

Staff News

PPS NEWS

Dr. Bruce Lane, Assistant Principal

Partnership Between NHS & ECC Teachers



Jacob Burlingame
NHS English Teacher

North High School English teacher, Jacob Burlingame, will be involved in a year-long teacher-to-teacher partnership with Jeff Weisman from Elgin Community College. They will be visiting each other's classes, discussing trends in education at the high school and college

level, and strengthening the articulation between high school and the community college. Jacob will also be visiting the new ECC Writing Center and gathering information and data to bring back to North as we implement our cognitive goal of writing across the curriculum.

Boehle Chosen as Trainer for History Alive! Curriculum Program



Monica Boehle, NHS
Social Studies Teacher

Monica Boehle, a St. Charles North history teacher, was selected to be a trainer for the curriculum program, History Alive! after an intensive audition process.

There are about 60 trainers currently in the United States.

History Alive! is developed through the Teacher's Curriculum Institute (TCI) based out of California. This interactive Social Studies program consists of the series of instructional practices that allow students of all abilities to experience key social studies concepts. Developed by teachers, these research-based teaching methods have proven to increase student test scores. The program utilizes multiple intelligences, cooperative interaction and spiral curriculum as its foundation.

Monica will be training districts from around the United States in the program curriculum and the strategies it entails.

The North Star Scholarship

We are so fortunate to have a new scholarship this year called "The North Star Scholarship". It is an awesome, guaranteed \$10,000 to one of our deserving students. The criteria are that the senior must have played a sport at SCN and has had a job to help earn money for college. The applications are in the Guidance Office and are due by November 15th.

There will be many scholarships offered this year with most of the local applications coming after December. To check on the status of what we have available, you can go to the school website and on the left of the screen hit "PPS", then go to "Counselors/Guidance", then push "SCN Scholarships" and the list is updated weekly.

CAREER & COLLEGE INFORMATION

You can search the web for career and college information by using . . .

CAREERCRUISING.COM

You can access careercruising.com by using the username "north" and password "high." CareerCruising.com offers interest inventories that can help you identify career areas of interest to you and the colleges that best serve those career areas.

DISCOVER

You may also access ACT's Discover Program by:

- Logging on to <http://actrs19.act.org/discover/eDISCOVER/>
- Then entering SCNHS-your student ID number in the User ID box and leave the Password box blank, and click submit. (If you have trouble with this see Dr. Lane in Guidance.)
- It will ask you to complete a user profile form before you can enter the program.

DISTRICT NEWS

“New D303 Vision Statement & Goals”

Dr. Barbara Erwin, Superintendent of Schools, met with about 100 community members and district staff to review and revise the district's vision statement on October 2nd.

This group of individuals accomplished their mission, and at the October 12th Board of Education meeting, a new vision statement and five accompanying goals were adopted.

For the first time since 1990, District 303 has a new “roadmap” to help guide its work, focus its resources and measure its achievement.

District 303's New Vision Statement

“The District 303 School Community empowers and inspires ALL to

- ❖ Attain excellence,***
- ❖ Learn with passion, and***
- ❖ Live with integrity***

in a changing world.”

The community group also identified five district goals to support the new vision statement. They are:

- 1. Improve learning, teaching and communication through the effective, efficient and integrated use of technology by all students and staff.**
- 2. Create safe and secure learning communities where all members demonstrate respect, responsibility and good citizenship.**
- 3. Attract and keep high quality staff who model the district vision.**
- 4. Create a continuous development and renewal system for all staff.**
- 5. Improve individual student achievement and personal growth.**

The new vision statement is powerful because it confirms the district's moral responsibility to give every student the tools and inspiration to become successful citizens and lifelong learners, Dr. Erwin said. Dr. Erwin also stated “This is not an easy or safe vision,” because it implicitly demands action and results which everyone district-wide – including Board Members, parents, students and staff – will have to be accountable for. There will be risk.”

Dr. Erwin plans to review the new vision statement annually to make sure it still reflects the community's objectives.

District administration will now create accountability measures for the five target goals.

Finally, with the Board's guidance, administrators will draft action plans for each accountability measure, so that the community will know what progress is being made toward meeting its vision.

The Power Point presentation made to the BOE may be viewed at: <http://www.d303.org/Board/visionpp101204.pdf>

Student Activities

Dr. Debbie Kling, Assistant Principal

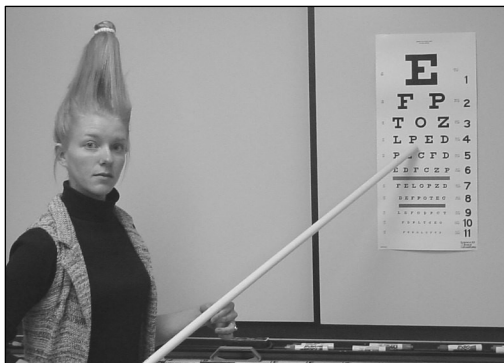
Alternative Homecoming Dinner a Success

The St. Charles North High School chapter of the National Honor Society hosted an *Alternative Homecoming Dinner* this past Saturday evening at Baker Memorial Church, downtown St. Charles. The event was intended to give students the opportunity to attend a dinner prior to the homecoming dance that would provide a service to individuals in Africa that are suffering with AIDS. The cost of the dinner was \$20 per person and students enjoyed a full menu of options catered by Olive Garden. Due to the kindness of an anonymous donor and several donations from local vendors, the event raised approximately \$3,000 which will be sent to the Fishwabi village in Africa with the help of Worldvision, a local humanitarian organization. Over 100 students were in attendance, with 25 faculty, staff and parents who volunteered to serve the students that evening.



Students enjoyed the Alternative Homecoming Dinner

Homecoming "Crazy Hair Day"



Physics teacher, Coral Sheppard, doesn't normally look like a "Cone head", but in the spirit of homecoming she artfully styled her hair into this becoming shape!

Future Educators of America

Members of Future Educators of America (FEA) participated in the first-annual Phi Delta Kappa International Walk for Education in October. The students raised \$1,200 of which 60 percent will come back to the school's FEA chapter, and a portion of their proceeds will go to a charity they are researching. The balance will help defray costs for students attending conferences and other projects.

Future Educators of America is a national, pre-collegiate teacher recruitment organization.

Phi Delta Kappa is an international association for professional educators dedicated to promoting quality education by providing innovative programs, relevant research, visionary leadership, and dedicated service, according to the organization's website.

Chess Team Expecting an Exciting Year



St. Charles North Chess Team has begun its fifth season. After graduating fourteen seniors last year, the team looks to rebuild with a talented crew of freshmen and sophomores. Returning juniors and seniors, Ben Lacart, Dan

Webel, and Jacob Zucker will help field the varsity team that hopes to best its 5th place finish in the Upstate 8 Conference and 63rd place finish in State last year.

Chess Team meets on Tuesdays after school in Mobile 488 until 3:30p.m. Chess Team is also open to game players of all kinds: card games, board games, etc.



North FEA walkers: Front Row (L to R) Becky Orr, Cory Skogfeldt, Kristi McCoy, Danielle Leitner, Jennifer Stickney. Back Row (L to R) Katie Potthoff, Janae Gaenzle, Katy Liby, Kara McDaniel, Advisor - Mrs. Fasbender, and Mrs. Trayser from Wild Rose. Not Pictured but a walk participant - Kelly Lullo and Mr. Fasbender (East HS teacher)

Speech Team Loves the Competition!

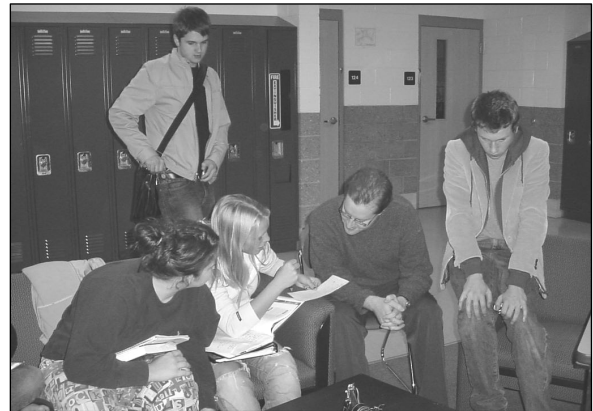
Speech Team is an academic competition team in which our students have the opportunity of showing off and competing with their public speaking skills every week at tournaments held on Saturdays during the months of November through February. There are fourteen different categories of speeches that students can give which include original comedy, dramatic interpretation, impromptu speaking, and humorous duo acting to name a few. In February, the team competes at Regionals, Sectionals, and State tournaments.

The second half of our season focuses on Group Interpretation, this is a half hour long program which concentrates on the acting ability of the students, and does not focus on scenery or costumes. Last year the team tied for second place at Sectionals and advanced on to the State Tournament, with their production of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Auditions for this year's group interpretation production of *The Virgin Suicides* by Jeffery Eugenides will be held on Dec. 15th. The Sectional and State tournaments for Group Interpretation take place in March.

Math Team "Rocks!"

The Math Team is off to an early start this year. Some of our forty students attended the first competition at Hersey High School on September 23rd. At that competition, the Junior team studied circles and placed second overall. The oralist, Stacy Pancratz, studied divisibility theory and also placed second.

The Math Team meets for practice every Thursday after school in room 121. Competitions are approximately once per month. New students are always welcome.



A meeting of the Calculus Clubhouse. (L to R) Sher Mahren, Jeanette Huber, Mark Moore (instructor), Jonah Malarsky. (Standing) Paul Bartel.

North Hockey Club



North Hockey Team eager to skate!

The St. Charles North Hockey Club is fielding two teams for the 2004 - 2005 hockey season. The Varsity hockey team plays the majority of their home games on Sunday evenings at the Fox Valley Ice Arena on Kirk Road in Geneva. Admission is free for students, and three dollars for adults. The Junior Varsity team plays most of their home games on Saturdays at the Polar Dome in East Dundee (off Route 25 at Santa's Village). Admission is free.

The Varsity record is currently 0 and 2, while the Junior Varsity holds a 3 and 1 record. Standings can be accessed through the Illinois Suburban Hockey League website at <http://www.ishl.cc/index.html>. Player biographies, pictures, team information, game highlights, coaches corner, game location and times can be found on our North Star Hockey website <http://www.northstars-hockey.org/>.

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.

OCTOBER STARS

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Ms. Michele Machowicz	Amanda DePasqua
Ms. Judy Vonasch	Adam Yusko
Ms. Marsha Brown	Steve Klopmeier
Mr. Rob Rooney	Lauren Gross Jake Rigert Jordan Andrews Shawn Chobak Jenny Cook Brad Dejong Pat Langille Pat Malek Catherine Nosal David Stoner Michael Collins
Ms. Marilyn Zimmer	Samantha Auddino
Ms. Ann LaBotz	Danny Blumeyer
Ms. Kathleen Monaco	Catherine Wicks

NOVEMBER STARS

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Ms. Korin Heinz	Shawn Jeffers
Ms. Sarah Van Wyhe	Derek Staller
Mr. Frank Kesman	Laura Holm Joseph Lancaster Jessica Wallace Derek Welch
Mr. Gene Olson	Alyssa Balleto
Ms. Kristen Cruthers	Alison Dejong
Ms. Linda Goll	Gia Detoni Amanda Marcuccelli Sam Mullineaux Kim Thomka Lauren Verstat
Mr. Gary Riley	Josh Gray

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, i.e. bus fares, or mileage reimbursement for private automobiles at .375 cents per mile.

If you can answer **yes** to the following questions for the 2004-05 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation.

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 ½ miles or more from school **or** live less than 1 ½ miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the IL Dept. of Transportation? (See following paragraphs.)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within IL which meets IL compulsory attendance laws?
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?
- 6) Did the pupil not have access to transportation to and from school provided entirely at public expense?
- 7) Did the parent/guardian reside within IL during the time period expenses were incurred?

If you answered yes to the above questions, lived in IL and wish to file a claim, you must go to the school where each of your children is enrolled by June 30, 2005, to submit claim information. You may provide claim information to appropriate school personnel at your child's attendance center until June 30, 2005.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who have pupils living **less than 1 ½ miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside **except** parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the IL State Board of Education, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, 100 North First St., Springfield, IL 62777. All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2005, at the office from which the application was requested. Once determination has been made to approve or deny the application, the parent/guardian will be notified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends to submit claim information.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 2001-02 school year, whose children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

Once all claim information is submitted at the school, it will be transmitted electronically to the IL State Board of Education. If your claim information is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

IMPORTANT DATES

ETC Schedule - November 17, School starts at 8:18 AM
Parent/Teacher Conferences - Nov. 22, No School for Students
Board of Ed Meeting - Nov. 22, Admin Bldg., 7:30 PM
Teachers In Service - Nov. 23, No School for Students
Non-Attendance Day - Nov. 24, No School for Students
Thanksgiving Vacation - Nov. 25 & 26, Schools Closed
ETC Schedule - Dec. 1, School starts at 8:18 AM
Breakfast w/the Stars - Dec. 7, LRC at 6:45 AM
411 Bell Schedule - Dec. 8
Madrigal Dinner - Dec. 9-11, Baker Methodist Church, 6:15 PM
Board of Ed Meeting - Dec. 13, Admin Bldg., 7:30 PM
Constellation Concerts - Dec. 14, 6:00PM & 8:30 PM, Auditorium
ETC Schedule - Dec. 15, School starts at 8:18 AM
Winter Vacation - Dec. 20 - 31
School Resumes - Jan. 3
Breakfast w/the Stars - Jan. 4, LRC at 6:45 AM
ETC Schedule - Jan. 5, School starts at 8:18 AM
Board of Ed Meeting - Jan 10, Admin. Bldg., 7:30 PM
Try-outs for 05-06 auditioned bands - Jan 10-14, During Class
411 Bell Schedule - Jan. 12
M.L. King Birthday - Jan 17, Schools Closed
Final Exams - Jan. 18 - 20
PTO Meeting - Jan. 18, LRC at 7:00 PM
End of Second Qtr. - Jan 20

Teachers' Work Day - Jan. 21, No School for Students
Board of Ed Meeting - Jan. 24, Admin Bldg., 7:30 PM
ETC Schedule - Jan 26, School starts at 8:18 AM
411 Bell Schedule - Feb. 2
ETC Schedule - Feb. 9, School starts at 8:18 AM
Board of Ed Meeting - Feb. 14, Admin Bldg., 7:30 PM
Vocal/Instrumental Jazz Concert - Feb. 15, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
411 Bell Schedule - Feb. 16
Jazz Concert w/ guest artist - Feb. 17, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
Teachers' Institute Day - Feb. 18, No School for Students
President's Day - Feb. 21, School's Closed
Band Concert (Wind Symph) - Feb. 22, 7:30 PM, Auditorium
PTO Meeting - Feb. 22, LRC, 7:00 PM
ETC Schedule - Feb. 23, School Starts at 8:18 AM
Band Concert (Wind Ensem) - Feb. 24, 7:30 PM

DISTRICT ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Please e-mail Tom Hernandez, District Director of Communications, if you would like to receive electronic weekly District Newsletters. Tom's e-mail address is: thernandez@d303.org. This is a good way to keep informed about the District.

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**A community dedicated to achievement and growth through
Discovery, cooperation, preparation, and inspiration.**