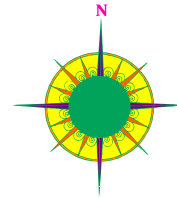


"The Navigator" Principal's Newsletter



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We value feedback from the District 303 community. Write or call us. Your response is always appreciated

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"From the Pen of the Principal"

It seems that just yesterday, construction was beginning at the site of Wredling Middle School and the first clouds of dust swirled along Red Gate Road. In fact, it was nearly one year ago that we began our journey with the Groundbreaking Ceremony in June and the first excavation in July. Together, we have come a very long way in making St. Charles North High School a reality and I would be remiss if I were not to take a moment and reflect on the year that is about to come to closure.

My most important impressions are of people. For the last year, I have had the privilege of working with many students, parents, and staff throughout the district. The students of St. Charles High School have lived up to every expectation. Offers of assistance, ideas to help with the transition, planning with future rivals, and sharing of time and talent have helped the future students and staff of St. Charles North to develop our own identity. The many contributions by students and staff have made an impact on our growth and development that will last for many years.

The third star of our logo represents the contribution of parents. Combined with the first two stars of students and staff, we come together to establish a climate of cooperation that will ultimately create learning experiences for our students worthy of their efforts. I am appreciative for the involvement of parents, the time already given and the ideas for the future. Together, certainly, we can transform "bricks and mortar" into a living school.

Finally, the staff that we have established for North H.S. has taken upon themselves the task of transforming tradition and experience into vision and opportunity. I am truly impressed by the initiative shown by the faculty. Notwithstanding the physical move to Red Gate Road, the emotional adventure will come to closure on the first day of classes. Our new student body will truly feel the excitement of the staff.

I wish each of you a safe and restful summer of 2000. Please keep thoughts of North High School high on your list as we continue to prepare for the historic moment on September 5th.

*Frank Kesman
Principal*

Hewell Elected North Student Council President



Todd Hewell

Todd Hewell has been chosen by the Class of 2003 as the first Student Council President of STC North HS. Todd has experience as a past Council Representative and has chaired numerous committees. As a member of the North HS Mascot & School Colors Committee, Todd was able to present the voice of the future North students to the District 303 School Board.

As President, Todd has been working closely and will continue to work with Class of 2003 Advisor, Ms. Natalie Nelson. "I am enthusiastic and dedicated to establishing close-knit connections with the newly elected Sophomore Class Student Council for the North HS." "We are a committed group of young individuals who want to involve everyone on the journey to where the North Stars rule!"

St. Charles North High School PTO

Thank you to all the parents who have been working to help establish a strong parent involvement at St. Charles North. The time and expertise you have shared over the last year will go a long way in establishing STC North as a caring community. We look forward to an exciting first year with lots of parent involvement.

Our Parent/School organization will not be a formally established entity until dues are paid and we vote on a slate of officers. Nominees for the Executive Board are: President, Judy Hanson; Vice-President, JoAnn Serge; Secretary, Debbie Robinson; and Treasurer, Rita Wash. PTO meetings will be held the third Monday of each month.

Dates to remember: August 22 and August 23 are Sophomore pick-up day. August 24 is Freshman pick-up day with an all-school picnic from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM that evening. Parents are encouraged to attend, and we will need lots of help from you. Please volunteer your time for that evening. (you can contact us by e-mail through MarilynRingsby@st-charles.k12.il.us). This e-mail address will be used by the Parent Organization for the school year. You can also volunteer by calling Judy Hanson at 377-9048. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Moving?

Please let us know if you are moving out of the North HS area so that we can assist you in your transition to a new school



SCHWEER'S "LOCKERROOM TALK"

The North Star Athletic Program continues to take shape with the addition of more lead coaches, the purchasing of a good portion of the athletic equipment, as well as the final touches to the 2000-2001 athletic schedule. By the way, should the opportunity arise, give a big thank-you to Wayne DeMaar, the "East" High School Athletic Director as he has done all the scheduling for the "North Stars" for the upcoming seasons. This is a tedious job and Wayne deserves a hearty thank-you.

Our 8th Grade Athletic Orientation was a big success with over 300 student/athletes getting an opportunity to meet their future coaches. If you did not have an opportunity to attend, be assured that a blanket mailing will be sent out in mid-July to all St. Charles North students with starting dates and locations for all fall sports.

The lead coaches currently look like this:

BOYS

Fall Sports

- Football - Mark Gould
- Soccer - Dave Hancock
- Cross Country - TBA
- Golf - Rob Prentiss
- Volleyball - Colleen Laurich

Winter Sports

- Wrestling - TBA
- Basketball - Mark Smith
- Swimming - Rob Rooney
- Drill Team - Beth Simone

Spring Sports

- Baseball - Jim Smedley
- Track - TBA
- Tennis - Tim Matacio
- Volleyball - Colleen Laurich

GIRLS

Fall Sports

- Tennis - Tim Matacio
- Cross Country - Sandy Padjen
- Golf - Mark Smith
- Swimming - Rob Rooney

Winter Sports

- Gymnastics - TBA
- Basketball - Mike Zernone
- Cheerleading - Audra Christenson

Spring Sports

- Softball - Jeri Ludvik
- Track - TBA
- Soccer - Ruth Poulin
- Badminton - TBA

We will continue to search for quality personnel as we strive to fill our remaining lead and assistant assignments.

As an organization, we will be putting a high value and emphasis on sportsmanship for both our athletes, as well as the parents, in the upcoming year. Let's make sure that when our teams compete, both the players as well as the fans represent our school in a fashion we can all be proud of. ***Go North Stars!!!***

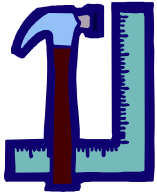
Central Boosters Club

STC North HS Boosters Club met on May 24th and elected the following people to serve one-year terms: Nancy Brackmann, President; Michele Fey, Vice-President; Jeanie Folk, Treasurer; and Marcia Czerwinski, Secretary.

The Central Boosters provide support and promotes all athletic teams and direct support groups (marching band, flags, sports medicine, drill team, and cheerleaders) through parents, coaches, the community, and students working together to enhance school spirit and provide financial support in conjunction with existing individual sport booster groups. We hope that all families will consider supporting the start of the athletic program at STC North by becoming Booster Club Members during school registration this summer. The STC East Booster Club has graciously volunteered to collect membership dues (\$50 for family membership) for those students coming to the North HS. In addition to helping the high school, family memberships will provide free entry (parents/children 8th grade and under) into regularly scheduled home conference events at the East as well as the North this year!

The STC North Boosters Club hopes to provide the funds/donated items, labor, and materials to build an indoor concession stand, which the high school will benefit from for years to come during the upcoming year. More information will follow as it is available! We are very excited about helping the students have a great time at STC North. Please consider getting involved with your student's individual club/activity!

Mr. Tom Schweer, Athletic Director of STC North, is looking for input regarding what we will call ourselves? "Go Blue", "Go North Stars"...what suggestions do you have? Something to think about while enjoying the summer.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As we get closer to the actual opening of North High School, it becomes easier to provide an accurate estimate of completion dates. As of this printing, both of the academic additions will be completed in time for the opening of school. This is excellent news as many discipline-specific rooms are located in these areas. Examples are art classrooms, FACS facilities, science labs, and technology classrooms. We hope to be able to have enough time to open boxes of textbooks, deliver student furniture, and make ready the necessary technology for instructional use.

The classroom portion of the Fine Arts facility should be ready to receive our music students including band, orchestra, and vocal music. The auditorium portion should be ready by September 15th and the calendar of performances and arrangements for student use is being established based upon this date. While not as convenient as having the facility ready, we are making the best of the situation and our students will still have many opportunities to showcase their talents.

The athletic addition including the main contest gym, training room facilities and conditioning area are scheduled for a September 1st completion, just in time for the opening of school on September 5th. The pool and locker facilities are expected to be ready on September 15th. In-season athletic practices and contests are being scheduled in coordination with the Norris Center and the St. Charles Park District. Both agencies have been very supportive in meeting our needs and have provided space, facilities, and suggestions for our fall athletic schedule. Grading and seeding of the site is ongoing. Weather plays an important part in that progress and we expect to have seed sprouting by mid-June.

If you have the opportunity, please drive by the construction site. I am certain that you will be impressed with the progress on your school. The parents of School District 303 are providing an exemplary facility for our students and the staff is anxious to call it home in the near future.

STUDENTS CHOOSE NEW SCHOOL LOGO

During the month of April several different selection opportunities were made available to both staff and students who will be attending St. Charles North High School. The logo selection process was a great success affording everyone the occasion to select a symbol that best represents our new high school. Initially, SCNHS staff reviewed 23 logo designs submitted and narrowed the field down to the final three. The following week, all students were given the opportunity to rank order their final three choices to determine what the new symbol for our school would look like.



We are pleased to announce that the winning design chosen was from Rick Streng, of Streng Design and Advertising, located right here in St. Charles. Rick is also a parent of two daughters heading to SCNHS next fall. Since the final selection was made, Rick and his team of designers have worked to refine and design several different ways our new symbol might be used. Many kudos to Rick for his unflinching support in developing school to community relationships, linking our new symbol to our hopes and dreams we have for our St. Charles North High School!



Frank Kesman
Principal

A graduate of Illinois State University and Roosevelt University, Frank Kesman has been serving students since 1969 when he began teaching Psychology and History. In 1976 he was appointed Assistant Principal at Naperville North High School and assumed responsibilities for budget, scheduling, and technology. Six years of responsibility for Curriculum and Instruction between 1993 and 1999 have led to his current position in St. Charles.

Married 31 years to Natalie, they have a daughter, Amy, and a son, Mark. Both are graduates of the University of Illinois.

Frank enjoys golf (he has a hole-in-one), travel with his wife, time with his children, and wilderness backpacking with his two brothers



Assistant Principal

Currently, Denise is pursuing a doctorate in Curriculum & Instruction at NIU. Denise has taught chemistry and integrated chemistry-biology and served as Science Department Chair for four years at STC East HS.

Recently Denise moved from Shabbona, Illinois to St. Charles with her husband, Walt, and her two daughters Ashley, 16- STC East, and Amanda, 12-Thompson Middle School.

Golf, biking, volleyball, gardening, cooking, and reading are some of Denise's favorite activities when not at school. "I look forward to working with the staff, students, and parents to make STC North HS an inviting and exciting place to learn and grow!"



Mark Gould
Dean

Mr. Gould taught Health and Driver Education for 18 years and served as Dean of Students the last two years at STC East HS. Mark earned his degree from Western Illinois University and a Masters in Education from NIU. Mark was Defensive Coordinator for the Fighting Saints football team and coached lower-level baseball, basketball, and wrestling. Mark also spent one-year as a PE teacher and head football coach at Geneva HS. The North Stars are very lucky to have Mr. Gould as our first lead football coach.

Mark likes to snow ski, jog (very slowly), read non-fiction, and vacation in warm climates with his family. His family includes his wife, Lori, and two children, Kennen; a junior at STC East HS, and Kyleigh; a seventh grader at Haines Middle School.

"I look forward to helping shape the new traditions and cultures of our high school and football program."



Tom Schweer
Athletic Director

Mr. Schweer is married to Debbie and has two sons, Tom; a senior, and Steve, a junior. He has been a coach/administrator at both the college and high school level over the last 25 years. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a Master's degree in Athletic Administration.

Tom enjoys watching all high school sporting activities, especially when his sons Tom (football) and Steve (basketball) are playing. He is an avid (but terrible) fisherman and a "pretty good" trap shooter. He likes to workout on a daily basis, will read anything he finds, and loves any type of activity around the water.

Tom's favorite saying is: "The Main Thing Is to Keep the Main Thing The Main Thing."



Marv Leavitt
Student Services Coordinator

Mr. Leavitt received his B.S. in Psychology from the University of Illinois and Masters in Education from Marquette University. Marv is a 22 year veteran of District 303 with 13 years at TMS as a guidance counselor and math teacher. The last nine years Marv has been Guidance Coordinator/Counselor at STC East HS. Marv truly enjoys his job as a counselor getting to know his students and helping them to make good decisions for their future.

Marv has been married to his wife Patricia for 24 years. He has three great kids, Margo; currently a junior at U of I, Haley; sophomore, and Cameron; fourth grade.

Running, cooking, coaching girls' volleyball, and watching his kids play sports are a few activities Marv enjoys.

"It is amazing how much can be accomplished together when no one cares who receives the credit" is a quote Marv finds useful in his life.



Dr. Debbie Kling
Student Activities Director

Dr. Debbie Kling brings to the North Stars Student Activities Program a creative capacity to see vision to fruition. Debbie recently earned a doctorate from Loyola University with a major concentration in Curriculum Restructuring and School Reform. Also, employed as an art instructor in the Humanities Instructional area, Debbie will also be teaching La Frontera I. Debbie has been actively engaged in leadership in roles for the STC East HS's Principal Advisory Council, Mission Through Vision Team, and School Improvement Process Team. The last four years she has served East HS as Asst. Director of Student Activities and developed the Student Ambassador Program into a full-fledged community service organization.

Debbie and her husband, Bob, have four children (two are in college) and two granddaughters. They live with their youngest son, Matthew, in St. Charles.

When she has time for herself, Debbie likes to travel, dabbles in gourmet cooking, and water/snow skis.

GUIDANCE NEWS

After receiving your class schedule, check it closely to be certain you are enrolled in the correct classes. Counselors will be available at the St. Charles EAST High School Guidance Office from **JUNE 6th until JUNE 16th ONLY** to resolve scheduling errors. Scheduling errors would include: Not meeting course prerequisites; Failure of second semester courses; Wrong course listed on schedule. Because of mail-in registration, this will be your last chance to correct a scheduling error before the 2000-2001 school year. **ALL SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BETWEEN June 6-16th. SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS ARE MADE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! CALL 377-4700 FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**

2000-2001 STUDENT COUNCIL

On May 5, 2000, the members of the St. Charles North High School Class of 2003 had an assembly. Handed their first challenge as a class, they were to listen to speeches and elect the first members of the North Star Council. Under the guidance of advisors, Natalie Nelson and Dave Krodel, the 15 members of the Class of 2003 Student Council have been diligently working on planning traditions for our first year at the new school.

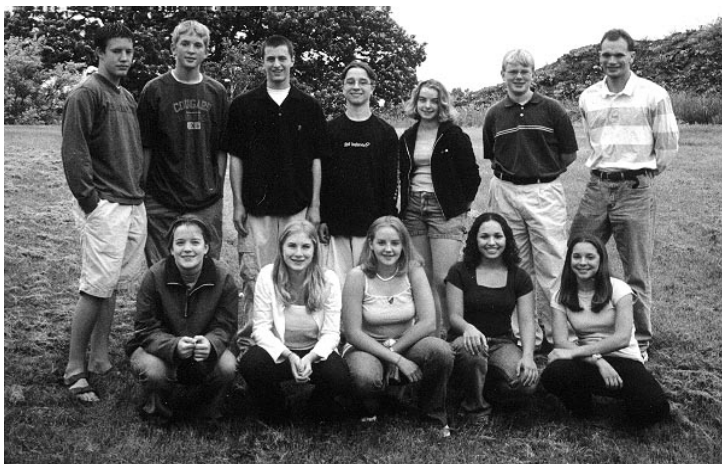
In the fall, right after school starts, the freshmen; Class of 2004, will have an opportunity to elect their officers and representatives who will join the newly elected Class of 2003 to charter new territories at SCNHS.

With four meetings already behind us, the Council is in the midst of compiling an interview project for the opening day ceremonies for the District 303 teachers in the Fall of 2000. This project will consist of video interviews with K-12 students in St. Charles schools. We are asking for their thoughts on how students and staff work together to create positive classroom environments and what their experience within our school district has meant to them.

For the first time in our school district's history, there will be two high schools. The Council's second initiative consists of working with students, parents, and the community to shape our fall celebrations. Without a varsity team or alumni, St. Charles North High School will not have the traditional "Homecoming" activities. Members of the North Star Council are working on naming a week full of activities that begin with a football game and end with an all-school "lock-in". All students and staff attending SCNHS will be invited to spend the evening at the school with access to the pool, basketball courts, video games, movies, dancing, and other activities that have yet to be determined.

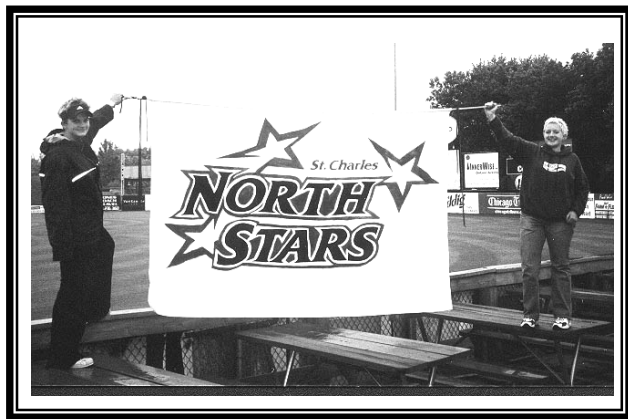
We invite you to begin this journey toward the North Star with us. May it be one filled with excitement and wonder as we help to shape the traditions at SCNHS.

The members of the Class of 2003 SCNHS Council are: Todd Hewell - President, Morgan Darrah - Vice-President, Amanda Zaferopulos - Recording Secretary, Matt Kling - Corresponding Secretary, Matt Cameron - Treasurer, and Alissa DePue - Parliamentarian. The Representatives are: Jennica Baldonieri, Lindsay Cole, Tom Dwyer, Nikki Gambrel, Laura Kinney, Jenny Langendonk, Mike Schneider, Nick Smith, and Lesley VanThournout.



Student Council/Class of 2003

Front row left to right: Alissa DePue, Lindsay Cole, Leslie Vanthournout, Jenny Langendonk, Punky Kinney.
Back row left to right: Matthew Kling, Matt Cameron, Mike Schneider, Tom Dwyer, Amanda Zaferopulos, Todd Hewell, and Dave Krodel; Advisor.



Millennium Celebration Banner

Friday, May 26th, was the unveiling of our new North Star Logo for the Community Unit School District 303 Millennium Celebration Parade at the Kane County Cougar Stadium. Two creative and energetic, soon to be sophomores, Jenna Pakosta and Jackie Yoder, were the artists who painted the banner. These students then graciously accompanied the banner for display to the Friday evening celebration! Kudos to Jenna and Jackie!

ENCORE!!! A Look at North HS Fine Arts



Mr. Jim Stombres looks forward to the challenges that are ahead at SCNHS as the first **Band Director**. Jim has taught for 21 years, the last 12 in Naperville. While in Naperville Jim helped increase band participation from 38 students to 300 students. His program grew from one band to six concert bands, four jazz bands, a competitive marching band, and other small ensembles. Northwestern University is Jim's alma mater.

Jim is married to Kristen who is an Associate Professor of Education at Judson College, and has three children Ally, who will attend Wredling, Alex who will attend Fox Ridge, and Austin who will be in Kindergarten this year.

Some of the North Star band students have already met with Mr. Stombres to help pick the school fight song, and Jim will work with the students to write the words to the fight song.



Mrs. Sarah Case has been chosen to conduct the first SCNHS **Orchestra**. Sarah has been teaching strings and general music in District 303 for two years at the elementary level. Sarah has taught and lived in Florida, Utah, and Minnesota. In Florida she taught at Winter Park High School where she directed two orchestras, started a Strolling Strings Ensemble, and coached several chamber ensembles.

Currently, Sarah directs the Preparatory String Ensemble of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestras and freelances in the area as a violinist and violist. In addition to playing with area orchestra such as the IL Chamber Symphony and the Fox Valley Symphony, she has played in the International Festival Institute Orchestra, the Rome Festival Orchestra, and spent a summer playing at EPCOT in the All-American College Orchestra.

Sarah graduated magna cum laude from St. Olaf College with a degree in Theory/Composition. At St. Olaf she played in the orchestra and sang in the choir, touring nationally with both and internationally with the orchestra. She earned her teaching certification at the University of Minnesota.

Sara's husband, Peter, is a cellist and string teacher, and the two of them perform together frequently. She enjoys gardening, camping, hiking, and traveling when she's not teaching or making music herself.



Dale Morgan is very excited about his new position at SCNHS as **Vocal Music Director**. Mr. Morgan comes to District 303 from Glenbard South HS in Glen Ellyn, IL. Prior to Glenbard South, Mr. Morgan taught in the Quad Cities area at Riverdale Jr. and Sr. High Schools and at Woodstock High School in Woodstock, IL.

Between Woodstock and Glen Ellyn, Mr. Morgan made his living as a professional actor in the Chicagoland area for eighteen years. He has played Juan Peron in EVITA; Orin, the sadistic dentist, in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS; Sweeney Todd in SWEENEY TODD; Jules in SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE; Tito Merelli in LEND ME A TENOR; and many other roles in over 60 productions.

While acting, Mr. Morgan met his wife, Leslie, and settled down in Justice, IL. They are proud parents of Chelsea – 11, and Treavor – 7, and love doing things together as a family. They hope to make great use of the swimming facilities in St. Charles as well as the many bike trails.

Along with developing the choral program at North, Dale is very interested in beginning a Madrigal Program. The hopes are to develop within the curriculum a course of study that teaches not only the music of this time period, but also the social, artistic, and historical events that took place. All of these resources will be used to create a musical production that will culminate in an annual Madrigal Dinner that will be performed by the students. This project will be developed with the first performance targeted for December of 2001.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Student Activities, under the direction of Debbie Kling, are rapidly taking shape. Many advisors have been assigned clubs and organizations that will round out our Extra Curricular and Co-Curricular Program. Mark Moore, a former St. Charles High School graduate will be not only teaching in the math areas but also taking on the academic Debate Team. Gary Freund will bring to the DECA and VICA Teams a wealth of past experience from SCEHS. Marcia Pickelsimer and Lisa Couch, yearbook and newspaper respectively, are looking for eager and enthusiastic students who will be willing to take on the demands of our publications. Ginny Wright, advisor, has already made application to the North Suburban Math League, and we are happy to report that our academic team will be represented in that conference, as well, next spring. The Peer Leadership Program, under the direction of Susan Terronez and Kevin Harrington, is currently identifying student matches for next year.

Remember to shop our School Store in the fall! It will be loaded with spirit wear to celebrate our new symbol, colors, and logo! Using past experience from East, Gary Freund and Mike Alther will be at the helm looking for willing and responsible students to help in selecting merchandise for sale in the store which will be located in the west end of the school cafeteria.

Students will have many opportunities to get to know their school even before school starts next fall. Some special dates you might like to set aside will include our **All School Picnic on August 24 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM** (everyone's invited) and our first **Back to School Night on September 18**. Sophomores will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with our new facility and locate lockers and classrooms on August 22 from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM and August 23 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Freshman Orientation Program will be offered on Thursday, August 24 from 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM. Plan on staying and participating in the All-School Picnic after the orientation. It will be a terrific chance to see old friends and meet new friends as we build our relationships in our new school community.

2000-2001 ACTIVITY SPONSORS

Mike Alther - School Store &
Mock Trial

Matt Davis - Peer Leadership

Colleen Fasbender - FCCLA (FHA)

Peter Ginter - Key Club

Dave Krodel - Student Council &
Freshman Class Advisor

Steve Mahoney - Ski/Snowboard
Club

Mark Moore - Debate

Doug Overton - Martial Arts

Debby Scully - FCCLA (FHA)

Susan Terronez - Peer Leadership

Jennifer Amadei - H.O.P.E.

Kathy Edgar - Math Club
"Brain Busters"

Linda Feiza - International Club

Kevin Harrington - Peer Leadership

Mike Kuper - Scholastic Bowl

Steve McInerney - Sports Medicine

Gregg Mundt - Intnat'l Thespian &
Literary Magazine

Marcia Pickelsimer - Yearbook

Geri Shouba - New Student Club

Virginia Wright - North Suburban
Math League

Lisa Couch - Newspaper

Wendy Elm - Director of Plays &
Musical

Gary Freund - VICA/DECA &
School Store

Debbie Kling - Student Ambassadors
& Leadership Advisor

Ann LaBotz - Art & Nat'l Art Honor
Society

Jaime Mitchell - Director of Plays &
Musical

Natalie Nelson - Student Council &
Soph Class Advisor

Marilyn Ringsby - Ski/Snowboard
Club

Bill Stepien - Peer Leadership



Richard Jones
Humanities Instructional
Coordinator

Richard Jones was raised in suburban Atlanta. He graduated from Davidson College in NC with a BA in English and completed his Master's Degree in Writing at DePaul. Richard is currently "plugging" away at a Ph.D. at UIC. He taught English for eight years at Naperville North HS where he was the literary magazine sponsor, involved with various curriculum and technology initiatives, and designed the Communication Arts web site. Most recently, he was the English Department Chair at York HS in Elmhurst.

Richard is married to Susan, an Associate Creative Director at DDB Advertising in Chicago, and has three children, Carson-8, Holt-6, and Daisy-3.

On his spare time, Richard attends the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, tries to see as many critically acclaimed current movies as possible (loves those classics too!), reads journals and short stories, and is close to his own livery license driving his kids all over to their various activities. Richard also coaches children's soccer.



Brian Wegley
Science/Technology Ed.
Instructional Coordinator

Brian Wegley is returning to his home at CUSD 303 after spending five years teaching physics and coaching football for Glenbrook South HS. Before this, he taught all levels of physics at STC East HS while coaching football and wrestling. Brian is a strong advocate of utilizing technology within the classroom and currently utilizes the Internet, computer simulations, and computer aided measurement devices to assist student learning. He is excited about the opportunity to help build the use of technology within District 303 where he reports, "technology makes a measurable difference in student understanding and learning." He enthusiastically awaits teaching and working with, "a dynamic and talented group of teachers," and acknowledges that as important as the use of technology is within the classroom, the single most important item within a curriculum is the teacher.

Brian loves to spend time with his wife Kathleen, and his children, Corine - 10, and Robbie - 7 both attending Wild Rose Elementary. They like to spend time outdoors doing active things like bike riding. Brian is passionate about athletics and remains physically active. He runs and lifts weights regularly to stay in shape. Last year he raced in his first triathlon. Brian reads physics articles and books just for fun!



Audra Christenson
Wellness Instructional
Coordinator

Audra Christenson was born and raised in Naperville. She is a graduate of Waubonsie Valley High School, earned her BS from Illinois State University, and Masters in Education from Aurora University. While at ISU Audra was Reggie the Redbird!

Audra has been married to her husband, Jim, for four years and has no children - they have two nephews, Cody and Collin, and according to Audra, that is enough for now!

Currently Audra is the All-Star Coach for the East HS state cheerleading team. She will be the first ever lead cheerleading coach at STC North HS as well as heading up the Wellness Department. She has taught Physical Education and coached in the district for six years.

Sports, fitness, and spending time with her family are a few of Audra's favorite activities. She is extremely excited about the opportunity to work with all of the phenomenal teachers, staff, students, and parents at the new school. GO BLUE!!!



Dr. Kathy Zimmer
Global Studies Instructional
Coordinator

Dr. Kathy Zimmer is a native of St. Charles and a 1980 graduate of St. Charles East HS. Kathy and her husband, Dann, are about to celebrate 15 years of marriage. Kathy is thrilled to raise her two children, Robby - 11, and Margaret - 5, in such an accomplished school district.

Kathy's greatest loves are her close family and friends, travel, and camping.

Professionally, Kathy and fellow teacher Debbie Kling created an innovative two-hour Spanish/Art course, "La Frontera," which laid the groundwork for many interdisciplinary courses currently taught at SC East HS. Kathy and Debbie combined their efforts and research toward doctorate degrees at Loyola built around the interdisciplinary work in Spanish and Art. Zimmer and Kling have been awarded over \$100,000 in grant monies to fund interdisciplinary team building, data collection and tallying, and curriculum development. Results of this work have been printed in various national publications.



Lucy Kempton
Technology/Media
Instructional Coordinator

Lucy Kempton received her Masters in Library Science from the University of Illinois and has additional hours in such subjects as Technology in Education and the Integration of Information Literacy into the Curriculum. Lucy's work experience has been with high school library media centers and is currently a Head Librarian at HS District 214 in Arlington Heights. "I look forward to becoming a 'St. Charles North Star' and working with students and community members of St. Charles."

Lucy's family includes two sons who are attending college in the Chicago area, a few cats, and a tarantula named "Big T".

On her free time, Lucy enjoys riding motorcycles, bicycling, hiking, camping, and of course like all librarians read voraciously.

In the summer Lucy often works for the Illinois Department of Transportation teaching Motorcycle Safety Classes.

North High School Awarded Two Grants

As part of its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for the students of CUSD 303, the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation has established as a priority the Project Grant Program. This program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of creative new curricular innovations through provision of necessary funding not otherwise available.

We are pleased to announce that the Education Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to SCNHS for a proposal written by Debbie Kling entitled Community Ceramic Tile Mural. Also, a \$3,000 grant entitled Partners in Global Learning was awarded to SCNHS. This grant was written by Kathy Zimmer. Many thanks go out to Debbie and Kathy for all their hard work and to the Foundation for their support!

STAFFING UPDATE

As of this printing, the following new staff have been added to the growing list of staff members at STC North High School:

GLOBAL STUDIES

Foreign Language:

Peter Ginter
Elizabeth Simone
Sharon Soper
Judy Vonasch

Social Studies:

Michael Zernone

PURE/APPLIED SCIENCE

Science:

Melinda Brumball
Jennifer Chapman*
Joe Larson

Applied Technology:

Mike Geist*

GUIDANCE

Kim Munro-Krusz

HUMANITIES

English:

Ron Micheletto
Marcia Pickelsimer
Kathryn Rhoades-Moran

Fine Arts:

Sara Case*
Dale Morgan
Jim Stombres

MATH/BUSINESS

Math:

Mark Moore*
Kelly Perry

WELLNESS

Family & Consumer Science:

Colleen Fasbender
PE/Health/Dr.Ed.:
Rob Rooney
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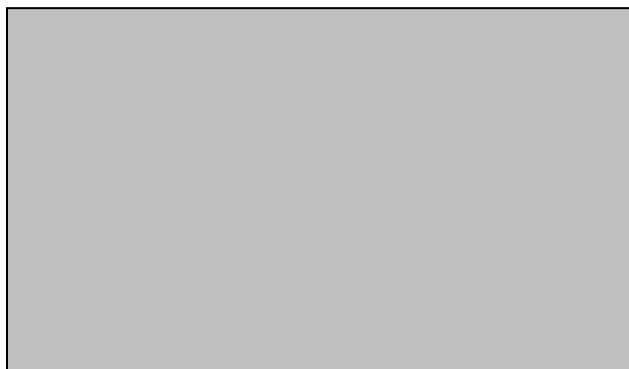
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Tom Poulin, Dean Assist.*
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 6-16, 2000

Counselors available by appointment
only for schedule corrections
(Call 377-4770)

July 10, 2000

Registration Forms Due in the
Main Office at NHS

August 22, 2000

Sophomore orientation/material
pick-up (8:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

August 23, 2000

Sophomore material pick-up
(8:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

August 24, 2000

Freshmen orientation/material
pick-up (2:30 PM - 5:30 PM)

August 24, 2000

All-School Picnic
(5:30 PM - 7:00 PM)

September 5, 2000

First Day of School

September 18, 2000

Back to School Night

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