

FALCON FOCUS

WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

March/April 2012

A Message From The Principal...

Dear Parents,
Even though winter has been mild, I still anxiously await spring. Spring is such a wonderful time of year at a high school, culminating with the Class of 2012 Graduation on May 26, 2012. Please note that the time of graduation has changed to 10:00 a.m. A Senior Newsletter will be mailed home shortly highlighting the important dates, times, and responsibilities, which includes the senior picture - April 11th, the senior class meeting - April 18th, the mandatory graduation practice - May 23rd, and the Honors Assembly on May 24th.

This newsletter focuses on **March** and April events. In March, we have the Falcon Booster Auction, the spring musical, "Hello, Dolly!", the Wind Ensemble performs at the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, and concerts for orchestra, choir, and band. The month of **April** is host to many activities as well, with our spring sports programs in full swing. April is also the month when Wheaton North is assessed by the state of Illinois through the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). The month ends with Prom on April 28.

The **Prairie State Achievement Exam** for all Juniors is April 24 - 25. Please review the information included in this newsletter. The **Sophomore Class** will attend on Tuesday only and take the PLAN test. The **Freshman Class** will attend on Wednesday only and take the EXPLORE test. Seniors are exempt from testing days unless they have to make up the PSAE. We need everyone to do their best. Please help us by making sure that your teenagers have the proper rest and a good breakfast before they come to school on April 24th and 25th.

As you may know, the No Child Left Behind law is being retooled across the nation. States wrestle with how to create a system to assess **learning for all** students without imposing impossible goals on schools. At Wheaton North, we are fortunate to have a faculty and staff who

embrace the "learning for all" philosophy. As a school our goal is to help all students achieve their highest potential. In order to do this, we need time to discuss curriculum and individual student progress. I am happy to report that Superintendent Dr. Brian Harris and the Board of Education understand this need and granted the high schools 12 late arrival days for 2012-2013. Teachers will be meeting as professional learning communities on a regular basis in order to strengthen curriculum delivery and increase student achievement. Currently the time afforded high school teachers for collaboration is extremely limited. The late arrival days will enable all teachers to work in teams dedicated to data-driven student learning outcomes. We are excited for the opportunity to have this time to address the needs of our students.

The professional learning communities will be listed as "**Falcon Time**" on our schedule for next year. On the 12 dates, Falcon Time will begin at the start of the school day. However, buses will continue to run at the regular time; so students will have the option to arrive late or at regular time. Students arriving at regular time will be in supervised study time in our student cafeteria. Falcon Time will be devoted to focusing on student learning, defining what every student should know and be able to do, measuring our effectiveness, and systematically responding when students are not learning. This is a journey that we will take together. For those of you interested, the Professional Learning Communities presentation given by Assistant Superintendent Faith Dahlquist can be viewed at www.cusd200.org.

More details on Falcon Time will be included in the next newsletter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,
Jill Bullo, principal

MARCH 2
Institute Day – No School

MARCH 8-10
**Spring Musical,
Hello, Dolly!**

MARCH 26-30
Spring Break – No School

APRIL 6
**Non-Attendance Day
No School**

APRIL 24/25
State Testing

APRIL 28
Prom, 6:00 p.m. Abbington

MAY 4/5
Spring Extravaganza

MAY 26
**Commencement Ceremony
10:00 a.m., COD**

From the Desk of Phil Britton

Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Activities

It seems like just yesterday that we were welcoming students for the first day of school, and here we are in March already. Time does fly when you are having fun and it has been fun getting to know the staff, students, and parents at Wheaton North. No matter what school it is, this time of year is a difficult one. However it is crucial because the material that students must master is crucial. The same successful study strategies apply, but it takes extra discipline to follow them. You can help your students by

monitoring and encouraging them to maintain their study habits in order to keep up with the work. It is always an extra burden to have to play “catch up” in the spring when the weather turns nice. In addition to athletics, there are a number of events such as concerts, plays, and booster activities that will be taking place at the school. Please make sure to check the calendar for dates and times that you and/or your student might like to attend.

Spring Drama News: Dolly Takes the Stage!

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL - Hello, Dolly!

Please join us for dancing, singing and laughs as over 100 students present this fun-loving musical about the shenanigans of matchmaker Dolly and her friends in New York City. Based on the play *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder, Dolly Levi is determined to find everyone the perfect match, but not everything always goes as smoothly as planned! Will everyone find true love? Come and find out!

Performances run March 8-10, with evening shows at 7 p.m. and an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets cost \$4 for students/seniors and \$8 for adults. Contact Mr. Phillips at (630) 784-7442 or brian.phillips@cusd200.org for ticket information. Consider purchasing your tickets early to avoid the rush at the box office!

You can visit our Web site at <http://www.wnhs.org> and click “Activities” and “Performing Arts” for more information or to sign up for our Friends of Wheaton North Drama email list. You can also “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WNHSdrama.

Student Council Elections

Elections are fast-approaching for the Sophomore, Junior, Senior, and Executive Councils. 50 points are required to run for class office and 60 points are required for Executive Board of Student Council. Elections will be held the last few weeks in April, and interested candidates must attend one of two Officer Workshops held on April 9th at 6:50am or April 10th at 2:20pm. See Mrs. Martinez if you have any questions.

Order Your 2012 Yearbook Now

Did you pay for a 2011/2012 yearbook yet? It's possible you did when you registered last summer.

If not, it's not too late. Bring \$40 (or a check made out to Wheaton North) to Mrs. Hogan, school treasurer, in the front office by spring break.

If you're not sure whether or not you paid for one and you don't have a copy of your registration receipt, you can check by emailing **Joann.Hogan@cusd200.org** or **kevin.williams@cusd200.org**.

Details about this August's yearbook distribution will be coming soon.

Seniors: It's not too late to submit pictures of yourself when you were younger for both the “Remember When” page in the yearbook and for the Senior Slideshow for Extrav and the Senior Picnic. Email or drop off (they'll be returned) your pictures to Mr. Williams in the Activities Office.

Prom

The Junior Class Council is happy to announce that the 2012 theme is “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”. Tickets will be sold at the end of March and throughout April. Prom will take place on Saturday, April 28th at the Abbingdon in Glen Ellyn. Tickets will range in price from \$110 to \$140. Purchase your ticket early for a lower price.

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Annual Student Art Show May 4-5

The Art classes would like to invite you to our Annual Art Show on Friday, May 4 in the Wheaton North Library during school hours and from 5-7 pm that evening. The Show will also be open on Saturday, May 5 from 1-4 pm. Work will be exhibited from students in drawing, painting, ceramics, jewelry & metalsmithing, photography and graphic design. **Please enter through door 26.**

Special thanks to the Falcon Boosters for helping to make this year's show possible.



Déjà vu Looking for Submissions

Do you like to write? To read poetry, short fiction, prose essays? To draw, paint, photograph, sculpt? To enjoy fine art?

Déjà vu is for you! We're Wheaton North's Literary and Arts magazine. You can join us in two ways: contribute your writing or your art to our magazine, or come to our announced Thursday editorial meetings to review and to evaluate student submissions.

See Mrs. VanGetson in room 114 with any general questions about the magazine, literary submissions, and meetings; and Art Club teachers—Ms. Daly, Ms. Verdon, and Ms. Gingerich—with questions about fine art submissions.

To contribute your work to the editorial staff, do the following steps:

1. Attach your document or digital photo of your art to an e-mail.
2. Write "Déjà vu submission" in the subject line. I will not open the e-mail without this step included.
3. Send the e-mail to Debra.Vangetson@cusd200.org

Wheaton North Boys Lacrosse Club

It's not too late to join the Wheaton North Boys Lacrosse Club!

We are a no cut sport that is in our 6th season this year. We may not be "no-cut" for much longer with the great turn out the Freshmen have so far!

We offer three levels of play and you do not need previous lacrosse experience. Lacrosse combines all the athletic skills of football, basketball, soccer and hockey.

Many of our graduates are now playing in college – a couple of our teammates are playing at a really high level. Brendan Dunlap has already signed on to play Division 1 lacrosse for Lafayette College. Joseph Catanese was chosen to play goalie for the U-15 State Team.

We will be co-hosting the Second Annual North South Shootout with Wheaton Warrenville South March 16 and 17 at Rexillius and Granger Fields. Come and see some of the best teams around go against our Falcons.

We are always happy to have fans cheering us on. Please check out our schedule at www.wnhslax.org.

If you are interested in joining the Club please email Holly Higgins at hollyannehiggins@yahoo.com.

Comedy Troupe Tryouts

Are you a senior who is funny, enthusiastic and exciting? Comedy Troupe may be for you! Comedy Troupe sign ups begin on February 27th and end on March 1st. Actual tryouts will take place the week of March 5th. Come to room 107 to sign up or ask questions.

Spring Extrav Sign-Ups & Tryouts

Sign-ups for the Spring Extrav Talent Show will begin the week of March 12th and end on March 23rd. Actual tryouts for Spring Extrav will take place April 2 through April 4. Come to room 107 if you would like to sign up.

Spring Extrav

Spring Extrav will be right around the corner. There are two different shows with a variety of talents. This year's show will be exciting with a Senior Comedy Troupe that will entertain us between acts. Tickets are \$6.00. The shows will be Friday, May 4 and Sat., May 5 starting at 7:00. Contact Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Paulsen or Mr. Coleman with any questions.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES

On Wednesday, March 15, the Foreign Language Honor Societies inducted their new members. Parents, students, and foreign language faculty attended the event, which took place at 5:30 P.M. in the Taylor Auditorium. We would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements in foreign language.

Société Honoraire de Français (French Honor Society)

Mrs. Mores, Sponsor, Sarah Ackenhusen, Kersten Beck, Rebecca Berenschot, Kyra Black, Catherine Blume, Nat Blume, Kathryn Burgis, Ross Cooke, Elizabeth Dean, Maddie Ewing, Kevin Fausett, Christina Festen, Lulu Li, Hannah McCarthy, Alex McKee, Tasca McKinnon, Katherine Meyer, Kate Moreau, Mary Jane Oviatt, Leah Schwartz, Delaney Sibon, Rebekah Slinger, Sarah Smith, Madeleine Storm, Samantha Catanzaro, Zak Slezak, Hannah Sohmer, Brent Westergren, Deanna Valdebenito, Lillian Grace Zacharias, Nico Danilovich, Claire Dresselhaus.

Delta Epsilon Phi (German Honor Society)

Mrs. Jeanne Poe, Sponsor, Ryan Benco, Paige Bennett, Blake Eiten, Luke Engel, Chloe Exiner, Nicholas Favale, Michael Freeman, Anjanette Gonzalez, Sarah Gornik, Miles Knight, William KostECKA, Aleksandra Krasowska, Hannah LaBarge, Eean McNaughton, Abigail Moravek, Hannah Oberlin, Kyle Oosterhouse, Benjamin Riley, Ethan Sansone, Quintin Slott, Dragan Tanasic, Hunter Therron, Davis Williams

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)

Mrs. Ortiz, Sponsor, Alley Auchter, Caitlin Berry, Kelly Bradley, Sarah Bradley, Derek Breese, Lauren Bryant, Danny Caponi, Michael Cerone, Hailley Cound, Kelly Cullerton, Julie Currie, Rosalia Diaz, Jeffery Chase Dickinson, Richard Doner, Kelly Doran, Joseph Drabik, Aerial Euhus, Rhiannon Euhus, Isabel Fox, Tyler Gabriele, Andréa García Sheridan, Nick George, Jasmine Gill, Kirsten Gillis, Kelly Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez-Stewart, Cassidy Graham, Josh Granger, Theo Grant-Funck, Kate Hauser, Doug Hayes, Christine Irving, Alex Jiskra, Hannah Johnson, Lindsay Johnson, Nick Johnson, Nicole Karwowski, Eric Kayne, Jessalyn Kieta, Jack Kirschbaum, Daniel Krc, Francesca Lenzi, Lauren Liebman, Alexa Lindsley, Jaco Lopponen, Nick Ludolph, Julia Martiradonna, Katherine McCully, Jennifer Mckenna, William Miller, Amanda Mordacq, Liam Murray, Amanda Ngo, Jake Norman, Kory Orellana, Sam Otto, Ellie Pastore, Mackenzie Petersen, Hadley Pfalzgraf, Alyssa Quealy, Patrick Query, Nelly Rakowski, Alecsandra Renfroe, Carly Richter, Connor Ritchie, Hannah Russell, Mia Sales, Guillem Sanchez, Becca Santana, Sarah Santizo, Samantha Schieber, Matt Sedlacek, Greg Sells, Kate Shikany, Emma Shine, Andrew Shultz, Jeremy Stapleton, Kaitlyn Stoll, Jared Strom, Madelyn Stubits, Lauren Szumski, Roshni Vakil, Jacob Walhout, Jonathan Waterman, Brad Weeder, Mike Youman

National Honor Society Selection

Junior and senior students seeking membership in the Wheaton North National Honor Society recently completed their student activity information forms. Four ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is selected simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student: one who excels in the areas of *scholarship, leadership, service, and character.*

The entire Wheaton North faculty and staff will be asked to review the candidates. Next, the NHS faculty committee will review the students' activity information forms, their leadership recommendations, and the comments of the rest of the faculty in order to select members. Candidates will be notified of selection during spring break. New members will be inducted into the Wheaton North chapter on April 11, 2012 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Becoming a member of the Wheaton North NHS is an extremely high honor and an opportunity to continue to develop a commitment to community service by helping out at various school, district, and community events. Members also design and participate in at least one large chapter service project. This year the students organized a badminton tournament in order to raise money for Feed My Starving Children.

More information on the specific selection guidelines for prospective members is available at the WN website, under "Activities", "Honors & Awards", "National Honor Society."

PROM IS APRIL 28, 2012!!!

Prom night, April 28th is fast approaching and planning has begun. It takes over 200 volunteers to plan and execute this amazing event and we need your help! It's a great way to meet people and be involved with a terrific event for the kids. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend Post Prom, regardless if they go to the dance. Historically, over 600 students from WNHS participate. It is a safe, fun, substance free way for our kids to have fun after the dance and a wonderful opportunity for parents to get involved in an awesome night for our juniors and seniors. For the parents of freshman and sophomores, this is a great opportunity for you to see what it's all about and get involved before your child attends the event

There are numerous ways to help:

- We are in need of a Chairperson for Takedown at the end of the night
- We have 3 rooms/areas that need a Chairperson for decorating. Two out of the three rooms already have WWS people that have already begun the planning for the room.
- Donate to this worthwhile event. Checks can be made payable to **Operation Safe Celebration** and sent to: Operation Safe Celebration c/o Patti Eganhouse, 3S 343 Warren Avenue, Warrenville, IL 60555
- Helping as a general volunteer

If you are interested in chairing or would like to be a general volunteer, please e-mail Laura Schmid, the 2012 Manpower Chairperson, at schmid_laura@hotmail.com or call (630) 750-7388.

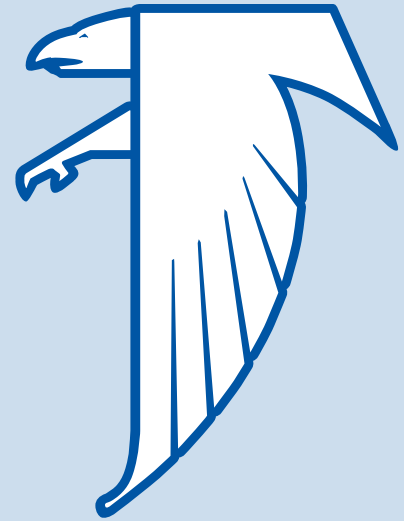
As the big night approaches, we would like to remind you to encourage your

student to attend the **Post Prom Party**. This is a fun, exciting and safe place for all Juniors and Seniors, *whether they attend prom or not*.

The theme this year is "**A Night at the Movies**". Imagine a huge party with amazing decorations, continuous activities and games including caricature artists, photo booth, bingo, karaoke, and more! There is tons of terrific food, and 'round the clock prizes.

I'd like to share some very important details of the party with each of you:

- The event will be held at the Wheaton Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Road from 11:00pm-3:00am.
- Kids do **NOT** have to go to prom to attend this party!
- Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.
- No additional money is needed once admitted.
- Admittance is from 11:00 pm to 12:00 am only, with ID.
- Adult security and supervision in all rooms.
- Parent will be called if a ticket holder has not checked in by 12:30 am.
- Kids are allowed to leave any time during the evening; however, they must sign out, and every effort will be made to contact parents to make them aware of their child leaving. Parents are welcome to call the Community Center (690-4880) anytime to confirm whether their child is there.



Our goal is not only to keep your teenager safe, but also to create for them a "memory" that will last a lifetime.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for helping us to continue the Operation Safe Celebration tradition for our kids!

Ann Impola (630)681-9623

opersafecel@wnhsboosters.org

Wheaton North High School

Post Prom/Operation Safe Celebration



WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

FALCON BANDS PRESENT

7th Annual Swing Dance **...with a side of Salsa!**

Come on out for a delightfully entertaining evening of music and dancing featuring the fabulous Wheaton North and Middle School Jazz Bands.

This year our bands are also adding some Salsa tunes to the playlist and our dance instructors will also be teaching us some Salsa steps so get ready for a spicy evening!

**Dance lessons provided by
Tom Sterba and Sterba's Dance Sport of Naperville!!!**

This is a fundraiser to help support all of the Wheaton North Bands.

When: Saturday, April 14, 2012 7-10 pm (Optional Free Swing Dance lessons 6pm – 7pm)

Where: Wheaton North High School (One Falcon Way, Wheaton Il, 60187) – Commons area

Who: WN families, faculty, and community (12 years old and up)

Attire: Semi formal event, proper attire required.

What: Live music featuring both WNHS and Middle School Jazz bands

Light refreshments and beverages, Silent Auction and Raffle, Lots of Fun!

Info: Visit www.wnband.org for latest information



To order tickets in advance for pickup at the door,

please complete and return the bottom portion of this page with payment to:

Judi Gonzalez, 0N615 Courtney Ln., Winfield, IL 60190 (questions? 682-8619 or judi@thosegonzos.com)

Orders with payment must be received by Monday, April 9.

Tickets will also be sold at the door (until we reach our capacity).

7th Annual Falcon Band Swing Dance

Ticket Order Form

Family Name: _____

		Number of Tickets	Amount Due
Adults	\$10 each	_____	_____
Seniors (65 and up)	\$8 each	_____	_____
Students with ID (12 to 19 years)	\$8 each	_____	_____
Total \$ Enclosed		_____	_____

Please make checks payable to **Falcon Band Parent Organization**

From the Desk of Matt Biscan

Asst. Principal of Curriculum and Technology

Schedule/Textbook/ ID Distribution Dates

- July 30—Freshman—3-5:30pm
- July 31—Sophomore—3-5:30pm
- August 1—Junior—8:30-10:30am
- August 2—Senior—8:30-10:30am
- August 7—Make-up—8:30-10:30am

State Testing

Seniors

- April 24th and April 25th are non-attendance days

PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Examination)

The PSAE is required by the Illinois State Board of Education and Community Unit School District 200 Board of Education and must be taken by qualifying juniors (more than 12 credits after 5 semesters) in order to receive a high school diploma. This test is used by the State of Illinois to assess if a school is “meeting” or “not meeting” state standards. Students that are not sure of their credit status can verify if they are taking the PSAE by checking with their guidance counselor. The PSAE measures the performance of junior students on the Illinois Learning Standards for reading, mathematics and science. The PSAE is given on April 24th and April 25th.

Juniors (more than 12 credits)

- Mandatory attendance on April 24th and 25th
- Take the PSAE on Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 25th
- April 24th Schedule April 25th Schedule
- Start time (7:20 am) Start time (7:20 am)
- End time (11:50 am) End time (10:20 am)

PLAN

All sophomore students take the PLAN. The PLAN is a test preparation activity that can positively impact students’ scores on the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is part of the PSAE given to qualifying junior students. The PLAN measures the performance of sophomores in English, math, reading and science. The PLAN is given on April 24th only.

Sophomores

- Mandatory attendance on April 24th
- Take the PLAN on Tuesday, April 24th only
- Start time (7:20am)
- End time (11:15 am) *Busses will depart at noon—Students can wait in commons for the bus or be picked up.
- April 25th is a non-attendance day

EXPLORE

All freshman students take the EXPLORE. The EXPLORE is designed to help 9th graders explore a broad range of content areas. It prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for the PLAN and PSAE as well. The EXPLORE measures the performance of freshman in English, math, reading and science. The EXPLORE is given on April 25th only.

Freshmen

- Mandatory attendance on April 25th
- Take the EXPLORE on Wednesday, April 25th only
- Start time (7:20 am)
- End time (10:20 am)
- April 24th is a non-attendance day

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”

-Confucius

Homeroom

All students will participate in a homeroom on April 11th and April 18th. On those days, we will follow the 60 minute assembly schedule. The purpose of the homeroom is to allow freshman, sophomore and junior students to become familiar with the room they will be testing, the teacher(s) who will administer their test and to be informed about the test structure and its content. Senior students will engage in a silent reading study hall.

Please encourage your student(s) to do their best on their respective tests. If you have any questions, please call me at (630) 784-7302 or email me at mbiscan@cusd200.org. Thank you for your assistance in this important process.

From the Nurses

New Website

Please visit the CUSD Health Service website for current information and district forms at: <http://www.cusd200.org/23531021102629590/site/default.asp>? This is located under Departments, Special Education-related Services, Health Services.

Welcome Incoming 9th-Graders!

Your 8th grade records are transferred to the high school before the end of the school year. If you anticipate needing a copy of your immunization record, please get it as soon as possible from your middle school.

Health records are not available from WNHS over the summer.

All students entering 9th grade are required to have a school physical completed within one year of entering

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National Career Readiness Certificate Information

Community Unit School District 200 has established the goal of preparing our students for the world of college and work through a strategic focus called College and Career Readiness Skills “Keys to Success” as defined by ACT. These learned skills coincide with 21st century skills that allow students to adapt and excel in various post-secondary options. This focus has spawned the creation of success indicators that ultimately measure two critical focus points for our students; demonstrating academic proficiency, and promoting critical thinking and problem solving.

Wheaton North High School is working toward enhancing the student learning experience and solidifying 21st century skills by offering the opportunity for senior students to participate and earn a National Career Readiness Certificate. The National Career Readiness Certificate, issued by ACT, is a portable, evidence-based credential that measures essential workplace skills

and is a reliable predictor of workplace success. This credential is used across all sectors of the economy and measures the following skills:

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Reading and using written, work-related text
- Applying information from workplace documents to solve problems
- Applying mathematical reasoning to work-related problems
- Setting up and performing work-related mathematical calculations
- Locating, synthesizing, and applying information that is presented graphically
- Comparing, summarizing, and analyzing information presented in multiple related graphics

On Tuesday, January 31st, Wheaton North High School administered a test to 191 senior students called Locating Information, the third and final test in the

ACT WorkKeys series. Participating in this test, along with Applied Mathematics and Reading for information, 2 tests that were taken junior year, allows students to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate. The Certificate is an easily understood, conveniently attained, and universally valued workforce credential. Because The Certificate validates that an individual has certain essential skills that are important across a range of jobs, employers, career seekers, economic developers, and educators can use The Certificate as a common language to improve the quality of the workforce as well as give individuals an opportunity to apply their skills. The skill levels are meaningful to career seekers, educators, and employers.

Wheaton North is proud to be able to offer this opportunity to our senior students and we look forward to continuing this process for years to come.

From the Nurses

9th-Graders! *(cont'd from previous)*

9th grade, documented on the most recent version of the Illinois Department of Human Services form—see link to form under Wheaton North Health Services web page. Even though registration is online, *completed school physicals should be mailed to school or dropped off at the main office before the start of the school year.* Parents: please remember to complete the Health History portion of your student’s 9th grade physical (the section is located above the doctor’s information on the IL DHS form). This section is a **required part** of the required 9th grade school physical. A tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) immunization booster is also now required for entrance to 9th grade.

Current WN Students

Due to the increased prevalence of pertussis (whooping cough), the Illinois Department of Public Health has changed the *Child Health Examination Code* regarding the Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus requirement. Students entering 6th or 9th grade in 2012 are required to show evidence of receiving one dose of Tdap immunization and are subject to exclusion if not in compliance but all students in grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to receive this immunization to prevent illness due to pertussis.

Please remember to update emergency contact numbers through the on line registration process. Also, included in the yearly registration process is a **confidential portion for you to update your student’s current health status** that must be printed out and completed. PLEASE complete this form yearly or as needed and return it to the health office so your student’s health needs can be addressed in a timely, safe manner. If you need a hard copy of the form we will gladly send one home with your student.

If you anticipate needing a copy of a school physical and immunizations for summer work or camp, please call 784-7327 as soon as possible before the end of the school year.

FROM THE NURSES: Reminders for Parents of Graduating Seniors:

You will receive a copy of your student's immunization records with the Senior Newsletter this spring. If you do not received a copy, please call the WNHS health office at 784-7327. Colleges and universities require a copy of these records for enrollment. It is a good idea to make a copy for your home file and for your student to keep in their personal file for future use. Doctor's offices do not keep these records indefinitely. **Health records are not available from WNHS over the summer.**

If your child is going off to college, it is important to consider giving them the **meningococcal vaccine** to protect them from the most common forms of meningitis. The American College Health Association (ACHA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that college students, especially those living in dormitories, receive the vaccine. We encourage you to talk to your child's healthcare provider about meningitis vaccination before college begins. The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) also administers the vaccine. Call them at 682-7400 to make an appointment.

LAST CHANCE! 2012 Booster Club Scholarships

Seniors - Don't miss your chance to receive a **\$500 scholarship from the Wheaton North Falcon Booster Club!** Up to ten awards will be made to senior students who have been active in Wheaton North activities and plan to attend a one to four year accredited educational program after graduation.

Scholarship awards are made on the basis of participation in Wheaton North activities such as athletics, performing arts, student clubs, and other school related activities, along with leadership, a personal statement and academic record.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 6, 2012!!

Forms, including instructions and further information, are available in the school Guidance Office or may be downloaded from the Booster Club web site at **www.wnhsboosters.org**.

Falcon Booster Webpage

Spring is almost here and before you know it we will be looking to the 2012-2013 school year. An upcoming and exciting change for Boosters will be our webpage and your ability to register for membership online. We heard your request and we are making it possible for you to sign up and pay through a link on our webpage. So make sure to watch for our mailing, future newsletters and the new webpage for this update.

You can continue to contact Amy Zarbuck for directories at **directory@wnhsboosters.org** or come to one of our booster meetings held the second Tuesday of every month. You can also check our website **www.wnhsboosters.org** for news and dates of meetings.

Keep in mind that all the insider information on the happenings takes place at the monthly meetings where you can hear reports from Jill Bullo, Matt Fisher, Kevin Williams and many of our committee chairs. I look forward to meeting each of you at some point during the next half of the year.

Chris Robertson
Booster President

WNHS Presidential Inauguration Trip 2013

On January 20th, 2013 those fortunate enough to be in Washington, D.C. will have an opportunity to witness the inauguration of the President of the United States. Whether the winner of the general election is Republican or Democrat the atmosphere and events surrounding the swearing in ceremony for the President of the United States

provide an opportunity to witness true history. Once again students from Wheaton North High School will be provided a chance to travel with classmates to witness this extraordinary event and the many great features of the Washington, D.C. area. For any students interested in attending there will be a parental information meeting at

Wheaton North High School on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00p.m. in Room 900. If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact the organizing faculty member, Tim McEvilly, at **timothy.mcevilly@cusd200.org** or through his staff phone number at 630-784-7450.

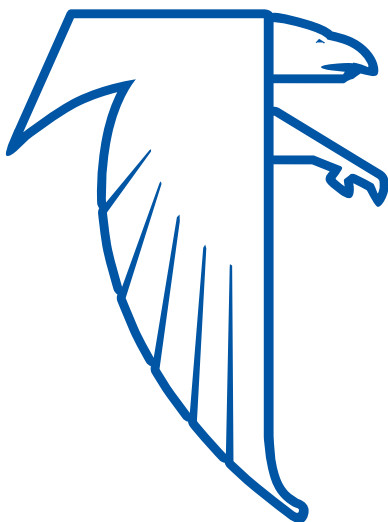
From the Desk of Jim Venckus

Assistant Principal for Student Services

We appreciate you addressing the following issues with your students. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Prom Guests & Monday-After-Prom Attendance

Prom will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Abbington in Glen Ellyn. It is a junior-senior event. Students who are bringing guests who are not Wheaton North students must complete and submit a dance guest form to the Deans' Office no later than April 25. A guest must be at least a high school freshman and not yet 21 years of age. In addition, we would like to remind you that "senior ditch day," which traditionally occurs the Monday after prom, is not a school-sanctioned event. The Illinois School Code is very specific about what is considered an excused absence, and "senior ditch day" is not one of them. Thank you for your support in helping to keep prom a safe and enjoyable experience for all students.



Teenage Drug and Alcohol Use

Knowing the signs and symptoms may help you intervene if your teen is using drugs or alcohol. Here are a few (www.illinois-elks.org):

- 1) Changes in mood – signs of depression, withdrawal and hostility.
- 2) Changes in friends and conversing with them in secret codes. For instance, "four twenty" is a code name for a time to get high.
- 3) At school, negative changes in schoolwork, frequent absences, discipline problems, and activity changes.
- 4) Secrecy about activities and possessions.
- 5) Use of incense, room deodorant, cologne or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors.
- 6) Wearing clothing that highlights drug use. Also drawing drug graffiti (e.g., marijuana leaves, mushrooms or "420") on school notebooks and folders.
- 7) Evidence of drug paraphernalia such as lighters, pipes or rolling papers.
- 8) Evidence of common inhalants such as hairspray, nail polish or correction fluid.
- 9) Bottles of eye drops which are used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils.
- 10) Missing prescription drugs or evidence of over-the-counter cold medicines such as Robitussin or Coricidan which contain dextromethorphan (DXM), an abused substance.

The website also offers the following as a first line of defense when it comes to teenage drug and alcohol use:

- 1) Set rules. Let your teen know that drug and alcohol use is unacceptable in your family.
- 2) Know where your teens are and what they will be doing during unsupervised time.
- 3) Talk to your teens and casually ask how things are going at school, with friends and about their plans for the future.
- 4) Keep your teen busy, especially between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and into evening hours. Teens involved in constructive, adult-supervised activities are less likely to use drugs or alcohol.
- 5) Take time to learn the facts about marijuana and underage drinking and talk with your teen about their harmful effects. Teenagers can develop an addiction within a few months, whereas adults can develop one within years. A good website to consult is www.theantidrug.com.
- 6) Get to know your teen's friends and parents. Make sure you know their standards.
- 7) Accept the role of a parent as your major responsibility. Children don't need you to be their friend. Be their parents. Let others be their friend.

Seek professional help in dealing with teenage drug and alcohol use. Our guidance counselors, social workers, and school psychologists at Wheaton North can be a good resource for you.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS: Writing Portion No Longer Offered on the April 24th PSAE ACT

The PSAE, or Prairie State Achievement Examination, is a free offering of the ACT for all juniors in Illinois (administered at WNHS on Tuesday, April 24th), but due to budget costs, the state is eliminating the optional Writing portion of the exam. Students seeking admission to universities and colleges requiring a writing score (including University of Illinois and many other schools) must take the Writing portion of the ACT on

a national test date (go to www.wnhs.org >Student Services >Guidance Department >ACT/SAT Testing Information for upcoming test dates and registration deadlines). Students can also learn if their prospective college(s) requires the Writing portion of the ACT by simply going to <https://actapps.act.org/writPrefRM/>. Finally, if you have any questions about this important topic please contact your counselor ASAP.

The ACT/SAT Question of the Day!

In late April all juniors will be taking the ACT test as part of the PSAE, and some juniors will be taking the SAT. There is no denying the importance of the ACT/SAT in regards to college admission. Therefore, all juniors should access ACT.org and Collegeboard.org daily to answer both sites **Question of the Day**. These questions cover all areas of both tests, give helpful hints to finding the right answer, provide detailed explanations on the correct answer, and best of all the questions are **FREE!** Go to <http://sat.collegeboard.com/practice/sat-question-of-the-day> to access the SAT question and go to <http://www.actstudent.org/qotd/> to access the ACT question. Another helpful site is www.number2.com, which provides not only a Question of the Day, but a Word of the Day too.

Individual Junior Conferences

Counselors began holding individual conferences with juniors in late February, and will continue the process up until spring break. In junior conferences counselors and students discuss plans for the rest of this year, review schedule for senior year, review testing calendar, and explore the benefits of using Naviance. However, the primary purpose of the conference is to help students with the college search process, and or post-

secondary plans. After the conference, parents will receive a letter from their student's counselor as well as a copy of their student's Junior Conference form. Information on this form includes the student's senior schedule, a credit check, post high school plans, career plans, and other notes. If you would like more information on junior conferences please call your student's counselor at 630.784.7325.

NAVIANCE

Naviance is a comprehensive website that students and parents can use to help with the college and career search process. The site was discussed in detail during your student's junior conference, and we strongly encourage you to access the site to take full advantage of everything it offers, which includes:

- College Search** – Provides tools to help match your preferences and compare colleges using admissions results from past WNHS students. Use graphs (scattergrams) to compare your GPA & test scores to other WNHS students who have applied and been accepted/denied to the college of your choice

- College Lookup** – Find colleges by name, state or quick list (those colleges to which WNHS students frequently apply) – find general and admission information, application history, and scheduled college visits to WNHS

- Explore Careers** – Get helpful information about particular careers such as job descriptions, necessary skills, what tasks are performed and typical wages. An excellent resume builder is also available.

How to Access NAVIANCE

Students have their own Naviance account. Juniors were given their user and password codes earlier in December during an ACCESS period. Also, Naviance is primarily used by juniors and seniors. However, if you are a sophomore or freshman parent and would like to access Naviance just call your student's counselor for user and password code information.

Once you have a user and password code just go to <http://connection.naviance.com/wheatonnhs> to register.

AP Test Registration & Details

Just a reminder, AP Test registration packets are now available in the College and Career Center. Students can also download the complete packet, registration form, and find information on polices and test dates at www.wnhs.org >Student Services>Guidance Department>AP Information. Price per test is \$87. The registration deadline is **March 9, 2012**. All packets should be turned in complete with payment and parent permission to Mary Bischoff in the College and Career Center.

In late April students who registered for an AP exam will receive an individual letter listing their exams, the location and report time for each exam, necessary supplies for each test, instructions regarding rules for the testing period, and prohibited conduct and items. The AP Program does not allow students to leave an exam early for any reason. This includes athletic events, jobs, or any other reason. Once again, there are no exceptions to this policy. It is suggested that students bring a sack lunch as they may not have access to the cafeteria/commons after the completion of their test.

SUMMER SCHOOL DRIVERS EDUCATION 2012

You can pick up a Summer School Driver Education information sheet in the College and Career Center (CCC) from Mrs. Bischoff. Summer school registration will begin on Monday, April 2nd and will run through Monday, April 9. Registration will take place in the College and Career Center. At the time of registration you will need to pay the \$250 Drivers Ed. fee. Enrollment will

be based on birthdates and **not** on a first come, first served, basis. In order to be in Drivers Education, you need to have passed a minimum of 8 classes in the previous 2 semesters. Please pick up an information sheet before registering. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bischoff at 630/784-7325. Also, all information is also posted on wnhs.org

Market Day

Market Day is available at Wheaton North sponsored by the Falcon Band Parent Organization. Pickups are on Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Band hallway on the northwest end of the building. Use door #16.

We now offer Drive-up Service!

When you place your order at www.marketday.com and prepay with a credit card, your order will be packed and waiting for you. Our band students will load your order into your car when you pull up to the curb by door #16!

Order forms are also available in the Main Office.

**Thanks for supporting the
Band Program!**

2012 Sale Dates

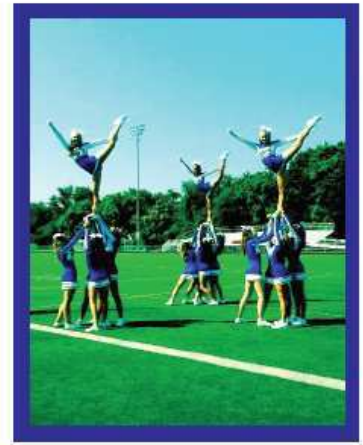
March 19, 2012

April 23, 2012

May 21, 2012

Judi Gonzalez
Band Parents, Market Day
Chairperson
judi@thosegonzos.com

Want to be a
WNHS
 CHEERLEADER?



8th Graders, Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors,

Come to our open gyms and have some *fun!* Why come you ask? Open gyms are a great way for you to get in shape and meet new friends! Come get advice for tryouts and learn how to stunt, cheer, jump, tumble and dance like a **WN** cheerleader!

Open Gyms:

March 15th & 22nd

April 2nd & 5th

Time: 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Parent Meeting March 8th, 6:30 pm

Tryout clinics: April 10th & 11th
 4:00 – 6:45 pm

Tryouts: April 12th
 4:00 – 8:00 pm



*** NO CHEERLEADING EXPERIENCE NEEDED ***



Questions? Contact Coach Danielle Wall – danielle.wall@cusd200.org

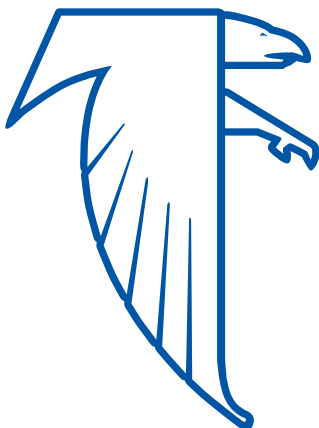
From the Desk of Matt Fisher

Assistant Principal of Athletics & Curriculum

As our winter season begins to wind down, I would like you to consider trying out for one of our spring sports. During the spring season we have nine sports with twenty-eight levels of play scheduled for competition. You are encouraged to get involved and to experience the excitement of being a Falcon athlete. Being an athlete requires commitment, dedication, and hard work. The rewards are many and the friendships made are often for life. It will also enrich your high school experience. Freshmen, we especially need your involvement in our Falcon Sports Programs. Do not wait – join a program as a freshman.

2012 FALCON SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION BULLETIN

Spring sports season for Boys Gymnastics will begin practice on Monday, February 13, 2012. Boys Baseball, Girls Badminton, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Girls Softball will begin February 27, 2012. And last, Boys Volleyball will begin on March 5, 2012. Listed below we have included coaches contact information if you have questions or comments regarding practices, starting times, and location for each sport. If you want to participate but cannot make the first meeting, please call the Athletic Office (630-784-7318) and let us know. All participants must have a current physical, and complete the on-line registration process, before beginning practice. Freshmen may use their freshman physical; simply make a copy for the Athletic Office and mark it at top "Athletics". This should have



been turned in at registration for the nurse's requirements. These forms can be downloaded from our web site wnhs.org or you may stop by the Athletic Office to pick them up.

The following must be taken care of before you will be allowed to practice. If you do not meet all the requirements you may watch the others practice but you cannot participate until all forms have been completed and turned in.

1. **Registration:** Online registration must be completed for each student athlete wishing to participate in athletics.
2. **Sports Physical:** A copy must be submitted to the athletic office. Freshmen may use the one that the nurse requires, simply make us a copy and mark it "athletics".
3. **A user's fee of \$150 should be paid online** using a credit card for all sports. Please do not pay your athletic user fee until teams are selected.
4. **IHSA Random Steroid Test form** should be submitted to the athletic office.
5. **Concussion Information Form** should be submitted to the athletic office.

Preconditioning for each sport will begin several weeks before practice begins for students not involved in a winter sport. Check with head coaches and listen to announcements.

If you have any questions about practice times or tryouts, please contact the head coach.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

BOYS GYMNASTICS BEGINS

FEBRUARY 27, 2012

BADMINTON, BASEBALL, BOYS TENNIS, GIRLS SOCCER AND SOFTBALL BEGIN

MARCH 5, 2012

BOYS VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

MARCH 20 & 21, 2012

SPRING SPORTS PICTURE DAY

MAY 24, 2012

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

DRIVER EDUCATION UPDATE

New Law Effects Passengers & Drivers

*Starting January 1, 2012 all passengers in a vehicle front and back seat of a vehicle must be wearing a seat belt.

*Motorists are banned from using cell phones in school or construction zones. This is a moving violation with a fine of up to \$1,000.

ATTENTION SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Registration for Summer Driver Education will begin the week of April 2nd in the Guidance office. Students and/or parents can pick up an information sheet in the Guidance Office now or access on our webpage at www.wnhs.org.

Students must be 15 by the date of their first class. There will be two sessions.

Session One: June 11 – July 6th. Session Two: July 9th – August 3rd.

The Drivers Education Parent Night meeting will be on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. The meeting is **MANDATORY** for all students and at least one of their parents/guardian who are enrolled in Summer Driver Education. The meeting will cover the information in regards to the students studying for and taking the Rules of the Road Test and the issuance of their Learner's Permit. We will also cover the content of the course for the semester, and to Graduated Drivers License laws regarding the student driver and the use practice time with their parent/guardian.

Students will fill-out the forms for the students to apply for Learners Permit at the meeting. The parent signature on the registration form and a \$20.00 check made out to the Secretary of State should be filled out and turned in at the Parent Meeting.

The students will take the Rules of the Road Test and Vision Test on Tuesday, May 29th after school. In order for them to receive their permit they must pass the written test and the vision test that they will take on May 29th.

The students can start studying for the Rules of the Road Test by going to the schools website at www.wnhs.org and using the Review Course Workbook that is under the Driver Education page of the class overview. We strongly encourage the students to study for the test as by using this source and the rules of the road book they receive during class.

The staff at Wheaton North also strongly encourages the students and parents to view our website to gain more information regarding safe driving. You can watch videos on the dangers of driving and using a cell phone to talk or text. Students and parents can also learn more about the physics of an automobile crash.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Starting January 1, 2012 all passengers (regardless of age) in the back seat of a vehicle must be wearing their seat belt.

*Only 47% of teen passengers wear seat belts when another teen is driving, compared to 84% of the overall population.

*An estimated 20% of 1,517,000 injury crashes were reported to have involved distracted driving in 2009.

*The under-20 age group had the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes (16%). The age group with the next greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the 20-to-29 year old drivers in fatal crashes were reported as distraction-related.

*Of the drivers reportedly distracted during a fatal crash, the 30-to-39 year old drivers were the greatest proportion distracted by cell phones. Cell phone use was reported for 24% of the 30-to-39 year old distracted drivers in fatal crashes.

Mr. Mike Oleszek

michael.oleszek@cusd200.org

DRIVER EDUCATION: Facts On Speeding

On Monday, January 30th, Dee Ann Brant visited our Drivers Education classes. Her organization, Faces 4, was established after her 15 year old son was killed due to the actions of a speeder. Dee shared the following statistics with our students. You can visit her web site and learn more about her organization at www.faces4.org

**Nationally over 1,000 motorists die every month in speed-related crashes.*

**Aggressive driving is a factor in 56% of fatal motor vehicle crashes from 2003 to 2008*

**31% of the United States total of 11,674 fatalities in 2009 were speed-related.*

**36% of Illinois's total of 2009 fatalities were speed related.*

**Car crashes are the leading cause of death for all ages 3-33.*

**38% of male drivers age 15 to 24 involved in a fatal crash were speeding.*

**SPEED is a leading factor in TEEN FATAL crashes.*

**How does speeding affect a crash?*

- 1. Reduces reaction time*
- 2. Increases distance required to stop*
- 3. Results in higher risks of severe injuries and death*
- 4. Reduces the ability of the safety belts and air bags to effectively protect occupants.*
- 5. Every 10 mph traveled over 50mph doubles your risk of a fatal crash.*

Finals Care Packages

It's that time of year again, and it's time to order a care package for your son/daughter to get him/her through finals week. Last year's packages included a bottle of water, candy bar, bag of chips, fruit snacks, gum, mints, a #2 pencil and more! Yes, we'll still be delivering them to your child. Order now and support Wheaton North True North Stars and help your child survive finals! Orders must be mailed or turned into the main office, **Attention: Mrs. Murphy by May 25th**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Circle the day(s) you would like the package(s) delivered:

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

DAY 4

of Packages Ordered _____

Amount Enclosed (\$5 per package): _____

Checks payable to Wheaton North High School
(Please put student's ID number on memo line of check.)

Note to Your Child:
