



# FALCON FOCUS

WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

## A Message From The Principal...

Dear Parents,

We certainly have had an exciting start. Oprah sent the 42nd President of the United States, President Bill Clinton, to give freshman Kendall Ciesemier a ride to her show. Amazing! As we welcome fall, and the leaves begin to show their brilliant colors, we look forward to a wonderful year. **Our students represent our brilliant colors** - and we will be celebrating their successes throughout the year. Our first celebration is Kendall Ciesemier who has been nationally recognized for her work as a youth volunteer. Specifically, prior to the Oprah Show, Kendall raised \$100,000 for aids orphans in Africa through her Kids Caring 4 Kids charity. Now a student at Wheaton North, Kendall continues her efforts, and the student body is behind her 100%.

High school is an exciting time of life. By the time you receive this newsletter, homecoming week will be over. Hopefully, your students found time to participate in the many events that make Wheaton North unique. We continually encourage students to become involved - and enjoy the benefits of attending a large, comprehensive high school. Thank you to all of you who found time to volunteer during that festive week. High school is also about preparing for the future. **Teaching and learning is our primary focus**, and Wheaton North is filled with talented, dedicated teachers. This year we are proud to celebrate multiple academic successes. Greg Gauthier scored a perfect 36 on the ACT. Additionally he was selected to participate on Team Illinois at the Panasonic Scholastic Bowl Tournament in Orlando, Florida. Team Illinois finished first, and Greg was one of five students selected to the All-American team. Congratulations to Greg, his parents, his coaches, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Kidd, and all the members of the Scholastic Bowl team who helped to prepare him for this tournament!

Wheaton North High School is proud to recognize our National Merit Semi-finalists and Commended students. Our National Merit Commended students include: Ayesha Athar, Bill Brinkman, Collin Christensen, Colin Gierzynski, Erika Gustafson, Ben Haist, Jonathan Irving, Sam Krc, Hannah Lindsay, David Meyer, Katherine Nyenhuis, Jaime Orewiler, Jonathan Oslund, Colin Ostberg, Brian Schlick, Allison Skow, Jeff Sommars, and Zach Ursiny. Our National Merit Semifinalists include: Leah Bridle, Emily Chase, John Dwyer, Greg Gauthier, and Rachel Marro. **The semifinalists represent the top 1% of seniors across the nation**, and now have the opportunity to compete in the National Merit Finalist competition. Again, congratulations to the students, their parents, their teachers, and District 200 for preparing them to reach their potential!

As you read through the Falcon Focus, please note that **Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be held October 16 - 17. Information and deadlines are included in this newsletter. You may not be able to schedule appointments with each of your student's teachers. If this situation arises, parents may contact teachers by phone or e-mail. E-mail addresses are located on the website wnhs.org. Your teenager should then bring home the completed appointment request sheet. Please save this sheet as it serves as confirmation of your appointments. The school does not have a record of scheduled appointments.

As I always remind parents, the Falcon Focus continues to be our major communication link. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call us. It continues to be a privilege to serve the students and community of Wheaton North High School.

Sincerely,  
Jill Bullo  
Principal

### The Billboard

October 8

Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL

October 9

Booster Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.

October 16-17

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 18-20

Fall Play, "Harvey"

October 23

Fall Choral Festival, Grades 6-12, 7:00 p.m.

October 25

Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

October 26

1/2 Day Inservice, 10:35 a.m. dismissal

October 30

Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.

November 4

Father/Daughter Dance

November 6

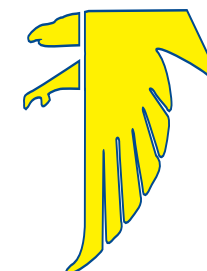
College Financial Aid Night 7:00 p.m.

November 13

Booster Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Recess



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## Finals Care Packages

It's that time of year again, and it's time to order a care package for your son/daughter to get him/her through finals week. Last year's packages included a bottle of water, candy bar, bag of chips, fruit snacks, pretzels, gum, mints, a #2 pencil and more! This year, we'll still be delivering them to your child. Order now and support Wheaton North Student Council and help your child survive finals! Orders must be turned into the main office, Attention: Mrs. Lotspeich or Mrs. Murphy, by December 12th.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle which day(s) you would like the package(s) delivered:

December 19

December 20

December 21

# of Packages Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$5 per package): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Checks payable to Wheaton North High School)

Note to Your Child:

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**From the Desk of Matt Biscan, Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Technology...**

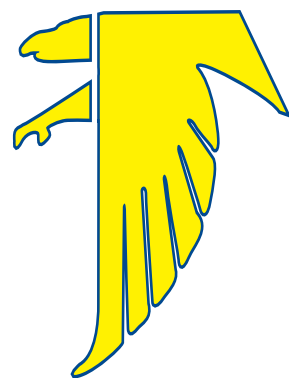
“Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved.”  
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

I hope all of you are having a great school year and are encouraging your children to be active and to enjoy their high school experience. There is one item of interest that you should take note of in the coming months that is discussed below. We appreciate your continued support and we are always available to assist you.

• Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. Students and parents will participate in a self-scheduling process that will be conducted from October 3rd through October 5th. You should be cautioned that it is very difficult for each teacher to meet with all students' parents within a two day period. The average teacher carries a load of approximately 125 students; conferences are scheduled for fifteen minutes and teachers are available for a total of five hours of conferences. We apologize for this situation; however, if you cannot schedule an appointment during the scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference time, you may contact teachers directly and schedule a conference time outside of the 17th and 18th that works for both parties.

Within the newsletter is an **Appointment Request Sheet**. You should complete the top section of the sheet (including the names of the teacher with whom you would like to schedule a conference) and have your son/daughter see those teachers between October 4th through the 6th to schedule the standard 15-minute conference. The teacher(s) will schedule an appointment and complete the appointment request sheet with the appropriate information. Your son/daughter should then bring home the completed appointment request sheet. Please save this sheet as it serves as confirmation of your appointments. Since conferences are scheduled over a period of two days, you may have to attend conferences on both days in order to meet with the requested teachers.

If you should find it necessary to cancel any or all of your scheduled conference times, you may do so by calling 784-7300 and leaving a message on an individual teacher's voicemail, or go to [www.wnhs.org](http://www.wnhs.org) and email the teacher(s) directly.



**WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL  
2007 - 2008 FIRST SEMESTER  
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007**

7: 20 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.:	Review Period Exam 1
7:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 1
9:25 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.:	Review Period Exam 2
9:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 2
11:30 a.m. - 12:00.:	Review Period Exam 3
12:05 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.:	Review Period Exam 4 or 4/5

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007**

7: 20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 3
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 4 or 4/5
10:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.:	Review Period Exam 5/6 or 6
11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.:	Review Period Exam 7
12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.:	Communication Period (Schedules & Surveys)

**DAY 3: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007**

7: 20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 5/6 or 6
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.:	Final Exam Period 7
10:40 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.:	Review Period Exam 8
11:05 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.:	Final Exam Period 8

**2007-08 FALCON WINTER SPORTS INFORMATION BULLETIN**

Dear Falcon Students:

I hope you have gotten a great start to the 2007 / 2008 school year and that you are excited to begin another season as a Falcon.

Our winter sports will be starting soon. I would like to encourage you to get involved in at least one sport during your high school career. If you enjoy sports, this would be a great opportunity to get started; the sooner the better. Most of our sports require a progression from the freshman team up to the varsity level. Please do not wait - start your freshman year the right way.

We have had a very busy fall season here at Wheaton North with all our fall sport programs. Many of you have been involved and we encourage you to try a winter sport. Be a Falcon and join a team! We want you!

Look over the following information regarding all of the winter sports programs. Hopefully this will answer most of your questions. However, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Athletic Office at 784-7318.

Go Falcons!  
Matt Fisher, Athletic Director

On behalf of the Falcon Athletic Department, we would like to invite each of our students to participate in at least one of the sports programs offered at North. This winter we have five sports with twenty-one levels of play scheduled for competition. You are encouraged to get involved and to experience the excitement of being a Falcon athlete. Being an athlete requires commitment, dedication, and hard work. The rewards are many and the friendships made are often for life. It will also enrich your high school experience. Freshmen, we especially need your involvement in our Falcon Sports Programs. Do not wait - join a program as a freshman - be a part of our Falcon Pride!

Winter sports will begin practice on Monday, October 29, 2007, with tryouts for girls basketball. Boys Basketball, Girls Gymnastics, Boys Swimming and Wrestling will begin November 5, 2007. Listed below we have included coaches contact information if you have questions or comments regarding practices, starting times, and location for each sport. If you want to participate but cannot make the first meeting, please call the Athletic Office (784-7318 or 784-7319) and let us know. All participants must have a current physical, a parental permission form filled out and signed, and an emergency card for the trainer, before beginning practice. Freshmen may use their freshman physical; simply make a copy for the Athletic Office and mark it at top "Athletics". This should have been turned in at registration for the nurse's requirements. These forms can be downloaded from our web site or stop by the Athletic Office and pick them up. (Web address is [www.wnhs.org](http://www.wnhs.org).)

Our trainer, Mr. Steve Mayo, and his staff will be on duty during pre-season practices. They will do their best to provide all needed training services. If you find you are unable to come to practice or if you are ill, please call Mr. Mayo's office at 784-7388. He has Voice Mail for you to leave a message if he isn't available to take your call.

The following must be taken care of before you will be allowed to practice. If you do not meet all the requirements you may watch the others practice but you cannot participate until all forms are completed.

- A current sports physical.** Only freshmen may use their required freshman physical for athletics. All upperclassmen must have a current physical on file. IHSA forms are to be used for physicals and may be picked up in the Athletic Office for upperclassmen. This is a requirement of the Illinois High School Association.
- A white parental permission form/insurance waiver form** may also be picked up in the Athletic Office. This form must be filled out completely and signed in two places by parents and athletes.
- A user's fee of \$100 should be paid** in the Athletic Office for all current winter sports and the receipt shown to your coach to receive your equipment. If you plan to try out for the boy's or girls basketball teams, please do not pay until teams are selected. Wrestling, boy's swimming and girl's gymnastics sports must be paid before attending the first practice or make arrangements with the athletic director, Matt Fisher.
- A gold emergency card** for the trainer should be turned into the Athletic Office before practice begins. Please list your cell number - no one except the trainer will have access to this number.

If these four items were handed in for fall athletics, you need not fill them out again this school year.

Preconditioning for each winter sport will begin several weeks before practice begins for students not involved in a fall sport. Check with head coaches and listen to announcements.

If you have any questions about practice times or tryouts, please contact the head coach

<b>Boys Basketball</b> - Jim Nazos	<a href="mailto:jnazos@cusd200.org">jnazos@cusd200.org</a>
<b>Boys Swimming</b> - Jacob Ayers	<a href="mailto:coaches@wheatonswimming.com">coaches@wheatonswimming.com</a>
<b>Girls Basketball</b> - Dave Eaton	<a href="mailto:deaton@cusd200.org">deaton@cusd200.org</a>
<b>Girls Gymnastics</b> - Chad Downie	<a href="mailto:cdownie@cusd200.org">cdownie@cusd200.org</a>
<b>Wrestling</b> - Steve Holland	<a href="mailto:sholland@cusd200.org">sholland@cusd200.org</a>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

October 29, 2007 -	Girls Basketball begins
November 5, 2007 -	Boys Basketball, Boys swimming, Girls Gymnastics, Wrestling begin
November 8, 2007 -	Winter Sports Parent/ Athlete Meeting at 7:00 PM
November 12, 2007 -	Fall Sports Awards Night at 7:00 PM Freshman should bring two dozen cookies
November 16, 2007 -	Winter Sports Picture Day
March 11, 2007 -	Winter Sports Awards Night at 7:00 PM

**Athlete Infection Prevention**

Dear Parent/Coaches:

In order to be proactive and to keep our athletes healthy and safe, the following health guidelines were discussed with student athletes:

**MEASURES FOR PREVENTING SKIN INFECTIONS AMONG ATHLETES:**

- Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water.
- Use an alcohol hand gel when soap and water are not available.
- Keep finger nails clean and trim.
- Encourage good hygiene, including showering and washing with soap, after all practices and competitions.
- Avoid sharing personal items (e.g., deodorant, razors).
- Discourage sharing water bottles.
- Thoroughly wash items used in sporting and/or athletic-related activities after each use with an all-purpose cleaner. Make sure to use the product in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or material contaminated by wounds.
- Encourage athletes to report wounds and skin lesions to coaches and trainers. To ensure the safety of all students, faculty and staff, your student may be required to be cleared by a physician prior to resuming sports.
- Ensure that physical education uniforms are laundered on a weekly basis, and practice uniforms more frequently. Encourage athletes who have non-healing, draining skin lesions and wounds that persist to seek medical attention.

**HYGIENE FOR SPORTS PARTICIPANTS:**

In addition to the aforementioned recommendations, sports participants have been informed of the following recommendations:

- Do not share towels, clothing or uniforms.
- Do not store wet, dirty clothing in lockers or other enclosed spaces.
- Avoid sharing athletic equipment.
- Keep equipment clean. Follow coach's directions about cleaning the equipment.
- Keep cuts, abrasions and wounds covered with clean, dry bandages. Persons with draining wounds or infections are not allowed to participate in practices or games until the wound has stopped draining.
- Promptly clean and decontaminate items that have visible soiling with blood or other body fluids.

## From the Nurses

School attendance is directly linked to academic success. There are several key health habits linked to school attendance that parents can support.

- Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently. Be a role model yourself!
- Set a regular sleep routine for your child allowing for 8 to 9 hours of sleep a night.
- Keep your child home from school if they have a temperature above 100 degrees before taking medications such as Tylenol or Aspirin and return to school when fever free for 24 hours.
- Provide for and encourage eating breakfast daily.
- Students should sneeze into a fresh tissue or their sleeve to prevent spreading colds.

Students are not allowed to carry ANY medication on them or in their lockers without a medication permission form on file in the nurse's office which needs to be updated yearly.

Parents should keep a copy of their student's immunization record and most recent school physical with their other important papers. This information is needed for many different reasons beyond high school.

If your student's health changes during the school year please notify us (784-7327). We are here to help remove educational barriers due to student health needs.

### Health tip of the month:

Medical experts recommend that students not carry more than 10% of their body weight in backpacks to prevent long term back problems. Encourage your child to use their school locker as needed.

## Wheaton North Students display act of kindness

Please check out the September 2007 Edition of American Legion Magazine. Wheaton North High School is featured in a 1 page article, *Ambushed by Support*. The article details our school's "adoption" of a US army platoon during their year long deployment in Iraq. It's a good snapshot of the students here at WNHS who went above and beyond kindness as they reached out to give encouragement, send gifts, and correspondence to our platoon for a whole school year.

## CLUB E.R.

Are you interested in helping to improve our environment towards cleaner air, water, and land? Club Environmental Rescue (E.R.) does just that! Club E.R. helps to preserve the Earth one meeting at a time. Where else can you spend your time saving the world?!? Students recycle, plant new trees and plants, do environmental clean-ups, take fun fields trips, promote environmental issues to others, and do fund raisers to support the environment. If you want to have fun and feel good about improving the environment for Mother Earth, people, and animals, Club E.R. is for you! This year's field trip is going to be at Starved Rock State Park. Don't miss out on the fun! Students can contact Ms. Gathman at [Lgathman@cusd200.org](mailto:Lgathman@cusd200.org) or Mrs. Paulsen at [Cpaulsen@cusd200.org](mailto:Cpaulsen@cusd200.org) or visit our Club website at <http://www.wnhs.org/activities/cluber/index.htm>. There is NO activity fee to join this club, and this is a great way to meet new friends who also care to preserve our planet!

## Calling All Future Falcon Cheerleaders!

Calling all Future Falcon Cheerleaders, ages first through eighth grade! It's that time of the year again; Future Falcon Cheer Clinic time! We are so excited to offer this opportunity to all of you on Saturday, December 1st, 2007! Please join us for an action-packed afternoon to learn the newest cheers, chants, dances and stunts and then again later that evening when we perform during the halftime of a Varsity Boys Basketball game!

Registration forms are located in the Main Office at Wheaton North and are due back to Wheaton North by Friday, November 16th! Hope to see you there!

## FALCON BOYS LACROSSE

Looking for something to do this winter? Registration for winter lacrosse leagues is currently underway at Lacrosse America. This is a great opportunity for returning players to perfect their skills for next season. For those boys who have never played lacrosse and would like to play Falcon lacrosse next spring, this would be a great opportunity to learn the sport of lacrosse before the season starts. Information regarding the leagues can be found on the official Wheaton North Boys Lacrosse website, [www.wnhslox.org](http://www.wnhslox.org).

A special thanks to Matt Hetrick for organizing the first ever Labor Day Lacrosse scrimmage and to Ryan Schultz and to Sean Forrest for being the team coaches. Thank you to Anna Banks for taking such amazing pictures of the scrimmage. The pictures can be viewed at our website, [www.wnhslox.org](http://www.wnhslox.org). GO FALCON LAX!

## Wheaton North Sports Pass Rules

1. Only members of the Falcon Booster Club may purchase Sports Passes.
2. Sports Passes are valid for regular season home events only. They may not be used for tournaments or post season play.
3. One family pass will admit both spouses if they enter together. Two passes are needed if spouses enter the event separately.
4. High school aged students are not admitted on a parent's Sports Pass. They must show their Wheaton North ID.
5. Middle school and younger children, up to the number indicated on the back of the pass, may be admitted on their parent's Sports Pass.
6. An unaccompanied middle school student may only be admitted on their own parent's Sports Pass. Parents are strongly encouraged to accompany their children.
7. Unaccompanied children displaying disruptive behavior will be escorted to the gate of the event.
8. Replacements for lost cards may be obtained from the Falcon Booster Club for a fee of \$10.

## Wheaton North Booster Club Membership Information

Everyone should have received a Booster Club membership application with his or her school registration materials last Spring. If you would still like to join the Booster Club and support ALL activities at WN, simply go to [wnhsboosters.org](http://wnhsboosters.org) and download an application. Sport passes will be mailed to your home in mid-August.

We will also be at the first home football game selling memberships. Thank you for supporting Wheaton North!

Questions? Call Jamie Kirchofer @ 690-9636 or Beth Trumpy @ 665-4194.

## Booster Scholarship - Membership Required!

Parents, please note that if your son or daughter will be applying for one of the Booster Scholarships this year, you must join Boosters no later than December 1, 2007. Please download a membership application at [www.wnhsboosters.org](http://www.wnhsboosters.org)

## From the Desk of Lorie Campos, Assistant Principal

What an exciting start to the 07/08 school year! Hopefully you have had a first hand experience with what an outstanding school Wheaton North is. Our students and faculty continue to impress ... even the former President of the United States. I enjoyed seeing and talking to many of you at Curriculum Night. Thank you for taking the time to attend and for completing the surveys; your input is important to us.

With all of the excitement, it is hard to believe we already hit the 6-week mark. Your students should be bringing home their 6-week grades on Friday, October 5, 2007. Many of the activities are under way but it is not too late for your student to get involved. There are over 25 clubs and activities to choose from. Have your student check the calendar on the Activities office window (across from the cafeteria).

I want you and your student to enjoy your time at Wheaton North. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## The Wheaton North Falcon Bands ...

Please join the Wheaton North Bands for their first concerts of the year. On Thursday October 25, 2007 Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Percussion Studies will perform in Taylor Auditorium at 7:00 pm. The following week, on Thursday November 1st, the Wheaton North Wind Ensemble will be joined by the 8th grade bands from Franklin and Monroe Middle Schools as well as students from private schools in the area for our annual "8th Grade Band Day". The 8th graders will spend a day at the high school seeing what high school band is like and rehearse together for that evening's concert where they will perform alongside the WNHS Wind Ensemble. Also that night, the Wind Ensemble will give their first concert of the year. All the groups will then perform together in the evening's Grande Finale - a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the popular musical "West Side Story," by Leonard Bernstein. Both concerts are free and open to the public and take place at 7:00 pm in Taylor Auditorium.

Jazz Auditions will take place in late-October. The Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble are open to any musician interested in playing jazz music. We are particularly looking for piano and guitar players this year. The band that accompanies the show choir will also be determined by these auditions. Audition materials will be available in early October in the band room. Contact Mr. Noworyta for more info.

## CHORUS NEWS

Hello! My name is Amy Marino and I'm the new choral director at WNHS. This is my 7th year teaching, with previous experience at the high school and middle school levels in CUSD 300. I received my Masters Degree of Music from Northern Illinois University in 2004, after a long hiatus from my years at Berklee School of Music in Boston. I have performed with many groups, from large wind symphonies, SE Asian "Gamelan" ensembles to smaller chamber groups (including rock, pop and country bands).

I am so excited for this school year! The students at WNHS are polite, intelligent, motivated and TALENTED! There are two major items we need to make a great choral program: Parent involvement and BOYS! While there is great literature written for Treble Choirs, the heart and soul of choral music was intended for men and women. Boys do sing. I had over 100 boys in my middle school chorus that went on to sing at the high school level. They were athletes, they were actors, they were scholars and they were, well, not always scholars. But they respected the intense commitment to part of the 'team' which was their choral group. We simply cannot perform a great deal of music without a strong Tenor and Bass section.

We also need parents to assist with choir 'attire' (fitting, organizing, sewing if needed), planning events and assisting backstage during performances. Please contact me at [amarino@cusd200.org](mailto:amarino@cusd200.org) for any questions, volunteer items or concerns. I am confident that together, we can build a strong program that will benefit these students for years to come.

Don't miss the Fall Choral Festival, October 23 at 7:00 pm in the Taylor Auditorium.

## Attention WN Dads.....

Mark your calendars for this year's father daughter dance! The dance will be held on November 4th from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Carlisle in Lombard. More information to follow. Any questions please contact Miss Patel at [ppatel@cusd200.org](mailto:ppatel@cusd200.org) or Miss Hancock at [khancock@cusd200.org](mailto:khancock@cusd200.org). Can't wait to see you there!!

## Underclass School Pictures

Did you miss picture day in September? It's not too late to be pictured in the yearbook. The photographer will be back one last time-- November 8-for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. No appointment is necessary. Just show up on Taylor Auditorium stage between 7:00 and 2:30 to get your photo taken. If you want to order a picture package, bring your order form (extras available in the Activities Office) and money.

If you paid for a picture package in September, those will be mailed home in the next couple weeks. If you're not happy with the photos (eyes closed, etc.), you can get a retake November 8. Just bring the bad picture package to turn in. Again, no appointment is necessary. However, the picture taken on November 8 is the one that will appear in the yearbook.

Questions? See Mr. Williams in the Activities Office.

## Senior Pictures

If you missed your senior pictures this summer, the photographer will be back at Wheaton North several times this fall. Seniors should see Mr. Williams in the Activities Office to schedule a time to take their pictures. (Parents should not call the studio or Mr. Williams to schedule an appointment).

Sign up for the October 16, 17, 18 is going on now. Sign up for the November 13, 14, and 15 dates begins October 30. Sign up for the December 4, 5, and 6 dates begins November 13.

If you already took your pictures but want retakes, the same sign up dates and rules apply.

You do not need to purchase anything from our photographer, but for unity's sake and our yearbook computer program, only the photo from HRImaging will appear in the yearbook. Just let Mr. Williams know when you sign up that you want "yearbook only."

**The last day to get your photo taken or retaken is December 6. Don't be "Not Pictured" in your senior yearbook!**

## Student Council/Freshman Elections

Student Council is in full swing. Meetings are held in the auditorium on Tuesday mornings at 6:50. Class Council meetings are held Wednesday meetings. Students are welcome to join at any time. Freshman Class Officer elections will be held on October 16. To run for office, freshmen need to attend a mandatory meeting on October 3rd after school or October 4 before school.

## Christmas Sharing

Cleaning out closets? Start saving items for our annual Christmas Sharing. We will be collecting nonperishable food, gently used or new clothing, paper products, toys, and more immediately after Thanksgiving. The first hour class with the most items per student will win a breakfast provided by Student Council. This is a good way to help support our local churches as they provide for our community. Questions? Call Mrs. Martinez at 784-7374.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's fall play, HARVEY, by Mary Chase, runs October 18-20 at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium. Tickets are on sale in the ticket booth October 9-12, or you may purchase tickets at the door. Don't miss this zany comedy about a six-and-a-half foot imaginary rabbit.

Want to honor a special cast or crew member with a note in the program? "Buy a line" of 20 words or less for \$5. All proceeds support the Performing Arts Department. E-mail Mrs. Pigoni (Gianforte) at apigoni@cusd200.org for more information.

## FRESHMEN CLASS COUNCIL

Freshmen class council is off to a great start! More than 50 students have attended every meeting. The class of 2011 is currently working on homecoming activities including: courtyard decorations, downtown windows, the Wednesday night dance, pep assembly banner and spirit activities. Elections for officers will be held on October 10th - anyone interested in being an officer should see Mrs. Paulsen or Ms. Marren in room 116. After election of class officers, freshmen will plan this year's fundraiser and service activities.

## FRIDAY LIBRARY BOOK TALKS

Need a good book to read? Not sure what to pick up? Then please join your librarian, reading specialists and fellow students during your lunch period for great reads and tasty snacks!

Bring a sack lunch to the LLC during your lunch period. Passes to and from the cafeteria will not be provided. Your librarians and reading specialists will spend half an hour suggesting popular teen books to read. All books featured at the book talk will then be raffled off at the end of the school day!

### Book Talk Dates

October 5  
November 2  
February 8  
April 11

Please see Ms. Ramp, Ms. Mazzolini, or Ms. Moore in the LLC with any questions. It's great to be a Falcon!

## From the Desk of Jason Stipp The Office of Student Services...

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and assistance in helping us work out all of the traffic issues during the first month of school. Your vigilance towards our supervisors conducting traffic has been much appreciated. However, I would like to remind you to make sure if you are dropping off or picking up your son and/or daughter in the morning or after school to always move forward so that we may get as many vehicles as possible in the drop off and pick up zone in front of the main entrance. This is especially important in the morning when dropping off. There are three doors along the front of the school that students may enter the building to avoid any inclement weather. By pulling completely forward you allow us to keep traffic flowing.

**I would also like to remind you that if you are dropping off items to your son/daughter during school to please park in front of the school at the visitor locations.** There are fifteen visitor spots that are reserved for this purpose and the Wheaton Police and Wheaton Fire would like for us to keep that fire lane open at all times during the school day. The visitor spots are located along the curb of the faculty parking lot near the main entrance.

As a final reminder our building closes for all students that are not involved in a sport or activity at 3:30. We ask that if your son/daughter is not using the library, studying in the commons, or involved in an activity, that they go home immediately after school, due to our lack of after school student supervisors.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the two students whose work was chosen for this year's student handbook contest, **Chris Norton's** work (class of 07), was selected for the front cover; and **Dylan Diveley's** photo (class of 09) was selected for the back of the cover. Congratulations to both of those students, and thanks to all those who participated!

Thank you again for such a great start to the school year. If you have any questions or concerns about parking and traffic flow do not hesitate to call.

Jason P. Stipp, Assistant Principal of Student Services  
Wheaton North High School, 630-784-7348

## STUDENT DROP-OFFS

Due to the high volume of traffic and visitors at Wheaton North, the Main Office will no longer be able to accept gifts, flowers, balloons, birthday treats, presents or other non-school related items for students. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

## NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

**Wheaton North High School** will be hosting this year's Financial Aid Night on **Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.**

Major topics covered will include:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- A thorough understanding of the financial aid process; facts versus myths
- Where parental and student assets should be
- How income affects aid eligibility
- Dependent versus Independent
- The importance of deadlines
- Shopping financial aid packages

Financial planning and information gathering for college can never start too early, so parents of students in ninth through twelfth grade are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

#### TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF DUPAGE (TCD) EXPLORE DAY

Any students interested in attending the Technology of Dupage (TCD) during their junior or senior year should sign up to attend the Explore Day Field Trip at TCD scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007. All students will need to have a signed permission slip which can be picked up in the Counseling Office. The field trip will be held during the morning and students will be bussed to and from the TCD location in Addison. A complete tour of the facilities and explanation of a variety of programming options will be discussed. The field trip is for sophomore and junior students **~ONLY**. If you have any questions, please call Carol McCallum at 630/784-7311.

#### JUNIOR COLLEGE PARENT NIGHT

**Junior College Parent Night** is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4th, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.** All junior parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The presentation will take place in Taylor Auditorium and then break out into smaller sessions. Some of the breakout session topics will include:

- The College Search and Application Process
- State Universities
- Selective Colleges and Universities
- The College of DuPage.
- On-line Tools for the College Search

#### College Representatives at Wheaton North

We are pleased to report that college representatives continue to visit Wheaton North during the first semester, to meet with our students, teachers, counselors, and parents. College representative meetings will be open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and will be held in the College and Career Center.

**To attend a visit, students must request a pass, at least the day before, from the Guidance secretary and then present the pass to their teacher for final approval.**

#### For sophomores, we recommend the following:

Focus should be on learning the differences between big and small schools; public and private; urban and rural campuses; etc. and to practice interviewing.

#### For juniors, we recommend the following:

Should visit reps on their tentative list of schools to which they will be applying. Clarify admission requirements, campus visit procedures, and best majors at the given school.

#### For seniors, we recommend the following:

Look for the schools on their application list. It is important to establish a personal relationship with the admissions office professional that will be responsible for processing the applicants from WNHS. Learn about special visitation days and orientation programs. Ask about college costs and financial aid.

#### College Visit List

Students and parents should periodically check the Guidance page at wnhs.org for the college rep visit list. Students should also listen to daily announcements and check the bulletin board in the College Career Center for updated information.

#### UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

##### Christian College Fair

Monday, October 8, 2007  
Calvary Church  
Rt. 59 & 79th Street  
Naperville, IL  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

##### National College Fair

Saturday, October 14, 2006  
Navy Pier  
Chicago, IL  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

#### COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES

Just a reminder, college admission deadlines will be approaching fast. In our senior individual conferences that were held in September, counselors stressed the importance of meeting these deadlines. Also, many colleges require counselor and teacher recommendations, so students should begin requesting these letters now. When requesting these letters, students should provide as much information about themselves as they can. Seniors were provided and encouraged to complete a "brag sheet," which is used by both counselors and teachers. Finally, we request students turn in their application and transcript request form two weeks prior to the application deadline. This allows counselors to proofread the application packets and read any student essays before mailing them to the prospective colleges. The following are WNHS college application deadlines.

Application Deadline:    Nov. 1    Nov. 15    Dec. 1    Jan. 1    Jan. 15

Must be in Guidance by:    Oct. 15    Oct. 25    Nov. 8    Dec. 7    Dec. 14

**Some schools close admissions early. For example the priority filing for University of Illinois, Illinois State and Northern Illinois is November 15th, so apply early!!! U of I must have ALL PIECES of application (including test scores) IN OFFICE at U of I by November 15th, not postmarked Nov. 15th.**

## Special Education Alliance 200

SEA200 2007-'08 meeting schedule

Meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. at Monroe Middle School,  
1855 W. Manchester Rd. Wheaton

### Oct. 2, 2007

#### Differentiating Instruction for Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms

Featuring: **Paula Kluth, Ph.D., author of "You're Going to Love This Kid!"**

Dr. Kluth has a master's degree in educational policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a doctoral degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, teacher, author, advocate, and independent scholar who works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and to create more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners.

She is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher and inclusion facilitator. She has taught in and engages in research in both elementary and secondary schools.

### Nov. 6, 2007

#### Strategies for Dealing with Behavior at Home and School

Featuring: **Timothy Wahlberg, Ph.D., of Tri-Cities Psychological Services Inc.**

Dr. Wahlberg is a licensed clinical psychologist and a certified school psychologist. He has published extensively on the subjects of autism and neurological impairments, and is involved in several research projects on related topics.