



The Coyote Howl

“Principal’s Page”

Activities

Well we have been very fortunate with the extended fall. We are closing in on the holiday season, and the winter coat is still in the closet. Let’s hope this holds for a few more weeks.

The girls swimming team worked very hard this year and placed second at the state meet. Our rival in every sport, Minot, was the state champion this year. To all the participants in swimming, “Congratulations on a successful season.”

The girls volleyball team is on its way to the state championships in Jamestown this weekend. They are the top seed in the West and we have high hopes that they will bring home a state championship. In talking with Kellee Black, we found out that West Fargo is the strong team in the East.

Attendance Policy

A student must not be absent from a class more than 8 times for a semester course or 16 times for a full year course. Loss of credit will result when a student exceeds those limits. Students who miss more than 25 minutes of a class will be counted absent.

Extenuating circumstance absences will not be counted as part of the 8/16 limit when the proper medical excuse and phone call have been received. Extenuating circumstances will be determined by the administrative office prior to, at the time of, but no later than one week, following the absence.

- An extended absence due to surgery or serious illness-medical excuse required. A medical excuse includes a doctor’s excuse for an absence of two or more consecutive days from school.
- Family emergency such as the death of a family member

Good Attendance Reward Policy

All students in grades 9-12, regardless of school attendance, will be required to take one final exam. A rotating test schedule will be used so students will be exposed to testing in

various academic disciplines during four years of high school. Except for the one required final exam, any student who does not miss more than 4 class periods in a full year subject or 2 class periods in a semester subject will be exempt from the final test in that subject. All absences, count against the reward policy except school related activities.

Requirements for graduation

A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows.

High School coursework requirements. Before a school district, a nonpublic high school, or the North Dakota division of independent study issues a high school diploma to a student, the student must have successfully completed at least twenty-one units of high school coursework from the minimum required curriculum offerings established by sections 15.1-21-02.

What this means is our credit requirements are going from 20 to 21. This additional credit will begin with this year’s junior class. This year’s senior class will not be affected.

Additional details will follow.

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson
Principal, Williston High School

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FFA NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who supported the FFA in our activities this fall.

Chevy Giveaway

The Chevy pickup giveaway was a success, we sold over 800 tickets. We would also like to thank Murphy Motors for their support in this activity.

Spaghetti Dinner

We would also like to thank all the businesses and individuals who sponsored meals for our Spaghetti Dinner and helped with the meal. And, also to those who attended our meal. We delivered over 60 meals to individuals in our community.

Fruit and Candy Sales

Our annual fruit sales will run to November 24 with presales taken during that time. The fruit will be delivered the week of December 14. If you haven't been contacted and would like to purchase fruit, please call any FFA member or Mr. Pepple at 572-0967.

Greenhand: Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development

On January 8 and 9, members will have the opportunity to attend leadership conferences in Bismarck. The Greenhand Conference is for first year members to learn more about FFA and meet other members from around the state. The Made for Excellence Conference is for second year members to develop their leadership skills and set some personal goals. The Advanced Leadership Development Conference is for third and fourth year members to further develop their leadership skills.

Wes Pepple
FFA Advisor

North Dakota Leadership Seminar

Sophomore students have an opportunity to be involved in the ND Leadership Seminar on the University of Mary campus in Bismarck on June 3 - 5, 2005.

The program is at no cost to students or their parents - except for the transportation to the seminar site and personal spending money.

The three day seminar exposes students to ideas on leadership, community involvement and volunteerism through interactive sessions with business and community leaders from across the state. It is a motivating and high - energy experience.

There is an application process - the student needs to pick up the application in the counselors' office and return it to the office by December 6. A selection committee will then announce the Williston High School leader who will attend.

Any questions should be directed to LuAnn Wick in the counselors' office.

LuAnn Wick
Counselor

WHS Leo Club

The Shoe Box project was the focus for the Leo Club for November. Items were collected and 78 shoe boxes were filled and then gift wrapped. Most of the shoe boxes contained hygiene items such as soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, and a wash cloth. Many had a stuffed toy for the children, too. The Shoe Boxes were delivered to Lutheran Social Services on Monday, November 8.

Leo Club members helped with the All City Halloween Party on October 31 and assisted the Lions by taking tickets at the West Region Volley Ball tournament held in Williston.

Projects that will be done in November and the first part of December are selling wreaths with the Lions and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Luann Wick
Leo Club Advisor

Daily Announcements/Monthly Newsletter Online

The WHS daily announcements and monthly newsletter are available in two locations:

1. <http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/whs/> and click on announcements or newsletter
2. Through PowerSchool parent/student access and click on "School Bulletin". There are links to both the announcements and newsletter in this area as well.

SADD NEWS

It has been a very busy month for the Williston High School SADD Chapter. On Wednesday, October 27, we hosted a Regional Junior High SADD Workshop at the International Inn. Twenty-five WHS SADD members facilitated group discussions on resisting peer pressure, positive and negative relationships, and the important role of SADD. Approximately fifty junior high students from Williston, Ray and Killdeer attended. It was a great time! The hope is that more SADD chapters will be started in northwestern North Dakota and this will become an annual event.

Another activity that SADD participated in was the "Be Amazed - Teen Maze," which took place on November 10 in the high school gym. It was a hands-on learning activity for all sophomores and physical education students, during which time they experienced the consequences of a specific health risk behavior. Different scenarios brought the behaviors to life, along with participation from nineteen professionals from the community. Research indicates that risk-taking behaviors in youth may be reduced when teens develop personal relationships with positive adult role models. This activity was a way to let adolescents know what resources or services are available to them in our community. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved.

November 18 was the Great American Smoke-Out. The WHS SADD members taught the junior high health classes that day, discussing the hazards of tobacco use. In the spring of the year, SADD is invited back to teach the second semester health classes. This is a favorite activity of the WHS SADD students.

The year 2004 is quickly coming to an end and SADD is planning a New Years Eve Dance for all area high school students. This year, it will be held at the New Armory and K-Hook will provide the music. We will be looking for adult chaperones and prizes for the evening's festivities, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact Susan Forthun at the high school.

Susan Forthun
SADD Advisor

Counseling News
 Williston High School
 Mrs. Wick and Miss Koperski
 Counselors
 December 2004

Scholarships

- ❖ Please check the counseling web-site at www.williston.k12.nd.us/ for more scholarships. As scholarships arrive in the office, they are put on this site. Some of the scholarships can be down loaded and completed on line.
- ❖ **The Art Institutes** system offers a scholarship for study at their schools. It covers tuition only. The deadline is March 1, 2005. The application is in the counselors' office or on line at www.artinstitutes.edu
- ❖ **VFW** sponsors several scholarships. Check on their web site at www.vfw.org under programs.
- ❖ **United States Senate Youth Program** is for juniors or seniors. This program brings students to the United States Capital to view first hand how our government works. Apply on line at www.dpi.state.nd.us
- ❖ **Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students Scholarship** is offered for high school seniors who plan to study in the area of natural resources. The deadline date is April 1, 2005. Information and an application can be found at www.itcnet.org
- ❖ **University of Minnesota** offers an honors program scholarship. You first must be admitted to the University of Minnesota. Priority deadline to submit your complete honors programs application is January 15, 2005.
- ❖ **AXA Achievement Scholarship** is given to 52 students in the amount of \$10,000 and ten students will receive a \$15,000 award. It is based upon how well rounded you are, how determined you are to do your personal best and have demonstrated achievement at a job, sport, or extracurricular activity. The deadline is December 15. Apply on line at www.axa-achievement.com
- ❖ **JUNIORS – Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship** program recognizes excellence in high school juniors. The award is based upon 2.75 GPA or higher, special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome and community service. The application can be found on line at www.aasa.org/discover.htm or in the counselors' office. The deadline is January 7, 2005.
- ❖ **College STEPS program** offers a college tuition scholarship of \$1,000. To register for a chance to win, enroll in the College STEPS program. To sign up, go to www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps. Deadline to do this is May 30, 2005.
- ❖ **Bonness Scholarship** for Minot State is available for seniors to apply if they are considering pursuing a bachelor's degree in science. The deadline is February 15, 2005.
- ❖ **Burger King Scholars** is for a senior whose grade point average is 2.5 or higher and works an average of 15 hours per week – not necessarily at a Burger King. Applications are found at www.bkscholars.scholarshipamerica.org
- ❖ **UND Pacesetters** is for seniors planning to attend UND in the fall of 2005. See the counselors to apply for this award.

- ❖ **ND Farmers Union Scholarship** is available. There are several types – the ND Farmers Union Scholarship, Co-op House, Stanley Moore, Hubert Seymour Scholarships and Cooperative and Ag Studies Scholarships. Information can be found in the counselors' office or on line at www.ndfu.org/scholarships
- ❖ Colleges and universities also offer scholarships. Check their web sites for more information.

Dates to Remember

December 11 - ACT

January 7 - Deadline for February ACT

Choices On Line

The Choices Planner can now be accessed from your home computer. The Choices program has an interest inventory, scholarship search, career descriptions and college search/information. It also has links to the Bridges CX program – the site ID is 0041439 and the password is coyote.

Honor Roll

To be included on the nine weeks honor roll, a student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average. The B Honor Roll will include students who have a 3.0 – 3.49 GPA and the A Honor Roll will include students who have earned a 3.5 – 4.0 GPA. If a student has an incomplete, D or F for a grade, they will not be considered for the honor roll. The GPA is based upon the grades entered by the instructor and calculated by the computer. This information can be found on page 18 in your student's planner which was given to them at the start of the school year.

Financial Aid Information

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be available to seniors and their parents beginning January 3, 2005. The FAFSA is the means for applying for the Pell Grant, college work study and loans – this is done by the student and parent and is based up that income for the year 2004. There is no charge to complete and submit the FAFSA.

The priority deadline is March 15, but all materials must be in the hands of the colleges by that date so March 1 is considered the target deadline to have the FAFSA completed and sent.

The maximum amount of the Pell grant for 2005 will be \$4050 for the school year; college freshmen are limited to \$2625 for full year programs of study.

The financial aid meeting will be held at Williston State College on Saturday, January 8. There will be two sessions: 10 am and 1 pm in Stevens Hall, Room 216. Each session will be about two hours in length. Students and parents/guardians who attend either of these meetings will have the opportunity to register to win a \$250 scholarship.

Access to a practice FAFSA will be available on December 5. To access sites, go to <http://fafsademotest.ed.gov> Enter user name of eddemo, the password is fafsatest. Click on FOTW or FAA access buttons at the bottom of the screen to access demo site.

The web address for the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov

WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

North Dakota University System

<http://www.nodak.edu/>

Financial Aid Information

<http://www.finaid.org>

Scholarship Search

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

Career Explorer - Bridges

<http://cx.bridges.com>

Name: 0041439

Password: coyote

State Library

<http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us>

Community Library

<http://www.wcl-union.williston.lib.nd.us>

Midwest Dairy Council

<http://www.midwestdairy.com>

<http://www.nutritionexplorations.org>

<http://www.nationaldairyCouncil.org>

<http://www.ilovecheese.com>

<http://www.whymilk.com>

Close Up

Close Up Washington is an exciting week-long study visit to the nation's capital where the students gain the opportunity to experience our government and the political process firsthand. This year's trip will take place April 4 - 8.

The Close Up Washington week is a carefully organized series of activities designed to give the students a look at the process of government. The program will contain six to eight seminars, each featuring a different Washington expert. Students will have an opportunity to meet with our state's representative and senators and visit famous monuments. The last day, before our return, the students are given a chance to explore the sites that are most appealing to them.

Interested parents or students may contact Mr. Mack at the Williston High School in room 109.

Chris Mack
Close Up Advisor

Williston High School PTO

BRING A PARTNER

Williston High School PTO is sponsoring an evening of fun and fancy foot work. Dance lessons are being offered.

FOR WHO: Any WHS student
(Grades 9 - 12)

WHEN: Thursday, December 16
7:30 P.M. to 8:45 P.M.

LOCATION: Williston State College
(Old Gym)

COST: NOTHING

Come join us for a fun evening,
and remember...
bring a partner!!!!

Pat Axtman
Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW?

WHS daily announcements
can be found on our web site at
www.williston.k12.nd.us/

DRESS CODE

(at school or school sponsored events)

Students are expected to have appropriate appearance at all times. Inappropriate appearance includes, but is not limited to the following: Excessively torn or tattered clothing, clothing which is in poor taste, with obscene words or pictures, pants worn in a fashion that exposes underwear, Hooters, Co-ed Naked, Johnson or SPC shirts, spaghetti straps and tank tops, colored hair or hair style or body piercing that draws attention from the learning process.

Because Williston High School promotes a healthy lifestyle, promotion of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs through student dress, including caps will not be allowed. Students who habitually violate this code of conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

Wearing of hats or caps by either girls or boys will not be allowed. Common courtesy dictates the removal of hats, upon entering the building, as a sign of respect.

"Communication is the Key."

Students' journal writings always provide teachers with insight into the workings of the teenage mind. Sometimes it is an insight we could have lived without, but more often than not, they are a reason to smile.

In the journals this freshman year, we have covered a number of topics. The point of the journals is to get the students to "think outside the box." Some of the more interesting topics have been about how the freshmen view the world in which they live.

A few of the topics have proved interesting.

Least /Most useful class: It was no big surprise that many students felt that English was one of the subjects that was going to be least useful in their adult life. The students feel there is a lot of repetition in English class year after year.

This is one thing that is going to be remedied in the near future. Both the junior high and high school English teachers are looking at getting the curriculum aligned with the standards the state of North Dakota has set up. We are looking at making sure that we cover all the bases, but that we do not have them keep running the same bases over and over again year after year.

This is going to be a big challenge for the teachers but also for the students. The students are going to be held accountable for what they learned in freshmen English when they become seniors. Portfolios will be used to track the students' progress through the years of high school. Ideally, this would extend down into the junior high and even to the upper elementary grades.

"Behavior should be expected and not rewarded."
Many of the students understood this statement.

They recognize that their lives have changed since they were in grade school and they would get stickers for behaving correctly. They know the standard for behavior has been raised, and that the teachers expect more out of them.

The key to this often sits within the student himself or herself. Often when outside expectations have risen, but a student is still stuck in old patterns and expectations, conflict can arise, within the system or within the student. This can often be seen in the students who get detention. An amazing number of students get detention because they did "nothing." Yet the reasons vary from skipping classes, being tardy, oversleeping, inappropriate language, or failing to act in a responsible manner. They are willing to do the crime, but do not want to do the time.

Rights/Privileges of Students: The most interesting part of this was the rights parts. Most of the students had a good grasp of what a right, as opposed to a privilege, was. It gave a good idea of what the students felt they had a right to do in the confines of the school.

The students are looking for things like a clean school, a good teacher, and a safe environment. But they also feel it is their right to have things explained to them, to be treated fairly, to be able to have a choice of classes, and to be able to express their opinion in an appropriate way.

While it is true it would be awkward for parents to ask their student to do a journal, it is important that parents take time to listen and to ask the right kinds of questions. Three words students often do not want to hear are "Tell me more."

Communication is the key to changing any environment.

Jim Geiermann
English Instructor

Ancient World History On the Internet

www.oldhistory.com

Parents:

Those students who are taking Ancient World History from Mr. Larsen have the advantage of studying and reviewing the course on the Internet. Mr. Larsen has created an interactive online "Web-Textbook" that is freely available to students and community members worldwide.

The web-textbook shadows and compliments what is taught in class.

In addition, some of the most recent chapters would include what is taught in Modern World History. New material is added weekly.

The web-textbook consists of text, multiple-choice questions, animated graphics, photographs, drawings, maps, and even quizzes that students may take to gauge the progress of their learning.

Audio Quick Time movies pronounce key or difficult names and words for students.

The web-text is accessible from any home Internet computer, the library, the tutoring room and two student computers in Mr. Larsen's classroom.

Once again, the URL for the web-text is
www.oldhistory.com

Larry Larsen

NOTICE TO PARENTS OF SENIORS

For those of you that still have your senior student's school fees to pay, please subtract \$12.00 from your bill for the diploma. For all of those parents that have already paid for their senior student's school fees that included the diploma fee, we are in the process of issuing refund checks to reimburse you. Sorry for any convenience this may have caused. Thanks for your patience.

Economart Slips

Williston Senior High School has the opportunity to earn free equipment by collecting cash register tapes from Economart. This register tape collection program called S.O.S. (Support Our Schools) will allow us to collect 1% of all cash register receipts from Economart. This money will allow us to purchase everything from computers and textbooks to basketballs and drivers training vehicles.

We encourage you to save Economart cash registers tapes and send them to Williston Senior High School. Together, we can improve the quality of our children's education while easing the financial burden on our school.

HIGH SCHOOL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

WHEN: DECEMBER 31, 2004

WHERE: THE NEW ARMORY

TIME: 9 P.M. – 1 A.M.

COST: \$3.00

Sponsored by SADD

