



FALCON FOCUS

WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

A Message From The Principal...

Dear Parents,

Fall is always such an exciting time of the school year. We had a terrific opening with our students quickly adjusting to the routines of the school day. By the time you receive this newsletter, homecoming week will be over. Hopefully your teenagers found time to participate in the many events that make our homecoming traditions so memorable. We continually encourage students to become involved – and enjoy the benefits of attending this great high school. Thank you to all of you who found time to volunteer during this fall. I would especially like to thank the Falcon Booster Club for all you have done to assist in the opening of school. I encourage all of you not currently members to consider joining this wonderful organization.

Teaching and learning is our primary focus, and Wheaton North is filled with talented students and dedicated teachers. Wheaton North High School is proud to recognize our National Merit Semifinalists: Sean Bomher, Andrew Gomez, Emily Lagattolla, and Paul Storm. These semifinalists represent the top 1% of seniors across the nation, and now have the opportunity to compete in the National Merit Finalist competition. 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 14 – 15. Information and deadlines are included in this newsletter. Please note that you might 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 our 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.

This year one of our goals is to improve student daily attendance. Students should maximize their learning opportunities by attending all classes every day. Additionally when students are not present, the district loses significant state funding. These dollars can be used to increase learning opportunities for all students. As parents, it is my hope that you encourage your teenagers to attend every day. I would also like to remind families that our first semester final exams take place before the holiday break. Final exam dates are December 17, 18, & 19. Students are expected to take exams during their scheduled time. All holiday vacations should begin after 12:35 p.m. on Friday, December 19th. Families needing an exception to this must contact Mr. Jim Venckus, Assistant Principal for Student Services.

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 3
Six Week Grades distributed

October 14
Blood Drive

October 14 & 15
Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 20
Special Ed. College Counseling Night
7:00 p.m., WWS

October 22, 23, 25
Fall Play, Little Women
7:00 p.m., Taylor Auditorium

October 29
Orchestra Concert
7:00 p.m., Taylor Auditorium

October 30
Fall Band Concert
7:00 p.m., Taylor Auditorium

November 4
Choral Concert
7:00 p.m.

November 9
Father-Daughter Dance
5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Commons

December 1 – 5
Christmas Sharing

December 2
Junior Parent Night 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Taylor Auditorium

December 14
Holiday Concert
Neibch Gymnasium

December 17-19
Final Exams

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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 10th.**

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

December 17 December 18 December 19

of Packages Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed (\$5 per package): _____
(Checks payable to Wheaton North High School)
(Please put student's ID number on memo line of check.)

Note to Your Child:

From the Desk of Lorie Campos, Assistant Principal

I hope you and your students have had a great start to the 2008/09 school year. If you were able to attend Curriculum Night, thank you for taking the time to attend and for completing the surveys; your input is important to us.

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 3, 2008. 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 be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Student Council News

Father/Daughter Dance

The Senior Class is proud to be sponsoring the Father/Daughter Dance that takes place Sunday, November 9 from 5:00-9:00p.m. This year the dance will be in the Commons at Wheaton North. Tickets will go on sale starting October 28 and will cost \$60.00 a couple. This includes a catered dinner and music provided by RJ Entertainment. This is sure to be an exciting evening with a friendly competition for the selected senior girls and their fathers. Contact Mrs. Martinez or Mrs. Peterson for more information.

Christmas Sharing

This year's Christmas Sharing collection will take place December 1-5. We will be collecting new and gently used clothing items, food items, and other household items in good condition. Student Council will be collecting these items from the first period classes as part of an annual competition. Winning classes will win donuts and an overall winner for the week will win a catered breakfast. Items collected will be donated to community churches for their Christmas Sharing.

Calling all Future Falcon Cheerleaders!

Are you ready for a high-flyin', show-stoppin' good time? Then, mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6th, 2008** for Wheaton North's 6th Annual Future Falcon Cheerleading Clinic! Current Wheaton North Cheerleaders are looking forward to teaching anyone in first through eighth grade this season's best cheers, chants, dances and, of course, stunts!

Interested in participating? Pick up a registration form in the Wheaton North Athletic Office, or download a form from www.wnhs.org/athletics/ through the Cheerleading link! Registration is DUE by Wednesday, November 19th, so get your form to reserve your spot, TODAY!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's fall play, *LITTLE WOMEN*, adapted from the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott, takes the stage on Wed. Oct. 22nd, Thurs. Oct. 23rd and Sat. Oct. 25th at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium. Please come and enjoy this warm-hearted drama about a mother's love for her children and the unbreakable bond of family. Tickets go on sale in mid-October. For the most current information, check out the Performing Arts Website at www.wnhs.org/activities/Drama/index.htm or call (630) 784-7423.

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 at Wheaton North H.S. E-mail Ms. Schmitz at eschmitz@cusd200.org for more information.

From the Conductor's Podium:

Important Dates for Band Members include:

October 7, 2008 (Tuesday): IMEA Auditions
Wind Ensemble (Addison Trail HS)

October 23, 2008 (Thursday): Dress Rehearsal 6 – 8 pm (required)
Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble

October 30, 2008 (Thursday): Fall Band Concert
Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble

November 6, 2008 (Thursday): 8th Grade Band Day
Wind Ensemble, Franklin, Monroe, private schools

November 15, 2008 (Saturday) IMEA District IX Jazz Festival
All Selected Musicians

November 22, 2008 (Saturday) IMEA District IX Organizational Festival
All Selected Musicians

December 14, 2008 (Sunday): Holiday Concert
All Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs

Please note that only the bands listed for a specific event need to be at the event.

IMEA, or the Illinois Music Educator Association, sponsors All-Regional and All-State Honor ensembles for Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Students are accepted into these ensembles based on the auditions held on October 7th. Students wishing to audition for these groups should see their director. *Not all students are required to participate in IMEA, but are certainly encouraged to do so.* The concerts for students selected for those groups are included in the list above and are not for every band student.

Wind Ensemble: New York here we come!

The Wheaton North Wind Ensemble, who is already performing at a very high level, has been selected as one of 6 groups nation-wide to perform at the New York Band and Orchestra Festival in New York City. We are already planning for the group's Spring Tour with our performance at the world-famous Carnegie Hall, so several fund-raising events have been organized and approved to defray the costs of the trip. These fund raisers are not required, but encouraged for all students, to help lower the cost of the tour. Please follow the payment schedule below. If you are unable to do so, please email us at either jnoworyt@cusd200.org or svanoss@batavialand.com so we can work out a payment plan that will be easiest for your family.

| Date | Payment / Type | Type |
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| September 14, 2008 | \$250 | First Payment |
| November 1, 2008 | \$250 | Second Payment |
| February 1, 2009 | \$250 | Third Payment |
| March 1, 2009 | | Remaining Balance |

ORCHESTRA NOTES

The year is off to a great start in the orchestra department at Wheaton North. We are already working really hard for our fall concert on Wednesday, October 29th. Please come join the concert & chamber orchestras for a night filled with upbeat folk & fiddle music, tragic music written to deal with grief, as well as classical favorites by Glinka & Handel. The concert will begin at 7pm in the Taylor Auditorium. Hope to see you there!

Chamber Orchestra students & parents – Please be sure you have the Northside Strings Festival on your calendars for Tuesday, November 18th. It will be held at Hubble Middle School.

DRIVER EDUCATION UPDATE

ALL 2ND SEMESTER DRIVER EDUCATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS:

Driver Education Parent Night will be on Wednesday, January 7th 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all second semester Drivers Education students and at least one parent/guardian. If you are 15 years old you are eligible to be in Driver Education. Please talk with your counselor about enrolling or being put on the waiting list!

DID YOU KNOW?

A recent John Hopkins University study found that the risk of fatal crashes involving 16 and 17 year olds is three times higher from 10:00 p.m. to midnight than from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m... The same study concluded that the driver death rate for 16-year-old drivers rose sharply for each additional passenger in the vehicle.

Legislation initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers was signed into law went into effect on **January 1, 2008**. A list of the new laws regarding teenagers driving is listed below:

New laws that went into effect **January 1, 2008**, include the following provisions:

*Extends the permit phase from three months to nine months.

*Shifts the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from Midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends for all drivers under 18 and those who fail to graduate from the initial licensing phase.

*Doubles the period – from six months to 12 months – that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger.

*Requires drivers under age 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations to appear before a judge with a parent or guardian to receive court supervision. The law also requires you to go to traffic school if you are under 21.

*Tickets the passengers age 15 to 20, in addition to the drivers, who violate the passenger restriction law.

*Implements a true Graduated Driver Licensing system that requires new drivers to earn their way from one stage to the next. Under this proposal once issued a learner's permit, a teen would be required to drive conviction free for nine months before he or she would be eligible for a driver's license.

*Implements a stricter law your license would be suspended (if under 21) if you receive two moving violations within a 24-month period of time.

*Establishes tough, new penalties - including license revocation and vehicle impoundment – for drivers who are involved in street racing.

*A person under the age of 19 may not drive a vehicle on a roadway while using a cellular phone. The fine will be \$100.

*Implements a law that will allow parents or guardians access to driving records of their teenagers via the Internet.

You can log onto the Secretary of States web site if you have any further questions about the new laws regarding teenage drivers at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Mr. Mike Oleszek (630) 784-7490; moleszek@cusd200.org

Mr. Steve Holland

Mr. David Eaton

WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL 2008 - 2009 FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008

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 p.m.: Review Period Exam 3

12:05 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Review Period Exam 4 or 4/5

DAY 2: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008

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. – 11:55 a.m.: Communication Period 7

**Students will be required to report
to their 7th period class**

12:05 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Review Period Exam 7

DAY 3: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008

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

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wheaton Warrenville South High School will be hosting this year's District 200 Financial Aid Night on **Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the 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 Thursday, November 13, 2008. All students will need to have a signed permission slip, which will be mailed from TCD to all sophomores and juniors. If you do not receive one, please come to 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 PARENT NIGHT

Junior Parent Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 P.M.** All junior parents are encouraged to attend. The presentation will take place in Taylor Auditorium and then break out into smaller sessions. 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 are 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 24 hours in advance of the scheduled visit 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:

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 Representative Visit List

Students and parents should periodically check the Guidance page at wnhs.org or Prephq.com for the most updated college rep visit list. Students should also check the bulletin board in the College Career Center or the digital board in the commons for updated information.

UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS

Christian College Fair

Monday, October 6, 2008
Calvary Church
Rt. 59 & 79th Street
Naperville, IL
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Chicago Performing and Visual Arts College Fair

Saturday, October 11, 2008
Blomquist Recreation Center (Northwestern University-Evanston)
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

National College Fair

Saturday, October 25, 2008
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 from teachers, students should provide a completed **Teacher Recommendation Form** to the teacher. This form is located in the College Career Center and the information from it will help teacher's write a thorough and high quality recommendation

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, complete any attached materials, and read any student essays before mailing them to the prospective colleges. The following are WNHS college application deadlines.

Application Deadline:

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| Nov. 1 | Nov. 15 | Dec. 1 | Jan. 1 | Jan. 15 |
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Must be in Guidance by:

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| Oct. 15 | Oct. 25 | Nov. 8 | Dec. 7 | Dec. 14 |
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Application materials for the University of Illinois must be post-marked no later than November 1st to meet their priority deadline. Priority deadline for Illinois State and Northern Illinois is November 15th, so apply early!!!

Mother – Son Dance

The Mother-Son Dance will be here before you know it, so mark the date on your calendar **Sunday, February 22.** More information will be available as we get closer to February.

Déjà vu

Déjà vu invites all interested students to join the literary magazine club and/or contribute an original poem, short fiction, or prose piece for consideration. We meet once a week after school in Mrs. VanGetson's room for open discussion of the week's submission packet, and host one or two "Live Writer's" poetry readings at school during the school year. The weekly packets are made up solely by Mrs. VanGetson, who removes student's names on each submission prior to copying; at the weekly meeting, each piece is read and discussed prior to a vote for inclusion in the spring 2009 magazine. Watch for posters and listen for announcements concerning our meeting dates and times. Submissions are accepted via the Déjà vu box in room 114. Students must complete the submission data form (forms are located on the box) and attach it to their submission prior to placing it in the box. Any questions, please contact Mrs. VanGetson: dvangegets@cusd200.org

CHORAL NEWS

Welcome back students and families, we are off to a great start this year! Chamber Choir and Treble Choir have already ordered additional robes & gowns for our growing groups, Concert Choir is at a healthy 55 students and we welcome the new MENS choir consisting of 18 sophomores, juniors and seniors. Please mark your calendar for our first performance of the year, November 4 at 7:00 PM. After you cast your vote for the presidential election, come join WN choral groups along with the choirs from Monroe & Franklin for an unforgettable evening of song.

Select members from Treble Choir, Mens Choir and Chamber Choir will be performing at Lincoln Center with the NIU choir during spring break in April. There are still spaces available for students and chaperones, but time is running out. Please contact me at anooden@cusd200.org if you are interested in joining us. Please take time to congratulate Mr. Noworyta and his Wind Ensemble, as they are performing during the same week at Carnegie Hall. This year will truly be a historical year for the WN music department. Thanks to all for your support of our programs!

WN / WWS CO-OP HS GIRLS LACROSSE SPRING 2009

There will be an informational meeting held after school on...

Thursday, November 13th
2:30 PM in the Cafeteria

We are entering our second season as a co-op sport for both Wheaton high schools. The meeting will provide information for the upcoming spring 2009 season.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.wyslax.org

Club Environmental Rescue

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! Students can contact Ms. Gathman at Lgathman@cusd200.org or Mrs. Biggs at Wbiggs@cusd200.org or visit our website at www.wnhs.org and click on Activities to see the Club Environmental Rescue website. This is a FREE club. There is NO activity fee and this is a great club to make new friends who also care to rescue and preserve our planet!

Students Invited to a Celebration of Jane Austen's Legacy

Ten Wheaton North seniors are being offered a rare opportunity when the National Convention of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA) comes to Chicago this October 2-5. On Friday morning, October 3, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, the Greater Chicago Region of JASNA is hosting a free program, writing workshop, and lunch specifically designed for area high-school students. Dr. Inger Brodey of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will speak to high school participants on "Jane Austen's Legacy: Filming the Global Jane Austen." Chicago Architecture Foundation docent Ronnie Jo Sokol will take students on a hike, via PowerPoint, through southern England to discover clues about the life and times of Jane Austen. Then students will join JASNA members from throughout the United States and Canada in the day's special interest session (see topics listed below).

After our complementary lunch, students will participate in the David Grey Young Writers Workshop, to write about their new insights into Jane Austen. The top three writers, along with their three teachers, will be invited to return to our Sunday brunch, where they will be honored. These three writers will be awarded the Joan Austen-Leigh Prizes, \$75 gift certificates to Barbara's Bookstores, which can be used either online or at one of their many stores.

Session Topics

What Would Jane Austen Read? Prequels, Sequels, and Fan Fiction

Janice F. Fisher, Riverside Illinois Public Library

LOL and ROTFL with Jane Austen: Comic Sensibility in a Cyber-Age

Omaha Region

Fitz and Lizzie: Sharing Austen with Our Children

Jessica Melendez and Victoria Austen Young, Bellflower, CA

Laughter over Tea: Jane Austen and Culinary Pedagogy

Natasha Duquette, Taylor University College, Edmonton, AB

Jane Austen's Legacy in Scent

Evangelina Duman, O'Fallon, IL

How Can Jane Austen Inform Us About Global Warming?

Sallie Thorenson, Montrose, CO

"Quite a Simple Thing": Jane Austen in Simplified Texts for English Language Learners

Russell Clark, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Constructing the Fabric of Jane Austen's Work Today

Ashley J. Spencer, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Just Jane: Austen's Journey Toward Fulfillment

Nancy Moser, Spring Hill, KS

Jane Austen's Brothers and Sisters in the City of Brotherly Love: 2009 AGM Preview Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Students in attendance will be: Aubrey Adams, Ariel Burke, David Donndelinger, Gabriel Donndelinger, Lauren Hoffman, Mary Lapp, Stefi Moreno, Aby Obert, Coray Watson, and Brittany West. Mrs. Linda Reinert will attend along with these students.

Senior Pictures

Did you miss pictures this summer here at North? If so, or you want retakes, you have until early December to get your photos taken.

The photographer was here at the school for only the two weeks this summer. You need to simply call the studio (Naperville 630-416-0552 or Schaumburg 847-706-9688) and make an appointment to go to one of the studios. You can also call headquarters (1-800-433-1766), go to the website at www.rootseniors.com, or check the yearbook link on the WNHS website if you have other questions.

Remember, you are under no obligation to buy anything from HRImaging/Root Studios; however, that is the only picture allowed in the yearbook.

Once your photos are taken, you'll choose the shot you want for the yearbook and let HRImaging know your choice. HRImaging will then send a CD of WN's Senior Class to our yearbook staff in mid-December.

Underclass Pictures

Freshman, sophomore, and junior yearbook pictures were taken September 8 through 12. If you missed your pictures, mop up day is Thursday, November 6. The photographer will be here from 7:00 until 2:30. Students should just show up when they have a free 5 minutes: before or after school, lunch, study hall, etc. If you want to order a picture package, you must bring your order form and money with you when your photo is taken. Extra forms are available in the Activities Office.

If you ordered a picture package in September and want retakes, bring the bad package with you anytime Nov. 6 (between 7 and 2:30). No appointment necessary.

Attention Senior Parents – Join Boosters today!

Senior parents – For your student to be eligible to receive one of the ten \$500 scholarships from the Wheaton North Falcon Booster Club, you must be a Booster member by December 1, 2008! Up to ten awards will be made to senior students who have been active in Wheaton North activities and plan to attend a one to four year accredited educational program after graduation.

Scholarship awards are made on the basis of participation in Wheaton North activities such as athletics, performing arts, student clubs, and other school related activities, along with leadership, a personal statement and academic record. Applications will be available soon.

Don't miss out; join today! Visit the website www.wnhsboosters.org for more information.

Scholastic Bowl

On Saturday, November 8th, the Scholastic Bowl team will host and participate in the IHSSBCA Kick-off Tournament. This varsity tournament attracts some of the best teams in Illinois and, outside of the IHSA state series, is the largest tournament in the state. Last year, 54 teams participated. Good Luck to the Falcons as they start their season!

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

I hope all of you are having a great school year and are encouraging your children to be active and enjoy their high school experience. There are two items of interest that you should take note of in the coming months that are discussed below. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you on October 14th and 15th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th and Wednesday, October 15th from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. Students and parents will participate in a self-scheduling process that will be conducted from October 1st through October 3rd. 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 14th and 15th that works for both parties.

Conference Sign Up

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 1st through the 3rd 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.

Cancellation of Conference

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 and email the teacher(s) directly.

Prairie State Achievement Examination – (PSAE)

Each year our Junior students participate in the Prairie State Achievement Examination which consists of the ACT (Day 1) and Work Keys (Day 2). As an incentive to do their best on the 07-08 PSAE, Wheaton North offered participating 07-08 junior students an opportunity to earn a 08-09 1st Semester Final Exam Voucher/Vouchers if they "met" or "exceeded" state standards in Reading and/or Math. The voucher/vouchers can be used for any final exam for this 1st semester. The following information explains how students can obtain their 1st Semester Final Exam Voucher/Vouchers.

1st Semester Final Exam Voucher Process:

- **All** Students will pick up their PSAE Score Sheet and accompanying voucher/vouchers (if they met/exceeded in Reading and/or Math) in the Commons area during lunches on December 1st and 2nd.
- Students will submit vouchers to teachers from December 1st through December 12th.
- Students will submit the voucher to the teacher after the student and their parent have signed it. The teacher signs it—gives it back to the student as soon as possible
- The student submits it to the counselor and the counselor signs it and enters the name into a list that can be accessed through the U drive.
- Teachers should keep track of who is using the vouchers for each of their classes.
- The master voucher list can be accessed through the U drive.
- The deadline for students to submit the completed voucher to their counselor is Tuesday, December 16th at 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Biscan at 630-784-7302.

From the Desk of Jim Venckus, Assistant Principal for Student Services

Welcome back! We hope that everyone is off to a great start. We have informed the students about the following items but ask that you please reiterate them to your student. Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great year!

Attendance

Please call the Deans' / Attendance Office at (630) 784-7334 by 6 p.m. the day of your student's absence. If a call is not received by then, the absence will be considered unexcused. Also, please remind your student to pick up his or her pass in the Deans' / Attendance Office before leaving for an appointment.

Cell Phones & Electronic Music Devices

Please remind your student that cell phones and electronic music devices (IPOD's, MP3's, etc.) are to be powered off (not on silent or vibrate) and out of sight during the school hours of 7:20-2:15. These devices may be confiscated and in some cases returned only to a parent. A phone for student use is available in the Deans' Office.

Theft

We strongly recommend that students not bring personal valuables and large amounts of money to school. Unfortunately, we have our share of thefts and are not responsible for these items getting stolen or lost. Please remind your student to always keep his or her valuables and money on him or her or in a locked locker. Thefts should be reported to the Deans' Office and the teacher, coach, or activity sponsor who is in charge.

After School

Students must be directly supervised by a teacher, coach, or activity sponsor after school. Students who are waiting for rides must wait outside the building. The Library and Learning Center (LLC) is open until 3:30; however, students are required to get a pass from one of their teachers in order to use it.

College Counseling Night for the Special Education Student

What Does That Mean?

Date: Monday, October 20

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: WWS Auditorium

Target Audience: Parents of students in grades 9-12 receiving Special Education or 504 services are invited to attend.

***Please Note- This evening is separate from Financial Aid and Junior Parent Nights being held in November.**

Navigating the college admissions process is complicated enough; when you add Special Education to the equation it can be even more challenging. Stephanie Gordon, LD Specialist and Marybeth Kravets, longtime Deerfield High School College Counselor and co-author of the *K + W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities*, will be our guest speakers addressing such topics:

- Documentation/Disclosure
- Continuum of support
- Descriptions of programs/colleges/alternative options
- How much support do you need?
- Differences between high school and college- IDEA/504/FERPA
- Role of high school counselor/student/parents
- Strategies for success

Any questions please contact Wendy Biggs (630) 784-7307

From the Nurses

The Wheaton North Nurses will be screening vision and hearing this fall for all special education students and students new to Wheaton North without record of previous screening. If you are concerned about your student's vision or hearing and they are not scheduled to be screened, please call or email us (stheisen@CUSD200.org).

The state of Illinois offers the All Kids healthcare program for students with insufficient healthcare insurance. If you would like more information please look on the ALL Kids website (www.allkids.com) or call the DuPage County Health Department at (630) 682-7979.

School attendance is vitally important to your student's academic success and maintaining good health is always the goal but when these measures don't work...

Is your child too sick to go to school – or not? With the cold weather and flu season approaching, parents will be called upon to make this decision more frequently.

Viral illnesses (such as colds and flu*) love to spread from the infected person to others early in the illness through sneezing, coughing, and nasal drainage. If your child seems to be brewing an illness that is more than the usual cold, the extra rest your child will receive by being kept home at this time would be most beneficial.

As you make your decision on whether or not your child is too sick to attend school, please use the simple guidelines listed below to help protect the health of your child and help control the spread of contagious illnesses in our classrooms.

*The flu shot is especially recommended for children 6-23 months, children/adults with chronic health conditions (including asthma), pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age.

When Your Child Should Stay Home

1. Bad Coughs/Cold Symptoms which interfere with your child's ability to keep up with school activities, a constant runny nose or continual coughing.

2. A skin rash or red eye from an undetermined cause. Your child may return to school with a doctor's note stating your student is cleared to attend school.

3. Any illness that is accompanied by decreased energy and an inability to sustain usual daily activity level.

4. Diarrhea or Vomiting until illness is over and your child is symptom free for at least 24 hours – without use of medicine.

5. Fever of 100° or > by mouth (fever of 99° or > under the arm) Your child should be fever-free without use of medicine before returning to school.

6. Severe, persistent pain, including injury.

7. If antibiotics are prescribed for a contagious illness, they must be given for 24° before the students may return to school.

Lastly, please help us control the spread of illness by reminding your child to use tissues as needed and to wash their hands frequently. Thank you for your help in this matter!



Parent University 2008

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hubble Middle School
603 S. Main Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

The Social Workers of District 200 present their annual Parent University for the 2008-2009 school year. Registration for the morning will be \$15.00. Workshop information and instructions for the registration process are included.

Questions can be directed to social workers, Donna Kozica at 682-2165 or Gary Luckey at 784-7208.

Agenda

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| 8:00-8:45 | Check-in/Continental Breakfast |
| 8:45-9:00 | Welcome |
| 9:00-10:00 | Keynote Presentation |
| 10:10-11:10 | First Session Workshops |
| 11:20-12:20 | Second Session Workshops |

Keynote Presentation

“I Love You and the Answer is No!”

Char Wenc, award winning speaker and author of two internationally recognized books - Parenting - Are We Having Fun Yet and Cooperation: Learning Through Laughter, will combine practical strategies with a high-energy “You Can Do It” approach in her keynote presentation. The Chicago Tribune calls Char, “a speaking dynamo who packs a powerful punch on the topic of parenting.” This session will rid parents of the guilt when saying no and provide the parenting skills to set the limits that our children need to strive!

Session One: 10:10-11:10 a.m.

- ❑ **Raising a Respectful Child in a Very Rude World:** As parents we have a challenge to guide our children to be respectful in this individualistic and sometimes very rude world. This session will provide parents with skills to develop in your child the power of consideration and respect. *Char Wenc*
- ❑ **Stress and Achievement: How Much Is Enough? :** How do we know when we are pushing our young people too far or they are pushing themselves too hard? This workshop will explore that topic and give guidelines for healthy management of achievement. *Dr. Michael Maniacci*
- ❑ **Dealing with Children’s Misbehavior:** Come learn about the common childhood misbehaviors and effective ways of dealing with them. *Dr. Laurie Sackett-Maniacci*

Session Two: 11:20-12:20 p.m.

- ❑ **Yours Mine and Ours: The Nontraditional Family:** This workshop will examine ways in which blended and single parent families can thrive in an ever changing world. *Dr. Michael Maniacci*
- ❑ **Raising Responsible and Self-Sufficient Adolescents:** Practical ideas and tools for teaching adolescents to take responsibility for themselves will be offered in this session. *Kristin Powell*
- ❑ **Children’s Emotional Needs:** Effective handling of a child’s emotional needs can go a long way in strengthening self-esteem and social skills. Explore these needs and how parents can best respond. *Dr. Laurie Sackett-Maniacci*

Please fill out the registration form and return to Sue Taddeucci, WNHS, One Falcon Way, Wheaton, IL 60187

APPOINTMENT REQUEST SHEET

Parent/Teacher Conferences 2008
 Tues., Oct. 14th and Wed., Oct. 15th
 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Parent/Teacher Conference Procedures: Please indicate below the teacher(s) you would like to meet with and the date and time preferred. **Your student must take this request sheet to each teacher(s) you have indicated between October 1st through October 3rd.** Teachers have set up their dates and times when they will be available for conferences and will do their best to accommodate your request. The teacher(s) will indicate the date and time they can meet with you and return this sheet to your student. If there is a conflict with the date or time, please contact the teacher(s) at 784-7300 or via e-mail at www.wnhs.org

Student Name: _____

Parent Name & Phone: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT

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