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## "Principal's Page"

#### **Activities**

Spring Fling was truly a surprise to many of us this year. Students, members of the Student Council, and the Coyote Den Parents (formerly PTO) worked hand in hand to put together activities that were very well attended.

Monday night was bowling night and Nathan Hendrickson was bowling with Mr. Bratlien so I joined their group. Nathan bowled the whole night and was probably the top bowler that night. Great job Nathan!

Tuesday was the real shocker. The students wanted to put on a Dodgeball tournament. So they got into groups and found out the current rules for dodgeball and learned that many colleges are using this as an intramural sport. Next, we had to contact Mr. Stueve and see if he had dodgeballs that we could use. The students would not be allowed to use the small red playground balls that were used in the past. Mr. Stueve had nerf dodgeballs that worked nicely.

During the Dodgeball tournament, Mr. Hanson and Tyler Liffrig were the officials and did a wonderful job making sure all the rules were properly enforced. Ms. Tron and Mr. Geiermann were our color commentators and were seen throughout the fieldhouse talking with the fans on camera. Mr. Abuhl gave them an interview that is sure to be on ESPN Classic some day.

There were many teams represented and my personal favorite was a team called the "Corporate Assassins." They were in dress shirts and ties with the sleeves cut off. There were over a dozen co-ed teams and the stands were filled with fans. It was wonderful to see. Before the final match between the teachers and Kyle Bondy's team, the fieldhouse was silent for the singing of the national anthem by Tara Weltikol and Allayna Kalmik. I wish that I could report that the teachers were victorious; however, they were put down in short order

The final activity was the dance on Thursday night. The theme was Hawaiian and most people were in Hawaiian clothing. There were palm trees, grass skirts and a barbecue going on. We need to thank Tara Neff's father for donating his time and barbeque grill. This was the first time in years that Williston High School had a sock-hop in the gym. Mr. Hanson stated that the way our kids respected the gym, we can have dances in there anytime. Thank you Mr. Hanson.

#### **Vocal Music**

On April 12, Mr. Parker took our vocal music students to the West Region Vocal Music Contest in Minot and these are the people who received star ratings:

#### Madrigal Ensemble

Allayna Kalmik Becky Parker Carly Kruse Michael Gjorven Matt Charbonnet Sean Scott Jay Borseth Ben Roel Sarah Stockman Leah Ryan Chelsey McCaslin Kayla Stamp

#### Girl's Duet

Becky Parker Heather Sorenson

#### Girl's Trio

Brittney Black Kellee Black Gracia Black

#### Vocal Solo

Gracia Black Brittney Black Erin Anderson Brianna Skavlem Sarah Stockman

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Students who received star ratings at this contest are now eligible to participate in the State Music Contest held in Minot on April 29. Congratulations to our WHS star performers.

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson WHS Principal Williston High School

## Counseling News

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

### **Scholarships**

- 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 <a href="https://www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps">www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps</a>. Deadline to do this is May 30, 2005.
- American Legion Auxiliary Parley Nursing Scholarship has a deadline of May 2, 2005.
   Applications are in the counselors' office.
- \* Charles Ball Scholarship is available to McKenzie and Williams County graduates. Students must be attending WSC as a regular, full time student. Awards are based upon financial need; therefore, the FAFSA must be completed. Eligibility is determined by subtracting a student's EFC from the cost of attendance. A 2.0 GPA must be maintained. The application is in the counselors' office or can be found at WSC. The deadline is as soon as possible.
- Colleges and universities also offer scholarships. Check their web sites for more information.

### **ACT and the Writing Test**

The writing test has been all over the board this winter – if you are interested in finding out if the school your student is looking at will require this portion of the ACT, you have two options – go to <a href="https://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> and go to the "writing test" section. You will be able to select the state or states that you are interested in and see what might be or not be required. Another suggestion is to call the admissions office of the school; this might be your best resource at this time.

### **Volunteering in our Community**

There is an opportunity for students to volunteer at Mercy Medical Hospital during the school year and during the summer. This might even turn into a paying job or a high school credit at WHS for the 2005-06 school year. At the current time, Mercy is looking for volunteers to help in dietary, mail services, escorting patients and guests to location in the hospital and organizing wheel chairs. If you have a student who might be interested in volunteering, have them stop by the counselors' office for contact information.

### **Loans for College Expenses**

Beginning in August, 2005, high school students will be able to apply for a Dakota Education Alternative Loan (DEAL) to assist them in paying for college courses. The DEAL loan is a state loan program provided by the Bank of North Dakota. The students may attend college less than half time but the college must be an eligible institution that participates in the federal loan programs. Visit the web site at www.mystudentloanonline.com.

## **Transcript Request**

Seniors who are planning on attending a post secondary school in the fall of 2005-06 must request, from WHS, a final transcript of their grades to be sent to that school. Forms are in the counselors' office or in the senior hand book they received with graduation instructions. This is a requirement and they will not be able to start classes in the fall until this is done.

## Articulation, Dual Credit and Other Stuff

See the attached news sheet from Williston State College on pages 9 & 10. There is information concerning articulation which affects current seniors and dual credit information for current juniors and sophomores.

#### **SADD NEWS**

Congratulations to Jenna Yockim who has been chosen as part of the National SADD Student Leadership Council (SLC) for 2005-2006. Jenna was North Dakota's SADD Student of the Year for 2004-2005 and is the second WHS SADD student to receive a spot on the SLC. Kyle Sell served on the national council in 2003-2004.

Comprised of 15-20 young people who are juniors or seniors in high school or freshmen in college, the SADD National Student Leadership Council members bring unique local and state perspectives to the nation organization. The SLC plays a major role in the nationwide success of SADD by working directly with the SADD National staff on new and continuing projects while maintaining active leadership roles within their own local high school and/or college chapters. Often called upon to represent the national organization, SLC members travel to conferences, media events, and task force meetings.

The members of the Student Leadership Council are accomplished individuals who have demonstrated their commitment by reaching out to peers, friends, and younger students through SADD and other peer support programs. They are individuals who have exemplified the SADD model of empowerment and care-giving through involvement in community service, especially in projects relating to substance abuse prevention, highway safety, and other issues that affect youth. SLC members are expected to be a positive role model for other SADD students and agree to abide by the SLC Code of Conduct and Rules to Live and Work By.

Congratulations to you, Jenna! You are very deserving and will represent Williston and North Dakota well in this new leadership position. We are very proud of you!!

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.

# SPRING SECOND SEMESTER STUDENT ART SHOW May 14 & 15

Painting, Drawing, Graphic Design, 3-D Art, Ceramics 1 P.M. – 5 P.M.

A Juried Show & Award will be presented.

Featured Artist – Sam Lunzman

## Close Up

Close Up Washington is an exciting weeklong study visit to the nation's capital where the students gain the opportunity to experience our government and the political process firsthand. Next year's trip will take place April 2006.

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.

## **FFA**

#### **Food for America**

Our annual Food for America program will be on Wednesday, May 11. Area second graders will be shown how agriculture effects them every day and the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. They will attend presentations by FFA members on such topics as machinery safety, animal safety, food science, crop production wildlife, horticulture, dairy, beef, first aid and others.

#### **State FFA Convention**

The State FFA convention will be held in Fargo, June 6-10. Members will be conducting the annual business and will elect next year's officers. They will have the opportunity to participate in things such as Ag. Mechanic Contest, horse judging, floral and nursery judging, Band, Chorus, small animal care, food science and others.

#### **County and State Fair**

FFA members will be exhibiting grain samples and projects they have constructed during the school year at each of these fairs in June and July.

Wes Pepple FFA Advisor

### **Student Council News**

Wow! We are still hearing talk around the school about what a great success the Spring Fling was. We would like to thank the Student Council members and Coyote Den Parents for all their hard work to make this event such a success for all the WHS students. We would also like to thank Million Dollar Lanes and all of the businesses that donated prizes for bowling and the items for the dance. The decorations were awesome!!

We will be having our Student Council elections for the 2005-2006 school year soon. The process for the elections is a written essay, teacher evaluation, and student body voting. Each year is a new election and students may be re-elected.

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 at 572-0967. Our theme will be "This is Our Game" and each class float will have a theme of 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 they do.

We have had a very successful year and would like to thank all who were involved.

Sherisa Dickerson WHS Student Council Secretary

## <u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>

- 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 24 Honor Banquet
  St. Joseph's Catholic Church
  O'Neil Hall
  6 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Social
  6:30 P.M. Meal
  7 P.M. Speaker
- 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

  <u>Attendance is optional.</u>
  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

## "Bullying - Simple Solution"

A beautiful spring day in North Dakota. Clean fresh air. A hint of possible rain. While we all hope it happens, we still enjoy the crystal clear blue sky. I was born and bred in North Dakota, and I will probably end my days here, too. There is something special about living in North Dakota. It is a good place to live and a good time to grow up.

Yet in places around us, there are things going on that we hope never find our way here. Red Lake, Minnesota. Another tragic school shooting. I am writing this on the sixth anniversary of the shootings at Columbine.

Frank Peretti, who is best known for his Christian fiction books, wrote a book called *The Wounded Spirit* about the subject of bullying in schools. He was the victim of bullying when he was in school, and eventually found himself becoming a bully. It is a cycle that can lead to the kinds of violence that we hope will never become prevalent in our schools.

Yesterday (April 19, 2005), Dr. Phil McGraw had a show about bullying and cyber-bullying, using the Internet chat rooms and bulletin boards to harass and/or threaten students. The young girl on the show had been mercilessly taunted by other students in her Middle School. Many of these students had been her friends at one time. When confronted, the parents of the students doing the harassment just shrugged it off as being part of growing up or used the famous catch all phrase: "It's all part of growing up."

Dr. Phil was obviously shocked at the response of the parents. I was, too. One statement that I found interesting was when they said, "The people that stand around and watch the bullying happening without trying to stop it are as guilty as those who do the actual bullying." In that way, I think we are all a bit guilty.

The best defense against it, according to the information on the show, is strength in numbers. Students need to band together and stand up for each other. It all comes down to the question, "What is the worth of a human being?" Regardless of whom they are, what their name is, what they can or cannot do, each individual person is an irreplaceable resource, a true one-of-a-kind. The fact that he/she is a living breathing human being gives him/her a worth beyond measure. If we keep that in mind, the problem will solve itself.

Until the time comes when we live in Perfect, North Dakota, parents, students, teachers, and administrators must keep the lines of communication wide open. Students need to find someone at school they can feel comfortable with to talk to if the need arises. Parents need to be willing to listen to what their students say about what is going on in their lives. Teachers and administrators need to act to ensure an environment where all students can feel safe.

It occurs to me now how many of the issues that confront and confound the educational system today could be handled with better communication. Let's talk about that.

> Jim Geiermann English Instructor

## Ancient World History On the Internet

www.oldhistory.com

#### Parents:

Those students who are taking <u>Ancient World</u> <u>History</u> 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 <u>freely available</u> 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 <u>Modern World History</u>. 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 <a href="https://www.oldhistory.com">www.oldhistory.com</a>

Larry Larsen

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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

- <a href="http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/whs/">http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/whs/</a> 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.

## **Summer Art Classes**

The following art classes are being offered for summer school for ½ elective credit.

You can sign up in the art room ASAP!! (All classes are limited to 22 due to size of rooms and equipment available)

#### Ceramics I-Mrs. Hoffman

Class Type: Elective Grade Level: 9-12 Credit: ½ Pre-Requisite.: None Extra Cost: \$30.00

The process of turning earth, fire and water into works of art will be explored. Hand-building techniques such as pinch, coil and slab will be emphasized, and students will have an introduction to throwing on the potter's wheel. Properties of clay and glaze materials will be studied. Under glaze, engobe, over glaze application, and surface decoration will be introduced, along with kiln and firing procedures. Students will also read and research famous potters/ceramic artists and maintain a personal folder for records, grading projects and research materials.

#### Introduction to Art-Mr. Sundt

Class Type: Elective Grade Level: 9-12 Credit: ½ Pre-Requisite: None Extra Cost: \$15.00

This course will introduce the student to the elements of art and design (color, line, form shape, value, and texture). This is primarily a two-dimensional design class which will include Drawing - including objective and non-objective drawing, one-point and two-point perspective; Graphic Design, and Painting - with some three-dimensional projects.

### **OPERATION GRADUATION**

Don't Forget!! May 29, 2005 Sign Up: 9 P.M. at WHS For Seniors from WHS & TCS

> Games Fun Prizes Food

The cost is free! Free to watch your friends be defeated by "Mercy" the mechanical bull! Free to watch and join them in the humiliation of falling off the climbing wall, Robo Surfing or being hypnotized. Take part in the Bungee Run and much more. See you there where fun, food, and friends are on the menu for the night!

## Attention: Father/Son Breakfast

There will be a breakfast to honor the Williston High School and Trinity Christian High School Senior Boys of the class of 2005. The date has been set for Thursday morning at 7 A.M. on May 12 at the El Rancho banquet room. All senior boys are invited and encouraged to bring their father/father figure to this special event. Watch the mail for your personal invitation with all the details.

Diane Gilliland

#### WHS LEO CLUB NEWS

The Leo Club had election of officers for the 2005 school year. The results are:

President: Katherine Altizer

Vice President: Nicole Green

Secretary/Treasurer: Sadee Fjelstad

Directors: Megan Altizer

Kelli Maleckar Sarah Pozgay Sarah Vassar

Projects for April included volunteering at the Bethel Home prom. Members helped serve lunch, danced with the residents and modeled their formal wear. In May, the major project will be Band Day; members will help clean ditches in preparing for Band Day, serve breakfast for the Lion's Band from Canada and march in the parade with Lion members. Meetings are held at 12:20 P.M. in room 321.

Luann Wick Leo Club Advisor

## **National Honor Society News**

Officers for the 2005-2006 school year were elected at the April meeting. They are as follows:

President – Amanda Olson Vice-President – Allison Maxwell Secretary – Kayla Anderson Treasurer – Alyssa Bjella

These officers will be installed on May 12 at the regularly scheduled noon meeting.

Students are busy completing their eight required service hours for the year. Projects being worked on are: Marketplace for Kids, the James Memorial Fine Arts Center and teacher grading service to be offered during finals week. Seniors are required to have completed their service hours by May 13.

The special service project for this year was Toys for Kids at the Shrine Hospital. Over \$500 work of toys were purchased and they were delivered Good Friday to the Shrine Hospital in Minneapolis by President Paul Selid, his family, Mrs. DeMars, and her husband. This project was done to honor a WHS staff member who received treatment there.

The four new NHS officers and Mrs. DeMars will be attending the State Leadership Conference in Bismarck April 24 & 25.

The National Honor Society raised \$3797.50 during their Daffodil Days for the American Cancer Society. Every member sold at least ten bunches for this cause. Daffodil Days is the state service project for the National Honor Society.

Joanne DeMars NHS Advisor



