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"Principal's Page"

Rosie the Riveter Revisited

Rosie is a grant that we have received for the past two years that gives young ladies a chance to experience different classes in a non-traditional setting. This year, we have every freshman girl attending an all—day seminar in the Auto, Agriculture, Drafting and Technical studies departments. This will be done in three different sessions starting in December. The sessions will be broken down into groups of thirty so that the student/teacher ratio will be between eight and ten. These young ladies will be given an overview of the department and then the opportunity to work on a project in that area. I want to thank Mrs. Michaelson and Mrs. McCoy for coordinating this worthwhile activity.

Coyote Den

The *Coyote Den* has scheduled a live band to perform for our January dance. Kristen Rehak and Kim Egge, along with the rest of the *Coyote Den*, have been working to provide healthy alternatives for our students and we truly appreciate all their efforts in making these activities happen.

Senior College Exploration Day

Seniors will be allowed <u>ONE</u> college exploration day. Advanced makeup slips need to be picked up from the attendance office upon approval from administration. Students must complete all work, get the teacher's signatures, and return the makeup slip to the office <u>BEFORE</u> being allowed to go on their career exploration day. Failure to comply will result in missed days counting towards the attendance and testing policies. This day must be used **before April 30** to

explore a college or to prepare for entering into the military. Students must get a signed business card from the college or branch of the military in the city they are visiting. This card must be given to the attendance secretary upon return from the visit. Seniors who need additional days must submit a request two weeks prior to leaving to the principal for extended travel outside the region. Additional days will count toward testing.

In-service Day

January 31 is the Helga Sorenson in-service scheduled for WPSD #1 and neighboring districts. Therefore, there is no school this day.

Hope to see you at our kids' activities.

Professionally,

Chris Kittleson Principal Williston High School

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Counseling News

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

Scholarships

Wal-Mart Stores are announcing the availability of the **2007 Sam Walton Community Scholarship.** This scholarship is available online from November 1 through January 12, 2007. Interested graduating high school seniors need to log on to

www.walmartfoundation.org for more information. Students will apply for the scholarship online at www.scholarshipadministrators.net. You must use the access code SWCS to complete the application process. Alert Magazine offers a chance to speak out and win a \$500 scholarship. You must be a senior or will be a senior in the fall, have a GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend college after graduation. It is an essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse. Information is in the counselors' office

The National CO-OP Scholarship Program, in cooperation with eleven NCCE colleges and universities offers renewable merit scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend one of the participating schools. For more information or an application, go to http://www.co-op.edu/

Elks Legacy Awards Scholarship Contest provides educational assistance to children and grandchildren of Elk members who are high school seniors, going on to college, and exhibit the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community, and Integrity. For more information, go to http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm

"Most Valuable Student" Competition Applications for the Elks National Foundation's 2007 Most Valuable Student Contest will be available beginning September 1, 2006 at your local Elks Lodge, online, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Foundation. Applications for the 2007 contest have to be submitted to your local Elks Lodge by January 12, 2007. For an application or more information, go to http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm

UND has several honor scholarship programs available for pre-freshman and undergraduate transfer students. Financial aid is intended to supplement the financial contributions from the student and family. Students are

offered financial assistance in various forms, including scholarships, grants, employment and loan programs. A complete listing of detailed financial aid offerings is available at

www.financialaid.und.edu/aid_eligibility.html
Minnesota State University Moorhead has many
scholarship opportunities for the 2006-07 school year.
Visit their website at www.mnstate.edu/finaid
The American Legion has put together a booklet called
"Need A Lift", a College Financial Aid Handbook that
provides information about various scholarships that are
offered by this organization. To look through this
booklet, please visit the counselors' office.

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, 2007

Montana State University at Bozeman offers a scholarship to non-residents. Information can be found at http://apply.embark.com/ugrad/montanastate/ The Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation annually awards scholarships to prospective educators. Eligible applicants are high school seniors intending to major in education. Deadline is February 1. Applications are available in the counselors' office or online at http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_eds.htm KFC Colonel's Scholars Program is offered to high school seniors planning to attend a public in-state college or university. Students who meet the criteria may apply online to become a KFC's Colonel's Scholar at http://www.act.org/kfcscholars/intro.html. It is only available during a window of January 1 – February 16. Farm Credit Cervices in North Dakota has many scholarship opportunities. Recipient may be from an actively farming and ranching family or planning an agricultural career. Deadline is March 1. Applications are in the counseling office.

Farmers Union Co-op House Scholarship – must be a member of Farmers Union and planning to enroll at North Dakota State University. Deadline is March 15. Applications are in the counseling office.

North Dakota Farmers Union Scholarship is for current Farmers Union members planning to enroll as an undergraduate in a post secondary institution. Deadline is January 31. Applications are in the counseling office. North Dakota School Counselor Association Essay Contest is for seniors. The topic is "How has my school counselor helped me prepare for the future?" The amount of the scholarship is \$100 and the deadline date is January 5.

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program is awarded to a high school senior planning to pursue a career in an agriculture related field. Applications are available online at

http://www.monsanto.com/monsanto/content/our_pledge/commitmentToYouth/scholarship/07Scholar_Application.pdf or in the counseling office. The deadline is February 15, 2007.

Discovery Card Tribute Award Scholarship honors the all-around accomplishments of juniors. Applications are available online at www.discoveryfinancial.com/data/philanthropy/tribute.shtml or in the counseling office. The deadline is January 31, 2007.

Trinity Health offers many nursing scholarships. They are available to any student accepted into a ND nursing program. For more information, contact Trinity Health's Human Resource Department at 857-2130 or jobs@trinityhealth.org.

ACT Registration

Williston High School Code: 351-880

The number of students who register for the ACT online has steadily increased each year. Nearly half of the S\WHS students who wrote the ACT last year registered online. The Flier is located in the counselors' office. It will guide you through that 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 February 10 assessment is January 5. The deadline for the April 14 assessment is March 9. To register online, go to www.actstudent.org.

Dates To Remember

January 5 – Registration deadline for February 10 ACT

January 6 – Financial Aid Workshop - MSU January 31 – Teacher In-Service (No School)

testGear

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.

Knowledge of College

This resource addresses borrowing for college, finding free money for college, learning about the alternative to four-year school and a section just for parents. Check this site out at http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp.

ND Scholars Program

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:

February 10, 2007 April 14, 2007 June 9, 2007

Information can be found in the counselors' office.

Financial Aid Information Session-Minot

MSU is offering a workshop to help families to understand the federal financial aid process, scholarships, avoiding scams and working with FAFSA. The workshop is being held on January 6 from 10 AM until noon in the Conference Center of the Students Union at MSU.

2007 Governor's School

Application packets are available in the counselors' office for the 2007 year. Students who have completed their tenth or eleventh grade year and are interested in a challenging but exciting study into art, mathematics, business or science are encouraged to apply. Pick up the application in the counseling office or forms are available online at

http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/govschool. The deadline is February 5, 2007.

POPS CONCERT...

WHERE...WHS Auditorium
WHEN...February 13 & 20, 2007
TIME...7:30 PM

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

Second Nine Weeks – January 15 (Homeroom)
Mid-Term – February 12 (Homeroom)
Third Nine Weeks – March 26 (Homeroom)
Mid-Term – April 26 (Homeroom)
Fourth Nine Weeks Report Card Will Be Mailed

SADD MEMBERS RECEIVE TRAINING

Twenty-seven Williston High School SADD members attended a full day workshop with State SADD coordinator, Lee Érickson, on Wednesday, December 6. During the morning, the students received a condensed training on the "Make a Sound Choice" abstinence education curriculum and the afternoon included a brief overview of "Reality Check", which is the elementary prevention curriculum, and the new Youth Transitions programs for sixth and eighth graders. The students were educated on the abstinence education issue for three main reasons: 1) to have students come on board with the idea of getting the curriculum out to even more students, 2) to help students be better Youth Transitions educators, and 3) to encourage students to want to implement the "Make a Sound Choice" curriculum to younger students, with the guidance of a certified adult trainer. WHS SADD's focus is to become more involved with prevention education at the middle school and elementary schools, and this training was just another way to prepare SADD members for that focus.

Susan Forthun SADD Advisor

Parents' Communication Network

WHS SADD and Region I Safe Communities Coalition are continuing to compile a directory of names of parents who wish to provide chemical-free environments for their youth. If you wish to participate in this network, please discuss it with your child, and pick up a form at the high school office. If you have any comments or questions regarding this project, please call Susan Forthun. We look forward to having you join other parents and us in this effort.

Thank you for caring about the youth of Williston.

NHS NEWS

The third annual Christmas party for NHS members was held Thursday, December 14. The potluck was enjoyed by all. Each member brought two food items to be donated to a local Food Pantry. Gifts were exchanged.

This holiday season, NHS members rang Salvation Army bells two Saturdays at Wal-Mart as a community service project. The members ringing on December 2 battled bitter cold to help the Salvation Army with their annual red kettle drive. Members will be providing a grading service in January as a service project within our school. NHS members are also serving as docent volunteers at the James Memorial Center for Visual Arts. Members are working hard to complete their required eight hours of service to others. Members Nick L. and Levi S. are the first members to have completed those service hours

New members for the 2006-07 school year are: Seniors Bradley J. and Jordan S., Juniors Jens A., Megan A., Jessie B., Katie B., Hattie C., Michael D., Zach E., Sadie F., Taylor G., Tarren J., Alissa K., Kelli M., Stuart N., Sarah P., Kaitlin R., Kilee S., Ashley W., Ericka Y., and Lynesa Z. The new members informational meeting was held December 13 at noon hour. The officers conducted the meeting for incoming members. Formal NHS induction will be January 15 at the El Rancho at 7:30 PM.

Microsoft Student Select: Get Microsoft Software For Less

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 http://edutech.nodak.e-academy.com 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

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 www.atomiclearning.com In the login box in the upper right hand corner, enter the following:

login: williston
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.

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.

Attendance Policy

Please read and familiarize yourselves with the attendance policy that we will be adhering to for the 2006-2007 school year. It can be accessed on the WHS web page or in your student's handbook on pages 5 & 6. Thank you!

Donna Kennedy Attendance Office

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, the trip will take place **March 18 - 24**.

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

Senior Pictures

All colored senior pictures that are going in the annual need to be turned in to Mrs. Schultz by the end of January.

Winter Art Show

The Best of the Best 1st Semester Showcase Where:

Williston High School Commons Area When:

January 5, 6, and 7 Times:

Friday, January 5: 5:30 - 8:30 PM Saturday, January 6: 1:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday, January 7: 1:00 - 4:00 PM Projects from Mrs. Hoffman's and Mr. Sundt's Drawings, Ceramics, Paintings, 3-D Projects, Graphic Design, Printmaking and Intro to Art.

> No admission charge. Refreshments will be served.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is a science-based competition in which teams of students in North Dakota compete against each other. Events may be knowledge-based or they may require designing and building a structure. Examples of events include astronomy, bottle rockets, ecology, robot ramble, chemistry lab, rocks and minerals, tower building, physics and disease detective to name a few. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please see Mrs. Olson in room #304.

Cheryl Olson Advisor

Semester Test Schedule

Tuesday, January 9, 2007	
8:15 - 9:45	Period 1
10:00 - 11:30	Period 2
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:45	Period 3
2:00 - 3:30	Period 4
Wednesday, January 10, 2007	
8:15 - 9:45	Period 5
10:00 - 11:30	Period 6
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:45	Period 7
2:00 - 3:30	

Students are to remain in each class for a minimum of 1 hour for testing.

WHS PROM

will be on April 28, 2007

Tickets will go on sale April 16, 2007
You must purchase a couples ticket before you can buy spectator tickets.