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High School Happenings

Spring has arrived – the days are longer and the weather is wonderful. We are working diligently to close out the school year here at the high school. It's hard to believe there are only 10 short weeks until our Seniors graduate and the school year ends.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be taking place shortly after 3rd quarter grades close. You may meet with any teacher on April 13th or April 15th between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Teachers will be contacting parents of students who are experiencing academic difficulties, however, you may call any of your student's teachers to set up a conference. Voicemails may be left for teachers by calling 623-6071 - prompts will lead you through the system to leave a voicemail for any particular teacher. Appointments may also be made by sending an email to your student's teacher. Email access at the high school is [firstinitiallastname@ewindsor.k12.ct.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@ewindsor.k12.ct.us). Specific addresses may be found on our website.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for nominations to the Alumni Hall of Fame. The Alumni who is honored with this award will be recognized at our Honors Night ceremony scheduled for June 11th. Nominees must have been graduates of East Windsor High School in the classes of 1956 through 2008, (current seniors will not be eligible until 2009), current residents of East Windsor, will have demonstrated service to the school and/or community and have personal traits which exemplify the spirit of East Windsor. Please send in your nomination forms to the main office no later than May 15, 2009.

Our Student Council President, Derek Briggs, has been very busy establishing a Friday night "Teen Center" at the high school. Derek is working with each of the student groups within the school to create fun-filled and safe activities for our student body to enjoy on Friday nights. Under the heading of "Friday Night Mania" these events will be planned for students to participate in any number of activities ranging from athletic events to board games in the Café.

Mr. East Windsor is coming up this month which will surely be a very entertaining and fun-filled event. As most know, this is a fundraising event where our senior boys compete for the title of Mr. East Windsor in a spoof-beauty pageant format. This year, 13 senior boys accompanied by 13 senior girls will compete with hosts Sarah Reichle, Stephanie Piekos and Patty Turmenne, providing what is sure to be an evening filled with music, dancing and laughter. This event is sponsored by Graduate and Celebrate and choreographed and produced by Sharon Orefice, Guidance Counselor, to raise funds for the senior events after graduation. Date and time for this event will be posted on our website in early April.

Attached is the 2009-2010 school year calendar, together with the district's Important Dates for the coming year. Please note that the first day of school for incoming 9th graders will be August 26th. Upperclassmen will join us on August 27th - their first day of school. Details about ninth graders first day of school will be forthcoming.

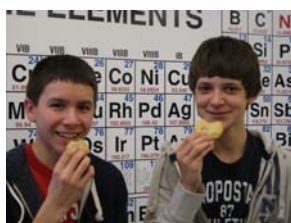
Please join Timothy Howes, Superintendent of East Windsor Public Schools, for the next Let's Talk. This open forum discussion will be held on April 8th at 6pm in the high school cafeteria.

Chemistry Corner

Students in General Chemistry and Honors Chemistry classes recently competed for the title “Best Cookie-Maker” as part of an extra-credit opportunity.

Students were required to convert between units and translate a recipe from moles to cups, teaspoons and tablespoons. Knowledge of grams and moles was essential, as was the use of one of our most important chemistry tools- the periodic table! Once translated, students then followed the recipe to make delicious chocolate-chip cookies. The cookies were brought in and submitted for taste testing by staff and students alike.

Although all of the entries were yummy, Connor Halloran and Nick Parker tied for the First Place honor. Great job to all who participated and a big “thanks” from all of us who enjoyed your baking talents!



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Mrs. Volpintesta's A Period Chemistry Cookie Bakers

Sixth Annual Pi Day A Success

By Kristin Waltiere

The 6th annual Pi Day took place this past Friday March 13th. This holiday celebrates the mathematical circumference of a circle, and is infinite. Special events took place to create a math-TASTIC day! To start off the festivities, students tried to memorize as many numbers as they could of Pi. Coming in 3rd place was Jade Carolus with 255 digits, 2nd was Evan Clayton with an astonishing 282 digits. But Nick Parker knew his Pi reciting 302 digits. He is determined next year to break the school's record. Next was the Pi eating contest. Contenders had to wolf down a whole vanilla pie. Chris Bona took 3rd place, following close behind Cody Milardo. Yet, these two couldn't compete with the infamous Eddie Baker who demolished his helping. I'm sure to him the pie he was eating felt as endless as the number. Yet, he was up for the challenge and was victorious. Pi also got its beauty shots taken from various photographers. In these pictures, the Pi symbol modeled its curves. Taking the best shot was Pat Shouldice, followed by Karen Ladany who each created unique photos. Faculty and Staff's choice was created by Karen Ladany. Yet these weren't the only masterpieces that day. Art students created wonderful paintings, drawings, and pop ups of this wonderful symbol. Vicky Penzes who won the poster contest created a head turning image. Ewelina Tofil took second place yet still created a marvelous work of art. Finally, wrapping up this holiday was the Pie Bake-off. Jacob Jezouit made a delicious chocolate Oreo pie while Angie Rocca came in first with her mouthwatering Strawberry Pie. We can expect more fantastic events to take place on next year's Pi Day and thank all our wonderful contenders for the great entertainment!

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

East Windsor High School students, parents and friends are invited to travel to Italy during the summer of 2010. The ten day trip will depart on Monday, July 19, 2010 from Boston and return on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

We will use EF Educational Tours, one of the largest travel organizations in the country. They provide excellent service, knowledgeable and friendly tour guides, outstanding accommodations, meals and a reasonable price.

The fee includes transportation, sightseeing tours with local guides, tips, taxes, accommodations and two meals daily. Travel to and from Boston will be arranged at a later date.

The program we plan to follow is the Grand Tour of Italy. We will visit Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pompeii, Sorrento and Rome. Adults may extend their trip in Rome if they wish.

EF has an impressive peace of mind program which includes auto-pay. It provides us with flexibility and financial security.

Several meetings will be held prior to the trip. We provide materials on the culture, customs and history on the area to be visited. Travel books, DVD's and currency will be ordered. The more our travelers learn, the more they will appreciate this unique experience.

For information and an enrollment booklet, please contact Ms. Ames, Mrs. Bowsza, Mr. Croft or Mr. Harrigan at 623-3361. Mr. Harrigan may also be reached at mharrigan@ewindsor.k12.ct.us.

Social Studies Department Introduces New Course

By Nick Gelbar

The Social Studies Department is expanding their course offerings for the 2009-2010 year with the addition of AP Psychology. Students who complete the course and score high enough on the Advanced Placement Exam will be able to earn 3 college credits in Psychology. With AP U.S. History, students have the potential to earn up to six college credits through the AP program in Social Studies. Beside the benefits of earning college credit, students taking the course will increase the strength of their high school program, which is an important factor in college admissions decisions.

AP Psychology is a fascinating and extremely relevant course to explore the scientific and systematic study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and animals. The course focuses on the development of awareness and understanding of one's own behavior and the behavior of others through the study of psychology. It is a highly academic and rigorous course that will demand a great degree of self-regulation and discipline. The course will include extensive reading and the ability to think abstractly. AP Psychology is designed to challenge students to gain the skills necessary for success at a competitive college. At the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Be a more ethical, effective and considerate person because of their scientific understanding of human behavior gained through the study and application of psychology concepts in this course.
2. Successfully demonstrate knowledge and application of psychology principles to pass the Advanced Placement Psychology Exam.
3. Demonstrate enhanced critical thinking skills.

Mathlete of the Month

The Math Department at East Windsor High School is proud to announce our Mathletes of the Month. These students have shown consistently fabulous performance, or may have demonstrated recent improvement and/or newfound dedication toward the goal of learning mathematics. For quarter three these students have come out of the gate and are going strong. Mr. Schreiber has selected Vlad Bahatyrevich for his diligent work on the Math/Science Challenge Community Center Project. Mrs. Corricelli nominated Devon Powell. Mrs. Broadnax selected Kyle Conley, Azania Cele, and Jennifer Gutierrez. Mr. Pastick would like to recognize Angela Stone for earning an A+ all year and Jacob Kocum for raising his grade 14 points from 2nd to 3rd quarter. Mrs. Wilson named Justin Paradis. Mrs. Goodall chose Dillon Spinelli. Keep up the good work.

National Honor Society Volleyball Tournament

On March 13th, the National Honor Society held their Spring Volleyball Tournament. There were many teams that came out to play and also many spectators to support them. Pictures of this event are posted on the bulletin board outside of Mrs. Currey's room. The winning team in the girls' bracket included Angelica Fajardo, Diana Fajardo, Stacy Strba, Jade Carolus, and Sam Collins. The winning team in the boys' bracket included Ethan Riddick, Justin Wyse, Derek Briggs, Rob Dugas, and Jordan Reaves-Young. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our fundraiser for cancer research. If you missed this Volleyball Tournament be sure to keep your eye out in the fall for the next one. You can make a team or just come to watch your friends play.

