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To: Dr. Tammy Davis, Superintendent
From: Dr. Ronna Cadarette, Principal
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Re: WRHS Administrator's Report

Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Development and Assessment

- NEASC (New England Association of School and Colleges) status is a focus of our professional work at the high school through our SITs. We are addressing highlighted recommendations from February 2011.
- The Curriculum SIT is working on Block Scheduling. (See attached)
- Faculty and administration participated in the curriculum audit.
- We have added iSucceed Math to enhance differentiation programs for students of all levels.
- NECAP testing has been taking place October 5, 6, and 7, with make ups as needed for students in their third year of high school and any students in their fourth year who may not have taken it yet. We held preparatory meetings on September 22 and 29 for all participants during extended mentoring periods. Mentor teachers shared scores from 8th grade NECAPs with all juniors and set goals with students for improvement this fall. Students received practice exams and materials to be reviewed with teachers.
- PSAT tests for all juniors were on October 13, and underclassmen were given the option to participate.
- I attended the Best Practices Conference on September 23.

Parent and Community

- State Scholars will meet with business partners this month on October 21, at 8:30AM at WRHS.
- I attended the Principal's Meeting for NHIAA September 20.
- The faculty and staff sponsored a community service day on October 8, in conjunction with Rotary through Pat Clark and myself, Riverfront Park through Peter Fogg, and the Sanbornton Community Garden through Janet Rosequist. The leadership team voted to dedicate this day in honor of Ellen Berry and Dave Tryon in the spirit of all that they believed in and represented to the community. This included a fundraiser at Pizzeria Uno's with proceeds to benefit the Rotary Scholarship fund. This was covered by the Winnisquam Echo and Concord Monitor. Many thanks to members of the SAU staff who joined our efforts. (See attached press release and *Concord Monitor* photo)
- The Open House on September 29, was most successful with attendance estimated to be double of that from last year. Parents were very positive and look forward continuing the connection with teachers through frequent communication and updated on-line grades. College Information Night for Parents and Seniors was also held at 7:00PM.
- The social studies department invited Andrew Hosmer in to speak to Honors classes about Constitutional law and campaigning for public office. They are also hosting several Plymouth State University students for observation.

Student Activities

- Homecoming Weekend was October 1 and 2. The traditional bonfire will be rescheduled due to weather challenges, as well as soccer and field hockey events. There was a Pep Rally Friday during part of 6th and 7th periods to culminate Spirit Week. This was planned to minimize interference with instructional time while promoting school spirit. Spirit Activities were held after school each day for approximately one hour for all interested students. Raffle tickets were sold by King and Queen nominees who demonstrated school PRIDE all week. Rachel Stewart was Queen and Rob Zollo was King; prizes were drawn at the dance, and Chris Hampe won the coveted iTouch Pad. The dance was held Saturday night from 7-10PM. Kudos to Student

Council for their organization and enthusiasm, under the leadership of President, Stephanie D'Abbraccio, and new advisors Josh Keaton and Jamie Reetz.

- Janet Rosequist and Jennifer Gornnert will be going to Indianapolis, IN October 19-24, 2010 to attend the 83rd annual FFA National Convention. Ten students will be representing both Winnisquam FFA and the State of New Hampshire to include: Parliamentary Procedure Team – Nick VanderWoude, Ben Davis, Chris Mayer, Emily VanDooren, Michelle Stover, Anakin Graton; Food Science Team – Mike Arvidson, Ethan Shae, Nathan Gilmore, Ashley Girard; Extemporaneous Public Speaking – Seth Tilton-Fogg
- I continue to attend Rotary weekly meetings to include students. Students attended meetings this month to include speakers on health care, graphic design, hybrid wolves, and the Franklin Dam to include: Sarah Manning, Ben Doubleday, David Chapman, John Swanscott, Savannah Palizini, Stephanie D'Abbraccio, Seneca Lawrence, Ali Atherton, Daley Buckwell, Curtis Archibald, and Mary Beck.
- On November 2, students will be able to vote in the mock election for Governor, US Senate and US House of Representatives. Results will be tallied and included with Channel 11 in Durham for the state-wide mock election totals, by Josh Blanchard.
- The Participation Eligibility Committee held its second meeting and is in the process of collecting data to prepare for the December recommendation.
- Marcia Dionne and Janet Rosequist are working to create our own chapter of Interact in conjunction with Tilton-Northfield Rotary through Barbara Wirth.
- Seniors who so choose will be attending a College Fair field trip to the University of New Hampshire on October 24 where over 200 colleges and universities will be represented.

Recognition

- I attended the Gold Circle Awards on September 27, with several business partners at the Radisson in Manchester. It is an honor to collaborate with such quality community members. (See attached)
- The Golden Apple recognition will be continued, in conjunction with traditional staff meetings.
- The high school was recognized for being one of thirty-two school districts actively participating in the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative. (See attached)
- I have nominated Denise Lessard for the VFW Citizenship Teacher of the Year.
- I nominated Greta DeVolder for the United States Senate Youth Program.
- Students of the month are: Bree Campbell and Rory Stephens.
- Peter Fogg and Kathy Beliveau were recognized as outstanding math teachers by Celeste Craig. She shared that it was suggested her son skip Algebra II and go straight to Pre-Calculus at the Tilton School. She credited these two individuals' passion and teaching skills!
- Colleen Mulligan and Donna Dubey served on visiting committees for NEASC, to support our efforts to continually seek strategies for excellence in education for our students. Their experiences will enhance our practice.
- The National Merit Scholarship Corporation commended Brent Sandstrom and Ian Sleeper in the 2011 Merit Scholarship Program. (See attached)

Attachments

Drop-out Data

Behavior Report

Block Schedule Update

Highlights