

Principal's Message

Important Dates

- 1/11** 8th and 10th Grade
Parent Info Night
8th grade parents-6:30-7:30
10th grade parents 7:45-8:45
- 1/14** 9th Grade Parent Info
Night 6:30 -7:30
- 1/15** Snow date for Info
Nights
- 1/18** Civil Rights Day-no
school
- 1/19-1/22** Midterm Exams
- 3/10 & 3/11** Parent Teacher
Conferences

Happy New Year from Windham High School!

I hope that each of you had an enjoyable holiday and the opportunity to spend time together as a family. This quiet time during the holidays can often be the most enjoyable aspect of any winter break.

December, 2009 was a very busy month for students and staff at Windham High School. Students and teachers worked hard to complete their lessons prior to the winter break. In the humanities department students participated in a poetry performance activity in our auditorium that developed deeper understandings of the written and spoken word. Students selected a poem and delivered their renditions to an audience of their peers.

Our music department spread much joy during the month of December. Windham High School proudly hosted Windham senior citizens at our school, including residents of several assisted-living communities. Our guests were treated to a wonderful instrumental and vocal performance and a light brunch served by our SMILES organization. It was difficult to tell which generation enjoyed the event more-our youthful performers or their more senior guests. After the performance, a number of our guests approached me to tell me how much they enjoyed the performance and how much they appreciated being invited to our school for such an event. The expressions of gratitude went far beyond politeness. Our guests were delighted with our school, our students, the performance, and the invitation to join us. The students experienced how a normal event in their day generated pleasure in the lives of other citizens.

As the students helped our guests back to their cars or vans, they took great care to be sure that each guest was properly assisted.

As I watched this inter-generational interaction, I was sure that the students had learned much more than how to make music that morning. Plans are already underway to make such events a regular occurrence at Windham High School.

Within this Newsletter you will find an exam schedule for our mid-term exams. Exams are scheduled for January 19-22, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The exam period will feature a thirty-minute break between the first and second exam each day. During this break, students may purchase breakfast and other foods, remain behind with a teacher to finish an exam if needed, briefly consult with a teacher, review for upcoming exams, or simply relax for a short time prior to the second exam. All students will be dismissed each day at 11:30 a.m. Buses will be available for pick-up at that time, but not at other times. Our teachers will be working their normal days and are available for tutoring or make-ups. Students must make these arrangements with their teachers, if needed.

Also enclosed in this Newsletter is a calendar of dates from Dean of Students Kellie Steward regarding course registration for the upcoming school year. It may seem hard to believe, but already we are beginning the process of course registration for the next year. Counselors will first review the process with students in grades eight, nine, and ten during the school day. We will then host evening meetings for parents to learn more about the process and the 2010-2011 academic year at Windham High School. We have many new and exciting course offerings for students, including Advanced Placement courses and classes at the Career and Technical Center at Salem High School. Students will receive a hard copy of the 2010-2011 Windham High School Program of Studies that will explain in detail the course registration process.



The S.M.I.L.E.S. Group traveled to Cor Unum, a meal distribution center in Lawrence, MA on December 30th to help out during the Holiday Season.

The Program of Studies will also be available on our webpage. Students are urged to carefully consider their class selections for the next school year.

Thank you to the Windham Endowment! Our school will soon have a new acoustical shell. At the School Board meeting on December 22, 2009, Diane Carpenter of the Windham Endowment presented a gift from the Endowment for approximately \$18,000, which will be used to purchase the eight panels of the shell. According to our Dean of Fine Arts, Karen Sayward, "The acoustical shell will indeed benefit our performers on stage with a more enclosed sound, which will then project out to our auditorium, greatly enhancing the overall experience for both performers and the audience. Our student musicians in particular will play

with more confidence from the sheer fact of being able to hear one another, as a result of the sound being harmonized appropriately. The increased dynamic level of sound will create a rich, warm listening environment for all."

This gift, made possible by the generosity of individuals and groups throughout the town, follows the donation of instruments, including a baby grand piano, a bassoon, and symphonic chimes. In addition to seeking funds for Fine Arts, the Endowment is also raising money both for Alternative Energy in collaboration with WIRE, and for the Sciences. We are very fortunate to have the Windham Endowment support our quest for excellence. If you would like to learn more or would like to help, please visit their informative website at www.windhamendowment.org.

Finally, we are making plans to host our first international visitors to Windham High School and New Hampshire. During April, fourteen British high school students from the Piggott School will be hosted by Windham High School. We hope that this is just the start of exchanges and opportunities that enable our students to realize one portion of our mission statement that students will be "purposeful citizens of Windham and the world."

May 2010 be the best year ever!

Rich Manley, Principal

News from Guidance-

Registration for Courses for the 2010-2011 School Year

Believe it or not it is already that time again. Course registration for the next school year will be taking place over the next two weeks. The high school counselors will be meeting with all students to present and distribute the Program of Studies and go over the registration process.

Below are some important dates for your calendar. We will be holding separate parent meetings for each of the grade levels and we encourage you to attend and bring your child's copy of the Program of Studies, which he or she will receive this week. If you have more specific questions pertaining to your child directly, we would be happy to set up a meeting with you at your earliest convenience. Please call the guidance office at 537-2402.

- Thursday 1/7/2010 – High School Counselors will be presenting the Program of Studies to all 8th graders at Windham Middle School.
- Friday 1/8/2010 – Counselors will be presenting the Program of Studies to all 9th and 10th graders during their Humanities courses.

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- Monday 1/11/2010 - Meeting for parents of current 8th graders and current 10th graders to review the Program of Studies: 6:30pm - 7:30pm for 8th grade parents and 7:45pm - 8:45pm for 10th grade parents in the High School Auditorium (Snow day 1/15).
- Thursday 1/14/2010 - Meeting for parents of current 9th graders to review the Program Studies: 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the High School Cafeteria (Snow day 1/15).
- Thursday 1/14/2010* - Registration for all 8th grade students.
- Thursday 1/14/2010* and Friday 1/15/2010* - Registration for all 9th and 10th grade students.
- Friday 1/15/2010 - Snow day makeup meetings: 6:30pm-7:30pm - watch for AlertNow information if necessary.

Your son/daughter will be bringing home their course registration sheet for you to review. Please look over their choices, sign the bottom of the sheet and have them return the sheet the following school day to their advisors.

**In the case of snow days affecting parent meetings, these dates may be changed.*

END OF SEMESTER 1

Quarter 2 grades close on January 22, 2010, which also marks the end of the first semester at Windham High School. Report cards will be issued on Monday February 1st.

Students will receive a copy of their second semester schedules in Advisory on Friday, January 15th. All second semester courses will begin on Monday, January 25th.

CAREER DAY FAIR

We are currently working on plans for a career day fair to be held March 18th. Students will be provided the opportunity to hear from local business owners and other community members as well as gain information about many different career options. More detail to follow.

ACE MENTORING PROGRAM

Windham High School will be the location for the first ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Mentoring Program in the State of NH. Students who choose to join this program work under the guidance of mentors from firms representing owners, architects, construction managers and engineers (civil and mechanical). The group meets approximately 15 times during the school year in an after-school program. Initial meetings involve visits to the offices of the involved firms where the scopes of their activities are discussed and a tour of the facilities conducted. Each group then selects a design project that may require site acquisition, as well as the drawing of the plans, the building of models, and other related activities. Students go through the entire design process with the tasks they perform for their "clients" modeled on the real-life activities of their mentoring firms. Among the skills they learn are drawing to scale and estimating the cost of a job, skills that their mentors utilize in performing their daily professional duties.

At the end of the school year, there is a major culminating event at which the groups present their projects, much as actual design teams would present to their clients.

There will be an introductory meeting the second week in February to explain the program and process in greater detail. We already have some exciting site visits scheduled including Lavallee/Bresigner, The Common Man Restaurant, and behind the scenes tours at Canobie Lake Park and Fisher Cats Stadium. We will start our own project in the fall.

If this sounds like you then come sign up to be a part of this groundbreaking program. See Mrs. Steward in the guidance office for any questions and/or to sign up.

--Kellie Steward, Dean of Students

Academically Speaking...

Math and Science News

New math and science course offerings have been defined and approved for the 2010-11 school year. The following is a list of the new courses that will be available based on class enrollment:

Math

AP Calculus
Pre-Calculus
Finite
Applied Algebra II
Integrated Math II

Science

Honors Physics
Physics
Anatomy and Physiology
AP Biology
Meteorology
Forensics
Ecology
Marine Biology

Following midterm exams, we will review new course content, student options, and teacher recommendations for the 2010/11 school year.

Honors Biology students refined their knowledge of the inner workings of cells this month. Art, technology, public speaking, music, cinematography, and technical writing all blended to produce original and unique projects that highlighted students' understandings. Projects included 3-D models, original songs and performances, videos, scrapbooks, games and even edible cells. Projects will be on display in the school as well as in cyberspace for all to enjoy.

We had a perfect score on the third New England Math League Contest! Congratulations to Dan R., while Matt C. and Brian S. tied for second. The next contest is Tuesday, January 12th. Thanks to all students who continue to participate for Windham! We are very proud of your effort and accomplishments!

-- Mary Anderson, Dean of Mathematics and Science

Greetings from the Fine Arts Department

Happy New Year from the Visual Arts Program!

The Art Department offers thanks to volunteer visiting artists Christine Mawby and Keith Thorpe, who have been with us for the last few months. Christine visited our pottery class and assisted students with their wheel throwing techniques. She also generously donated several gallons of glaze that the students have enjoyed using. Keith visited the Graphic Arts class in December and taught students how to compose a great photograph. Visiting artists bring a new dimension to the lessons and the results are reflected in students' work. The students and I are grateful for Christine and Keith's time and expertise.

Classes are in full swing and are producing everything from tea sets, architectural drawings to scale, and posters for school events. They are creating a photo gallery that will hopefully be on display for years to come. Throughout the year rotating displays are featured. Please stop in and enjoy the excellent work that Windham students have created.

--Hannah Cole

FACS Update

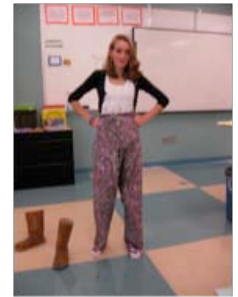
As the FACS department heads into January we begin to wrap up our units and prepare for midterm exams.

Foods and Nutrition students will be finishing with their last lab of pizza. This lab is always a favorite with the students. For their finals they will be putting together a digital cookbook, which we have been working on all semester. The students will also and create their own cooking shows in groups.



Foods and Nutrition 2 students will end by turning the heat up in the kitchen. Students will be competing in a pie competition, which will help prepare them for their midterm, which will be the Iron Chef of Windham High. It will be interesting to see what they will be able to create. Their December gingerbread houses were beautiful to look at and smelled oh, so sweet!

Fashion and Textiles students are finishing their PJ bottoms and are also beginning to prepare for midterms. They will need to bring in 3 yards of fabric for Monday, January 11th. On part 1 of their midterm they will have one week to complete a sewing project. Part 2 will incorporate all that they have learned during the semester.



Parenting and Child Development students will be complete the section on preschoolers. At this point the students will become the teachers by using PowerPoint presentations and handouts on topics they feel are important during this stage. The final will be project-based and incorporate the "big picture" topics of the semester.

If you are looking for a recipe to warm you up on those cold January nights, I would like to share with you an easy chili recipe. Don't forget to serve with a big piece of corn bread and a nice salad!

EASY ONE-POT CHILI

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 small can tomato juice (NOT V-8)
- 1 large can diced tomatoes
- 3 cans dark red kidney beans
- Chili powder
- Salt and pepper

Brown ground beef with salt and pepper and chopped onion; drain. Add tomato juice, tomatoes (go ahead and throw in the juice from these cans, too) and beans, with liquid. Bring to simmer, add chili powder until it turns a rich, reddish-brown color. Allow to simmer for a while longer, then taste. If it doesn't have enough kick for you, add more chili powder (or use add a few splashes of habanero sauce). If all you can taste is the tomatoes, add a little more salt, or a few pinches of table sugar. At this point you tailor it to your taste buds!

--Kay Shoubash

Theatre Arts

On December 18 & 19th, WHS presented its first theatrical production, the 1930s Kaufman & Hart comedy "You Can't Take It With You" to enthusiastic audiences. The 35 actors and tech students gave outstanding performances enjoyed by all. Next up on the WHS stage will be the Rogers and Barer musical "Once Upon a Mattress" with performances on March 5-6 & 12-13. Reserved seat tickets will be available on-line starting in late February.

--George Kendall



Scenes from "You Can't Take It With You"

Greetings from the Music Department!

December was an extremely busy time for the Music Department as the choir and band ensembles had their share of successful holiday performances, beginning with the Winter Holidays Concert. The choir kept the holiday spirit alive as they caroled at the Village Bean and through the hallways during Advisory. There were also two additional performances for the senior citizens of Windham Terrace, and other area facilities. The Salem High School Honors Choir and its director, Ellen Bosch, were able to join us for these, and our sophomore students visited with former peers while fondly reminiscing about their time at Salem High. A big thank you to WMAA, S.M.I.L.E.S., fellow faculty members and parents for their help this season.

The choirs will be working on some new repertoire in preparation for the Large Group Festival Competition on Saturday, March 27th, at Bow High School. Many of our students are also starting rehearsals for our upcoming musical production, *Once Upon A Mattress*. More details to follow!

Windham High School is very grateful to the Windham Endowment, for the generous donation of an eight panel acoustical shell as part of the WHS Capital Campaign Fund for Fine Arts. We are excited that this will be part of our auditorium facility. The Endowment has also gifted a piano, bassoon, and chimes for our music program.

The WHS Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble are already gearing up for their next big event. With two performances behind us, the students are excited to prepare for another fantastic concert. This semester, students are beginning to tackle some difficult literature ranging from widely recognized wind ensemble literature and jazz charts to some contemporary and familiar tunes. With the vast amount of talent and enthusiasm the students at Windham High School have, we are confident that our next performance is going to be one of our very best!



--Karen Sayward, Dean of Fine Arts and Jared Cassedy

TechKnowledge – Virtual Learning!

Windham High School Personal Finance students have been getting a weekly dose of virtual reality... and loving it! A major element of this year's Personal Finance program is an exciting software simulation created by Massachusetts based Knowledge Matters, Inc. The program is an interactive simulation that lets students learn and practice all the key financial skills they'll need to succeed in life such as online banking, credit and debit cards, bill paying, time management, continuing education, credit ratings, taxes, buying a car, insurance, and investing. The software creates a "game like" atmosphere which energizes students for learning many financial skills that are often conceptually difficult to grasp. For instance, if you bounce a check ... there is an overdraft fee. If you don't pay an electric bill ... your lights are shut off. If you earn a Master's degree ... you get a raise!

Our Business Management classes are also using a similar program designed for an introduction to business, entrepreneurship, management, and supervision. As entrepreneurs starting their own business, students find a location for their operations, choose a form of ownership, hire and supervise employees, find and keep customers, and use insurance to manage risk. The program even requires students to read resumes critically and choose the best applicants for various positions. Once each business is staffed and functioning, the simulation creates a myriad of management challenges and headaches such as labor shortages, strikes, problem employees, and industrial accidents. Unlike the real world however, when life becomes too stressful, relief is simply a mouse click away!

That's OK though; the real world will come soon enough.

--Paul Bencal, Head of Technology



Finance students search for the best "virtual" opportunities

Happy New Year from the Division of Humanities!

All students are participating in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Several classes have already held their competitions and winners have been selected. As of January 4th, the following students will be participating in the school wide competition:

Danielle F.	Jeff T.
Christine C.	Daniel F.
Rebecca C.	Chelby S.
Brian S.	Lauren I.
Chris M.	Ashley A.

A few classes are holding their competitions this week, so the list of winners will grow. The school wide competition is set for January 26th at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend this inaugural event.

--Lisa K. Roeder, Dean of Humanities

MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE

	Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday, January 20	Thursday, January 21	Friday, January 22
7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	1A	2A	3A	4A
9:15 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	1B	2B	3B	4B
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up	Make-up

Exam Notes:

- If you are ill and unable to come to school, your parent must call on the day of the exam.
- All examinations and projects count as 10% of your semester average.
- If you have two exams on a given exam day, you are not permitted to leave school in between your exams.
- No student may be in the halls once an examination begins; nor are you permitted to leave the test session before the end of the examination.
- You must arrive promptly for your exam. Failure to arrive on time for the exam may result in a scheduled make-up examination.
- Make-ups should be arranged with your teacher during the make-up time.
- The cafeteria will be open before the first exam and in between the exams for students to purchase food.
- All rules of conduct are applicable during the examination process.
- Morning bus pick up will be at regular times. Buses home will leave the high school at 11:30 a.m. If you need to schedule a make-up exam, be sure you arrange transportation home.

Athletics News

Happy New Year! The New Year is here and our athletes have picked up where they left off. After a very successful start to the season, the Boys' and Girls' Basketball programs, Wrestling, Swimming, Skiing, Indoor Track, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading teams are all competing at very high levels and continue to impress those around the state. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on their continued success and displays of sportsmanship thus far in their seasons.

The Fitness Club is also up and running and for those that are in season and want to get an added workout in or for students looking to improve their strength, flexibility or cardiovascular fitness. Stop in to find out more. Mr. Clark has the Fitness Room open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.

As we are nearing the end of Quarter 2, I think this a good time to remind all student-athletes about our eligibility requirements. As per the NHIAA policy, you must be passing a minimum of four units of work to maintain your eligibility, must have a physical on file, meet with the athletic trainer for your Impact testing and have all paperwork in. This goes for not only those students currently participating in winter athletic teams, but those expecting to tryout for our spring teams as well.

Speaking of spring teams, the official first day of tryouts for Softball, Baseball, Track & Field, Boys' and Girls' Tennis, and Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse is March 22nd. As we get closer, the coaches for each sport will have team information meetings and registrations will be on windhamjaguars.org.

As always, updated information for schedules, directions and tryouts can be found at highschoolsports.net.

--Bill Raycraft, Athletic Administrator

After School Learning Center

Beginning Monday, January 11 the After School Learning Center will be available for students who wish to avail themselves of tutoring services provided by their peers as well as National Honor Society students from Salem High School. The ASLC will be available from 2:35 - 4:05, Monday through Thursday. Ms. Partridge and Ms. Smith will supervise the center. Students who wish to utilize the space for homework completion and quiet study are also encouraged to attend.

Health Office Reminder to Parents:

Second reminders were sent out to parents of students who are still missing immunizations which are required in order to attend school in the state of NH. NH state law provides that students who are non-compliant will be "conditionally enrolled or excluded from school." If you have not sent in documentation, please contact Donna Chartrand, R.N. at 537-2405 immediately to update her on your child's status.