

# "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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## NORTH STAR AWARD

### North

- S.** Service through sacrifice and stewardship
- T.** Traditions that developed or sustained culture and climate
- A.** Accomplishment that exceeded expectations
- R.** Resourcefulness through character and unshakeable commitment



Five years ago, the North S.T.A.R. Award was established to recognize senior students who have demonstrated the ability to excel in the attributes of the S.T.A.R. The recipients of the North S.T.A.R. Award are leaders both inside and outside of the classroom and are positive role models for our entire school community.

We are proud to recognize the following graduating seniors as our 2008 North S.T.A.R. Award recipients: (Front L to R) Stephanie Horton, Austin Collingbourne, Molly Fremgen, Benjamin Richards, Madeline Shurtleff, Aaron Berry, Kara Johnston, and Sarah McDonald.

## Departmental Outstanding Achievement Awards

Each year an outstanding senior is chosen by each department. Outstanding Senior Awards were presented to the following Class of 2008 seniors at the Senior Honors Night Ceremony on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:

### GLOBAL STUDIES:

Social Studies – Bryan Beth  
Foreign Language – Lauren Klopmeier

### HUMANITIES:

English – Sarah McDonald  
Music – Lisa Korth  
Art – Tom Bosko

### MATH & BUSINESS:

Math – Patrick Eschenfeldt  
Business – Lindsay Madziarczyk

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY:

Technology Education – Michael Ajax  
Science – Philip Scherer

### WELLNESS:

Physical Education – Brooke Jaeger  
Psychology/Sociology – Kassia Pedersen  
Family & Consumer Science – Katharine Fragoso



Congratulations to the recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards: (L to R) Philip Scherer, Lauren Klopmeier, Sarah McDonald, Lisa Korth, Patrick Eschenfeldt, Lindsay Madziarczyk, Michael Ajax, Katharine Fragoso, Kassia Pedersen, Bryan Beth, & Tom Bosko

## PEN OF THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all of our North Stars for an incredible year. You have reached heights which have set the bar for the future. You have seen victory in athletic and co-curricular competition advancing your talents both regionally and nationally. Your outstanding efforts in community service led the way in all school endeavors such as Project Dance and Relay for Life. You are the pride of St. Charles North High School.

The litany of achievements of our students is indeed impressive. However, it is not the actions themselves, but the spirit and commitment of the entire school community which makes St. Charles North High School a place unlike others. Our staff has immersed themselves in Professional Learning Communities on a daily basis. They will continue their PLC work this summer so as to have more supports in place for their students in the fall. Our students rise to the challenges presented to them, aggressively pursuing coursework and activities that will enrich their academic experiences. Our parents provide amazing support for both students and staff through their many projects and special events. Whether we look in the classroom, on the playing field, or at the wide array of activities in which our students are involved, we see and feel the camaraderie and pride in everything they do. This partnership of student, staff, parent, and community makes us strong.

With the close of the 2007-08 school year, we bid "Farewell" to the Class of 2008. Thank you for all you have given us. It has been a privilege to be a part of your lives these past four years. We look forward to the start of the next school year as our other classes return. We also say "Welcome" to our incoming freshmen. Each class of students adds a dimension to our school culture which is irreplaceable. Our pledge to all of you is to continue to improve our practices so as to make your high school years a great experience.

We at St. Charles North High School thank our school community for your continued support and trust in us. We wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to an exciting 2008-2009 school year.

Kim Zupec  
Principal

### STUDENTS CREATE KIOSK FOR NHS FOYER



(R to L) Mr. Ron Brown, instructor; Mike Ajax, Jonathan McDonald, and Brett Eichmann, students; Mrs. Kim Zupec, principal. (Not pictured: Giovanni Incandela)

The students in Mr. Ron Brown's Woods classes, along with Mr. Brown, designed and constructed the beautiful kiosk located in the main foyer. The students spent many hours after school, on weekends, and even during vacation breaks to make the design a reality. The project started as a design challenge in Mr. Brown's Product Design class and the winning design was then reworked by the students to be more realistic to build. All of the students gained valuable experience on working on a real world design challenge, while strengthening their group work skills. Mike Ajax and Brett Eichmann served as project leaders. Mike's dad, Jeff, of Ajax Construction, also gave of his time and experience. Congratulations to all of the students involved, great job!



(L to R) Cheryl LaMaster, Marilynn Zimmer, Linda Goll

## **SIX STAFF MEMBERS RETIRE**

The following six staff members are leaving St. Charles North HS at the end of this school year to enjoy retirement. They will all be missed by students and staff alike:

**CHERYL LAMASTER**, our Instructional Coordinator for Media & Technology, is retiring after seven years at St. Charles North H.S. In addition to being in charge of the LRC, she has been in charge of textbooks and most aspects of technology. She publishes the *Polaris Express*, our electronic newsletter, and has been our webmaster for the last two years. Cheryl was the LRC director at Naperville North H.S. before coming to St. Charles. After retiring, Cheryl plans to continue to teach part-time at College of DuPage, remain involved with the State Quarter Horse Association, and show her Quarter Horse.

**MARILYNN ZIMMER** has been a mathematics teacher at St. Charles North for the past five years. Marilynn has primarily taught Algebra and Geometry. Marilynn has also been a part of the pilot group of student-led conferences where students take ownership of the parent-teacher conference. After retiring, Marilynn plans to travel and spend time with her six grandsons.

**LINDA GOLL** has taught in District 303 for 35 years. She was a graduate of St. Charles High School and Illinois State University. She started the photo department with one enlarger at the original town high school which is now Thompson Middle School. She has had a significant role in the development of the art departments of both East and North, from the original staff of three teachers to what are now ten. The photo program has become one of our most popular offerings under her leadership and often runs eight classes a semester. Her gentle guidance and expertise will be missed and never replaced. Linda looks forward to awaking to sunlight, eating breakfast and enjoying a second cup of morning coffee; gardening, matinee movies, reading a book cover to cover in one day, visiting her children & extended family, taking classes, attending local and international fine arts events, cheering on the North Stars, and traveling to where ever her passport and finances can take her. She also plans to wander with her cameras on field trips yet to be imagined practicing what she taught!

**BARB LEVAND** has worked for the past six years as the Attendance Secretary at North HS. Before joining the North High School staff, she worked as the Attendance Secretary at St. Charles East High School. After retiring, Barb is planning on helping her daughter, on a part-time basis, with her new business. She is also looking forward to pursuing golf lessons, gardening, and improving her gourmet cooking skills.

**WILMA VAN ARRAGON** will retire on June 2nd. We are thankful for her 21 years of service to D303. Wilma worked as a Certified School Nurse as well as serving as the Department Chair of Health Services since 2000. She will be remembered for her tireless commitment to the staff and students at North High School and the children of D303. After retiring, Nurse Wilma plans to go back to school to get her certification in Addictions Counseling. She also plans to read, knit, and spend more time in Canada with her family.



(L TO R) Barb Levand, Wilma Van Arragon, Anne Fleming

**ANNE FLEMING**, Media Specialist, will be retiring after 33 years in the field of education. Prior to coming to St. Charles in 2000, Anne spent twenty years as an administrator and media specialist in Orland Park and LaGrange High Schools. Anne and her husband Al, also a retired educator, are looking forward to working on their 100 year old house in Geneva and continue their cycling adventures across the country.

### **MR. BROWN NAMED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR!!!**

**Congratulations to our very own, Mr. Ron Brown, who was named the 2008 Kane County High School Educator of the Year! Mr. Brown received this award on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the annual awards ceremony held at the Pheasant Run Resort.**

## PTO NEWS

### THANKS

- To Post Prom event Chair Kathy Bultema and the entire committee who assisted in planning, decorating, and staffing a great party for juniors and seniors.
- To Jeanne Hosler and her many helpers for the senior yard signs placed in the yards of our graduating seniors.
- To the staff and parents who go above and beyond to help make St. Charles North a wonderful school.

### UPDATES

- In addition to \$500 provided yearly to each instructional area, PTO was able to fund the following: 3 LCD Projectors with mounts and cables for the Math and Business Department, 1 Sousaphone for the Music Department, 1 camcorder with memory card, battery and battery charger for the LRC, Exercise videos for staff wellness, and 15 LCD Projector remotes for the Science Department.
- PTO awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 4 graduating seniors for post high school education. There were 18 applications and the 4 recipients chosen were: Lauren Screeeden, Sarah McDonald, Laura Wolf, and Stephanie Johnson.
- PTO has partnered with AT&T Alliance Program as a fund raising opportunity. Please review information and explore how AT&T can help SCN generate funds that will benefit our students.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Please look for the PTO registration form in the summer mailing. When filling it out, check your volunteer interests. The success of our PTO depends on parents volunteering their time and thank you in advance for all your efforts.

PTO Officers for next year are:

President:	Lori McQuillan	630-587-3352
Vice President:	Janet Herreras	630-513-7286
Treasurer:	Marlene Pedone	847-695-0328
Co-Secretary:	Sandy Oler	630-377-5148
	Marisol Acevedo	847-697-5147

The first PTO meeting for the 2008-2009 school year is on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the LRC...Please join us!

### The SCN PTO is pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with AT&T



As you all know, AT&T is one of the most respected and trusted companies in the world. They offer state of the art technology for your home and business. They have the brand, people and products you can trust; as well as, the staying power to meet your needs into the future.

The new partnership with AT&T will allow the **St. Charles North PTO** to generate new revenue streams and fund raising opportunities. It will allow the St. Charles North PTO to improve our program and better serve the community with AT&T's financial support.

**How does it work ?** By choosing AT&T for your Video Services (TV), Internet, Local or Long Distance needs; we receive a commission. We are asking you to consider AT&T U-Verse Video if you have Cable or Satellite. Consider AT&T High Speed Internet if you are using Dial-Up or Cable. If you make the change, AT&T will reward the St. Charles North PTO.

**How do I switch ?** Just call **866-538-2148** and talk to an AT&T Service Representative. Make sure you give them our PROMO CODE : **AP0098** We will not receive credit if the PROMO CODE is not on the order.

**Current AT&T Customers:** Existing AT&T Customers qualify for this brand new fiber service.

For each qualified purchase listed below, SCN PTO will earn:

- AT&T U-Verse TV ( with or without internet) - \$100.00
- AT&T Yahoo! High Speed Internet - \$75.00
- Voice Services/ Local Phone Service - \$50.00

Please call the above number for program information and remember to state the PROMO **AP0098** code if you decide to change your services.

That's it! Once you are done you have upgraded to AT&T and also helped support the SCN PTO. It's a "Win- Win" situation.

## POST PROM A HUGE SUCCESS!



This year was awesome with our highest number of student attendees – all having a GREAT time! The games included volleyball, laser tag, soccer, obstacle course, sumo wrestling, boxing, the money machine,,

etc. In addition, we had four caricature artists, a tattoo artist, and a huge STAR to have your portrait taken in.



If that was not enough – we gave away over \$8,000 in prizes! Cash, laptops, TV's, Playstation, and much more! The students had a great time. So next year – encourage your kids to attend! It is the best \$15 per person ticket in town!!

And if possible – participate in

the fun yourself; either in decorating or in volunteering for the night. These are a great bunch of kids and you actually have a good time watching them have a great time!

**Please take the time to thank the Post Prom Committee for all their hard work!**

Chairperson – Kathy Bultema

Secretary – Colleen Clay

Decorations- Julie Haney, Cindy Pudlik

Memory Wall – Susan Anderson

Food – Theresa Sacomani

Fundraising – Erin Davis

Games – Jeanne Hosler, Kathy Polito

Prizes- Debbie Hopkins, Paula White, Mary Johnston, Reidun Juszczak

Publicity – Karin Roberts

Security – Mary Conrad

Thank You – Gina Morici

Tickets – Mary Fremgen, Carolyn McDonald, Pat Screeden

Treasurer- Jane Van Dril

Volunteers – Beverly Nesbit, MaryBeth Reilly

**And thank you to the 100 + parent volunteers that helped them!**

To view a movie of the night type in <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNa1vSZslao>





## Post Prom 2009 Planning Underway

The Post Prom Committee is looking for parents to help bring the post prom event to the school again next year. We are building momentum – the kids are already talking about the fun they had at our event, and we want to make this a continued tradition....but we can't, unless we find help!

Different positions are currently open – if you have some decorating or artistic talent – we especially need people to help with the decorations, food, and the fundraising committees.

Do you want to be part of a fun parent group? Are you interested in helping our students? Then please contact us today! Post Prom will not happen next year unless we get help NOW! You can make a difference!

**Call Jeanne Hosler at (630) 584-1735 or  
[Hosnot@comcast.net](mailto:Hosnot@comcast.net) for more details**

### STUDENT SERVICES

Kevin Scotellaro, Assistant Principal for Student Services

### NOTES FROM THE NURSE

**MEDICATIONS:** We will not be sending out medication forms for 2008/09 as they are now available on line. If your child needs to take any medication, prescription as well as over the counter medication, during school hours this fall, please access the medication form and medication policy from the district's web site:

- go to D303.org
- under the heading Departments - select student services
- under student services - select health services
- under health services, on the left, select medication form
- there are two forms, one for regular medication and one for self administration (epi-pen and inhaler). The self administration form is two sided.

This form, signed by you and your physician, and a supply of medication (labeled according to instructions), can be brought in to the Nurses' Office, by a parent or responsible adult, before the first day of school.

**If your child has asthma and carries their inhaler with them, we like to have an inhaler in our office in case they might forget to bring their inhaler or it would run out. Your child can bring their spare inhaler in to us.**

Your cooperation in bringing the medication to school before the first attendance day is greatly appreciated.

**PHYSICAL EXAMS:** Just a reminder to all parents of incoming freshmen: physical examinations are required for all freshmen prior to the beginning of the school year. Freshman students will not be allowed to attend school without the completed "Child Health Examination" form on file with the School Nurse. Forms are available on the District 303 Website, or you may pick them up from the Main Office. To access the form from the website:

- go to D303.org
- under the heading Departments - select student services
- under student services - on the left, select health services
- under health services - on the right, under health forms, select physical exam. It is a two sided form with the health history portion to be completed by the parent/guardian.

Have a safe and healthy summer!! We're looking forward to meeting the class of 2012.

Amy Boynton RN, CSN (630) 587-7108



## STUDENT SERVICES (cont'd)



### Congratulations Senior Class of 2008!

Although you have just graduated, services remain available to you. Counselors remain good sources for letters of recommendation and our Registrar will continue to assist you in sending a copy of your transcript to schools or employers. You will also continue to be able to use [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com) with your St. Charles North user name "north" and password "high" to search for information on careers and colleges.

### The New Senior Class of 2009

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

**Career and College Search:** Hopefully you have some idea of the kind of career(s) in which you are most interested. To guide your career and college search you can access [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com) by using the username "north" and password "high." Careercruising.com offers interest inventories that can help you identify career areas of interest to you and the colleges that best serve those career areas.

Summer is also an excellent time to do college visits that will help you narrow your choices.

**PSAE Retakes:** This summer you will receive your Prairie State Examination Scores, including your ACT, PSAE, and WorkKeys scores. The State of Illinois allows seniors the opportunity to improve their PSAE scores by retaking both days of the PSAE in October. Once you receive your PSAE results, you should decide if your scores are satisfactory. If you choose to retake the test, notify the Guidance Office and request a voucher for the testing not later than September 20<sup>th</sup>. The retake tests will October 25 (ACT) and October 28 (Prairie State Exams and WorkKeys). Students who were unable to take the PSAE tests in the spring of 2008 may retake the tests in October. Students must take both days if they choose the retake option. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TAKING THE PSAE IS A STATE REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION IN ILLINOIS. STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO TAKE THE PSAE WILL NOT RECEIVE A DIPLOMA.**

### The New Juniors: Class of 2010

Following is important testing and test preparation information:

**PSAT/NMSQT:** The PSAT is a practice test that prepares juniors for the SAT. The PSAT is also the test that is used for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will be offered **Saturday, October 18, 2008.**

**ACT:** The ACT is College Admissions Exam. The ACT will be given at St. Charles North High School on **Saturday, September 13, 2008** and again **Saturday, April 4, 2009.** These dates are national administration dates.

**PSAE:** The PSAE is a set of tests required by the State of Illinois to assess the progress of all Illinois juniors in reaching the State Learning Standards. The State requires all juniors to take these tests in order to receive a high school diploma. These tests will be administered to all juniors on **April 22 and 23, 2009.**

**SAT:** The SAT is a College Admissions Exam. It is designed to provide information regarding a student's verbal, mathematic, and writing ability. The SAT will be offered at St. Charles North on June, 6, 2009.

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

**TEST PREPARATION:** Taking academically challenging courses and working hard to do well in these courses is the best test preparation activity for any student. However, there are a number of private companies that offer specialized courses designed to prepare students for specific tests. Several courses will be offered at St. Charles North during the 2008-09 school year.

**PSAT 240.** This seven week PSAT/NMSQT preparation course will be offered by ExcelEdge at St. Charles North on Tuesdays from August 26 to October 14. If Tuesday classes are impossible, please note that Thursday classes are available at St. Charles East HS. This course will help students analyze the PSAT, practice questions relating to the verbal, writing, and math components of the test and master the pacing required to complete the test. While ExcelEdge has designed this course specifically for students who are in the top 15% of their class, it can assist and is open to all juniors who wish to take the PSAT. Students interested in taking the PSAT240 will be able to pick up registration packets and fee information in the Guidance Office in June. The cost of the program will be \$222. The deadline for registration is August 15th.

**ACT 36.** ExcelEdge will offer an ACT preparation course at St. Charles North. This course provides its students with an in-depth practice on the ACT. The course will begin January 26 and finish on March 23. The cost of the program will be \$222. The deadline for registration will be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **STUDENT SERVICES (cont'd)**

**Sophomore Career Unit:** In April, the guidance counselors, with the assistance of career specialist, Sue Gloss, visited the English II classes for a two-day career development unit for all sophomores. This time included general career information, a web based interest inventory, career exploration, and post high school educational research. One of the main resources used during this time was the Career Cruising program, which is available to all North High students and their families. That site may be accessed from school or home computers at [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) by entering username "North" and password "High". Parents are encouraged to talk to their sophomores about this experience and are welcome to explore the Career Cruising Program from home with their student.

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

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

The college reps visit our LRC during the lunch periods and stay for different periods of time. Should you need a pass to visit with a college rep during a class, please go to the Guidance Office first to obtain a pass. As long as you aren't abusing this privilege, your teachers will be fine with you occasionally missing a class to take advantage of this opportunity. Each year, several students end up attending a school that began by attending a brief session with a college rep. Make use of this opportunity!

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

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

**Future College Athletes:** If you plan to participate in a Division I or II sport in college, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse once your junior year is completed. During the fall of senior year, go to <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common> to complete the required information and pay the required fee with a credit card. Next, bring your counselor two printout signature forms from the NCAA site, two transcript releases, \$ 2.00, and two blank business envelopes with postage. In addition, we recommend downloading a copy of the "Student Athlete" guide, which has valuable information for both parents and athletes. To do so on the above NCAA site, one should click on "Prospective Student Athletes" and then "Information and Resources For Prospective Student Athletes". **We are having an information night for future college student athletes (and parents) this coming fall on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here at St. Charles North in the Auditorium.** Don't miss this evening with an NCAA expert!





## **STUDENT SERVICES (cont'd)**

**High School Transcripts:** Sometimes, we get questions from graduates who need a transcript sent to another institution. Any student needing a transcript must fill out a transcript request form, which is located in the Guidance Office and on the Guidance web page. These forms can be dropped off, or mailed into the Guidance Office (attention to the registrar). Each transcript request form must be accompanied by an addressed, stamped envelope, and \$1.00. "Official" transcripts cannot be hand delivered; they must be mailed directly from North to the college, university, or scholarship program. Please note that if you are requesting a transcript for yourself or a college visit, it will be stamped "unofficial". Seniors recently completed a "graduated" transcript release so their final transcripts would be sent to the respective schools after graduation.

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

Although students can have their test scores sent to colleges by filling out a transcript release, we recommend that anyone taking either the ACT or SAT in the fall go ahead and have the scores sent directly to the colleges they are interested in when initially signing up for the test. This way, those scores will be forwarded to the colleges more quickly and their application isn't being held up. We recommend the September test (which is given here at North now!) over the October one so that scores can be received before November.

There are two ways to register for either the ACT or the SAT. First, a student can pick up a packet here in the Guidance Office, fill out the paperwork, and mail it directly to the company. One can also register on-line with a credit card. The address for ACT is: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org); SAT's website is: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Either way, don't forget to use our high school code (which is 143-796) so we receive a copy of the scores, as well.

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

**Changing Classes And/Or Levels For The 2008-09 School Year:** So everyone is aware of the procedures for changing classes at this point in time, we are including this information as a resource.

Students were allowed to change any classes they had initially signed up for by April 7th. The only course changes that will be allowed at this time are dropping a class for a study hall, or a level change. Prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year, students may substitute a course that has seats available in it for a course in their schedule. The course being substituted must meet during the same period and must maintain the student's progress toward graduation. Students may substitute a class between their own material pick-up day (see schedule below) and Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Note that any courses dropped during this period will not appear on the transcript.

**Material Pick-Up Days:** **Seniors:** Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>; **Juniors:** Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>; **Sophomores:** Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>; **Freshmen:** Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

The following circumstances will be considered a valid reason for changing a class request at any time:

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

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

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

## STUDENT SERVICES (cont'd)

### The Howard E. Charles Jr. Scholarship

The Howard E. Charles Jr. Scholarship is a \$3 million endowment that is available to St. Charles students only. The criteria are that you need to study a healthcare profession in college.

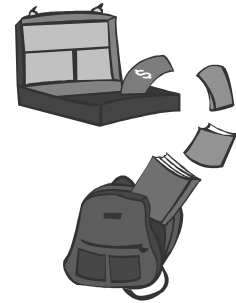
This year, St. Charles North HS had a tremendous amount of winners with eleven high school seniors winning money, as well as twenty-one college undergrads and three college graduates. The awards range from \$1000 to \$10,000 and can be re-applied for every year the student is in school.

The seniors who won this scholarship are: Rose Adkins, Matt Bauer, Dominic Catalano, Stephanie Johnson, Kara Johnston, Jaime Pfeiffer, Katherine Staniek and Caitlin Winkelman.

The SCN grads who are in college and won this scholarship are: Heather August, Karl Becker, Nora Becker, Leah Bressler, Tyler Chamberlain, Alison Conn, Kaylee Jamison, Sabrina Keck, Sarah Korth, Erin Little, Denise Lovorn, Shannon Newman, Catherine Nosal, Isabel Perfect, Derek Sanders, Kathryn Schmit, Sara Shankman, Nicole Stone, Samantha Urhausen, Matthew Wolf, Emily Zepeda and the college graduates are Jessica Folk, Lindsay Kraus and Rachel Kruzan.

We congratulate all these hard-working winners and wish them the best of luck as they continue their studies at a higher level.

If you would like more information about this exciting scholarship, please call Karen Porter in the Guidance Office at 630.587.7130



### Cal's All-Star Angel Foundation



The Cal's All-Star Angel Foundation was started in memory of Cal Sutter, who passed away in August of 2006 at the age of 13 after a 14+ month battle with leukemia. The main purpose of The Angel Foundation is granting wishes to kids fighting cancer and providing financial assistance to their families. Additionally, The Angel Foundation provides college scholarships to senior baseball players, covers the league fees and cost of equipment for children whose families cannot afford to do so on their own, and assists the local Little League

organization with projects and programs.

The first recipients of the college scholarship are from this year's Class of 2008. The St. Charles North High School senior receiving the scholarship this year is Michael Mastalski. Congratulations Michael.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing and Fundraising Dinner Event for the Cal's All-Star Angel Foundation is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The cost for golf is \$125 per person and tickets for the dinner and auctions are only \$65 per person. There are various sponsorship opportunities available that will help to increase your business/exposure. Donations of any kind are greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. For details and registration, please visit: [www.golfinvite.com/calsangels](http://www.golfinvite.com/calsangels) or contact Tom or Stacey Sutter: [info@calsangels.org](mailto:info@calsangels.org) or (847) 960-5317.

## **CURRICULUM CORNER**

**Mark Moore, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction**



As you may have read in previous editions of *The Navigator*, the administrative and leadership structure of North High School is changing for next year. Lead Teachers and Instructional Support Coaches will be taking the place of our Instructional Coordinators.

I offer my thanks and gratitude for the exemplary service that our Instructional Coordinators have provided for the past many years. Brad Mitchell, Michele Machowicz, Michael Williams, Kristy Harrier, and Kurt Spilker will be moving on to new opportunities—some here at St. Charles North, some elsewhere.

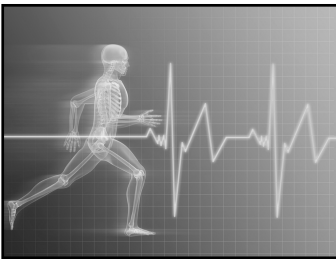
Stepping into the role of department leader will be the Lead Teachers. While Lead Teachers do not have supervisory or evaluative responsibilities, they do have the responsibility for serving their departments. They are the second line of contact for questions (after the teachers). They are the curricular experts. Mrs. Zupec and the Assistant Principals will be working closely with the Lead Teachers to integrate them into our leadership structure.

I am pleased to introduce the Lead Teachers to you, the members of our school community:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Lead Teacher</u>
Art	Lori Creasor
Business	Kendra Lee
English	Matt Ruckoldt
FACS/Technology	Kandace Brink
Foreign Language	Erin Looney
Mathematics	Jennifer Anderson
Music	Brian Wis
PE/Health/DE	Kristy Harrier
Science	Michael Williams
Social Studies	Michael Zernone

Watch for the next edition of *The Navigator* for information about Instructional Support Coaches and the role they will play in leading our students to higher levels of academic achievement.

## **Wellness Fair 2008**



On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, all SCN students visited the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wellness Fair. During Physical Education, Health, or Driver's Education, students met in the Main Gym to gather information in a variety of subject areas within the Wellness Learning Area. Over twenty vendors from the tri-city area participated and shared information with students regarding careers, service, and job opportunities, as well as ways to improve physical, mental/emotional, and social health. Based on student feedback, they enjoyed the opportunities to learn about dating violence and prevention from

Women to Women and the Community Crisis Center. Additional favorites included Athletico and their school-wide vertical jump contest where athletes and non-athletes competed for SCN Vertical Jump Champ; Officer Beam's (St. Charles Police Department) seatbelt video and discussions about driving safety, Sodexo's nutritional information and "milk mustache" photographs, and the blood pressure checks sponsored by the SCN School Nurses. Other physical competitions included a push up and shuttle run competition sponsored by the SCN PE Leaders as well as free throw and tunnel crawl competitions sponsored by the US Army. T-shirts were awarded to the top male and female performers for each grade level. The Wellness Fair provided multiple opportunities for students to enhance their overall well-being. The annual event will be planned again for May of 2009.

## Alliance for College Readiness - English Department Update

“Ensuring District 509 young people are ready for college-level courses ...is the goal of this collaborative project between the college and District 509 high schools. Members of the Alliance for College Readiness work in action teams to establish common expectations for District 509 students and to foster effective communication systems between them, their teachers and parents.”

To date, the English Alliance Sub-Committee created a brochure, “Are You College Ready?” that is available throughout the school and on the ECC website and developed a student friendly ACT Writing Rubric. Just recently the English Alliance Sub-Committee established the following English Standard for a minimum competency outcome expectation for a high school graduate/incoming college freshman student as evidenced by a two-page writing sample:

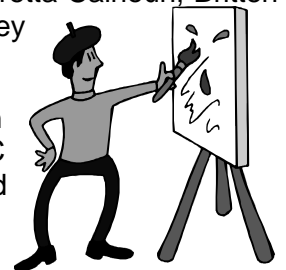
1. There should be an *emphasis on persuasion* as the writing mode.
2. The thesis should be *directly stated* within the introduction.
3. The essay should be *multi-paragraphed*.
4. A body paragraph should be *well-developed, consisting of five-seven detailed, informative* sentences.
5. A body paragraph should begin with a *directly stated* topic sentence.
6. A body paragraph should be *logically developed, supported with specific examples, and end with a final/concluding sentence which directly connects* to the topic sentence.
7. Sentence variety should occur through the use of *simple, compound, and some complex* sentences.
8. Style should be established through the use of *concrete adjectives, appropriate adverbs, prepositional phrases, and purposeful and appropriate vocabulary*.
9. There should be *no more than five major errors*. Major errors are run-ons, comma splices, fragments, subject-verb agreement, and verb tense agreement. (Note: Some accommodation for ELL students regarding subject-verb agreement and verb tense agreement can occur.)
10. Basic conventions provide readability and clarity; therefore, *writing with more than ten errors in basic conventions (each time an error occurs it counts as one error) becomes unacceptable writing*. Basic conventions include the use of a comma with an introductory phrase or clause, the use of a comma with a coordinating conjunction, the use of a comma with a subordinating conjunction, the use of a comma with coordinate adjectives, the use of a comma with a non-restrictive clause, the use of comma in a list, correct spelling, correct homonym use, proper punctuation, and proper capitalization. (Note: Some accommodation for ELL students regarding basic convention errors can occur.)
11. The conclusion should *re-address the thesis, summarize the main points, and end with a general closing statement*.

To put this document to work teachers at St. Charles North have also embarked on a ‘Shadow a Teacher’ initiative. This year four teachers, Tim Butterly, Ryan Colton, Robin Roberts, and Kristin Williams, visited three classes each at ECC and met with their faculty. We are now in the process of organizing and distributing English 101 and English 102 syllabi to the North English department members to assist in our alignment of practices with the college. Next year ECC will return the favor and visit our classrooms to continue the dialogue as part of the third year of the Alliance for College Readiness.

## **ART NEWS**

Ten student artists were selected to have their work become a part of the St. Charles North High School Permanent Art Collection. This collection of outstanding work is matted, framed, and hung throughout the school for five years. Our congratulations and thanks to Sammy Balleto, Tom Bosko, Loretta Calhoun, Britten Creasor, Hannah Faleer, Shannon Lancor, Pedro Rangel, Jen Walsh, and Kelsey Zaccagnini for helping beautify our building.

To finish out the year, the AP Studio Art students’ “Art Attack” Gallery was held in conjunction with the music department’s Spring Gala at the Fine Arts Building on the ECC campus. At this reception every member of the class displayed all 24 of their finished pieces of art which were created throughout the year. The opening was a big success. The students had a great time talking to the public about their art as well as the rewards and challenges of the class.



## One Year Down, Many more To Come!

The St. Charles North Writing Center has completed its inaugural year of service to all our students with stupendous results. Next fall, SCN plans to expand the services of The Writing Center with the able assistance of The Writing Center Director, Jen Shoaf, and her assistant, English teacher Kristin Williams. This summer Ms. Shoaf and Ms. Williams will, again, train peer writing consultants and come this fall, North students will be able to work with these peer writing consultants on any stage of the writing process. Here's to the continued success of The Writing Center, the peer writing consultants, and all who benefit from the services these wonderful students and teachers provide. See you in August!

## Spring Gala!



*The first ever St. Charles North High School Spring Gala was held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Elgin Community College. The evening began with a pre-concert reception and the AP Studio Art 'Art Attack' exhibition. The concert itself, held in the Blizzard Theater, featured our Bel Canto and Chorale singers as well as the Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. A dessert reception followed the concert, bringing everyone back together again. This melding of the fine arts and music was a wonderful way to celebrate the talents of so many of our students involved in the arts at SCN.*

## **TECH. ED. STUDENTS WIN BIG AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

On April 24th & 25<sup>th</sup>, 96 students from Mr. Brown's Drafting Program and Mr. Mahoney's Woodworking Program competed at the annual Technology Education Contest at Western Ill. University. The Woods projects compiled a total of 250 pts giving them 1st place with the next closest school scoring 112pts. The Drafting/Design students scored 79pts; giving them the runner-up position to a local Area Vocational School that compiled 112 pts. Congratulations to all students.

## **Polaris Express**

North High School sends an electronic newsletter to parents. The newsletter is sent to you via email during the school year. Parents interested in receiving this newsletter should sign up on the school district website. The link to "e-subscribe" is located on the district home page. From the page that comes up, fill out the information requested and scroll down to choose the newsletter(s) you are interested in receiving. Click on "subscribe" to continue the process. A confirmation email should arrive in your mailbox. Parents already on the mailing list will not need to re-subscribe to the Polaris Express for next year.

## **What a Busy LRC!**

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

## **Textbook Return**

Textbooks and books from the LRC were due at the end of the school year. Overdue notices are sent to parents in June following library inventory done during early June. Parents are encouraged to return any materials found at home to the school since students are charged fines for late materials. Encourage your student to check for materials he or she might have forgotten to return. Books found at home can be returned to the high school during regular business hours during the summer. The LRC will be open during summer school hours.

## Fossil Museum

All Biology students had the opportunity to visit a fossil museum without ever leaving North on May 7 and 8. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riley set up an amazing array of fossils dating from 2.5 billion years to 10,000 years ago and arranged them in their correct geologic time frame. Students were able to observe the fossil organisms but also learn about the environment where they lived. Cyanobacteria to mastodon teeth, footprints and fossilized bone of dinosaurs, soft bodied jellyfish and coral along with a Tully Monster (the Illinois fossil) – all were there for students to see and touch. It was a wonderful event and a great way for students to see all the evidences of evolution in one place.



(L to R) Biology students, Veronica Haluczak, Alex Wasson, and Catie Pacholski have the opportunity to study the ancient fossils during class.

## U.S. History Students Enjoy Chilly Day at Cantigny



The day ended with exploration of the historic tanks located on the grounds.

Despite the chilly weather, Ms. Boehle's U.S. History class enjoyed a field trip to Cantigny in Wheaton, Illinois. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, students toured the Robert McCormick Mansion and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Museum at the Cantigny Park and grounds.

The McCormick Mansion allows students to glimpse the life of the wealthy Tribune icon during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house includes great examples of Art Deco design and style of the 1920s. It also contains priceless treasures including many first edition, signed copies of books from greats like Winston Churchill, Charles Lindburgh, and Mark Twain.

The class then toured the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Museum, noted for its re-creations of warfare from World War I until today. Students walked through the trenches of World War I, landed on the beach at Normandy, and walked through the jungles of Vietnam. The class then debated the reasons for war and the changing manner of warfare over time.

A big thanks to our chaperones, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Schult, and Mrs. Stoecklin.

## North HS Teacher Presents at Social Studies Convention

On April 11, Monica Boehle, Global Studies teacher, presented at the Ohio Council for the Social Studies (OCSS) Convention in Worthington, Ohio. The annual conference focuses on new ideas and strategies for teaching social studies and history at all levels. Both sessions were packed with teachers and administrators who attended the conference.

The first session focused on instructional and assessment strategies to engage high school students in U.S. History. Participants experienced a simulation of the formation of labor unions and debated the founding ideals of the United States. The strategies require students to ask and debate critical thinking questions that spiral in difficulty.

The second session focused on teaching 9/11 in the classroom. The subject of 9/11 causes great emotions for students and educators alike which makes it challenging to teach effectively and sensitively. Participants examined primary source resources and learned how to establish guidelines for discussion in the classroom. In the lesson, students are then asked to connect their understanding of 9/11 and its aftermath to the founding ideals of the United States: liberty, equality, rights, democracy, and opportunity.

This is the first time that Boehle presented at OCSS.

## Mock Interviews in Intro to Teaching Class

“If I walked into your classroom, what would I see or hear?” “What do you do in your lessons to account for the differences in the abilities and interests of your students?” “What are your expectations for students and how do you communicate these?” “What are your expectations for students and how do you communicate these?” Imagine being a junior or senior in high school being asked these types of questions; how might they respond? Students in the Introduction to Teaching Class participated in a mock interview where they prepared for the simulation creating a cover letter, resume, and filling out an application form. These forms were reviewed prior to their interviews by Mr. Mark Moore, SCN Assistant Principal; Mr. Kurt Spilker, Global Studies Instructional Coordinator; Mrs. Kristy Harrier, Wellness Instructional Coordinator; Ms. Susan Gloss, District Career Specialist; Mrs. Monica Boehle, social studies teacher; and Mr. Christopher Adkins, Ferson Creek Elementary School Principal. Taking part in the simulation taught the students about the importance of proofing written work, professionalism in their behaviors, and the importance of being prepared.



Principal Christopher Adkins interviews North student, Anne Bialek

## **CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY**

In April, the Culinary Arts students had a chance to help feed starving children by packing food that will be sent all over the world to feed the hungry. The students took a fieldtrip to “Feed My Starving Children”, an organization in Aurora committed to feed children with nutritionally sound food. Students were first shown a video describing the need for food around the world and how this program can really make a difference in the lives of many. Then students and accompanying parents and family members worked in teams to pack bags of food. After two hours of fast-paced work, the students gathered one more time to present a \$500 check to help pay for the food they packed. Making and selling puppy chow in the school cafeteria (not exactly nutritious) was the way students raised funds.

Student, Natasha Mohiuddin stated, “This trip is an eye-opening experience; it makes me feel very privileged and makes me feel like I can do something to help!” Ana Gordon stated, “I wish we could have sold more puppy chow to raise more money.....this is an awesome cause.” Lizzie Furlin said “We learned that 18,000 children die of starvation each day.....just doing something little, like this, can change someone’s life in a big way!”

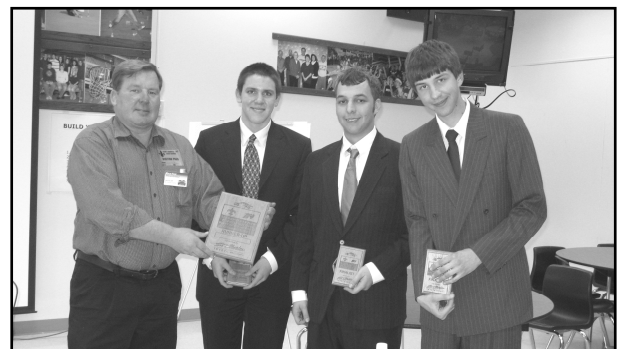
## Build Your Dream Vehicle Design Competition

The Build Your Dream Vehicle Design Competition integrates technology and career education into the academic curriculum, with an emphasis on design engineering. Students must use mathematics, science, social studies language arts, technology, and design skills to develop and design a vehicle packet. Judges look for organization, content, communication skills, appropriate and effective visual aids, correct and insightful answers to questions, while staying within the time restraints.

Freelance Design members: John Higgins - Marketing; Brendon Reda - Design; and Max Baughman - Environmental/Safety/Ergonomics. All students are from Ron Brown’s Product Design class.

Six teams from St. Charles North High School’s Product Design class and four teams from St. Charles East High School’s participated in the first annual Toyota Build Your Dream Vehicle contest, a school-to-work initiative. Both schools worked closely with Dennis Alf from the Toyota dealership in St. Charles to organize and make this dream a reality.

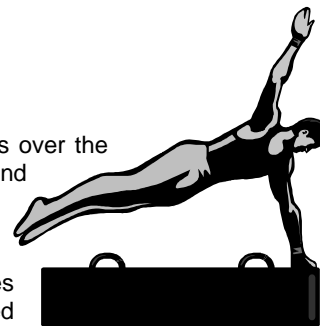
Each school, after having preliminary presentations, chose the finalist team that presented local professionals on April 22, 2008. The finalists were judged on their presentations, with emphasis on marketing, environmental/safety/ergonomics, design, and their presentation skills. Toyota of St. Charles graciously provided the award plaques and \$300 for the winner and \$200 for the runner-up. St. Charles East’s entry took the winner spot, with St. Charles North receiving the runner up honors. Only 7 points out of 300 divided the final standings.



Dennis Alf awards Freelance Designs Runner-up Honors to (R to L) John Higgins, Brendon Reda, and Max Baughman

## **“BETWEEN THE LINES”**

John Rutter, Athletic Director



The 2007-2008 sports season has come to an end. The North Stars have enjoyed many successes over the past nine months both in and out of the athletic arena. We were UEC Champions in Girls Tennis and Girls Gymnastics for the first time ever, and in Girls Volleyball for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. We won Regional titles in Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Basketball, Baseball, and Girls Soccer and Sectional titles in Girls Swimming, Girls Tennis, Boys Swimming, Girls Gymnastics, Girls Basketball, Boys Gymnastics, Boys Tennis, and Girls Soccer. Our teams represented St. Charles North at the state level as well - Boys Cross Country team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in State, Drill Team earned another 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy, and both our Boys and Girls Gymnasts finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the State. Our student athletes have reaped the benefits of all of their hard work, dedication, and determination, each of which, has become the cornerstone of North Star athletics,

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

Angie Chokran 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 100 Breaststroke at the State Finals.

Brooke Bettis 13<sup>th</sup> place finish in the IHSA Girls Golf State Finals

Matt Baumann finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the State Final 200-Yard Freestyle and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100-Yard Backstroke

Jimmy Brooks finished 2<sup>nd</sup> 100-Yard Butterfly

John Higgins finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100-Yard Backstroke and 9<sup>th</sup> in the 500-Yard Freestyle

Dan Stanek finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100-Yard Breaststroke

Our 200-Yard Medley Relay team of John Higgins, Dan Stanek, Jimmy Brooks, and Nick Smith were State Champions

Our 200-Yard Freestyle Relay team of Jimmy Brooks, Nick Smith, Alex Peterson, and Matt Baumann finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the State

Our 400-Yard Freestyle Relay team of Jimmy Brooks, John Higgins, Alex Peterson, and Matt Baumann finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the State

Stephanie De La Torriente finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the floor exercise at the State Gymnastics Meet

Sean Johnston 5th in the floor exercise & 8th in the horizontal bar at the State Gymnastics Meet

Ryan Johnston finished 8th in the floor exercise at the State Gymnastics Meet

Bryan Beth finished 2nd in the still rings at the State Gymnastics Meet

Stephanie Strasser finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 3200 meter run and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1600 meter run at the State Finals

Scott Speare, Steve Miller, Max Clink, and Chris DeSilva were 4X800 Meter Relay State Champions

All Academic award winners are athletes who are varsity letter winners with a 4.5 GPA or better. One-hundred student athletes represented St. Charles North. Those include:

**Girls Badminton:** Valeri Cannon, Ashley Chinderle, Julie Gawron, Kathryn Husar, Lindsay Madziarczyk, Ashley Nelson, Michelle Terwilleger, Kelsey True

**Baseball:** Kevin Borst, Ryan Richardson, Zach Hirsch, Dan Mettler, Greg Muir, Colin O'Carroll, Steven Sefton, Brandon Nothnagel

**Boys Gymnastics:** Bryan Beth

**Girls Soccer:** Shelby Anthony, Ashley Capone, Paige Dusek, Annette Gwozdz, Maggie Hamilton, Lauren Klopmeier, Kristen Manski, Alex Messacar, Lauren Muth, Lauren Ostarello, Alyssa Peterson, Kailee Rose, Elizabeth Salamon, Lauren Stoecklin, Vicki Traven, Caitlin Winkelman

**Softball:** Amanda Engel, Kristi DiFulvio, Christine Roggemann, Jaclyn Devitt, Brooke Jaeger, Elizabeth Korth, Lauren Screeden, Christine Truesdell

**Boys Tennis:** Alex Enskat, Nikhil Mehta, Grant Johnston, Matt Bauer, Andrew Davis, Brian Smith, Robert Susai

**Boys Track:** Phillip Carter, Peter Daley, Chris DeSilva, Adam Keen, Steven Kelder, Tim McDonnell, Patrick Manser, Jan Martyniak, Matt Miller, Steven Miller, Tim Ohlrich, Matt Peppers, Tim Rowley, Jeremy Van, Tim Van Hiel, Todd Vankerhoff

**Girls Track:** Ashley Barthel, Allyssa Beird, Rebekka Juszcak, Claire O'Brien, Meagan Wettengel, Bo Yeon Bartilotta, Coral Cass, Danielle Goebbert, Vanessa Grano, Jenna Loynachan, Catie Mandoza, Nicole McSweeney, Allison Reiland, Christy Strasser, Stephanie Strasser, Catherine Sullivan

**Boys Volleyball:** Austin Collingbourne, Brandon Coulter, Tyler Hoerner, Grant Livingston, Nick Manser, Pat Sullivan

**Girls Water Polo:** Maddie Bultema, Megan Danielson, Emily Dieter, Emily DeVries, Laura Difiglio, Amanda Golemba, Sarah McDonald, Madeline Shurtleff

**Boys Water Polo:** John Ardelan, Kyle Grabenstetter, Derek Hampton, Jonathan Leal, Nick Smith, Alex Waskelo



## **"BETWEEN THE LINES" (Cont'd)**

Our Upstate Eight All-Conference award winners representing St. Charles North for the spring season include:

**Baseball:** Brian de la Torriente, Zach Hirsch, Danny Jimenez, Ryan Richardson, Jake Thornton, Sam Weinberg

**Softball:** Loren Cihlar, Lisa Korth

**Girls Soccer:** Leah DeMoss, Paige Dusek, Vicki Traven, Caitlin Winkelman

**Boys Volleyball:** Austin Collingbourne, Rusty Lavaja

As a reminder, we are accepting registrations for our summer programs online at [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org) Go to North HS and then to camps and lessons. Payment will be accepted the first day of camp only. Summer camps offered include baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, drill team, football, boy's soccer, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and water polo. Register now!

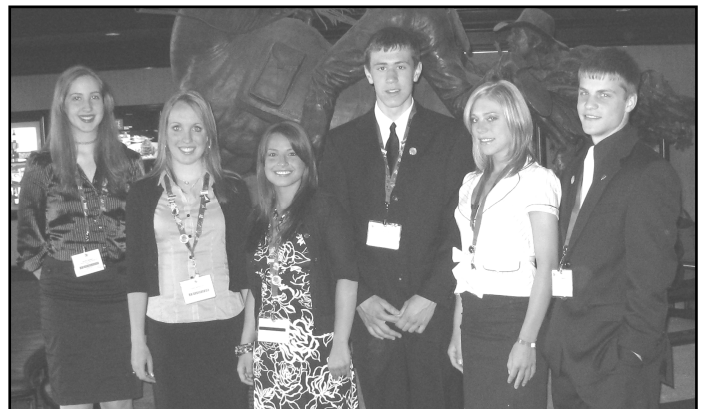
The athletic department would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents whom have provided us with rides to and from practice, washed our uniforms, prepared our pre-game meals, dropped off our forgotten clothes, and supported us through thick and thin - you're very much appreciated.

Have an enjoyable summer!

## **BPA Students Rank Top in Nation**

Amidst an inspiring backdrop of snow-covered mountains and rust-colored soil, student members of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) club continued to render St. Charles North High School utterly proud at this year's National Leadership Conference, held May 7<sup>th</sup> through 11th at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. In order to participate in this elite event, all candidates had to qualify at the State level in their respective contests. With an estimated 5,000 students in attendance representing a broad spectrum of the United States, the competitive arena was an intense one demanding no less than one's best.

Jennifer Bourbon, Dan Broecker, and Adam Keen all advanced to nationals to compete in the Fundamental, Advanced, and Computerized Accounting categories, respectively. Lindsay Madziarczyck ranked as a Top 10 National Finalist in Advanced Interviewing Skills, having vied against 75 other highly qualified candidates from across the country. BPA's 1<sup>st</sup> place State Financial Analyst Team (comprised of Taylor DiOrio, Dan Broecker, Adam Keen, and Elise Valdez) maintained their momentum as they broke yet another SCN record, proceeding to the Top 10 Finals in their area of expertise (out of over 50 such teams) and ultimately placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation.



(L to R) Jennifer Bourbon, Lindsay Madziarczyck, Elise Valdez, Dan Broecker, Taylor DiOrio, and Adam Keen.

BPA advisors Barb Schmit and Colleen Keough continue to gush over each of these members that represented North High School with such integrity at Nationals. The strong professionalism and character that these students display establishes an excellent model for all ages to follow.

BPA seniors DiOrio, Keen, Madziarczyck, and Valdez have concluded their final days as North Stars on a grand note indeed—best of luck to you all; you have the competency to achieve anything to which you aspire, and may your experiences with BPA help guide these future successes.

### **National Honor Society Helps Elementary Students**

On Saturday, April 26th, thirty National Honor Society juniors and seniors spent two hours shopping with elementary students in the District 303 area. Each child was allotted \$100 to spend on summer outfits. Everybody had a fantastic time! Proceeds came from the January "Doughnuts for Dozens" doughnut eating contest.

## Relay for Life

At 6:00 PM on Friday, May 16, the SCN stadium was transformed into a tent city as over 350 students, staff, parents, and community members settled in for the twelve-hour "Relay for Life" event. Organized by the Galaxy Council, representatives from our school organizations and several other student volunteers, the event celebrated cancer survivors, remembered those who have lost their battle with cancer, and promised commitment to fighting back against this non-discriminating disease. Teams of 8-15 members arranged to ensure that at least one member was always walking the track between 6 PM and 6 AM. This was no easy feat through the early morning chill and light rain. Fortunately, the Galaxy Council crew had entertainment and activities such as bands, ceremonies, and even fireworks!

All in all, the first ever American Cancer Society Relay for Life event at St. Charles North was a huge success. By the closing ceremony at 6 AM on Saturday, the participants had raised over \$41,000 in just six weeks! Beyond the funds raised for the American Cancer Society, we are most proud of the way our school community came together to celebrate life and support one another. Our students are already working on plans to make next year's event even more dynamic and can hardly wait to get tent city back!



## 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.

### APRIL Breakfast with the Stars Award

#### Presenter

Mrs. Kimberly Zupec  
Ms. Kate Hensel  
Mr. Kurt Spilker  
Mr. Rob Rooney  
Mr. Ryan Colton  
Mrs. Barb Schmit  
Mr. Jason Yeates

#### Recipient

*Joshua Gray*  
*Sohaib Khan*  
*Nicholas Reilly*  
*Taylor Reynolds*  
*Chloe Rodabaugh*  
*Christine Roggemann*  
*Marc Yann*

### MAY Breakfast with the Stars Award

#### Presenter

Ms. Amanda Jacys  
Mr. Jim Stombres  
Mr. Todd Genke  
Ms. Amy Overton  
Mr. Ron Brown  
Mr. Stephen Macaitis  
Ms. Kara Brown

#### Recipient

*Brandon Cali*  
*Jessica Corry*  
*Samantha Mills*  
*Sarah McDonald*  
*Shannon McGee*  
*Sydney Russell*  
*Stephanie Zima*

## Future Educators Association Award Ceremony



On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Charles North FEA members, Sara Palansky, Kaitlyn McCoy, and Veronica Iacobucci went to the Future Educators Association Award Ceremony hosted at Aurora University. Teambuilding games from the movie "Freedom Writers" were played; such as the line game where non-verbal responses were answered by stepping to a line helping students learn more about students from other participating FEA groups. Pam Ferdinand and Judy Maxwell, advisors of FEAU announced the winners of the competitions, including display board, scrapbook, banner, and brochure. St. Charles North was honored to receive 1<sup>st</sup> for scrapbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> for display board, and 1<sup>st</sup> for the brochure. This was a great achievement after all the hard work all of the members put in throughout the year.

(R to L) FEA members Veronica Iacobucci, Kaitlyn McCoy, and Sara Palansky

### FEA Teach Inspiration Banquet



Business teacher, Mr. Michael Smith, was chosen by Megan Nemec as her inspiration.

Each year St. Charles North FEA Club holds a Teacher Inspirational Banquet in honor of teachers that have inspired them through education. This event originated from former members hosting a “pot luck,” and has since then grown to be an annual teacher banquet. The evening consists of more than just a simple dinner and dessert, but rather a special night filled with speeches and tears. FEA members choose teachers from past years to honor by recognizing them through speeches which they have created themselves. Students may talk about why the teacher is so important to them and how they have influenced the member to become a teacher, while others might discuss funny things that have occurred in the particular class and why it is their favorite. To start the evening, a game was played to get to know others called “step to the line”; a strategy used in the movie “Freedom Writers.” After the speeches the teacher receives a certificate designed by the club and a rose. The teacher is recognized for their excellent talent and

outstanding involvement in their teaching career, but more importantly, their crucial role in influencing the member to become a teacher. The money earned from the PDK Walk is used to buy food, flowers, and decorations for this event, while members donate side dishes and desserts.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the SCN FEA Club hosted their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teacher Inspiration banquet. Seven FEA members honored the teacher that has most inspired them to consider the field of education. Honored teachers included: Mr. Michael Smith, Mrs. Linda Feiza, Mrs. Trisha Abbinante, Mrs. Colleen Fasbender, Mrs. Kathy Trayser, Mrs. Audra Christenson, and Ms. April Rydz. Special guests included Mrs. Zupec, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Trayser, Mrs. Maxwell, and Mrs. Ferdinand. Each teacher was honored with a speech from their student along with a rose and certificate thanking them for their inspiration.



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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Aug 18 - Senior Material Pick-Up Day                         | Dec 19 - Last Day of School in 2008                      |
| Aug 19 - Junior Material Pick-Up Day                         | Dec 22-31 - Winter Break                                 |
| Aug 20 - Sophomore Material Pick-Up Day                      | Jan 1-2 - Winter Break                                   |
| Aug 21 - Freshman Material Pick-Up Day                       | Jan 5 - School Resumes                                   |
| Aug 25 - PTO Mtg., LRC, 7:00 PM                              | Jan 19 - Martin Luther King Holiday - Schools Closed     |
| Aug 27 - First Day of Classes                                | Jan 22 - End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter                  |
| Aug 27 - Senior Sunrise Breakfast                            | Jan 23 - Teachers' Work Day - No School for Students     |
| Aug 29 - Home Football Game w/Senior Recognition             | Feb 16 - Presidents' Day Holiday - Schools Closed        |
| Sept 1 - Labor Day Holiday - Schools Closed                  | Feb 27 - Teacher Institute Day - No School for Students  |
| Sept 19 - Homecoming Game w/Fireworks                        | Feb 28 - Sadies Dance                                    |
| Sept 20 - Homecoming Dance                                   | Mar 27 - End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter                  |
| Oct 10 - School Improvement Day - No School for Students     | Mar 30-Apr 3 - Spring Break                              |
| Oct 13 - Columbus Day Holiday - Schools Closed               | Apr 6 - School Resumes                                   |
| Oct 31 - End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter                      | Apr 10 - School Improvement Day - No School for Students |
| Nov 7 - Teachers' Institute Day - No School for Students     | May 2 - Prom   |
| Nov 24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School for Students | May 25 - Memorial Day Holiday - Schools Closed           |
| Nov 25 - HS Teachers' In-Service - No School for Students    | TBA - Graduation   |
| Nov 26 - Non Attendance Day (Offices Open)                   | June 4 - Last Day for Students if no Emergency Day       |
| Nov 27-28 - Thanksgiving Break                               |  |