

“Between the Lines”

John Rutter, Athletic Director

The 2005-2006 sports season has come and gone very quickly. We have enjoyed many successes over the past nine months both in and out of the athletic arena. We were UEC Champions in Boys Cross Country, Girls Golf, and Girls Volleyball. We won Regional titles in Boys Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball and Girls Volleyball and Sectional titles in Boys Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming and Girls Volleyball. Our teams represented St. Charles North at the state level as well - Boys Cross Country team finished 3rd in State, the Girls Golf team was 9th, the Boys Swim Team was 7th and the Girls Swim Team finished 11th at State. Our student athletes have reaped the benefits of all of their hard work, dedication, and determination, each of which, has become the cornerstone of North Star athletics,

We had many student athletes whom achieved individual success throughout the year as well. Those athletes include:

Catherine Nosal – 5th in the 200 Freestyle and 6th in the 500 Freestyle at State

Kaylee Jamison – 6th at State in the 200 Individual Medley

Chris Peterson – State 500 Freestyle Champion in Boys Swimming

Reed Vostal – Boys Cross Country “Coach of the Year”

All Academic award winners are athletes who are varsity letter winners with a 3.5 GPA or better. 229 student athletes represented St. Charles North. Those include:

FALL 2005 ALL ACADEMIC

Girls' Tennis

Andrea Gentile Soph
Megan Gow Soph
Lauren Dutkiewicz Jr
Lynda Judy Jr
Denise Lovorn Jr
Kelly McNamara Jr
Anne Reuss Jr
Marla Tetzlaff Jr
Lauren Greener Sr
Christy Shirreffs Sr
Andraya Tubman Sr
Emily Zepeda Sr

Girls' Golf

Brooke Bettis Soph
Melanie Helgeson Jr
Rebecca Orr Jr
Danielle Detelich Sr
Kelsey Proud Sr

Girls' Volleyball

Kelly Brown Jr
Maddie Hughes Jr
Jayde Huxtable Jr
Emily Russell Jr
Caitlin Schneider Jr
Joanna Bebenek Sr
Ashley Harks Sr
Rebecca Lilovich Sr

Cheerleaders

Allyson Adriatico Jr
Kathryn Bakstad Jr
Rachel Dittman Jr
Denise Gonzalez-Mendez Jr
Megan Langille Jr
Kathryn Wolverton Jr
Amanda Kunos Sr
Erin Little Sr
Amber Millard Sr

Girls' Cross Country

Jaime Pfeiffer Soph
Liz Lanning Jr
Erika Boltz Sr
Leah Bressler Sr
Kate Fasbender Sr
Katie Fore Sr
Meghan Fore Sr
Angela Fulco Sr
Jennifer Janci Sr
Wesley Johnson Sr
Rachel Juszcak Sr
Lauren Keating Sr
Samantha Urhausen Sr
Christine Weaver Sr
Ellen Zanis Sr

Girls' Swim & Dive

Marcy Blowers Soph
Kelly Prieve Soph
Anna Bultema Jr
Kaylee Jamison Jr
Carolyn Nield Jr
Isabel Perfect Jr
Kelsey Ransom Jr
Aimee Barrowclift Sr
Jessica Cohen Sr
Melanie Edgar Sr
Laura Johnson Sr
Brigid Leavy Sr
Catherine Nosal Sr

Boys' Soccer

Michael Picinich Soph
Erik Ellingson Jr
Robert Gonnella Jr
Nathan Becker Sr
Micah Dorfman Sr

Football

Michael Goduco Jr
Brian Kelso Jr
Jeff Pechan Jr
Frank Bisceglie Sr
Tyler Chamberlain Sr
Dan Duncan Sr
Doug Fry Sr
Ryan Lavaja Sr
Brian McDonald Sr
Ian Pfeiffer Sr
Andrew Price Sr
Derek Sanders Sr
Adam Shiltz Sr
Jim Cavitt Soph
Tim Janeway Soph
Brandon Nothnagel Soph
Madden Titus Soph
Jim Vojahosky Soph

Drill Team

Danielle LeGare Soph
Beth Figura Jr
Arielle Johnson Jr
Brittney Lutsch Jr
Adriane Steltenpohl Jr
Jessica Tylka Jr
Jennifer Atkocaitis Sr
Ashley Atkus Sr
Jessica Dvorak Sr
Erin Flinn Sr
Kelly McGushin Sr
Katelyn Ohlrich Sr
Emily Pittner SR
Stephanie Poquette Sr

Boys' Golf

Nicholas Failla Jr
Collin Prentiss Jr
Vince Frantz Sr
Michael Thomas Sr

Boys' Cross Country

Rhett Morici Soph
Matt DeSilva Sr
Adam McCurdy Sr
Michael McDonnell Sr
Chris Rosso Sr
Stephen Wiitanen Sr
Ian Miles Sr



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WINTER 2005-06 ALL ACADEMIC

Drill Team

Jennifer Atkocaitis Sr
Ashley Atkus Sr
Jennifer Dvorak Sr
Beth Figura Jr
Erin Flinn Sr
Arielle Johnson Jr
Danielle LeGare Soph
Brittney Lutsch Jr
Kelly McGushin Sr
Katelyn Ohlrich Sr
Emily Pittner Sr
Stephanie Poquette Sr
Adriane Steltenpohl Jr
Jessica Tylka Jr
Natalie Failla Jr

Wrestling

Landon Goggins Jr
Lin Stacey Soph
David Trizzino Soph

Girls’ Basketball

Amanda Blumeyer Jr
Monika Cepaitis Sr
Tara Goodarzi Sr
Wesley Johnson Sr
Kathleen Kaduk Sr
Lauren Klopmeier Soph

Boys’ Basketball

Erik Ellingson Jr
Brandon Havens Jr
Derek Sanders Jr

Gymnastics

Heather August Sr
Kelsey Ransom Jr
Marcy Blowers Soph

Boys’ Swimming

James Brooks Sr
Nicholas Failla Jr
Robert Force Jr
Derek Hampton Soph
Jeff Holm Jr
Tom Lancaster Sr
Chris Peterson Jr
Adam Screeden Jr

**Cheerleading
(Competitive)**

Kathryn Bakstad Jr
Rachel Dittman Jr
Denise Gonzalez-Mendez Jr
Danielle Huff Soph
Alexandra Johnston Soph
Amanda Kunos Sr
Sarah Martin Soph
Amber Millard Sr
Kathryn Wolverton Jr

SPRING ALL ACADEMIC 2006

Boys’ Tennis

Andrew Davis Soph
Ryan deCaneva Sr
Colin Ducharme Sr
David Kowal Sr
Bryan Lesswing Sr
Andrew Price Sr
Adam Screeden Jr
Michael Thomas Sr
Ben Villwock Sr

Baseball

Chris Hamel Jr
Jeff Holm Jr
Michael Reiland Jr
Jeff Roberts Jr
Adam Shiltz Sr

Boys’ Volleyball

Austin Collingbourne Soph
Brandon Havens Jr
Jonathan Klaczek Sr
Jordan Krage Sr
Dan Polito Sr
Keith True Jr

Girls Track

Heather August Sr
Ashley Barthel Soph
Nora Becker Sr
Jaclyn Devitt Soph
Katherine Fasbender Sr
Kelsy Feiza Sr
Kaylee Jamison Jr
Jennifer Janci Sr
Rachel Juszcak Sr
Liz Lanning Jr
Kaitlin McFadden Sr
Claire O’Brien Soph
Jaime Pfeiffer Soph
Anne Reuss Jr
Monica Seif Sr
Alison Teichart Sr
Andraya Tubman Sr
Christine Weaver Sr
Ellen Zanis Sr

Girls’ Badminton

Natalie Albers Jr
Aaron Herreras Jr
Lauren Keating Sr
Allison Stephens Jr

Boys’ Track

Dan Blumeyer Sr
Chris DeSilva Soph
Matt DeSilva Sr
Adam McCurdy Sr
Michael McDonnell Sr
Ian Miles Sr
Chris Rosso Sr
Derek Sanders Sr
Jake Thompson Sr
Stephen Wiitanen Sr

Softball

Stephanie Cihlar Sr
Christy Engel Sr
Sarah Korth Jr
Kelley Mennie Jr
Marla Tetzlaff Jr
Erin Walsh Jr
Kristen Zwolinski Sr

Girls’ Soccer

Jenna Atkocaitis Sr
Lynda Judy Jr
Kathleen Kaduk Sr
Jess McNamara Sr
Kelly McNamara Jr
Laren Ostarello Soph
Nicole Perri Soph
Danielle Ranieri Sr
Shannon Ratcliff Jr
Sheila Reynolds Sr
Laura Smith Sr
Beth Ward Soph
Allison Weinberg Sr

FALL 2005 ALL CONFERENCE

Girls’ Golf

Brooke Bettis
Kelsey Proud
Danielle Detelich
Kate Babcock

FB Special Mention

Drew Doepke
Bill Schroeder
Ryan Hochsprung
Jake Holtrop

BS Honorable Mention

Vance Conroyd
Steve Purdy
Mike Picinich

Boys’ Cross Country

Andy Barbeau
Matt DeSilva
Zach Johnson
Chris Rosso
Scott Speare

Boys’ Golf

Cody Buntrock

FB Honorable Mention

Danny Glade
Matt Van Dril
Mitch Katkus
Ryan McPherson
David Manny
C.J. Nemece

Girls’ Volleyball

Joanna Bebenek-Unanimous
Kerry Brown – Unanimous
Maddie Hughes

Girls Swim & Dive

Catherine Nosal
Taylor Reynolds
Sarah van Oss
Kaylee Jamison
Melanie Edgar
Brigid Leavy
Ashley Potocki
Kelly Prieve

Football

Adam Shiltz
Ryan Lavaja
Dan Duncan
Nick Porter
Colin Green

Boys’ Soccer

Andrew Elke
Alex Russell
Taylor Bond
Nate Becker

GV Honorable Mention

Caitlin Schneider
Carla Tietz
Kylee Sprengel

Girls’ Cross Country

Brittany Haas

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WINTER 2005-06 ALL CONFERENCE

Girls' Basketball

Jess Najarian – Honorable Mention
Monika Depaitis – Honorable Mention
Kelsey Smith – Honorable Mention

Boys' Basketball

Jordan Teegarden – Honorable Mention
Erik Ellingson – Honorable Mention

SPRING 2006 ALL CONFERENCE

Baseball

Jake Fenoglio
Andrew Elke
Zach Federman
Jake Thornton

B Special Mention

Adam Shiltz
Brian de la Torriente

Girls' Soccer

Jenna Atkocaitis
Kelly McNamara
Allison Weinberg

Boys' Volleyball

Steve Soucy

B Honorable Mention

Mike Corrigan
Danny Glade

Softball

Christy Engel – Unanimous
Steph Cihlar - Unanimous
Kylee Sprengel – Unanimous
Keeley Mennie
Jessica Swanson

GS Honorable Mention

Jess McNamara
Bree Bast
Laura Smith

BV Honorable Mention

Jonathan Klaczek
Chris Binetti

The athletic department 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.

And lastly, I remind each athlete and parent that the school registration packet will be arriving shortly. Please make sure your physical examination and parent consent forms are on file in the athletic office and your activity fee is paid prior to beginning your next sport.

MILITARY OFFICER SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES



"Mrs. Reber's 3rd hour World History class and Mr. Dobbertin and Mrs. Williams' American Studies class was visited on May 24th by Sgt. Jim Weinhold, an officer in the U.S. Army Spec. Ops. Jim is a class of 2000 graduate of St. Charles High School and just returned last week from a 2 1/2 year tour of duty that saw him in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jim spoke to the classes about his experiences, including being one of the American soldiers who found Saddam Hussein in his spider hole near Tikrit and winning the Bronze Star for Courage Under Fire. The students had many questions for Sgt. Weinhold, ranging from "Tell us about your mission" to "What about those camel spiders?" Jim brought in several pieces of his gear, including his Kevlar vest, which too many students amazement, was quite heavy. It was interesting to compare military gear and tactics of today with those of the past, as Mrs. Reber's classes had just recently studied World War I. Many thanks to Sgt. Jim Weinhold for taking the time to meet with us and share his story."

Child Development Class Studies Special Needs Teaching Styles

One of the most difficult things for a teacher to handle is trying to incorporate and work with special needs children within a classroom setting. Although it is not uncommon, it is still a difficult situation for many to have to change their lessons and teaching styles to fit with those students who have special needs. In preparation of this, the future teachers in Saint Charles North's Advanced Child Development class: Introduction to Teaching were fortunate enough to have a speaker come to discuss common types of "learning differences" and how to best work with these students.

On Wednesday, May 17th, David Drews, who works with special education students at the high school, visited the Child Development classroom with numerous stories and tips to share with the students. Drews described specific types of special needs students such as those with emotional disorders, physical handicaps, and the three types of ADD. He then went on to describe possible classroom modifications and accommodations the teacher may use in order to help these students keep up with the lessons and stay on task. The information that was presented in those forty-five minutes was extremely helpful for the students, especially since everything was based on Drews' personal experiences and methods that have been proven to work. On leaving the classroom at the end of the day, the students all felt much more confident and well informed on what may be to come in their future of teaching.

HISTORY CLASSES VISIT CANTIGNY PARK

On April 11, 2006, Ms. Boehle's U.S. History classes visited Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. Students explored the 1st Infantry Division Museum which contains real-life replicas of wartime situations. In one area, there is a reproduction of the landing on the beach at Normandy. Students also walked through the jungles of Vietnam. The classes then toured the Robert McCormick mansion, examining artifacts from the early 1900's and the life of this Tribune magnate. His house includes a movie theatre and several entertaining rooms.

Upon return to school, students reflected on the changing manner of warfare for the United States. For example, after walking through a reproduction of a trench from World War I, students remarked that they could not imagine living and fighting in such conditions. They compared this to fighting the 1st Gulf War. After this experience, most students had a clearer image of what war is really like, especially over time. Students also considered how people lived in the early 1900's through good times and bad.



CANTIGNY PARK - At the end of the tour, students climbed on the tanks displayed on the grounds.



STUDENTS GO TO NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

A team of North HS students won the marketing portion of the 2006 DaimlerChrysler Build Your Dream Vehicle National Finals. This team, SHIRMM Designs, consisted of juniors Robby Hillard, John Masinick, Robbie Miller, Jeffrey Roberts, and Chris Snitka. National finals were held in Michigan May 21-23. The SHIRMM Designs Team won the award for its plan for marketing its dream vehicle, "the Blitz". The award includes \$1,000 to be given to the school.

Another team from North, SP2 DESIGNS (building the "Chevy Prospect X3), also qualified as national finalists. This team included sophomores Jake Dahms, Robert Hall, and Aaron Travers and juniors Brendon Cordon and Ryan Pocci.

Each team had to present to competition officials their entire plan for designing and marketing their dream vehicle within the 30 minute time period. Students used math, science, social studies, language arts, technology, and design skills to develop and design their vehicle packet. Judges looked for organization, content, communication skills, appropriate and effective visual aids, correct and insightful answers to questions, while staying within the set time limit.

All the teams involved in this competition are students enrolled in the Product Design class taught by Mr. Ron Brown.

Debate Class Organizes Walk-a-thon

After debating a Congressional bill concerning US foreign policy in Africa, Ms. Fasbender's 2nd hour Debate class decided to organize a Night Walk-a-thon, raising awareness for issues in Sudan and Uganda on June 2nd from 8-10 PM. This project stemmed from a service-learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection in order to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Students designed t-shirts to promote the walk, made a video that was shown during a "411" period and then organized the events of the evening, including showing a documentary about children in Uganda, writing elected officials to raise awareness and collecting funds for either the International Rescue Committee or UNICEF. Over 60 students from North and many community members supported this effort.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HUMANITIES?

During the 2005-06 school year the English Department completed SpringBoard implementation with our ninth and tenth graders. We are looking forward this summer to reviewing our first year's work and adding the English III, Advanced English III, and AP Language and Composition courses to the curriculum for the 06-07 school year. Over the summer teachers will be working with our counterparts at East on SpringBoard, Literacy Block I and II, AP Literature and Composition, and AP Language and Composition. We are also expanding our connection with the Northern Illinois University tutors. They were able to visit and work with our seniors twice this year. Plans are in the works for expanding both in school and on-line tutoring connections with NIU.

Beyond the English classroom this spring Melissa Proulx and all the students in Elizabeth Battaglia's World Literature class visited the B.A.P.S. mandir, a Hindu temple. Melissa summarized their experience by saying, "Our World Literature class had the opportunity to visit B.A.P.S. Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett. This trip was a part of our study of Indian culture through famous texts. Because India is a highly religious country, many of the texts we read were related to Hinduism. While we were at the Mandir, we were fortunate enough to eat traditional Indian food that was prepared for us. This trip was truly a wonderful, culturally educational experience for all of us."

The music department had a very eventful second semester. In January marching band and choral students performed at DisneyWorld. Students, parents and faculty returned to learn that our music program was one of 100 finalists for the Grammy Signature School Award and in March we became a Grammy Signature School, one of the top forty in the nation.

To share our students' musical hard work with the wider world, the Bel Canto Singers participated in North Central College's Choral Festival, performing with the Woman's Chorale. The Jazz Workshop traveled to Germany over spring break, sharing their talents and music with many new friends from this jazz hungry country. They continued their travels to the famed Jazz Showcase in Chicago, and next year they will be performing at Midwest, the world's largest international convention of music educators. If you are interested in hearing our jazz band, be sure to purchase the two disc CD that will be available through the music department and the Friends of Music.

In art, at North this spring the mobile kiln was pushed outside once again for the Ceramics Raku Day. This is a quick fire reduction glaze process that requires the students carry their red hot pots from the kiln to a garbage can full of sawdust where the pieces flame and smolder, and finally the pots are transported once again to a water bath. The result is a glaze effect full of shimmering metallic color.

Another event on campus was the AP Studio Art students "Art Attack" Gallery. The opening was a big success. The students had a great time talking to the public about their art and a few even made a sale!

Off campus the 4"x5" is an area wide show of note card-sized art held annually at Fremd High School. Over forty schools in the Chicagoland area entered over 1,200 pieces of art. From our 30 entries, we are pleased to announce that out of this vast field we had two students receive honorable mentions: Angelike Zannis in the Photography category and Maggie Clarkson in the Computer Art category.

Stretching around the world, the Photo Club is making photo postcards and putting together small goodie packages to be sent to children in Afghanistan. This is being coordinated through the sponsor of this club, Linda Goll, and one of her former North Star students, Kyle Reiser (Class of '03) who is stationed in that country. If anyone else is interested in making donations you can make contact with Kyle at: Kyle Reiser/ TF Catamount, F.Co. 287 IN/ A.P.O. AE 09354

The 2005-06 school year was significant because of all the contributions from students, teachers and parents. With the support of so many talented and generous people, we know that 2005-06 is only the beginning; 2006-07 will offer more opportunities for all to excel in and to enjoy the Humanities.

Polaris Express: North High School has recently started sending an electronic newsletter to parents. Parents interested in receiving this newsletter should sign up on the school website (http://www.d303.org/schools/scn/scnactivities/polaris_express.html) or send an email to Cheryl LaMaster at clmaster@d303.org. The newsletter will resume again in the fall. Parents already on the mailing list will not need to re-subscribe to the Polaris Express for next year.

What a Busy LRC! "Busy and crowded" can easily describe the LRC this spring. Recent statistics for use of the LRC indicate that teachers and students are using the facility in greater numbers than last year. Of course some class periods are busier than others, but students are sometimes experiencing difficulty in finding time to use a computer during their study halls. Classes are scheduled to use the computers in even greater numbers due to last minute spring projects. Even the computers in the production lab are busy with numerous movie editing projects. The high usage again indicates the LRC is an essential component to the academic setting at St. Charles North High School.

LRC Open Late: During several days in May, the Learning Resource Center was open later than normal to accommodate students finishing projects and assignments. During the week prior to final exams the LRC was open until 6 p.m. The LRC is also open late at the end of the first semester prior to the semester exam period.

Textbook Return: Textbooks and books from the LRC are due at the end of the school year. Parents are encouraged to return any materials found at home to the school. Students are charged fines for late materials. Encourage your student to check for materials they might have forgotten to return.



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

MAY Breakfast with the Stars Award Recipients:

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Ms. Debby Scully	Brittany Ginger
Mr. Ron Brown	Colin Glabinski
Ms. Lindsay Trudell	Jake Holtrop
Mr. Jason Schmidt	Leina Kameyama
Ms. Kristin Williams	Colleen Lemaire
Mr. James Monegan	Charles Lowery
Ms. Amanda Stone	Kacey McNamara
Mr. Mark Moore	Brian Spies



STUDENT COUNCIL BUYS BANNERS

As part of their School Beautification Committee, Student Council purchased spirit signs that are now hanging on the parking lot light posts. These signs, reading "Welcome to North Star Country" and "Home of the North Stars", are just one of many projects Student Council takes on throughout the year in order to "beautify" our school.

PROM WAS INCREDIBLE!

Prom 2006 was an incredible success for St. Charles North's juniors and seniors. This year it was held on Saturday, May 13th at the Abbington Banquet Hall in Glen Ellyn. Nearly 800 students danced the night away. Frank Bisceglie and Pamela Miller, this year's Prom King and Queen, led the attendees in their theme song dance, Lonestar's "Amazed". Overall, the night was beautiful and exciting for those who attended.



One Acts Festival

The Senior Directed One Act Festival this year included four phenomenal plays that were all presented in a very unique style which really showcased the caliber of theatrical talent we have at North. The American Dream, directed by Kati Skelton, was an absurdist show about the "traditional" American family. Bang Bang You're Dead, directed by Nikki Manta, is a play that was written to be used for educational purposes to be performed at high schools about the inner workings of the mind of a troubled student. Overtones, directed by Pam Miller, shows us the comical difference between our inner thoughts and how we present ourselves. And Desire, Desire, Desire, directed by Lauren Hall, is a hysterical spoof on the playwright Tennessee Williams' many works.

The One Act Festival is a great opportunity for students to take leadership roles as directors and create works of art along with their casts and crew. This year the students performed an outstanding show proving that these four senior directors are true artists to this craft.

FEA MEMBERS SHADOW WILD ROSE TEACHERS

This past spring, members of the St. Charles North Future Educators Association (FEA) had the unique opportunity to attend a teacher shadow at Wild Rose Elementary school. FEA members participating were Becky Orr, Danielle Yockey, Naveen Mohiuddin, Mandy Holm, Kaitlyn McCoy, Jen Stickney and Emily Leary.

During the field trip, the FEA members got to shadow a teacher from various grade levels or special areas, such as: PE, speech, kindergarten through fourth grade. The high school students helped out in the classroom as well as eat lunch in the staff cafeteria and talk with other teachers about their careers. As high school students investigating the field of education, the shadowing experience helped form career decisions. The following teachers participated in the shadowing experience: Mrs. Cayez, Ms. Lafevre-Rawley, Mrs. Pergande, Mrs. Rinn, Mrs. Rosenquist, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Banner, Mrs. McKinsey, Mrs. Slettum, and Mrs. Staroske. We are extremely thankful to the Wild Rose staff for this experience.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING MUSICAL



This year's musical, Brigadoon, played to record audiences and involved many new learning experiences for our students. First, several of the students needed to learn to speak with a Scottish accent. This experience led to many interesting pronunciations of some very common words. I "dinna" know how they did it! Second, because Brigadoon is a classic show, we needed to perform and rehearse as they use to be done. There was an acting company, a chorus and a dancing company. All three elements were greatly involved in the production, often practicing separately until the very end, which created some interesting rehearsals. Third, we utilized a large dancing company because the drill team dancers finished early enough to be involved in the show. This made a huge difference to the overall production values of the show. We also had the pleasure of using a professional bagpiper for parts of the show. This added much to the experience for the students and audience alike. The cast was experienced and demonstrated that

SCN's drama and music programs have come a long way these past six years in developing fine young performers. We hope they will continue to grow and participate in theatre whether at SCN or where ever they go.

FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

This past spring, twenty North students were inducted into French National Society (Société Honoraire de Français). The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement: (French II) Jennifer Bae, Jessica Bonfield, Peter Daley, Whitney Holsteen, Danielle Huff, Hayley Jackson, Tyler James, Kara Johnston, Hannah Koch, Robert McAuliff, Kathleen Smith, Sara Switzer, Carrie Thomas, Carolyn Wilkinson; (French III) Matt Bauer, Brody Rathman, Phil Scherer; (French IV) Alli Crawford, Emily Pacholski; (French AP) Amanda Herrmann. The candlelight ceremony was sponsored by French teachers Laura Wilkinon and Korin Heinz and included French student teacher Chris Sechrist. Outgoing President Dan Blumeyer and Vice President Lauren Greener presided over the event and introduced the new President, Kara Johnston, and Vice President, Tyler James. After the ceremony, inductees and their family and friends were invited to a reception.



FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY induction ceremony.

3rd ANNUAL TEACHER INSPIRATION BANQUET

FEA hosted a teacher inspiration banquet on May 3, 2006 at St. Charles North HS. FEA members invited a teacher who has inspired them to pursue a career in education. A certificate and rose were presented as students shared how this teacher has inspired their future career choice. The following teachers were recognized:

Mrs. Rosenquist by Jen Stickney
 Mr. Prentiss by Lindsey Criss
 Mr. Schmidt by Mandy Holm
 Mrs. Green by Hannah Qualls
 Mr. Otterby by Lauren Krantz
 Mrs. Schmit by Kristi McCoy
 Ms. Weathers by Danielle Yockey
 Mrs. Trayser by Becky Orr
 Mr. Gable by Becca Pappas
 Mrs. Machowicz by Cory Skogfeldt
 Mrs. Palarz by Naveen Mohiuddin
 Mr. Simone by Veronica Iacobucci
 Ms. Roberts by Emily Leary
 Mrs. Fasbender by Danielle Leitner



Cory Skogfeldt recognized Mrs. Machowicz as her inspirational teacher.

FEA is sponsored through Aurora University, with Mrs. Judy Maxwell and Mrs. Pam Ferdinand as special guests in attendance. Other special guests that attended were Dr. Charlotte Pilot, SCEA President; Mrs. Audra Christenson, Wellness Coordinator, SCN; Mrs. Kim Zupec, SCN Principal; and Ms. Amanda Stone, student teacher. The advisors for the St. Charles North FEA chapter are Marge Trayser and Colleen Fasbender.

FCCLA State Conference Competition Registration 2006

NAME	Competitive Event	Results
Nicole McSweeney - freshman	49 – Preschool Storytelling 6-9 Team	Gold
Abbey Villwock - freshman	49 – Preschool Storytelling 6-9 Team	Gold
Kaitlyn McCoy - freshman	48 – Preschool Storytelling 6-9 Individual	Gold – Most Outstanding
Nick Taube - freshman	15 – Salad Demo 6-9	Gold
Tanya Skar - senior	19 – Entrepreneur Cakes 10-12 Novelty	Silver
Alison DeJong - senior	18 - Entrepreneur Cakes 10-12 Conventional	Silver
Tiffany Kraus - senior	20 – Entrepreneur Catering 10-12	Silver
Sara Switzer - sophomore	37 – Prom Dress 10-12	Silver
Kaley Halliday - senior	30 – Fashion Apparel Display 10-12 Individual	Silver
Sean Manown - sophomore	10 – Cookie 10-12	Silver
Katelyn Keck- junior	50 - Culinary	Bronze

PPS CLASS NOTES

Dr. Bruce Lane, Assistant Principal for Pupil Personnel Services

First and foremost, the Pupil Personnel Services Learning Area wishes to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2006! You have worked hard and persisted through twelve years of education to earn your high school diploma and to move on to successful lives. All of us will look to your future accomplishments with pride in knowing that you are *Alumni* of St. Charles North High School! It has been a pleasure to work with you!

We also wish to welcome the Freshman Class of 2010! We are excited to have the opportunity to help you develop your academic and personal talents. We are confident that, with effort and commitment, you too will move successfully toward the highest of academic standards and outstanding life-long accomplishments as graduates of St. Charles North.

Finally, I want to personally thank all of the students, staff, parents, and community members for allowing me the honor of serving you these past five years. It has been a wonderful experience and a privilege. I would like to invite all of you to extend to Mr. Kevin Scotellaro a warm and enthusiastic welcome as the new Assistant Principal for Pupil Personnel Services at St. Charles North High School. Mr. Scotellaro is currently the Instructional Coordinator for Special Education. He is an outstanding, student centered professional whose understanding of the full range of student support services that help *all* students succeed at their highest levels of performance and whose commitment to the success of all students are second to none. There is no doubt that under his leadership the PPS Learning Area will serve students extremely well.

On the behalf of the entire Pupil Personnel Services Learning Area, I want to thank all of the North Star students, parents, and staff for an outstanding year!

Dr. Bruce A. Lane

Congratulations Seniors Class of 2006!

The PPS office will continue to provide you support as you move forward with your life. Counselors remain good sources for letters of recommendation and our Registrar will continue to assist you in sending a copy of your transcript to schools or employers. You will also continue to be able to use careercruising.com with your St. Charles North user name "north" and password "high" to search for information on careers and colleges. In a year we will send you a one-year graduate follow-up survey to hear how you are doing and gather your feedback regarding how your experience as a North Star helped you.

We will always welcome hearing from you! Don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line to let us know how you are and what you are doing. We encourage you to complete the one-year graduate follow-up survey that will be sent to you next spring. No matter where the course of your life takes you, no matter how far away you are or how long it has been since you graduated, you will always be a North Star, and our thoughts and best wishes will be with you!

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The New Senior Class of 2007

You have made it to the final stretch of your high school career! This year you will be making important decisions regarding careers and colleges. This year will require focus, balance, and effort in order to have a strong finish to your high school career. Students who have a strong academic schedule and work hard to do well in these courses keep the doors to opportunities after high school wide open.

The best advice for your senior year is, "***Do not miscalculate.***" Near the beginning of the school year you will receive a senior mailing that will provide you important information for your senior year, including a current transcript of courses taken. Double check the courses listed on your transcripts against the requirements for graduation. If you have questions, contact your counselor.

Career and College Search - You should have a very good idea of the kind of career in which you are most interested. However, there are many resources that can assist you this summer. You can access careercruising.com by using the username "north" and password "high." Careercruising.com offers interest inventories that can help you identify career areas of interest to you and the colleges that best serve those career areas. Summer is also an excellent time to do college visits that will help you narrow your choices.

NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse - The NCAA requires all new college athletes who want to compete in Division I or II athletics to meet specific initial eligibility requirements. To help our students better understand these requirements, *Coach Bobbie Cesarek*, Northern Illinois University's NCAA Compliance Director has again been invited to speak to all District 303 high school athletes regarding the initial eligibility requirements in September. You can also obtain information on the Initial Eligibility requirements and complete the application online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. NCAA requires that you forward a transcript with your application.

PSAE Retakes - This summer you will receive your Prairie State Examination Scores, including your ACT, PSAE, and WorkKeys scores. The State of Illinois allows seniors the opportunity to improve their PSAE scores by retaking both days of the PSAE in October. Once you receive your PSAE results, you should decide if your scores are satisfactory. If you choose to retake the test, notify the Guidance Office and request a voucher for the testing not later than September 20th. The retake tests will be October 28th (ACT) and October 31st (Prairie State Exams and WorkKeys). Students who were unable to take the PSAE tests in the Spring of 2006, may retake the tests in October. Students must take both days if they choose the retake option. ***PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TAKING THE PSAE IS A STATE REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION IN ILLINOIS. STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO TAKE THE PASE WILL NOT RECEIVE A DIPLOMA.***

The New Juniors Class of 2008

You have crossed the halfway milestone! As juniors you need to continue to build a strong academic base and achieve the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will serve you well after high school. Juniors also face a number of critical standardized tests that provide them opportunities to demonstrate their achievement and abilities.

PSAT/NMSQT. The PSAT is a practice test that prepares juniors for the SAT. The PSAT is also the test that is used for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will be offered **Saturday, October 21, 2006.**

ACT. The ACT is College Admissions Exam. The ACT will be given at St. Charles North High School on **Saturday, October 28, 2006** and again **Saturday, April 14, 2007.** These dates are national administration dates.

PSAE. The PSAE is a set of tests required by the State of Illinois to assess the progress of all Illinois juniors in reaching the State Learning Standards. The State requires all juniors to take these tests in order to receive a high school diploma. These tests will be administered to all juniors on **Wednesday, April 25 & Thursday, April 26, 2007.** This year's PSAE will include the ACT Writing Assessment.

SAT. The SAT is a College Admissions Exam. It is designed to provide information regarding a student's verbal, mathematic and writing ability. The SAT will be offered at St. Charles North on **Saturday, June 2, 2007.**

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The New Juniors Class of 2008 (Cont;d)

ILLINOIS CONSUMER EDUCATION PROFICIENCY TEST - Students may take the ICEPT to meet the State requirement that students take a consumer education course. The test is offered October and January.

TEST PREPARATION - Taking academically challenging courses and working hard to do well in these courses is the absolute best test preparation activity for any student. However, there are a number of private companies that offer specialized courses designed to prepare students for specific tests. A list of these companies and courses can be found on the PPS website. Several courses will be offered at St. Charles North during the 2006-07 school year.

PSAT 240 - This seven week PSAT/NMSQT preparation course will be offered by ExcelEdge at St. Charles East on Tuesdays from August 29th to October 17th . There will be no class meeting on October 10th during Homecoming week. This course will help students analyze the PSAT, practice questions relating to the verbal, writing, and math components of the test, and master the pacing required to complete the test. While ExcelEdge has designed this course specifically for students who are in the top 15% of their class, it can assist and is open to all juniors who wish to take the PSAT. Students interested in taking the PSAT240 will be able to pick up registration packets and fee information in the guidance office in June. The cost of the program will be \$202. The deadline for registration is August 18th.

ACT 36 - ExcelEdge will offer an ACT preparation course at St. Charles North. This course provides its students with an in-depth practice on the ACT. The course will begin January 22nd and finish on March 19th . The cost of the program will be \$202. The deadline for registration will be December 12th.

The New Sophomores Class of 2009

You have completed your first year of high school! As sophomores you will build a strong foundation for your future by working hard to build a strong academic record and by beginning to define the long-term career goals that will help guide your work in high school and define the your post-high school educational plans.

Continue to Work With Your Holland's Self Directed Search Materials - On the PSAE day in April you completed the Holland's Self Directed Search (SDS). The SDS is a self-administered, self-scored, and self-interpreted career guidance tool that helped you begin to think about the kinds of activities you like, the skills you have, and the occupations that interest you. The SDS can help you define more clearly how your vocational interests and aspirations fit. It can help you to think about the wide range of alternative careers that your interests and skills match. The Occupations Finder booklet you were given provides over 1300 occupations organized by types of careers and the level of education needed to help you explore the wide range of occupations that are available. You can use careercrewing.com (username "north" and password "high") to further explore potential careers.

All Students: Course Selection Notes

We are now at the final stages of scheduling for the over 2100 students who will be attending St. Charles North High School next year. A master schedule that maximizes our ability to honor the course requests of the maximum number of students has been created and polished. Counselors are now working to resolve the schedule conflicts that always occur when we try to shape the over 33,600 individual course requests into a schedule of classes for over 2150 students. If you receive a call from a counselor regarding a schedule conflict, please be sure to return it immediately. Fee sheets that show the courses you have requested will be mailed in late June; however, a final schedule showing classes and periods will not be available until materials pick up in August.

Summer Guidance Hours

Select counselors will be available on an *appointment only* basis on June 5,6,7,8,9,12,13,19,20, 21, and July 11,12,13, 18, 19, 20, and most weekdays in August. An effort will be made to accommodate special appointment arrangements if the appointment is made in advance and there is a counselor available. You may make an appointment with a counselor by calling Lorie Atkinson at 630-443-5668.

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College Visits - Whether you are a future senior still looking for schools to apply at in the fall, or a junior trying to get ahead for the upcoming year, there are plenty of opportunities for you to gather accurate college information. Because we are such a large district, our students have the unique opportunity to speak with the hundreds of college representatives who visit our LRC in the fall and spring, attend a college fair in town (or nearby), and make a direct visit to a number of schools in the area.

College representatives who visit are advertised on the easel outside of the guidance office, on the college board in the hallway outside of the attendance office, and on the weekly calendar. Get used to checking these places so you don't miss out on the opportunity to speak with our college guests. Whether you simply wish to request more information, want to pick up a brochure on scholarships or ask a quick question about the residence halls, or need to sit down and spend some quality time discussing the admissions policy, the college rep visit can be a great way for you to continue to plan accurately for the rest of your life. And if you couldn't make a meeting for some reason, we ask each rep to fill out an information sheet, which we would be glad to copy for you at no charge.

The college reps usually visit our campus during the lunch periods and stay for different periods of time. Students report to the LRC during your free time if they are scheduled. Should you need a pass to visit with a college rep during a class, please go to the guidance office first to obtain a pass. As long as you aren't abusing this privilege, your teachers will be fine with you occasionally missing a class to take advantage of this opportunity. Several students each year end up attending a school they had initially not considered after attending a session with a college rep. Make use of this opportunity!

In addition, the guidance office has several videos, DVD's, CD-Roms, and books on various colleges and universities that can be used for search purposes. Stop by and see if we have any you are interested in checking out.

We often tell our students to visit any schools they are planning to attend. They have been provided questions to ask, as well as activities they should include on their trip. We will list some of our more common tips here in case that handout was misplaced. First of all, always try and visit a school when they are in session (Monday – Friday) and we aren't (institute day, a "holiday" like Columbus Day, Spring Break, etc.), if possible. Students get five pre-arranged absences a year. As counselors, we suggest using some of those days for visiting schools. It is usually advisable to call ahead and set up a meeting prior to your visit so people know when you are coming and are better prepared. Since your goal is to find "a good fit", do as much as you can while there to better make your decision. For example, speak with someone in admissions, financial aid/bursar's office, and in the major department of choice. Taking a copy of your unofficial transcript (pick up for only \$1 in the guidance office) and a PLAN or ACT score can be helpful. Arrange to visit a class of interest, eat a meal in the student cafeteria, take a campus tour, and stay the night in a residence hall. You could walk with some students on their way to class and ask what they like/don't like about the school. Pick up the student newspaper to see what types of events are taking place and the topics being discussed on campus. For other useful tips on visiting schools, feel free to explore The Associated Colleges of the Midwest's web site at: <http://www.acm.edu/admiss/index.html>.

September/October College Testing - We are often asked who should take the ACT or SAT during the fall? First of all, we suggest any senior who wants to try and improve test scores from junior year should consider taking one or more of these tests in the fall. Second, a junior could take a fall exam for practice. Please note that students can take college entrance exams as many times as they choose, so if someone were to take this test at the start of junior year, that student would most likely be doing so for practice. Keep in mind; these tests are based on curriculum taught normally during the first three years of school, so it would be to the advantage of the student to take these tests as late in the junior year as possible.

Although students can have their test scores sent to colleges by filling out a transcript release, we recommend that anyone taking either the ACT or SAT in the fall go ahead and have the scores sent directly to the colleges they are interested in when initially signing up for the test. This way, those scores will be forwarded to the colleges more quickly.

There are two ways to register for either the ACT or the SAT. First, a student can pick up a packet in our guidance office, fill out the paperwork, and mail it directly to the company. Remember to use our school code (which is 143-796) so we receive a copy of the scores, as well. One can also register on-line with a credit card. The address for ACT is: www.actstudent.org; SAT's website is: www.collegeboard.org.

We strongly recommend that students register well before the deadline. This will save you from paying late fees and better ensure a more ideal testing location closer to home. When we see students testing at sites further away, it is usually because they signed up late.

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Changing Classes And/Or Levels For The 2006-07 School Year - Students were allowed to change any classes they had initially signed up for by the end of third quarter, or March 24th. So everyone is aware of the procedures for changing classes at this point in time, we are including the information below as a resource.

The only course changes that will be allowed at this time are dropping a class for a study hall, or a level change. Prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year, students may substitute a course that has seats available in it for a course in their schedule. The course being substituted must meet during the same period and must maintain the student's progress toward graduation. Students may substitute a class between their own material pick up day (see schedule below) and Friday, August 18th **or** later on between the sixth and the tenth days of school. No schedule changes will be made during the first five days of school. Note that any courses dropped during this period will not appear on the transcript.

Material Pick Up Days:

Freshmen: Friday, August 11th

Sophomores: Monday, August 14th

Juniors: Tuesday, August 15th

Seniors: Wednesday, August 16th

The following circumstances will be considered a valid reason for changing a class request as soon as possible:

- It is discovered that a student lacks the necessary prerequisite for a class.
- A different course is now needed in order to graduate.
- There was an error made on our part.
- Student failed a required course after registering.
- An institution of higher learning recommends an additional course (in writing).

Students enrolled in more than six credit producing courses may withdraw from a course without penalty between the sixth and the twentieth days of the semester, which will be reflected by a "W" on the transcript. A course dropped after that time will be indicated by a "WF" on the transcript. This failing grade will be used when calculating the student's grade point average. The approval of the teacher, parent, and counselor are necessary in order to drop a course.

We expect students to be successful in the courses they have selected because they are assisted in making appropriate course selections and are provided with academic support. If there is a discrepancy between the student's performance and the expectations for that level of course work, considering the student's best efforts, a level change may be considered. The teacher, student, parent and instructional coordinator confer on the change and, if in agreement, contact the student's counselor. Please note that a level change will be made only if there is space available. Students must remain in current class until the level change is approved and rescheduled by the counselor and the appropriate paperwork has been completed.

IMPORTANT DATES (Sometimes dates/times change....check school website often)

- Aug 11 - Freshmen Orientation
- Aug 14 - Sophomore Registration
- Aug 14 thru
- Aug 24 - Marching Band Camp, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- Aug 14 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Aug 15 - Junior Registration
- Aug 16 - Senior Registration
- Aug 17 - Late Registration
- Aug 17 - Marching Band Code of Conduct Mtg., Aud, 5:30 PM
- Aug 18 - Late Registration
- Aug 21 - PTO Meeting, LRC, 7:00 PM
- Aug 23 - First Day of School
- Aug 25 - First Home Football Game
- Aug 25 - Peer Leadership Dance, Cafeteria, 7-11:15 PM
- Aug 28 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Sept 4 - Labor Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
- Sept 6 - ETC Schedule
- Sept 7 - Back-to-School Night
- Sept 11 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Sept 15 - Teachers' Institute (No School for Students)
- Sept 18 - PTO Meeting, LRC, 7:00 PM
- Sept 20 - ETC Schedule
- Sept 20 - College Night, Aud, 7-9:30 PM
- Sept 25 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Sept 27 - 411 Schedule
- Sept 27 - NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse, Aud, 7:30 - 10 PM
- Oct 3 - Breakfast w/Stars, LRC, 6:45 AM
- Oct 4 - ETC Schedule
- Oct 6 - School Improvement Day (No School for Students)
- Oct 7 thru
- Oct 14 - Homecoming Week
- Oct 9 - Columbus Day Holiday (Schools Closed)
- Oct 10 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Oct 12 - Marching Band Concert, Aud, 7:30 PM
- Oct 13 - Homecoming Parade
- Oct 14 - Homecoming Dance
- Oct 16 - PTO Meeting, LRC, 7 PM
- Oct 17 - Non-Audition Jazz Concert, Aud, 7:30 PM
- Oct 18 - ETC Schedule
- Oct 19 - Vocal Jazz & Workshop Concert, Aud, 7:30 PM
- Oct 21 - PSAT Testing
- Oct 23 - Board of Education Mtg., Admin, 7:00 PM
- Oct 25 - 411 Schedule
- Oct 27 - End of 1st Qtr.
- Oct 28 - ACT testing, NHS

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