitag@d303.org</a>
Mrs. Munro-Krusz	Hag-Lea	443-5715	<a href="mailto:kmunro-krusz@d303.org">kmunro-krusz@d303.org</a>
Mrs. Rogers	Leb-O	443-5714	<a href="mailto:rrogers@d303.org">rrogers@d303.org</a>
Mr. Larry Nothnagel	P-Z	587-7146	<a href="mailto:Lnothnagel@d303.org">Lnothnagel@d303.org</a>
Mrs. Jeanine James	Sm-Z	443-5638	<a href="mailto:jjames@d303.org">jjames@d303.org</a>

**After March 11<sup>th</sup> requests for course changes will not be made unless a clerical error has been made or a master schedule conflict requires the selection of a different course.**

**Prairie State Achievement Examinations are April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

On April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 extent to which students in the eleventh grade are meeting the Illinois Learning Standards, that is, the specific knowledge and skills that students should learn in Illinois public schools,
- Provide for school accountability, and
- Recognize the achievement of individual students in meeting the learning standards.

The PSAE Test include the following components:

Day 1:	ACT Assessment English – 45 minutes (75 questions)
	ACT Assessment Mathematics – 60 minutes (60 questions)
	15 minute break
	ACT Assessment Reading – 35 minutes (40 questions)
	ACT Assessment Science Reasoning – 35 minutes (40 Questions)
Day 2:	ISBE-Developed Science – 40 minutes (40 questions)
	Work Keys Applied Mathematics – 45 minutes (33 questions)
	15 minute break
	Work Keys Reading for Information – 60 minutes (60 questions)

The requirements for conducting the PSAE will make April 27<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> unique days for all students and staff at St. Charles North. A number of adjustments in the normal operations of the school will occur on these days.

It is very important that each junior does his or her very best on this exam. The individual scores from each of the four PSAE subjects are listed on the student's transcript. Students have the opportunity to earned Prairie State Achievement Awards and to have those awards listed on their transcript. ACT Assessment scores from the PSAE can be listed on a student's transcript and can be used by colleges for admissions and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to determine financial aid.

**Career Cruising Can Help You Write Your Resume!**

Seniors who are preparing to seek employment immediately after or just before graduation should be aware that [career-cruising.com](http://career-cruising.com) can help them create their resume. Career Cruising is an online career and college search resource that provides all North students will an opportunity to assess their areas of career interests, locate information on careers that match those interests, and develop a personalized career portfolio that includes writing a resume. North students can access [career-cruising.com](http://career-cruising.com) from their home computer by using the username "North" and the password "high". If you need assistance in using the program see your counselor.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Mar 9 - Academic High Honors Breakfast, 7:15 AM           | Apr 27 & 28 - PSAT Testing                           |
| Mar 11 - Course Request deadline for changes              | May 2 - 13 - Advanced Placement Testing              |
| Mar 14 - Board of Education, Admin Building, 7:30 PM      | May 4 - ETC Schedule                                 |
| Mar 16 - 411 Bell Schedule                                | May 11 - 411 Schedule                                |
| Mar 16 - HSSSE Survey                                     | May 11 - Academic Scholar Night, 7:30 PM             |
| Apr 4 - Summer School Information Available               | May 14 - Prom, The Seville in Streamwood             |
| Apr 6 - ETC Schedule                                      | May 18 - ETC Schedule                                |
| Apr 9 - ACT Test at North HS                              | May 25 - 411 Schedule                                |
| Apr 13 - 411 Schedule                                     | May 29 - Commencement Ceremony - 3:30 PM             |
| Apr 18 - School Improve Planning - No School for Students | May 30 - Memorial Day - Schools Closed               |
| Apr 20 - ETC Schedule                                     | June 3 - Last Day of School - End of Second Semester |
| Apr 20 - College Fair at East HS                          | June 4 - SAT Test at North HS                        |

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