

"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.

Mrs. Kimberly Zupec, Principal
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BPA Excels at State Competition

Student members of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Club demonstrated their outstanding professionalism and business savvy at this year's State Leadership Conference, held March 6th-8th at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago in Oakbrook, Illinois. Participating in both individual and team events, our North Star future business professionals proved themselves to be outstanding competitors against their counterparts from various regions across the state.

All eighteen members who competed in the regional competition advanced to this opportunity. Eleven of these students placed in the top ten of their respective categories and proudly stood on stage during the award ceremony to receive their medals. These students are Beau Baldwin, Jennifer Bourbon, Daniel Broecker, Taylor DiOrio, Emily Freiny, Adam Keen, Lindsay Madziarczyck, Christine Roggemann, Phil Scherer, Elise Valdez, and Jon Wagner. Of this number, six will advance to the BPA National Leadership Conference to be held this May in Reno, Nevada, including the first place Financial Analyst Team comprised of Dan Broecker, Taylor DiOrio, Adam Keen, and Elise Valdez (a State recognition that is a first for North!). Broecker and Keen will also compete in individual contests (Broecker in Advanced Accounting, and Keen in Computerized Accounting and Financial Math and Analysis), as well as the other two Reno-bound members, Jennifer Bourbon and Lindsay Madziarczyk (Fundamental Accounting and Advanced Interviewing Skills, respectively). Other members of the BPA group of stellar State participants were Evan Bonnstetter, Stephanie Korinek, Jamie Kujawa, Zach McCullough, Ashley Nelson, Karla Santana, and Michelle Terwilleger.

BPA advisors Barb Schmit and Colleen Keough could not possibly be prouder of each and every member that represented North High School at State. These students truly exhibit professional character and competency beyond their years.



1st row (L to R): Michelle Terwilleger, Stephanie Korinek, Jennifer Bourbon, Ashley Nelson, Emily Freiny, Karla Santana, Lindsay Madziarczyck, Elise Valdez, Taylor DiOrio. 2nd row (L to R): Adam Keen, Jamie Kujawa, Evan Bonnstetter, Dan Broecker, Jon Wagner, Phil Scherer, Beau Baldwin. Not pictured: Zach McCullough, Christine Roggemann



IDEA competitors: (L to R) Jared Shurtleff, Misha Zerdahj, Jake Montelone, and Alex Chinderle

IDEA Regional Competition Winners

The Illinois Drafting Education Association (IDEA) held regional competitions on March 7th, 2008 which consisted of various technical drafting skills. Over 1100 participants throughout the State of Illinois competed in various activities including Introductory Board Equipment/CAD (Computer Aided Design) Design, 3D Solid Modeling Design, Machine CAD/Board Design, and Architecture Design. The competition was judged by local professionals in the fields of engineering and architecture. This competition shows how well students will possibly do in the real world and/ or college. Eighteen of the 60 participating in the Elgin Community College region were from St. Charles North High School. First and second place winners move on to Illinois State University for state competitions held on April 11, 2008. Good luck to the following students from North who will move on to state:

1st place Architecture --Jared Shurtleff, sophomore in Architecture Design

1st place Introductory CAD--Misha Zerdahj, freshman in Engineering Drafting

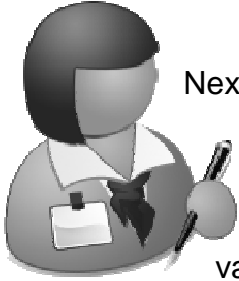
1st place Introductory Board-- Jake Montelone, freshman in Engineering Drafting

2nd Place Introductory Board--Alex Chinderle, sophomore in Engineering Drafting

Honorary mention:

3rd place Introductory CAD Dan Bauerbach, sophomore in Engineering Drafting

PEN OF THE PRINCIPAL



Next year will be one of tremendous growth and change for St. Charles North High School. We are transitioning to an organizational structure which will be beneficial for students and teachers alike. This spring we will be appointing three instructional coaches. These coaches will be master teachers from within our own ranks whose primary goal will be to assist classroom teachers in a variety of ways to enhance their instruction. The coaches will interact with our Professional Learning Communities and individual teachers in their use of assessments and other student data as the vehicle for refining their classroom instruction. Our instructional coaches will be part of a district wide network and receive intensive training. The work they do cooperatively with their colleagues in the building will guide our staff development. Additionally, each coach will teach one class. This class will be a demonstration classroom where teachers can observe, plan, and even co-teach a lesson with the coach. The process will be fluid, allowing the coach and teacher(s) the flexibility to interact on a multitude of levels.

As we prepare for this shift in culture, our current endeavors remain strong. Our commitment to Professional Learning Communities is cemented. We continue to center our work on the four core questions of PLCs with intensive focus on the interventions put into place to assist students in their mastery of the subjects studied. Each department is focusing on a pyramid of interventions for the students. Our staff development is becoming more imbedded in the daily workings of our school. We continue to frame our instruction based on the students' needs. Our counseling staff continues to work closely with various Professional Learning Communities. We have a team of teachers who support special programs at North High School including our Freshmen/Sophomore Advisory.

Finally, each department will be represented by a "lead teacher" who will be responsible for the daily management of their area. To further support our staff, I or one of the assistant principals will be assigned to each department. As these plans become more defined, we will publish an organizational chart for our families.

St. Charles North High School is moving in a very positive direction. With high functioning Professional Learning Communities directly supported by embedded coaching, our instructional practices will take our students to the next level.

Kim Zupec
Principal

PROM 2008

It is our pleasure to inform you about this year's Prom, "Iris". The Class of 2009 has worked very hard to organize this event and is looking forward to an elegant evening. It will be held at *The Abbington* in Glen Ellyn, and tickets will be on sale the week of April 14-18 only. Students **MUST** have a ticket and **CURRENT** SCN ID, or approved guest pass with picture ID, to attend PROM! Table Request Forms are due on Friday, April 18th. Without a table request form in by this date, students will not be allowed to eat dinner even if they buy a ticket. Tickets for Prom may be purchased in Student Activities during lunch hours for \$55 a person. Only juniors and seniors may purchase tickets for Prom.



PTO News

THANKS:

To all parents who decorated, set up, and served water and snacks at the **Sadie's Dance**. Thanks to Stella Barone for all her planning.

To all the current PTO Hospitality and Post Prom Committee members who are busy at work. Hospitality Committee will host a **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** on April 10th. Post Prom volunteers are working to create a fun, casual event for your junior or senior to enjoy- regardless of whether or not he/she attends Prom. **Post Prom** is May 3rd 11:00pm-3am. The committee will be looking for many volunteers for that weekend. Please experience the fun and volunteer. It really is worth the effort to provide such a positive, fun and safe after prom event.

UPDATES:

PTO is beginning our discussions about 2008-2009 Board positions and committee chairs. Please contact Lori McQuillan for further information if interested @ 630-587-3352.

Our last PTO meetings are April 21st and May 19th. Please join us at 7pm in the LRC.

Lori McQuillan
630-587-3352

Jill Stone
630-584-9882

POST PROM 2008



Where can you go to win CASH & some fantastic prizes, play human foosball, sumo wrestling, live game show or have your face painted? **The POST PROM Party!**

The party will be featured at the school again this year. There will be TONS of games set up throughout the gyms. The mezzanine will be turned into a casino for those who want to try their luck at Derby Days and 21 for Fun and there will be food, drinks, and movies in the cafeteria.

Adding to the fun and excitement will be the chance to win some fantastic prizes. There will be **iTouch**, **iHome**, **Laptops with Printers**, **Flat screen TV**, **Digital Cameras**, Video camera, **Portable DVD player**, **Playstation**, **GPS Systems...** and to top it off a **\$1000 in CASH!!**

Who is invited: Everyone who goes to Prom including dates that are underclassmen & students from other schools (with guest pass). In addition, if you do NOT attend Prom, you are welcome to come to the Post Prom Party as well, but this is limited to North students; juniors and seniors only and STC East guests with pass.

Time: 11:00pm-3:00am

Cost: \$15.00/ person- Everything is included!

Dress: Casual

Tickets go on sale in the cafeteria on April 29th! Look for the display case of prizes in the foyer!!

Don't miss out on this EVENING of STARS!

MEMORY WALL for POST PROM

We are asking all senior parents to please help us decorate a memory wall for our North Star Seniors. Check your senior mailing packet as well as the Polaris Express and the school website for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Anderson @ 630-584-6964. This was a huge success last year and we would like to honor our seniors again this year.

POST PROM 2008 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Post Prom 2008 is in need of many parent volunteers to help with making Post Prom a success for our North HS students. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

- Working with the Decorations Committee prior to the event. Please contact Julie Haney (847-741-5488) or juhaney@sbcglobal.net if you can help.
- Set-up and installation on Friday, May 2nd from 3 PM to 10 PM.
- Work the Post Prom event on Saturday, May 3rd (11 PM – 3 AM) to help with games, security, or food area.

To volunteer for May 2-3, please contact either: Mary Beth Reilly (630) 513-5323 or mbreilly@sbcglobal.net or Beverly Nesbit (630) 584-3150 or Nesbit-Family@comcast.net.

If you are not able to help with your time, please consider a monetary donation to help fund this awesome event for our North students. Checks should be made out to SCNHS PTO/Post Prom and mailed to the school, attn: Post Prom Committee.

Thank you for your support!

Kathy Bultema, Chairperson for Post Prom 2008
(630) 443-1892 or klbutema@aol.com

STUDENT SERVICES

Kevin Scotellaro, Assistant Principal for Student Services

Recently all juniors received important information for preparing for the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) on April 23rd and 24th. This includes two publications that contain, tips, strategies, and practice tests that can be very helpful in creating a comfort level with these exams. Both the *"Preparing for the ACT"* and *"Overview and Preparation Guide for PSAE Day 2"* are excellent resources for putting students in a strong position to do well on these standardized tests. Besides providing colleges and employers a measure by which to make important post secondary decisions, these exams are opportunities for students to effectively represent their level of learning to not just others making decisions, but just as importantly, to themselves. The PSAE on the second day is an important exam to prepare for and perform well on as the Day 2 scores are listed on the student's transcript.

Since all juniors are required to take the PSAE as a requirement for graduation they are automatically registered by North and the State of Illinois for this two day exam. But if you wish to take a second, or possibly third administration of the ACT, you must register on your own. The next ACT exam is on June 14. ACT registration packets are available in the Guidance Office.

The Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling will host its annual Illinois College Exposition, also known as "The College Fair", on April 15 in the Gymnasium at St. Charles North. This is an excellent opportunity to have access to representatives from over 150 colleges and universities. High school students of all ages are encouraged to explore the many possibilities this Fair offers.

The District 303 High School Summer School program will be held again at North this year. Session I runs from June 9-26 followed by Session II from July 7-24. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Guidance Office. If you enroll in a summer course be sure to let your counselor know in case it impacts your 2008-09 course schedule.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?

Attend the ILLINOIS COLLEGE EXPOSITION
Fox Valley Area Fair
St. Charles North High School Gym
Tuesday, April 15, 2008 **
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Visit with representatives from a large number of in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities.
- Learn about programs, campus activities, admission requirements.
- Get answers to your questions.

** (REVISED DATE)



School Day Schedule for PSAE Testing Days April 23 and 24, 2008



Juniors (Class of 2009)

Wednesday, April 23 (ACT Test)

Thursday, April 24 (WorkKeys & ISBE Science)

Report to assigned rooms **no later** than **7:30 a.m.** both testing days.

Dismissal at 11:50
(conclusion of testing)

Dismissal at 10:25
(conclusion of testing)

A bus will be available for juniors who need transportation home after testing.

Freshmen (Class of 2011) and Sophomores (Class of 2010)

Wednesday, April 23

Thursday, April 24

Period

Time

Period

1

7:20-8:35

8

(Passing: 8:35 – 8:45)

2

8:45-10:00

7

(Passing: 10:00-10:10)

3

10:10-11:25

6

(Passing: 11:25-11:35)

4

11:35-12:50

5

Dismissal at 12:50



Check with your coach/advisor for practice and/or meeting times on these two days.

Buses depart at 1:00 PM

NOTE: Seniors (Class of 2008) will not attend school on April 23 and 24, PSAE testing days.

We return to our regular schedule and classes on Friday, April 25.

All students are expected to be in attendance on Friday.



“BETWEEN THE LINES”

John Rutter, Athletic Director

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 the travel off-campus to practice throughout the winter months, our Gymnastics team ended the season in fine fashion by winning the Regional and Sectional meets on their way to an 8th place finish at the State meet. Our wrestling program concluded its season on a high note as Eric Justice, Lin Stacey, and Dave Trizzino each qualified for Sectional competition. The girls' basketball program had its most successful season ever recorded here at St. Charles North as they won both the Regional and Sectional title for the first time in school history before a hard fought Super-Sectional defeat to Buffalo Grove High School. The boys' basketball program enjoyed lots of success this season as well including a 2nd place finish at the Jacobs Christmas Holiday Tournament. Our boys' swimmers had another outstanding season. They were Sectional Champions and qualified 11 individuals for the IHSA State Meet where they finished 4th in the State. Our cheerleaders finished 6th in the state at the ICCA Championships and our Drill Team earned another State Championship to go along with a 2nd and a 3rd place finish at the IDTA State Championships.

Our spring sports season has begun! Come check out the North Stars in action. You may access our schedules at www.athletics2000.com/scn. Hope to see you at a North Star contest!

Summer Camp Registration has started. All students interested in signing up for camp may do so at www.athletics2000.com/scn. We are accepting online payments now! For more Summer Camp Information please check out our website.

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 2008 Spring Sports Season! St. Charles North High School values your support and believes it is critical to our success.

DRILL TEAMS WIN STATE COMPETITION



The varsity and junior varsity drill teams both brought home STATE Championship trophies from the Team Dance Illinois State Dance Finals held in Peoria on March 2nd. This is the 7th state title for the varsity team and junior varsity team.

After losing a team member this past year, the drill teams dedicated the remainder of the season to Lauren Laman, who passed away suddenly from a heart condition. The varsity girls honored her memory by performing and placing in the top three in all state dances, receiving a 2nd place state trophy in the dance category and a 3rd place trophy in pom-dance, along with their state winning performance in the lyrical dance division.

The St. Charles North drill teams combined with the St. Charles East drill teams this fall, raising over \$73,500 this year for the American Cancer Society and the Living Well Resource Cancer Center in Geneva.

Back row (L to R): Coach Nancy Franson, Kalli Bravos, Kristyn Caranci, MaryJane Meisenheimer, Emily Scorby, Christina Small, Carolyn Aikens, Jacki Scheithe. **Front Row (L to R):** Maddie Wehking, Maggie Le Maire, Alle Pawelski, Michelle Livingston, Jacklyn Walczynski, Amanda Dvorak, Karlee Pinto.

PROJECT DANCE

For the past four years, our school has participated in raising money for the Special Olympics. Our event is called “Project: Dance!,” which is a twelve hour dance marathon in our small gym.

For people to participate, it’s required that they raise \$150 dollars and stand up for the entire twelve hours. Throughout the day of the event, many Special Olympians come and dance, giving even more meaning to our cause. This is where we need your help, though. We’re proud to say that it is our goal to raise \$100,000 total dollars after Project: Dance! 2008. Any donations made by the community could help our cause.

Please make checks payable to St. Charles North High School, and look out for the dancers collecting money in your neighborhoods. The event is on April 19th, 2008, from 9 AM – 9 PM, and all visitors are welcome.



DECA Host the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands

On Thursday, February 28, DECA hosted the 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands at St. Charles North High School. Six bands played to a sold out crowd. The six bands are made up of students from St. Charles North and East High School students. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Plan Into Action.

The funds raised through this event help the DECA students pay for competition and a donation was made to the Epilepsy Foundation. Each year Illinois DECA has a state Civic Consciousness Project for the members to participate. This year funds were donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

DECA is an international association of high school students studying marketing, management, and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service. If you would like more information, please contact Kendra Lee or Denise Leatherman.

SCN Unsung Heroes Honored

An inspiration, role model, leader and idol – according to Roget’s Thesaurus, these are words to describe a hero.

On Wednesday, March 5th thirty–nine students were honored as Unsung Heroes here at St. Charles North. All attending this recognition ceremony had the opportunity to meet and hear a few words from Matt Schumacher, a 2002 St. Charles East graduate who, in addition to being committed to making a difference while in high school, also served 2 tours of duty in Korea and one in Iraq. As he shared some of his experiences and ideas of heroism, Matt accentuated the impact that our Unsung Heroes have had in our school community.

Our heroes were identified by staff members for being humble, contributing behind the scenes, always anticipating the needs of others, and demonstrating genuine concern. As we honored these students, we celebrated their contributions and the goodness that occurs in our school everyday.

Kevin Acton
 Anthony Bailey
 Dana Belcolore
 Ina Beltran
 Jacqueline Boyle
 Peter Cherry
 Ashley Rae Cox
 Joseph Darroch
 Frankie Devitt
 Brian Donlevy

Colleen Fabing
 Mae Lynn Foo
 Jeremy Goldman
 Kyle Harmon
 Amanda Holm
 Kailey Huber
 Tabitha Kulcsar
 Kristel Anne Lardizabal
 Leilani Larsen
 Ryan Lewis

Courtney Lohrenz
 Thomas Metts
 Myles Neuneker
 Kathryn Paige Oler
 Zoe Peterson
 Maximillian Przybycien
 Sarah Purcell
 Nicholas Reilly
 Jessica Rogawski
 Jonathan Schroeder

Natalie Soltesz
 Daniel Steamer
 Gina Szerszen
 Kaitlin Thomka
 Kelsey True
 Jonathan Wagner
 Justin Wightman
 Kelsey Zaccagnini
 Michael Zoloty

Fifteen North High Students Compete in State Marketing Competition

The Marketing and Management Club for high students known as DECA had its annual State Competition on March 6-8, 2007 in Decatur, IL. Fifteen students represented St. Charles North High School in the competition. There were over 900 students from across the state that competed in various events. There are many different events in which the students can compete. St. Charles North students competed in the following areas:

Entrepreneurship Business Plan Written Event: Jude Abangan, Jake Hosler, Lucia Leitner, Amanda Steiner, Sara Skulackez, and Alanna Harju

Fashion Merchandising Promotional Campaign: Jill Brooks, Alifia Dholkawala, and Kelsey Zaccagnini

Advertising Campaign Written Event: Maya Menon

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Individual Event: Maya Menon

Apparel and Accessories: Alifia Dholkawala and Kesley Zaccagnini

The following students placed in the top ten of their event: Kristin Miller, Kelsey Zaccagnini, Alifia Dholkawala, Jill Brooks, Jake Hosler, and Maya Menon

DECA is one of the premier business education clubs for high school students in the United States. There are over 160,000 members, and approximately 15,000 compete at the International Career Development Conference.



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 Breakfast with the Stars Award

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Ms. Megan Streid	<i>Jessica Scheithe</i>
Ms. Janelle VanDeSampel	<i>Marisa Aderman</i>
Ms. Dina Johnson &	<i>John Medwick</i>
Ms. Valerie Landbo	
Ms. Kandace Brink	<i>Julie Gawron</i>
Mr. Mark Rhode	<i>Shelby Mohs</i>
Ms. Jennifer Shoaf	<i>Geena Scaria</i>

MARCH Breakfast with the Stars Award

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Mr. Tim Butterly &	<i>Thomas Bosko</i>
Ms. Amy Lill	
Mr. Anthony DeBartolo	<i>Brian de la Torriente</i>
Mr. Mike Dockum	<i>Kyle Dineen</i>
Ms. Michele Machowicz	<i>Amelia Hurst</i>
Ms. Amy Shane	<i>Ryan Lewis</i>
Ms. Edith Monroy	<i>Victoria Pletkovich &</i> <i>Laura Sarnelli</i>
Ms. Erin Menig	<i>Justin Riggs</i>

MATH TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE

St. Charles North Math Team qualifies three individuals for this year's state competition. Going to Champaign are:

- Patrick Eschenfeldt for the Pre-Calculus and Orals competition,
- Phil Scherer for Pre-Calculus
- Sarah Amalraj for the Algebra 2 contest.

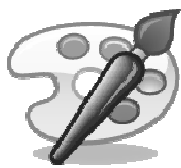
Congratulations to these amazing students!



(L to R) Phil Scherer, Sarah Amalraj, & Patrick Eschenfeldt

Art Events in the News

The Art Department is celebrating our senior artists with the first ever Senior Showcase. Every senior was encouraged to submit a piece of their art and a short statement about the role art plays in their life. This celebratory display was hung in conjunction with the Empty Bowls Charity Dinner. This year the dinner was held with the choral music concert and was very successful at raising funds for the Lazarus House food pantry.



Our department would like to congratulate Jenny Bae and Jon Leibham for being selected as our school's representatives at the Fox Valley Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago "Portfolio Night". This is an opportunity for two outstanding high school students from the area schools to display their work and have it reviewed by admissions representatives from the School of the Art Institute and compete for a scholarship for summer course work through the Art Institute. Good luck to both of our reps!

Alliance for College Readiness Update

The Alliance, formed in 2006 and sponsored in part by Elgin Community College, is charged with supporting student achievement and creating a better understanding of the needs of both high school and college teachers and students.

During the spring semester selected English teachers from North will be 'shadowing' a college professor for a day and sharing their insights with all English teachers. The Alliance English Committee itself will develop a full scale continuum of skills and knowledge that students should possess at the end of grades 9, 10, 11, 12 and the first year of college – no matter what college a student attends. This articulation as well as an articulation completed this winter among high school and middle school teachers will support the continuous improvement efforts of the English Department.

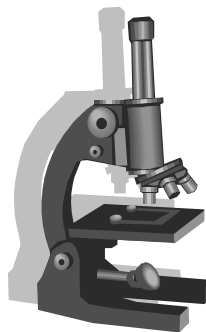
The Writing Center Corner

This winter The Writing Center is in full swing. Our statistics show that from early September through the end of January The Writing Center had an increase in student attendance of 600% - yes, six hundred percent - over expectations. Quantitative studies also show that students who attend The Writing Center have improved in key areas. One class improved an average of 20% in idea development and organization, 25% in conventions, and over 30% in the writing process overall.

All North Stars can meet with writing consultants on a drop-in basis for either 20 or 40 minute sessions during all lunch hours. Encourage your students to stop by the 100s pod and polish their writing skills for any and all of their classes. And once again, we wish to thank the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation for their generous grant. With their support we have made a dream come true.

BIOLOGY NATIONAL EXAM FOR AP BIO

The 2008 USA Biology Olympiad is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education and is an international competition. The test was administered in February to over 9,000 high school Biology students and was used to choose the top 500 Biology scholars in the nation. This group then takes a second exam and finally an individual practical to choose the top four Biology students in the country. These students compete internationally. Our students scored at or above the average for the test.



Bio-Rad Workshop for Biology Teachers

Biology teachers from North and East took part in a day long workshop with a representative from Bio-Rad. They worked with DNA gel electrophoresis, PCR protocols, isolating DNA, and protein profiles. This was a wonderful opportunity for all to improve micropipetting skills, learn about new genetic procedures, and go through labs which could be used in our classrooms.

Chemistry Olympiad

The U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad and the International Chemistry Olympiad are multi-tiered competitions that bring together the world's most talented high school students to test their knowledge and skills in chemistry. Nations from around the world conduct examinations to choose the most high-performing students to represent their countries in the International Chemistry Olympiad.

Each year more than 10,000 high school students nationwide take local exams hoping to compete in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad. North HS seniors, Philip Scherer and Patrick Eschenfeldt recently took this local exam and are awaiting their results. If they qualify, they will then compete at the national level. The top 20 students from the national exam participate at a study camp, held each June at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, and four are chosen for the U.S. team to compete in the International Chemistry Olympiad.

The International Chemistry Olympiad is a ten-day competition to challenge the chemical knowledge and skills of students around the world. The event, which began in 1968 in Eastern Europe, now includes participants from more than 60 countries. Each nation sends a team of four students who complete a five-hour laboratory practical and a five-hour theoretical examination.

LRC NEWS

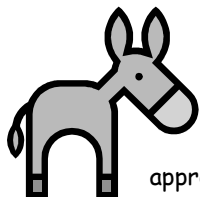
Abraham Lincoln Award: The Abraham Lincoln Award is awarded annually to the author of the book voted as most outstanding by participating students in grades nine through twelve in Illinois. The award is named for Abraham Lincoln, one of Illinois' most famous residents and himself an avid reader and noted author. The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA). The Abraham Lincoln Award is designed to encourage high school students to read for personal satisfaction and become familiar with authors of young adult books.

The list of nominated books and each year's winner can be found on the North website. The winner in 2007 was *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield. The winner in 2008 was *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer. In *Twilight*, a reader will meet seventeen-year-old Bella who leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington. There she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human. For those readers who enjoy *Twilight*, the author has written two more books to follow that one. The new Abe Lincoln list of books for 2008-2009 has just been released and can be found by checking the North LRC website.

Textbook return: The end of the year is approaching quickly! Please remind your students to make sure all library books and textbooks are returned promptly at the end of the semester. Making sure materials are returned on time is particularly important to graduating seniors. Diplomas are held until library obligations are taken care of. Although there is a short "grace period," fines are charged for late materials.

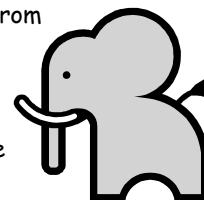
New Library Software: During the summer the North LRC will be changing the software used to circulate books and textbooks. The entire district is moving to software put out by Follett Library. Follett will move all records from the old software to the new software.

Students Serve as Election Judges



Kelsey Anderson, Scott Brooks, and Jonathan Leal served as election judges for the February 5th 2008 primary election. To be a judge, students must be nominated by the principal, have parental permission, and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The students were required to attend a training class prior to the primary. They each were assigned to different precincts which they helped man from approximately 5:00 AM until the polls closed.

James Morefield, Kane County Election Judge Coordinator, was extremely pleased with our student judges' performance and stated, "I heard nothing but outstanding and glowing reports from all of the judges in the respective polling places. To say that they represented Kane County well would be an understatement."



The students also worked in the March 8th Special Election and plan to work the 2008 General Elections.

TEACHER BRINGS BACK POLITICAL EXPERIENCE TO SHARE WITH STUDENTS

When Iowa voters went to their local school, village hall or hundreds of other locations to caucus on the night of Tuesday, January 3, the rest of the country was watching to see which presidential candidates would emerge successfully from the opening event in the 2008 election season. They were also being watched up-close by at least one member of the North High School community. Government and history teacher, Mike Kuper, made the six-hour drive to Des Moines, Iowa, to get a first-hand look at the spectacle that makes Iowa the center of the political universe every four years.

Kuper sat in on a Democratic Party caucus at an elementary school in Des Moines. The approximately 90-minute meeting began with a formal head count of registered voters in attendance, followed by short speeches from some of the organizers. From there, the more-than 110 attendees divided themselves into groups based on the candidate they supported. Senator Barack Obama, the overall state winner that night, won the caucus in that precinct. Senator Hillary Clinton finished second at that precinct's caucus and former Senator John Edwards third.

"The whole experience was exciting for me as a government teacher, but it also gave me a different perspective that I've been able to share with my U.S. Government students," Kuper said.

As a non-Iowan, Kuper was not able to vote or speak out at the caucus but as an informal observer he could watch the entire process. Besides getting the opportunity to talk to some of the caucus leaders and several voters, he was able to get a behind-the-scenes perspective not afforded someone who watches the election returns on cable news or reads about the caucus in the next morning's papers.

Obama, Clinton, and Edwards were the only ones in the room to get 15 percent or more of the vote at the caucus – the minimum percent a candidate needed at any caucus to be "viable".

"What makes a caucus so different from a primary election is the fact that citizens are making a public stand for their candidate," Kuper said. "Often people criticize the caucus system, saying it's undemocratic or that people are inconvenienced by having to go to a meeting and publicly declaring their candidate. But being in the room, I could sense the passion they had. If someone is willing to give up an evening like that, they have to be a candidate's strongest supporters."

Despite the intensity of this year's election – and the fact that the crowd was packed nearly shoulder-to-shoulder in the school cafeteria – the crowd was very civil even when they supported different candidates, Kuper said. "I think that's largely because these were neighbors meeting with neighbors. That commonality overshadowed any political differences they might have had."

Later in the evening, Kuper attended caucus-night rallies for Edwards and Obama, where he felt the excitement generated by thousands of supporters. He also visited some of the Iowa headquarters for some of the campaigns, and he met several other candidates at the media center set up at the city's arena and talked for several minutes about the election with CNN political correspondent Candi Crowley after she finished a live report.

"I've often thought it would be fun and a great learning experience to follow the presidential candidates around Iowa or New Hampshire during a primary season," Kuper said. "This wasn't exactly the same, but it was the next best thing."

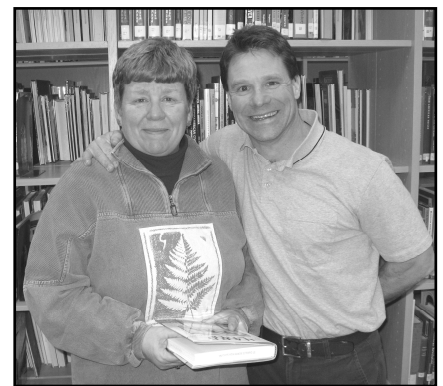


Government teacher, Mike Kuper, observes Iowa caucus firsthand.

BROWN AND LAMASTER NOMINATED FOR KANE COUNTY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The St. Charles North faculty is proud to nominate Ron Brown and Cheryl LaMaster for Kane County Educator of the Year. Mr. Brown, who is being nominated in the high school educator category, has served the students of both St. Charles North and St. Charles East in many ways over his career. At North, Mr. Brown teaches in the Technology Department, with a focus on woodworking and drafting classes. He has taken a number of students to various national competitions in drafting-related areas. His teams routinely place in the top five Chrysler's National Design Competition.

Mrs. LaMaster, a nominee in the administrator category, has served St. Charles North in the role of Instructional Coordinator for the LRC for seven years. Over that time, she has developed a high-quality center of learning for our student body. The LRC, under the leadership of Mrs. LaMaster, has been recognized a number of times over the past two years by local and state organizations for their work with our students (see previous issues of The Navigator for details).



Cheryl LaMaster and Ron Brown



Charleston XXIV Building Trades House

CHARLESTON BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM

The Building Trades classes of both St. Charles North and St. Charles East High Schools are very hard at work on the Charleston XXIV house. This home is 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 North and East High Schools. The Charleston XXV Design Competition will be held this May to pick the winning design for the house to be built 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 XXIV, was designed by Jeff Huckins. The interior design for this year’s home is from Kaitlin Woitas’ entry. The winner for the exterior selection went to Stephanie Sirona. The house is located at 1446 Blume Road, Elgin, IL, in the Creekside Subdivision. The open house and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held sometime at the end of the school year. The house will be put on the market when completed.



(L to R) Assistant Principals Moore & Scotellaro, Caitlin Winkelman, & Principal Zupec

NORTH STAR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The past four years, a senior at St Charles North has been the lucky recipient of the North Star College Scholarship. This super exciting \$10,000 award is given to a senior who has played a sport at SCN, is at least a “C” student, and has had a job to help pay for college.

This year’s deserving winner is Caitlin Winkelman who will be attending Augustana College in the fall and is planning to study in the healthcare field. Caitlin plays volleyball, soccer, and basketball and is a Peer Mediator here at North High School.

We thank all the seniors who applied for this scholarship and wish Caitlin all the best in her future endeavors!

LUMINARIA WILL LIGHT PATH AT SCN’S RELAY FOR LIFE ON MAY 16TH & 17TH, 2008

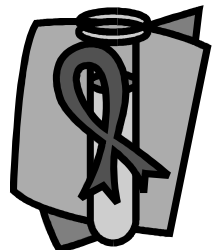
This year on May 16th and 17th, 2008, starting at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th, students from St. Charles North High School will be participating in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. For anyone who has ever taken part in one of these events, one of the most moving portions of the walk is the Celebration of Hope. As darkness falls on the path, lighted bags called luminaria will be lit either in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone to commemorate those whose lives have been lost to this disease.

We are asking those of you who would like to participate in the Celebration of Hope by purchasing a luminaria for a grandparent, parent, spouse, brother, sister, loved one, neighbor, or friend. You can do this online by following the directions provided below.

1. Go to the St. Charles High School Relay for Life Homepage at the following address:
http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeIllinoisDivision?fr_id=6899&pg=entry
2. On the right side, there is a star with the word Donate on it and the last choice is for luminaria; click on that link.
3. On this page there is information about the ceremony and a link right underneath the picture. Please click on the link and follow the directions for purchasing a luminaria.

Each bag is \$5.00.

Thank you in advance for supporting the students at St. Charles North High School in their efforts as they work together to raise money for the American Cancer Society.



Class of 2008 Commencement DVD

Place your order for the Class of 2008 Commencement DVD now!

The cost for this DVD is \$25.00.

DVD's will be available for pick-up during Fall Registration

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Checks made payable to St. Charles North High School)

Please return to

St. Charles North High School; c/o Natalie Rosin; 255 Red Gate Road; St. Charles, IL, 60175

2nd SEMESTER FINAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Period 1 exam	7:30 - 9:10 a.m.
Period 3 exam	9:20 - 11:00 a.m.
Period 5 exam	11:10 - 12:50 p.m.
BUSES DEPART AT 1:10 P.M.	

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Period 8 exam	7:30 - 9:10 a.m.
Period 2 exam	9:20 - 11:00 a.m.
Period 4 exam	11:10 - 12:50 p.m.
BUSES DEPART AT 1:10 P.M.	

Friday, May 30, 2008

Period 6 exam	7:30 - 9:10 a.m.
Period 7 exam	9:20 - 11:00 a.m.
Period 1 class time	11:10 - 11:30 a.m.
Period 2 class time	11:36 - 11:56 a.m.
Period 3 class time	12:02 - 12:22 p.m.
Period 4 class time	12:28 - 12:48 p.m.
BUSES DEPART AT 1:10 P.M.	

Monday, June 2, 2008

Period 5 class time	7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Period 6 class time	7:56 - 8:16 a.m.
Period 7 class time	8:22 - 8:42 a.m.
Period 8 class time	8:50 - 9:10 a.m.
BUSES DEPART AT 9:20 A.M.	

IMPORTANT DATES*(Sometimes dates/times change....check school website often)***north.d303.org**

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| April 11 - School Improvement Planning - No school for students | May 12 - Board of Education Meeting, Admin Bldg., 7:00 PM |
| April 14 - Board of Education Meeting, Admin Bldg., 7:00 PM | May 12 - Non-Audition Jazz Concert, Auditorium, 7:30 PM |
| April 15 - College Fair, NHS, 7:00 PM | May 13 - Choral Concert w/Sr. Recognition, Auditorium, 7:30 PM |
| April 16 - ETC Day | May 14 - ETC Day |
| April 19 - Project Dance, Small Gym, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM | May 14 - Senior Academic Honors Night, Auditorium, 7:00 PM |
| April 21 - PTO Meeting, LRC, 7:00 PM | May 19 - PTO Meeting, LRC, 7:00 PM |
| April 23, 24 - PSAE Testing | May 19 - Freshman Concert Bands Concert, Auditorium, 7:30 PM |
| April 25, 26 - Spring Musical, Auditorium, 7:30 PM | May 20 - Symphonic/Chamber Winds, Wind Symphony Concert w/Sr. Recognition, Auditorium, 7:30 PM |
| April 27 - Spring Musical, Auditorium, 2:00 PM | May 21 - 411 Schedule |
| April 30 - ETC Day | May 22 - Senior BBQ, NHS, 6:00 PM |
| May 3 - Prom, The Abbington, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM | May 23 - Senior Breakfast |
| May 3, 4 - Post Prom, NHS, 11:00 PM - 3:00 AM | May 24 - Senior Farewell, NHS, 4:00 PM |
| May 5 - Orchestra Concert w/Sr. Recognition, Auditorium, 7:30 PM | May 25 - Commencement Ceremony, Sears Centre, 12:30 PM |
| May 6 - Select Academic Teams Banquet, Cafeteria, 6:30 PM | May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday |
| May 7 - 411 Schedule | May 28, 29, 30 - Final Exams |
| May 9 - Taste of SCN, NHS, 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM | June 2 - Last Day for Students if no "Emergency Days" used |
| May 9 - One Act Festival, Auditorium, 7:30 PM | June 9 - Board of Education Meeting, Admin Bldg., 7:00 PM |
| May 10 - One Act Festival, Auditorium, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM | |

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