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#### Williston High School

#### **April 2007**

## "Principal's Page"

Well, it truly feels like summer is upon us. Yesterday was a wonderful day to rake the yard and last night, there was some moisture to green up the lawn. Hopefully this trend will stay and we don't have to worry about any more of the white stuff.

#### **Commons Area Updates**

We have implemented a new policy in our lunchroom for both regular hot lunch and the a la carte line. Students are to remove any hooded sweatshirts or sweatshirts with pockets attached to the front. In addition to this, students are not allowed to bring backpacks into either area. There was an incident of theft here recently and this blanket policy will hopefully deter any more occurrences. We have placed a bookshelf right next to the food line for students to place their backpacks and sweatshirts.

#### Academic All State

In addition to our boy's basketball team being represented at the State Class A Tournament in Fargo, we had two young men that were recognized for their academic excellence. **Charlie L.** earned a position on the Academic All State Team. He is currently a member of the Silver team. **Karson W.** earned a position on the Bronze All State Team. What was truly exciting about this was that Karson was also on the Coyote basketball team. He went out to receive his award in his warm-up uniform because he was playing in the next game. **Tyler H.** and **Andrew D.** were nominated as honorable mention to the Academic All State Team.

These young men were nominated by the North Dakota High School Activities Association. The NDHSSA used GPA, ACT/SAT scores, class rank and extracurricular activities as a basis for determining their placement on the team. My hat is off to these fine young men for representing Williston High School in this capacity. Great job!

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 29 from 4:15 - 7:15 and Monday, April 2 from 5:30 - 8:30. All conferences will be in the teachers' classrooms. Please take the time this spring to chat with your son/daughter's instructors.

Just a reminder, PowerSchool gives you instant access to your daughter/son's attendance, grades and teachers email at the touch of a button. If you do not have your login and password, please stop in and see the ladies in the office and they can get you instant access to your child's academic information.

#### <u>Prom</u>

Prom is schedules for April 28 this year. Prom is a formal event at WHS for boy/girl couples who have reached their junior/senior year or have graduated from high school. Students bringing a date from outside WHS must complete a form and have the prom date approved by the principal. (All couples must

be at <u>least</u> a junior in his/her high school and under 21 years of age.) All students must wear acceptable clothing to participate in the Grand March and the following dance.

#### General guidelines of ladies' dress:

- \* Dress slit cannot extend past the mid-thigh
- \*Dress cannot expose skin below the navel or above the bottom rib
- \*Dress must not ride low on the hip
- \*Dress must be high enough not to expose cleavage

#### Proper attire for men's dress:

- \*Dress pants required \*Dress shirt required
- \*Suit coat required
- \*Tie required
- \*No tennis shoes, jeans or sandals

#### **Code of Conduct**

Just a reminder, we are in the Prom season and thus we need to remind you of the Code of Conduct policy. If your junior/senior student is cited by the police, he/she will receive a code of conduct letter. If it happens at this point, they will not be able to participate in the Prom! I hope we are not put into this position as Prom is one of the highlights of the school year. Also, graduation is right around the corner and it would be very unfortunate if one bad decision would cause your son/daughter to not be able to walk across the stage. Please remind your student how

the stage. Please remind your student how important it is to make the right decisions so close to these activities.

Any questions concerning attendance/attire at the Prom are to be directed to the principal.

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson Principal Williston High School

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# **Counseling News**

Williston High School Miss Koperski and Ms. Forthun Counselors April 2007

#### **Scholarships**

**Coyote Foundation Scholarship** is an annual scholarship available to any WHS senior. This is a great opportunity to receive one of many scholarships available. A picture of the student <u>MUST</u> be included with the application. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is April 20.

**Holocaust Remembrance Project** is a national essay contest for high school students and is designed to encourage and promote the study of the Holocaust. For an application, visit their website at

www.holocaust.hklaw.com. The deadline is April 30. **Kingsley T. Davidson Memorial Scholarship** is for high school seniors in Williams, Divide and McKenzie Counties. Applications are in the counselors' office. The deadline is April 1.

**ND Telecom Pioneers Scholarship** is available for those who have demonstrated commitment to community service. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is April 1.

Lewis & Clark School Alumni Scholarship is available for those who have attended Lewis & Clark School. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is April 20.

**UND Balanced Man Scholarship** is available to incoming freshman males planning to attend UND. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is April 21.

**Williston State College Scholarship** application forms are available at WSC or in the counselors' office at WHS. Priority date is March 15.

**Dushinske & Jamison Water Resources Scholarship** is available to a member of a family who has taken an active role in state water resource management. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is April 1.

**Reuben T. Guenthner Scholarship** is available to those who have taken one or more vocational courses between grades 9-12. Applications are available in the counselors' office or online at

<u>http://www.nd.gov/cte/students/scholarship.html</u> Deadline is April 1.

North Dakota Indian Scholarship is available for a member of a recognized Indian tribe. Applications are available in the counselors' office or online at <a href="http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/students/financial-aid/details.asp?id=111">http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/students/financial-aid/details.asp?id=111</a> Deadline is July 15.

#### Norm Vennerstom and Roddie Voeller Golf

**Scholarship** is available to students with an interest in golf. Applications are available in the counselors' office. Deadline is June 30.

**Horatio Alger Scholarship** is a leadership scholarship. Submit an application online at

www.horatioalger.org/scholarships Deadline is April 2.

### ACT Registration

#### Williston High School Code: 351-880

The flier for online registration is located in the counselors' office. It will guide you through the process. The traditional method of registration can still be done. Those packets are in the counselors' office, as well. The benefits of registering online are that you can complete your registration 24/7; you will get your admission ticket sooner; you will have access to the most up to date list of locations so you can get the best choice of test centers. The cost of writing the ACT is \$29 without the writing test and \$43 if you select to do the writing test. The deadline for the June 9 assessment is May 4. To register online, go to www.actstudent.org.

### <u>testGear</u>

WHS has had a site license for testGear purchased by Student Loans of North Dakota. testGear is an online tool that gives students the practice they need to reach their full potential on the college entrance exam ACT. This online learning system adapts to each students needs by targeting their weaknesses and helping them to build necessary skills. Stop by the counselors' office to pick up your instructions in how to use the program. Workshops will be held this fall for students and their parents to attend in order to learn how to best utilize the program.

### <u>ND Scholars Program</u>

This program recognized outstanding ND high school seniors for scholastic achievement as measured by their ACT scores. Those students who are selected must enroll in a ND college or university and will be awarded an in state tuition scholarship. To be considered, you must be scheduled to graduate from a ND high school in 2008, attend a ND college or university and take the ACT on one of the following test dates:

#### April 14, 2007

#### June 9, 2007

Information can be found in the counselors' office.

### <u>Camp RYLA</u>

An opportunity for expanding leadership skills in a one week seminar. Open to young leaders ages 16-18. Camp will be held July 8-14 at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN. Applications are available in the counselors' office and must be completed by May 30. If you have questions, please contact Randy Keehn for more information.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ACADEMIC ALL STATE AWARD WINNERS!!

# CHARLIE L. Silver



# KARSON W. Bronze



# ANDREW D. TYLER H. Honorable Mention

### Operation Graduation "07' Mission Accomplished"

Senior parents:

We are still in the planning stages for Operation Graduation and are still in need of parent chaperones for that evening. If interested, please contact Brenda at 572-3269 or Tracey at 572-0977.

Thank You.

### Senior Motto/Colors/Flower

Motto – Do what makes you happy Be with who makes you smile Laugh as much as you breathe Love as long as you live

Colors - Orange, Black and Silver

Flower – Tiger Lily

#### GRADUATION SLIDE SHOW ....

Remember the slide show above the stage at the graduation ceremony last year? Every senior was on the wall above the stage, bigger than life, looking their finest. Many of them had a baby picture preceding their senior picture.

Senior pictures turned into Mrs. Schultz will be used for the "now" photo. If you want a "then" photo in the slide presentation, please bring a baby picture to the office or send one with your senior to drop off with **Maggie Kalb** in room **217** at WHS. Please label the back so she will know who is who. The photos may be picked up prior to graduation in the office.

# For Title IX-JOM Information:

Contact Lora Riveland at 572-5618, Extension 122 Or stop by her office At Williston Middle School, Room 212

# 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:

- 1. Excessively torn or tattered clothing
- 2. Clothing which is in poor taste, too revealing (this includes both shirt and skirt length), clothing containing obscene words or pictures.
- 3. Clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco or bars
- 4. Hooters, Co-ed Naked, Big Johnson, Playboy bunny or similar items
- 5. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts that expose the midriff or décolletage
- 6. Colored hair or body piercing that draws attention from the learning process
- 7. Chains hanging from clothing
- 8. No sheer or gauze fabrics
- 9. Boys sleeveless shirts

#### Violation of the dress code will result in these actions:

**First offense:** Student sent to administrative office and problem is corrected.

Second offense: Student removed from school and put into inhouse suspension.

Third offense: Suspension from school for three days.

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.

Violation of the hat policy will result in these actions:

**First offense:** Surrender cap to adult requesting the cap. It will be given to administration and given back at the end of the day.

**Second offense:** Surrender cap to adult requesting the cap. It will be given to administration and parent will need to stop by and it will be returned.

**Third offense:** Cap will be confiscated for the remainder of the school year. Each subsequent violation will result in an additional cap being taken for the remainder of the year.

### Mid-Term & Nine Week Grading Schedule for WHS

Mid-Term – April 26 (Homeroom) Fourth Nine Weeks Report Cards Will Be Mailed

# **Student Council News**

By: Karla Olson, Student Council Advisor DONKEY BASKETBALL Tuesday, April 3 at 7 PM In the WHS gym. Donkey basketball is a game with people attempting to play basketball while riding on the backs of donkeys. Teams are WHS Students vs. WHS Administration

Admission Prices are		
Adult	Advance \$6	Gate \$7
Student (7-12)	Advance \$5	Gate \$6
Child (K-6)	Advance \$4	Gate \$5

### WHS SADD Attends State Conference

Another SADD State Conference has come and gone. With over 600 students in attendance from ND and MN, it was an opportunity for WHS SADD students to get motivated and excited about the organization. Some of the comments were:

"Absolutely amazing! Most fun event all year!"

"So much fun! Very inspirational!"

"It was cool to see how many other kids in ND are in SADD."

"It was an AMAZING Conference. It's cool to see so many students from ND and MN come together and have fun learning about SADD!

P.S...The dance is better every year!"

"It was amazing....probably the best experience I've had so far...until next year!"

"State SADD was AMAZING! It was fun knowing that there are so many other people making the same good decisions as I am.... I encourage everyone to go!"

"Fun - like always (of course!")

A special thank you to Region I Safe Communities for helping our students attend the conference. Also to the parents of these great students, who continue to reinforce and support their children and the good choices they make!

> Susan Forthun SADD Advisor

#### As of January 16, 2007 New Address for:

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights – Chicago Office 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1475 Chicago, IL 60661 Telephone: 312-730-1560 Fax: 312-730-1576 TDD: 312-730-1609 Email: <u>OCR.Chicago@ed.gov</u>

# Microsoft Student Select: <u>Get Microsoft Software For Less</u>

North Dakota EduTech, Microsoft, E-Academy, and Software House International have teamed up to provide K-12 students, staff, and parents the opportunity to purchase certain Microsoft products at deep discounts. These products include Microsoft Office 2003 Pro/Standard, Office 2004 Pro/Standard for Mac, OneNote, FrontPage 2003, Visio, Student 2006, Project 2003, and Windows XP Pro Upgrade. Each student can purchase up to one copy/license of each software title.

Example pricing: Microsoft Office 2003 Professional MSRP: \$499.99 Student Select Pricing: \$69.00

Please contact your student's school to receive your Student Select registration code. See <u>http://edutech.nodak.e-academy.com</u> for licensing, pricing, purchasing, and order fulfillment details.

#### Two important notes:

1) Windows XP Pro Upgrade must be installed on a machine with a qualifying Microsoft operating system and corresponding Certificate of Authenticity (Windows XP Home, Windows 2000, Windows ME, etc.). You cannot buy a "white box" computer without an operating system and install the Student Select Windows XP Pro Upgrade.

2) These software products are meant for personal or school purposes. The license does not provide for commercial uses (e.g. the Student Select license does not allow you to use this software for a home business).

WHS Tech Department

# **WHS PROM**

will be on April 28, 2007 Tickets will go on sale April 16, 2007 You <u>must</u> purchase a couples ticket before you can buy spectator tickets. The <u>JUNIOR</u> class needs to help with the 2007 prom. They meet every night from 3 PM to 5 PM and Saturday's in April when needed.

# **Atomic Learning**

Atomic Learning has great resources for learning how to use software programs for both PC and Macintosh computers. Teachers, students, parents, and community members can use it. To use it at home, go to <u>www.atomiclearning.com</u> In the login box in the upper right hand corner, enter the following:

login: willistonps Password: (Please get this from your school's office)

After you have logged in, click on either the "Windows Tutorials" or "Macintosh Tutorials". Then select the program and the section(s) you want to view.

# **Community** Sale

April 21 @ Raymond Family Community Center

# 2007 After-Prom Party

Saturday, April 28 from 12 AM – 4 AM Join in the fun of the After-Prom Party! All WHS prom goers are invited to attend! Thunder Alley Bowling at Million Dollar Lanes Karaoke at the Elks Miniature Golf at Putt-A-Round Miniature Golf Course Lots of food and fun! Details will be provided in Prom Packets Join the fun! All activities are free!

# Support Our Children Program

Williston Economart is once again implementing the "Support Our Children" program. This is Economart's twenty-third year in giving the 1% to area schools.

Beginning September 13, 2006 and continuing through the fall and holiday season, 1% of each family's grocery bill will be contributed to the school of their choice. All grocery receipts are to be returned to the schools and we are asking the schools coordinators to total the receipt subtotal line and return them to Williston Economart by the first of each month with the totals of the receipts written on the envelope. If you have any questions in regards to the program, please contact Melanie or Kelli at Economart at 572-2927.

We hope that this contribution will help our most valuable resource, our children. Get the word out to all of your students to save receipts and turn them in to your school.

# **Online Lunch Balance & Online Prepayments Now Available!**

If you are interested in monitoring your children's lunch balance from your home computer, it is now available. You can also make a prepayment to their account with a debit/credit card through PayPal. This is currently only available for students at the middle school and high school.

To access these services:

- 1. Simply go to the district web site at http://www.williston.k12.nd.us
- Click on the MyNutrikids.com link. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number and school ZIP code. More detailed instructions are available on the Food Services link at <u>http://www.williston.k12.nd.us</u>

Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
- Payments may be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major credit or debit card only. The minimum prepayment amount is \$10.00 per prepay transaction (total sum of prepayments for all of your listed children in a single transaction).
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is 3.5% of total dollar amount deposited plus a \$0.30 transaction fee. Williston Public School District will not profit from the use of this site. To offset the cost of this convenience fee, the District Food Service Department will provide one <u>FREE</u> meal for your son or daughter for every \$25 you put on their account. For example, a purchase of \$25 dollars will be charged a convenience fee of \$1.18, but in return you will receive one free meal valued at \$1.65 for middle school and \$1.75 for high school.

If you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to Williston Public School District Foodservice. Please write your <u>child's full</u> <u>name</u> on the check.

School Board Policy states that a student may not have more than a negative \$5.00 balance. Students are not allowed to charge extra entrees or a la carte items.

If you have any questions about these new services, please feel free to contact Lynelle McKenzie, Food Service Director, at:

Office: 701-572-5618 extension 220 Email: Lynelle.McKenzie@sendit.nodak.edu

# FFA NEWS

### Recap of FFA Banquet held on March 22

#### **Officer Plaques**

President – John A. Vice President – Aaron P. Secretary – Nathan P. Treasurer – Jared M. Reporter – Levi K. Sentinel – Jason J.

#### Honorary Degree

Lisa & Clay Lee Justin Arnstad

Top Crop Exhibitor Jeff S.

#### Top Agriculture Mechanics Exhibitor Aaron P.

Aaronn

Top Salesperson Danny B.

Star Chapter FFA Degree Placement Aaron P.

> Star Chapter Degree Cordell L.

> > <u>DeKalb</u>

John A.

First and second year FFA members received their degree pins.

Many members also received plaques for the activities they participated in this past year.

## Marketplace for Kids

FFA members will be helping with Marketplace for Kids in April.

## Food for America Coming in May

Our annual Food for America program will be held on Wednesday, May 16. FFA members teach area second graders the importance of the agriculture industry and safety.

> Wes Pepple FFA Advisor

# On the Right Foot

## **March Madness**

March Madness is upon us, in more ways than one. There is the NCAA Men's and Women's basketball tournaments which get a lot of people figuring odds, and picking the teams that will go all the way to the Final Four and then, of course, trying to figure out who will be the champion. I myself have no clue, so I am betting on... er, I mean, hoping Kansas wins it all. I am always being informed by my senior students that anyone who knows anything is betting on Ohio State. I guess I do not know anything.

The other type of March Madness is on us too. It is that seasonal insanity that grips both students and teachers. The weather turns nice for just a couple days, temperature is in the 70's and the sun is shining. Students begin to get bold and start wearing shorts to class. Colors start coming out not only on the flowers and the grass, but also in the clothes the students wear. Even the students who normally wear black all the time have moved to a nice shade of dark navy blue.

It is hard to concentrate when the weather is this nice. It seems like every teacher has a ton of homework every day. Every teacher has a test every day. Every teacher has a big paper due ever day. This all happens at a time when motivation is at a seasonal low.

It is hard to concentrate when the weather is this nice. It seems like every student is talking all the time. It seems like every student is asking for more time on every assignment. It seems like the same students are gone three times a week for clubs or sports and the never come in and make up the work. This all happens at a time when motivation is at a seasonal low.

The fact that this is mostly perception on the part of the both teachers and students does not help any. This is the time of year when you have to be determined to finish strong. This is the time of year when most of us would simply like to kick back and enjoy the change in season.

Some tips to keep in mind:

• **Plan your time.** It is true that only so much work can be done in a certain amount of time, but it is

important for students to use the inclass time given to them. Admittedly it is a lot more fun to chat with the other people in class than get work done, but then that leads to homework.

- Be sure about what is required. This is the time of year when research papers and final projects come due. Teacher will often hand out a syllabus with the requirements for the projects, go over them in class, ask the students if there are any questions, and then the students will forget it all and do what they *think* is right. As the old saying goes, "Do you want to do it right or do it over."
- Ask questions. Encourage your students to ask any questions they might have. If you cannot find answers in the material handed out by the teacher, check with the teacher before assuming the best friend in class knows what to do. Many teachers will happily look over a paper or project if done well in advance. Last minute rush jobs do not usually show good quality of work.
- Be happy and look forward to the summer, but do not anticipate the finish line until you cross it. Smile at the teachers; you might be surprised when they smile back. There are lots of sayings that would be appropriate, so there is no sense repeating them now.

The end of the school year is coming, but it is not here yet. Make sure that what needs to get done,; that will make things easier for all concerned.

> Jim Geiermann English Instructor

# Dates to Remember

- April 3 Supreme Court Visit (afternoon) April 6 – No School (Good Friday) April 9 – No School (Easter Monday) April 18 – Senior Meeting @ 11:45 (Auditorium) April 20 – Coyote Foundation Scholarship Due by 4 PM April 21 - Community Sale April 28 - Prom April 30 – No School (Teacher In-Service) May 4 – ACT June Registration Deadline May 8 – Elk's Youth Day May 9 – Father/Son Breakfast 6:40 AM Registration 7 AM Breakfast Place TBA May 9 – Senior Awards Night WHS Auditorium 7 PM May 11 – Cut Off Day for Honor Group Cut Off Day for Graduation Ceremony Band Night in Bismarck May 12 – Band Day May 14 – Honor Group Luncheon Rotary El Rancho 12 PM May 16 – Honor Banquet St. Joe's Catholic Church O'Neil Hall 6 PM - 6:30 PM (Social) 6:30 PM (Meal) 7 PM (Speaker) May 20 - Baccalaureate Our Redeemers Lutheran Church 7 PM May 24 – Graduation Practice All seniors must attend Phil Jackson Field House 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- May 27 Graduation <u>All seniors must attend</u> Phil Jackson Field House @ 2 PM (All seniors must be at WHS @ 1 PM to line up) May 27 – Operation Graduation

# <u>Attendance is optional</u> 10 PM – 4 AM

June 9 – ACT Assessment



### RE: VBUSINESS CHALLENGE ... JULY 8-13

#### Dear Parent or Guardian:

What's in your teenager's future? No matter what career he or she chooses—technology, sales and service, health care, agriculture, or any other industry—business impacts that choice. Participating at Business Challenge can make a significant difference in your student's future endeavors. It is an exciting program that definitely gives a "business advantage" when planning for a career. It is an opportunity to learn about teamwork, leadership, and setting real-life goals.

Business Challenge is open to high school students (grades 9-12, including 2007 graduating seniors). All participants earn  $\frac{1}{2}$  high school credit and have the option of earning dual credit through Dickinson State University. Business Challenge secures \$400 sponsorships for all Business Challenge participants. Sponsorships are gifted by businesses and organizations, which are often directly tied to specific schools and/or areas. If students do not take advantage of this unique and valuable learning opportunity, donations could be lost. The only cost to the student is \$125 (\$95 for the Early Bird Special by May 31, 2007), travel and spending money.

If your teenager has already attended Business Challenge, he or she can come back for more by participating in the second year graduate track! See the enclosed student brochure and visit www.gobusinessch

allenge.com to view additional

#### WHY STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND?

- Build leadership skills
- Make new friends
- Experience college life
- Network with students and business leaders
- Identify your talents and prepare for your future
- Business Challenge looks great on a résumé, job, or scholarship applications

resources. Students can register online TODAY to attend Business Challenge 2007!

Business Challenge is a worthwhile learning experience. If you would like to further discuss this great opportunity, please contact me at 701-483-2515 or email me at <u>colleen.rodakowski@dickinsonstate.edu</u> or visit with Dana Michaelson at Williston High School at 701-572-0967.

> Colleen Rodakowski Business Challenge Coordinator