



The Coyote Howl

“Principal’s Page”

Activities

Spring Break is over and school is back for the final push to the end of the year. This last nine week period will go by very fast for our seniors with graduation and filling out applications for full-time employment, university, college, or technical schools. This is also the last time they will be able to participate in any form of varsity high school activities. The spring sports are currently in their practice routine. Therefore, if you are interested in any of the spring sports, please contact Mr. Hanson in the activities office and he will get you in contact with the appropriate coach.

The state tournament in Fargo was exciting with the boy’s basketball team pulling down a third place trophy. We congratulate Coach Slotsve and his staff for a very enjoyable season. In today’s paper, James Hennessy was named Mr. Basketball for the state of North Dakota. Congratulations James!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences will be held on April 5 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The conferences will be in the teacher’s classrooms and chairs will be available for parents to relax while they are waiting to visit with their son/daughter’s instructor.

Upcoming Events for Seniors

With May approaching, this is a good time to give a listing of the activities for the rest of the year.

April 23 – Prom (Date request forms available April 1)

May 10 – Elk’s Youth Day

May 11 – Senior Awards Night
WHS Auditorium
7:00 P.M.

May 14 – Band Day

May 22 – Baccalaureate
St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
7:00 P.M.

May 23 – Honor Group
To Rotary
El Rancho
11:45 A.M.

May 26 – Graduation Practice
Field house
9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**ALL SENIORS
MUST ATTEND**

May 29 – Graduation in the field house at 2:00 P.M.

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With that, we hope that there is moisture in the future so that our lawns will be green, the crops will be good and the lake will be more than a sandbar.

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson
WHS Principal

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Counseling News

Williston High School
Mrs. Wick and Miss Koperski
Counselors
April 2005

Scholarships

- ❖ **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
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Missouri Valley Communications** offers a scholarship to high school seniors, college students or to non-transitional students. The application is in the counselors' office. The deadline date is April 1, 2005.
- ❖ **Marv Rockstad Memorial Scholarship** is for seniors. Preference is given to students who exhibit high moral character, financial need, maintain a "C" average and volunteer service to their community. The deadline is April 1, 2005.
- ❖ **Kingsley T. Davidson Memorial Scholarship Trust** is based upon academics, school, and community and church activities. The deadline is April 1, 2005.
- ❖ **Reuben T. Guenther Scholarship** is for seniors who have enrolled in technology classes while in high school and plan to enroll in a school in North Dakota and in a technology program. Applications are online at www.state.nd.us/cte/students/scholarship.html.
- ❖ **Lewis & Clark Elementary Alumni Scholarship** is for seniors who attended L & C Elementary. The deadline is April 12, 2005.
- ❖ **Nemont Telephone Cooperative** is for seniors whose families are current customers. The deadline is April 1, 2005. Applications are online at www.nemont.net or in the counselors' office.
- ❖ **Dushinske and Jamison Water Resources Scholarship** is for seniors whose family has taken an active role in state water resource management. The deadline is April 1, 2005.
- ❖ **Ross Loibl Memorial Scholarship** is for seniors who have participated in basketball at a varsity level. The deadline is April 1, 2005. Based upon work experience, scholarship, community service and other extra curricular.
- ❖ **American Legion Auxiliary Parley Nursing Scholarship** has a deadline of May 2, 2005. Applications are in the counselors' office.

- ❖ Colleges and universities also offer scholarships. Check their web sites for more information.

Dates to Remember

April 9 – ACT

Help Your Child Make Career Decisions

Great careers do not simply happen. That is why it is important for your child to make career plans. You are the best person to ensure that your child is making wise career choices.

Research shows that parents have the greatest influence on their children's career choices. As a parent, you know your child better than anyone else does. You have more interest in helping your child choose a rewarding career than anyone else. Your child's future is too important to be left to "luck" or "chance".

These are some important steps in your child's career decision making process:

1. Figure out his or her likes and dislikes and what is important to him or her. Check out the Choices Planner or Career Explorer at www.access.bridges.com or the parent's guide at www.acrnetwork.org/parentsguide/
2. Learn about careers. It is important for your child to have as much information as possible about his or her career interests. A site that has a skills search is <http://online.onetcenter.org/> and click on "skills search"
3. Set primary and secondary goals. Your child may have a dream career in mind, but he or she should explore alternative goals as well.
4. Create and follow a plan. Create an education plan – we use a six year plan at WHS. This will help you to carefully choose courses to take in high school. This will enable you and your student to be as well prepared for college or other post-high school training as possible.
5. Help your child experience careers by interviewing people in a potential career, attend a career fair, job shadow, volunteer work or enroll in vocational classes.

A career decision is a personal decision. Do not try to steer your child to a particular career because you think it is something you might like. Career interests may change as a result of increased exposure to careers. Continue to encourage your child as career choices change – the more information he or she has about careers, the better his or her career decision will be.

**Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education and America's Career Resource Network

SADD NEWS

The school year is winding down, and the Reality Check prevention program in the elementary schools will be finishing up next month. Fifth and sixth grade students have been having fun being actively involved in the seven lessons that high school students have been presenting to them. The final lesson for sixth graders will be an introduction to the SADD organization, with hopes that those students will become members of SADD at the junior high. This year, five junior high students will be joining the high school students at the state conference.

Twenty-four students will be attending this year's State SADD Conference in Jamestown on March 20-22. They will be joined by over 600 students from around the state. Kayla S. has been chosen from the Williston High School chapter to run for the State SADD Student of the Year. Shawna M. and Emily S. will be running for the State Advisory Board positions of the Northwest region. Present advisory board members, Jenna Y., Kayla A., and advisor, Susan Forthun, will facilitate numerous workshops and activities throughout the conference.

Applications are now available to any high school student interested in being a teen leader for PSI (Postponing Sexual Involvement) classes at the junior high. Applications can be picked up in Susan Forthun's room and are due back April 15. Training will be offered May 6 & 7.

Susan Forthun
SADD Advisor

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. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thanks for your cooperation.

After Prom Activities

The 11th Annual Williston After Prom Party has a fun evening of activities planned for prom participants. All of the activities are drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. We hope you will encourage your Junior/Senior student to participate. If you would like to support this event with a donation or by helping out in any capacity, please contact one of the committee members listed below:

Jim & BJ Bertsch, Chairman.....572-7851
Wade & Belva Leer.....577-0362
Melissa Sundby.....774-8509
Jerry & Lori Hahn.....577-0700
Darcy Schauer.....572-6319
Penny Slagle.....774-3355

Our next meeting is April 6, 7:30 P.M. in the meeting room at Grandma Sharon's.

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

The approved school board minutes are now online at:

<http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/board/> There is also a link from our main website.

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.

PowerSchool

We encourage all parents and students to use the online area in PowerSchool to keep track of grades, assignments, attendance, etc. PowerSchool parent/student access is available at:

<https://williston.ps.state.nd.us/public/home.html> There is

also a link to it from our main website at:

<http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/> Future assignments (if available) are listed in the same area as graded assignments. You will know which assignments are future assignments as they will have dates in the future. If you need to contact your teacher, click on the name of the teacher in PowerSchool and it should open your email program and put the email address of the teacher in the "To" area. The school bulletin area in PowerSchool has links to announcements, newsletters and your school's website. There is a separate login for parents and students. If you forget or misplace your PowerSchool login/password, please stop by the WHS office to get the information. Due to security reasons, we are unable to give this type of information over the phone.

Julie Palmer
Technology Department

SENIOR PARENTS: "CHECK THIS OUT"

Spring is in the air. Can Graduation be far behind?

We are looking for parents who are willing to have a good time and put in a little work in the process.

"Operation Graduation" is the safest way for your senior to celebrate. We need parents who are willing to be involved with their children for one final safe non-alcoholic, drug-free evening, filled with fun and entertainment; and did I mention food?

We are still in need of help on several committees including carnival, publicity, prizes and security. If you can help, please contact Kirk Schoepp. He can be reached at 572-6742, 572-8803 or via email at schoepp@dia.net. Bev Christianson can be reached via email at bechrist@hotmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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May 22 - Baccalaureate
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May 23 - Honor Group to Rotary
El Rancho
11:45 A.M.
May 24 - Honor Banquet
Time & Place TBA
May 26 - Graduation Practice
All seniors must attend.
Phil Jackson Field House
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
May 29 - Graduation
All seniors must attend.
Phil Jackson Field House
2:00 P.M.
May 29 - Operation Graduation
Attendance is optional.
10:00 P.M. - 4:00 A.M.

Senior Motto/Colors/Flower

Motto - In our hands, we hold today; in our dreams, we hold the future; in our hearts, we hold forever.

Colors - Orange, Black and Silver

Flower - White Rose

SPRING PTC

It is that magic time of the year. Easter is coming. We are anticipating the arrival of spring; some of us have been anticipating it since January. It is time again for **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**. They will be held on April 5 from 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Spring teacher conferences are never quite as well attended as the fall conferences. Many parents think that they know the teachers, maybe the kids are doing okay, maybe they are not, but at this point in the year what can be done?

I am really encouraged by the number of parents who go on-line and check student's grades. I know you do this because your students tell me about it, or do it themselves, too. Every once in a while, I will get an email from a parent inquiring about a student's grade, and I wonder why the parent missed Step Two.

Step One in PowerSchool is checking your student's grades. It does not take a long time, if you have the correct information. If you are missing this information, which you received earlier this year, you can contact the high school and they will give you the process needed to get it.

Step Three in PowerSchool is to contact the teacher with any concerns you have about your child or children's grades. The Williston Public School Web page www.williston.k12.nd.us/ has a link on it whereby you can get the teacher's email address. A quick note asking specific questions can be quickly answered. I know I am not perfect at this, but I am striving to get better.

So what is Step Two?

Step Two is the easiest and, at times, the most difficult. Ask your student. Find out what he or she is doing in class, and sometimes what he or she is not. Find out what his or her perspective is before asking the teacher what is going on in class. Use what you find out from PowerSchool to talk with your student about the classes they are taking.

If the student said nothing, then examine what PowerSchool does tell you. Are all the assignments in? Do some of the grades seem to have low scores? Are some of the scores zeroes? If the student is evasive, then email the teacher about what the student said, clearly stating the concerns you have. A blanket statement such as, "How is my student doing in your class?" is not as easily answered as a statement like, "I see little Quentin has some low scores in his test. Do you think he is studying enough or is there some other reason for his failing these tests?"

Step Four in the process is to come to Parent-Teacher Conferences. You might be surprised at what you hear. I like saying good things about my students. I have not had many students about whom I could not find something good to say.

By actively participating in those face-to-face times, it creates good relations between you and your student's teachers. It would be even better if you bring your student or students along with you. Can you imagine the feelings that would race through your student's heart?

"What are you doing tonight, dear?"

No reply

"Nothing? Good. Let's go to Parent-Teacher Conferences!"

I can't see any student refusing such a wonderful offer. Can you?

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 inter-active 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

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.

Student Council News

Spring Fling has just come to an end, and it was a great success. The activities were a dodge ball tournament, bowling, and a dance. Our theme was Hawaiian, and we sold many Hawaiian valuables for people to wear and have. The dodge ball tournament profits went towards Dawn Carrier for medical expenses.

Some of our volunteer work was helping with the Jeff Fender benefit. It was a great turnout and it was amazing to see the support from the community. The generosity of Williston was clearly displayed at this event.

We will be having our re-elections at the end of April. We already have a Homecoming Committee and need general sponsors for floats and entertainment. If anyone would like to help, contact Karla Olson at WHS. Our theme will be "This is Our Game" and each class float will have a theme for a board game.

Teacher Appreciation is May 2 - 6. We will be showing our appreciation to the teachers all week and giving thanks for all that they do.

Sherisa D.
WHS Student Council Secretary

OPERATION GRADUATION

Plans for Operation Graduation are under way. If you are interested in chaperoning, we would like to hear from you. There are two shifts: the first will be 9:00 P.M. to 1 A.M., the second shift will be 12:30 A.M. to 4:30 A.M. Chaperones are assigned to help with the games. The last shift will also help with clean-up.

If you are interested in helping with the first shift, please call Angela Palmer at 572-1944. Call Carol Montgomery to volunteer for the second shift at 774-8928. Please call either number after 6 P.M.

Attention: Parents of Juniors!!

The After Prom Committee is looking for parents willing to help chaperone the after prom activities. Prom is Saturday, April 23. We will need parents between the hours of 12:30 A.M. and 4:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, April 24. Please contact Darcy Schauer if you would be interested in helping. She can be reached at 572-0967 during the day and 572-6319 in the evenings. This worthwhile activity only works when parents volunteer to help out! Thanks!

Darcy Schauer
Committee Member

WHS LEO CLUB NEWS

WHS Leo Club had initiation of new members in March – they included Brandon Hoffman and Preston Schell – seniors; Leah Ryan – junior and freshmen Megan Altizer, Sadie Fjelstad, Kelli Maleckar, Sarah Pozgay. These students have been active members since the first meeting – Welcome of our group! Guest Lion Ruthie was able to attend this meeting and share what the Trinity Lions are doing, and to also present a check to the Leo Club for \$250 for their help on Lion projects.

Four members will attend the Character Ethics Day on March 21 in Minot. Katherine Altizer, Nicole Green, Kristin Weyrauch and Lacey Christensen will hear Bob Mortimer tell his story about alcohol and drug use. He brings a story of encouragement for those struggling to overcome the challenges of their lives. They will also attend break out sessions on leadership strategies, cyber bullying and ethics in today's world.

Leo members are planning a project for Leo Awareness Month in April. They hope to combine this project with Trinity Leos.

Luann Wick
Advisor

FFA NEWS

Submitted by Wes Pepple, FFA Advisor

The Williston FFA had their annual Award Banquet on March 17. The following members received honors:

OFFICER PLAQUES

President – Sarah S.
Vice President – Casey M.
Secretary – Amanda H.
Treasurer – Eric S.
Reporter – John A.
Sentinel – Max C.

HONORARY DEGREE

Murphy Motors
Warren & Mary Froelich
Robert & Genny Stockman
Top Crop Exhibitor – Len S.
Top Ag. Mechanics Exhibitor – Andy B.
Top Salesperson – Sarah S.
Star Greenhand – John A.
Star Ag. Placement Degree – Casey M.
DeKalb – Sarah S.

The following members received plaques for their activities throughout the year:

Sarah S.

President
State Convention Delegate
State Choir
National Choir
Crop Judging
Parliamentary Procedure
Quiz
ALD

Casey M.

Vice President
National Convention
Crop Judging
Parliamentary Procedure
ALD
Quiz

John A.

Reporter
Parliamentary Procedure
Livestock Judging
Quiz
MFE

Zach K.

National Convention

Max C.

Sentinel
Parliamentary Procedure
Crop Judging
Greenhand Conference

Cameron H.

Greenhand Secretary
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Elizabeth S.

Crop Judging

Cody H.

Greenhand Sentinel
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Joseph P.

Greenhand President
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Aaron P.

Greenhand Reporter
Greenhand Parl. Proc.
Creed Contest
Greenhand Conference

Jason J.

Greenhand Reporter
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Jared H.

Greenhand Advisor
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Eric M.

National Convention
ALD
Crop Judging

Amanda H.

Secretary
Parliamentary Procedure

Eric S.

Treasurer
National Convention
Parliamentary Procedure
State Convention Delegate
Small Animal Care
Quiz

Brandon B.

National Convention

Cordell L.

MFE

Jason L.

National Convention

Nevin J.

National Convention

Tim S.

National Convention

Doug R.

Greenhand President
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Traver M.

Greenhand Vice President
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

James L.

Greenhand Treasurer
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Jason T.

Greenhand Advisor
Greenhand Parl. Proc.
Greenhand Conference

Brad H.

Greenhand Vice President
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Ben O.

Greenhand Secretary
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Joey S.

Greenhand Treasurer
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Jeremy F.

Greenhand Sentinel
Greenhand Parl. Proc.

Degree pins were also given to the first and second year members. The Williston FFA would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us this past year.

