

STUDENT SERVICES

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All Students: Course Selection Notes

We are now in the final stages of scheduling for the over 2,170 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 each of our students. If you receive a call from a counselor regarding a schedule conflict, please be sure to return it immediately. Please note, a final schedule showing classes and periods will not be available until material pick up days in August.

During the summer, a counselor will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. To arrange an appointment to see a counselor over the summer you may contact the Guidance Office at 630-443-5668.

Changing Classes And/Or Levels For The 2007-08 School Year

So that everyone is aware of the procedures for changing classes at this point in time, we are including the following information as a resource. After course selections were mailed home in late February, students were allowed to change any classes they had initially signed up for by the end of third quarter, or March 23rd. Shortly thereafter, a master schedule was built based on the number of students in each course. Finally, the process of assigning staff took place.

To keep the number of students in various classes as ideal as possible, 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 in August**, students may substitute a course that has space 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. So that changes are completed prior to the beginning of the fall semester, students may substitute a class between their own material pick up day (see schedule below) and Friday, August 17th. Due to in-service meetings, counselors will be unavailable for any changes on August 20th and 21st. Note that any courses dropped during this period will not appear on the transcript.

Material Pick Up Days

Seniors: Monday, August 13th

Juniors: Tuesday, August 14th

Sophomores: Monday, August 15th

Freshmen: Thursday, August 16th

Late Pick Up for Anyone: Friday, August 17th

The following circumstances will be considered a valid reason for changing a class request over the summer:

- 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.
- Student is taking a summer class and schedule needs to be adjusted accordingly.
- An institution of higher learning recommends/requires an additional course.

Students enrolled in more than six credit producing courses may withdraw from a course without penalty by the twentieth day of the semester, which will be reflected with 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 once it has begun.

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.

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NOTES FROM THE NURSES' OFFICE

Mrs. Boynton & Ms. Van Arragon

Just a reminder to all parents of incoming freshmen: physical examinations are required for all freshmen prior to the beginning of the school year. Freshman students will not be allowed to attend school without the completed "Child Health Examination" form on file with the School Nurses. Forms are available on the District 303 Website or you may pick them up at school.

We are looking forward to meeting the class of 2011!! If your child has any health concerns, please call us after August 8 to schedule an appointment to meet with us.

Have a safe and healthy summer!!

NAT'L TESTING SCHEDULED AT NHS

Testing for the 2006-2007 school year has finished! Here are all of the national tests that St. Charles North will be hosting for the 2007-2008 school year:

- ACT – Saturday September 15, 2007
- PSAT – Saturday October 20, 2007
- ACT – Saturday April 12, 2008
- SAT – Saturday June 7, 2008

In the past we have hosted the ACT in October, however, for next year we feel that the September test date is preferable because it will allow students to have their scores back at an earlier date to use for college admission purposes. The deadline to register for the September ACT is August 10th. There is a late registration period from August 11-24, but an additional fee will be required if you register during this time. Students are responsible for registering directly to ACT through online application or through a paper application that will be available in the counseling office this summer. Students can register for any of the ACT dates, regardless of whether or not the test is given at North. Additional information is available at www.actstudent.org.

NEWS FROM THE CAREER SPECIALIST

Job shadowing is a great way for students to explore careers. It has been an exciting and rewarding year arranging job shadows for our students. Many of the job shadows have even lead to part-time jobs, internships, and professional contacts for the future. Some examples of student job shadows this year: sports photographer and journalist with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team, health physicist with the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, chemical engineer at Nalco Chemical, law enforcement at the St. Charles Police Department, lawyer at the Kane County States Attorney's Office, surgeon with Dr. John Brayton specializing in neurosurgery and spine surgery, chef at Royal Fox Country Club, and the list goes on and on...REMEMBER...Job Shadowing Applications are always available in the Guidance Office.

The Health Career Fair at Delnor Hospital in April was a huge success!

More than 60 health care professionals participated, and over 500 students and parents attended the event. Because of its success, a "2nd Annual" Health Career Fair will take place next school year at Delnor Hospital on April 10, 2008. Mark your school calendars!

Parents, do you have a math, science, or engineering degree?

A math, science, and engineering career fair is currently being planned for our students for next school year. Please contact me if you or your company would like to host a career booth at this event. For more info contact: Susan Gloss, Career Specialist susan.gloss@d303.org



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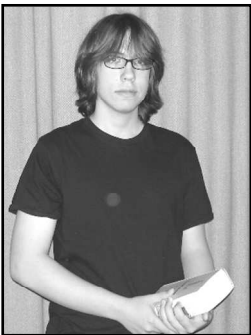
National Latin Exam

On March 16th, twenty-five St. Charles North High School students participated in taking the National Latin Exam. The NLE is an international exam that encourages academic excellence and lifelong learning through Latin. On this exam students answer 40 multiple choice questions about grammar, comprehension, mythology, cultural life, history, and derivatives for the honor and glory of discipline and knowledge.

Thanks to all the participants of the 2007 National Latin Exam: In Latin I, Sarah Amalraj, Maddy Ford, Joshua Gray, Christian Hoskey, Valerie Liang, Evan Lorenz, Robin Pokorski, Tegan Reyes, Erin Shields, Stephanie Thomas, Kristine Wolbrink, and Steven Zwicker; in Latin 2, Theresa Fay, Vanessa Grano, Steven Miller, and Jeremy Van; and in Latin Prose, Jon Alexander, Kelsey Anderson, Allyssa Beird, Gia Buttacavoli, Courtney Copping, Amanda Golemba, Mitchell Kramer, Kristel Lardizabal, and Taylor Reynolds.

Six students received an award for their outstanding performance on the 2007 NLE: The Gold Medal goes to Sarah Amalraj, *summa cum laude*; The Silver Medals go to Maddy Ford and Robin Pokorski, *maxima cum laude*; Certificates go to Valerie Liang and Erin Shields, *magna cum laude*, and Tegan Reyes, *cum laude*.

Congratulationes discipuli! Thanks to the SCN administration, teachers, and parents who have been so supportive of the Latin program throughout the year.



Mark Michelson receives a prize for work on Level II German Exam.

Glückwunsch!

On Sunday, May 6, the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) held their annual testing awards ceremony at Glenbrook South High School. Students who score in the top 5% on the National German Exam receive awards from the Northern Illinois Chapter of AATG. North HS student Mark Michelson attended and received a prize for his work on the Level II Exam. Coral Cass repeated her Level II success last year and received a prize this year for Level III. An Honorable Mention prize was awarded to Level II student Robin Pokorski. Congratulations to all winners!

U.S. History Students Brave Snow to See Cantigny

On April 11, Ms. Boehle and Ms. Monaco's U.S. History classes took a field trip to Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois. Although the classes and chaperones expected a beautiful April morning to see the museum, mansion, and gardens, we awoke to the cruel surprise of two inches of snow. The students braved the elements and visited the park.

Students experienced guided tours of the Robert McCormick mansion and 1st Division Museum at Cantigny. The mansion, home of the famous *Chicago Tribune* editor, featured Art Deco design and even a movie theatre in the basement. Students got a glimpse into the life of the wealthy during the early 1900s. The museum recreated all of the wars that the 1st Infantry Division fought in from World War I to the Gulf War. Students walked through the jungles of Vietnam and stormed the beach at Normandy.

After the field trip, students reflected on warfare in America and how it has changed with time. Students also discussed how knowledge about these conflicts give us insight into our world today. Many students felt that they had gained new perspectives of the wars because of the interactive exhibits at Cantigny.



US History students (L to R) Peter Aukstolis (standing), Mike Spenske, Kevin Michie, Mike Mastalski, and Johnathon MacDonald climb on a tank during a field trip to Cantigny Park.

What's Happening in Humanities?

English news - During November of 2006, a team of English teachers--Colleen Keough, Katherine McCleary, Shannon Mulder, and Scott Von Essen--attended the National Council of Teachers of English convention in Nashville, Tennessee. This extraordinary trip was made possible because of a promise: after the conference, each member of the team was to write a proposal for next year's conference. Two others assisted with the proposals, Lindsay Evans from East and Michele Machowicz, Humanities IC here at North.

Six months later, with their levels of anticipation at their peak, the team received word that two proposals were accepted, besting some 2,000 other submitted proposals. The chosen presentations detail supports for students at the secondary level. One proposal highlights the summer Access to Excellence program and in-school Literacy Block. The other showcases the Applied Study program and its benefits to struggling learners in a school community. These programs will be presented to a national audience this November in New York.

Art news - This spring the mobile kiln was pushed outside once again for the Ceramics Raku Day. This is a Japanese glaze firing process which requires the students to carry their red hot pots from the kiln to a garbage can full of sawdust. The pieces flame and smolder for several minutes and finally they 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. At this reception every member of the class displays all 24 of their finished pieces which were created throughout the year. The opening was a big success. The students had a great time talking to the public about their art as well as the rewards and challenges of the class.

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. North High School entered thirty outstanding pieces of artwork including photography, painting, and drawing. Special congratulations to Geenu Scaria for receiving an honorable mention on her embossed drawing of parrots.

Stretching around the world, the Photo Club is making photo postcards and collecting coins to adopt polar bears through Brookfield Zoo and the World Wildlife Fund. Two polar bears have been adopted so far. The club traveled to Brookfield Zoo to photograph the polar bears and other endangered animals for their postcards.

Music news - all the ensembles performed their final concerts of the year in May. The Jazz Café was a resounding success as well as the vocal, instrumental, and orchestral concerts. As Brian Wis, Instrumental and Choral teacher stated for the St. Charles Sun, "So often there's a strong choral group at one school or a strong band at another, but we have a strong department in general...That's why it's so important that we get the word out. Probably a lot of people don't know that they have a nationally recognized program in their own back yard." We will get the word out even more next year as we march down Main Street USA in Disney World, reaching out through music to people from all around the world.

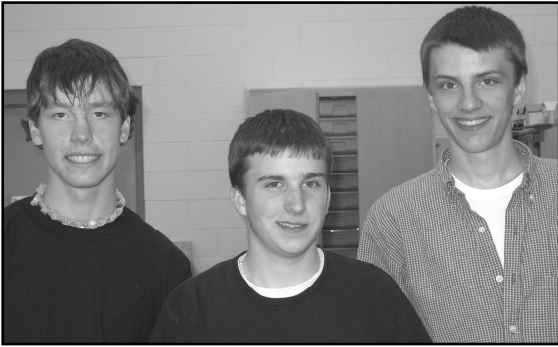
NEW WRITING CENTER

In coordination with Dr. Brad Peters and Dr. Gail Jacky from Northern Illinois University's Writing Center, St. Charles North will open a small writing center next fall to service students with their writing assignments in any subject areas. North students will be able to work with peer writing consultants during any stage of the writing process. The center will be located in POD 107. Its operating hours are limited its first year: *Monday - 4th period; Tuesday - 5th period; Wednesday - 6th period; Thursday - 7th period; Friday – closed.* We hope to expand the center's hours for the 2008-2009 school year.

During the month of May, 75 North students applied to be writing center consultants. Students are very excited at the opportunity to work with their peers on their critical thinking and writing. By the end of May, we will have selected a writing consultant crew to begin in Fall 2007 and a second crew to join us during the 2008-2009 school year. The center will work with five teachers from various subject areas to create or modify their writing assignments and writing lessons. These writing across the curriculum teachers will require that their students attend the center during the first semester. The center will open to all students second semester.



Charleston Building Trades Program



Architecture Competition Winners for the 2007-08 Building Trades House, The Charleston XXIV, to be built by students next year: (L to R) Jeff Huckins, 1st; Zach Moshier, 2nd; and Jonathon McDonald, 4th.

The Architecture, Building Trades, and Interior Design classes of both St. Charles North and East High Schools are very proud to present to the public the Charleston Designs. The homes are the latest in our continuing tradition of building unique, high-quality homes while providing highly valuable learning experiences for our students.

The plans and ideas for these homes come directly from our students. It begins with the ideation and design work from over 45 designs from East and North High Schools. The Charleston XXIV Design Competition was held this May to pick the winning design for the house to be built next year. The architecture design winner for next year's house is Jeff Huckins. He will be working side by side with a business-school partnership with Goduco Design Group. His design will become reality when the building trades students build it next year.

The benefits of this program to the students are many. They gain "real world" experience in a variety of trade occupations; they learn principles of design, modification and construction; and they learn how to work within a budget with members of the business community. While being held accountable for their individual contributions which turn into actual brick and mortar, lumber, nails, and tile, they also gain valuable experience in working together as a team. Their work eventually is combined and synthesized into a wonderful demonstration of skills applied to create real-world learning in the Charleston homes.

Finally, students in our Building Trades classes put the plans and selections into construction to produce this latest example of the talents of our young students. Tim Pinks is the building trades teacher who is on the job site supervising and teaching the students. This year's home, The Charleston XXIII, was designed by Michael Goduco. The interior design for this year's home is from Tamara Absolon's entry. The winner for the exterior selection went to Kailee Rose. The house is located at 1448 Blume Road, Elgin, IL, in the Creekside Subdivision. The open house and ribbon cutting ceremony were held on June 2nd. The house is currently on the market through Keller Williams Realty. If interested, you can call Kristin Dierking at (630) 377-6200.



2006-07 Building Trades House – Charleston XXIII



Michael Goduco – Architect for The Charleston XXIII (06-07 house).

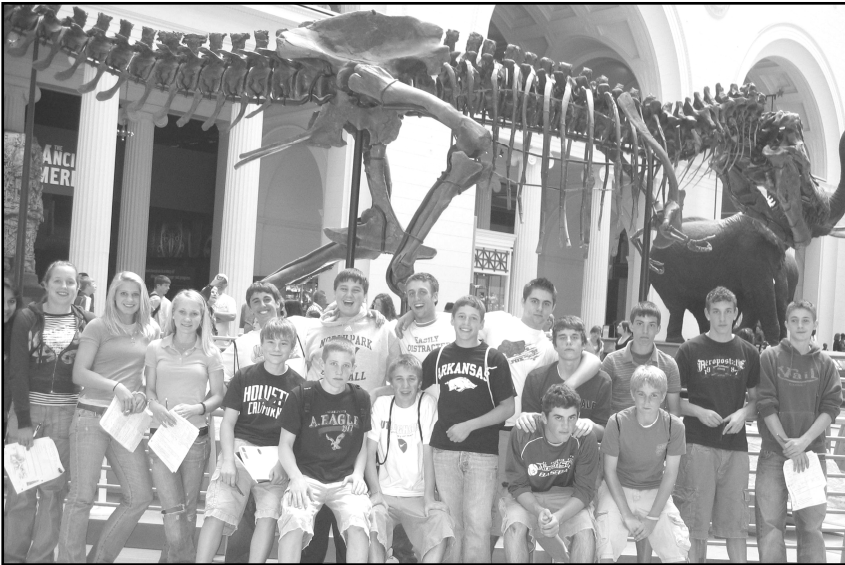


Tamara Absolon – Interior Designer for The Charleston XXIII (06-07 house).



Kailee Rose – Exterior Designer for The Charleston XXIII (06-07 house)

Congratulations to students and Mr. Pinks on a beautiful completed home!



Janice Young's Honors Biology students enjoy visiting with the T-Rex named "Sue" displayed at the Field Museum.

BIOLOGY STUDENTS STUDY EVOLUTION & DIVERSITY

This quarter the biology classes have been studying evolution and animal diversity. Several classes went to the Field Museum to go through the Evolving Planet Exhibit and others went to the Brookfield Zoo to look at animal adaptations.

A number of students also went to Bell Graham Elementary School to read animal stories to kindergarten, first, and second graders.

LRC NEWS

Incoming Freshmen Orientation: Parents of incoming freshmen will receive information regarding a half day orientation for freshmen scheduled in August. During that half day students are given tours of the building, receive valuable information about school activities and procedures, and receive their ID cards and textbooks. Incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend this important activity.

Polaris Express: North High School sends a weekly 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 clamaster@d303.org. The newsletter is sent each Friday during the school year and will resume again in the fall. Parents already on the mailing list will not need to re-subscribe for next year.

A Busy Spring in the LRC: "Busy and crowded" can easily describe the LRC this spring. Of course, some class periods are busier than others, but students are sometimes experiencing difficulty finding space during their study halls. Classes are scheduled to use the books and computers in even greater numbers due to spring projects. Laptops are frequently placed on tables in the LRC to accommodate additional requests for computer time. Even the computers in the production lab have been busy with numerous video 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 four days in May, the Learning Resource Center was open later than normal to accommodate students finishing projects and assignments. 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. Encourage your student to check for materials he or she might have forgotten to return. Materials found at home after the end of the school year may be returned to the Main Office. Students are charged fines for late materials.

Wellness Fair 2007

On Wednesday, May 2nd, all SCN students visited the 2nd Annual Wellness Fair. During Physical Education, Health, or Driver's Education, students met in the Main Gym to gather information in a variety of subject areas within the Wellness Learning Area.

Over twenty vendors from the tri-city area participated and shared information with students regarding careers, service, and job opportunities, as well as ways to improve physical, mental/emotional, and social health.

Based on student feedback, they enjoyed the opportunities to learn about dating violence and prevention from Women to Women and the Community Crisis Center. Additional favorites included Athletico and their school-wide vertical jump contest where athletes and non-athletes competed for SCN Vertical Jump Champ, Officer Finley's (St. Charles Police Department) seatbelt video and discussions about driving safety, Sodexo's nutritional information and black-light machine used to analyze hand cleanliness, and the blood pressure checks sponsored by the SCN School Nurses. The Wellness Fair provided multiple opportunities for students to enhance their overall well-being.

Next year's Wellness Fair is planned for May of 2008.



Margaret Pearson from the Secretary of State's Office talks to several students about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

INTERESTING GUEST SPEAKERS VISIT FAMILY RELATIONS CLASSES

Family Counseling: In April, Deborah Marqui, LCSW, and Abby Ehrhardt, LCSW, presented to the SCN Family Relations class about their roles as therapists, how they work with families, and how families may relate to each other. They shared stories on how they grew up in a family of eight siblings and how their childhood influenced them in their roles as social workers and therapists. Abby talked about hidden anger and how strategies for dealing with anger may be healthy or unhealthy in relationships. A checklist was handed out to help students analyze behaviors of people with hidden anger. The class learned a great deal from the therapists sharing their information and experience.

Lazarus House: In May, Mrs. Darlene Marcusson, the Executive Director of Lazarus House, spoke to the third hour Family Relations class. She spoke about how the homeless are not only living in the large cities but are living right here in our community. Some topics that she focused on were childcare, transportation, and housing. She noted that the housing prices in St. Charles are very high. She gave examples of what happens to people who do not have the luxury of a car. Mrs. Marcusson also discussed with us how some mothers survive with a job and having to take care of their children. Her most reoccurring theme was that just one

person can change the world. All it takes is a little effort and faith and you can accomplish anything. Mrs. Marcusson made the class realize that they should appreciate what they have.

Hearts of Hope: What does one do when your child has been arrested for drug use? What do I do if my sibling is addicted to drugs? What does one say to a family when a child has died from a drug overdose? These questions and more were responded to when Leah Minalga and Kerri Danek, Hearts of Hope representatives, spoke with the Family Relations class. Hearts of Hope started as a grass roots support program for families who deal with a family member addicted to drugs. Leah and Kerri shared the various programs that the group is involved with from teaching drug education to the schools, running support groups for families and incarcerated persons at the Kane County Jail, and referring individuals to other drug programs for further assistance. Student Stacy Scholl "has a different outlook on life" and Robyn Phelan will "keep the organization in mind for those that might need it." "The presentation taught me a lot about the dangers of drugs and how addicting they are" says Chris Simmons; and Julie Gawron "learned that adults are affected equally by drugs as children are".