

April 2008 Parent Newsletter

New Teacher Hires

Jenny Pinkall is being recommended for the science/P.E. position, Ben Hanika is being recommended for the instrumental band position, and Kristen Johnson is being recommended for the Spanish I-II position.

Students of the Month

The following students were selected as our April students of the month based on academics, school involvement, and character: Layne Rogers, Riley Miller, Connor Majerus, Jordan Seaman, Blake Vajgrt, Jaime Gabel, Dalton Wignall, Dani Albrecht, and Tanner Smith. Instead of waiting until the end of the year to pick our last group of students, I have chosen to determine the May recipients as well. Those students are Audrey Barker, Alex Scheiber, Shelby Yelden, Sam Dierberger, Kinzi Roth, Josh Moravec, Jessica Telecky, and Jared Hans.

More Course Offerings

Approximately 15 to 20 new classes will be offered next year at the high school. I am excited about the additional opportunities for students. Please see the course description book for further details.

Registration

The counselors and I have met with each grade level, including the 8th graders from Our Redeemer, St. John's, and Seward Middle School. We also met with the parents of next year's freshmen and explained the process. We plan to have students enter their requests starting with the current juniors on Tuesday, April 15.

Student Assembly

On Thursday, April 17, a group called the 180 tour, featuring Casting Pearls, will present a student assembly regarding character, making good choices, and respect for others. They will also hold a concert that evening as a fundraiser for Brittini Shaw. To find out more information, check out their website: www.180tour.com.

MTV

Representatives from the TV show MADE will be here on Wednesday, April 23. The show is about making dreams come true and with hard work any goal is attainable. Students must get parental approval to meet with the MTV spokesmen that day during lunch. For more details, check out their website: www.mtv.com/ontv/dyn/made/series.jhtml.

Prom – Passport To Paris

Seward County CASA is sponsoring a meal and entertainment the night of prom – Saturday, April 26. The cost is \$25 and will be hosted at the Civic Center. Tickets can be purchased during school lunch from members of CASA.

Injury Prevention

The Nebraska Optometric Association urges even casual athletes to keep street eyewear off the playing field and wearing proper protective eyewear instead. Conventional frames and lenses do not meet the minimum requirements for impact resistance in most sports, which can turn a small collision into a sight-threatening injury. Each year an estimated 13,500 cases result in permanent vision loss.

Dress Code

As warm weather approaches, I want to emphasize the importance of dressing appropriate for school. Midriff shirts and clothing that shows undergarments or is too revealing are not acceptable attire.

Organized Absences

At this time of year, I think it is important to remind you of the student handbook policy in terms of absences. The handbook states that “sneak days” are not sanctioned by the school. This type of absence is considered truancy and will be treated as such.

Professionally,

Chad Denker

Important April / May Dates

FFA Banquet – Thu Apr 24 @ 6:30pm
No School – Fri Apr 25
Prom – Sat Apr 26
No School – Mon Apr 28
9th Grade Orientation – Mon Apr 28 @ 2pm
NHS Induction – Tue Apr 29 @ 7pm
“Unofficial” Conference Quiz Bowl – Wed Apr 30
Band Banquet – Thu May 1 @ 6:30pm
Honors Night – Tue May 6 @ 7pm
Booster Club Banquet – Fri May 9 @ 6pm
Seniors’ Last Day – Wed May 14 (Graduation Rehearsal @ 2pm)
Graduation – Sun May 18 @ 2pm
Students’ Last Day – Wed May 21

Good Luck To Our District Music Participants!

Good Luck To Our Athletes In Spring Sports!

Go Bluejays!

