

newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The long winter is almost over and spring is on the way. On April 9, 2010, we will be hosting our Freshman Class of 2014 and their parents. Students will be at WY choosing their class schedules for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Each year the number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of slots available. For instance, we had 9,000 applications for 350 seats in the class of 2014. We are confident that the new freshman class will step in and continue the tradition of academic excellence at WY.

We continue to excel at academic competitions and our sports teams

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are doing well at city and state competitions. To mention a few accomplishments: The Academic Decathlon Team won the City title 26 out of the last 27 years. Our girls basketball team took 2nd in the IHSA 4A Division. At one point in the year, both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams were ranked in the top 10 in the country. The Chess team, Boys Golf team, Girls Basketball team, Boys Swim team, Girls Cross Country team, Girls Tennis team, and the Boys Soccer team have all won City Championships. Our Debate Team was ranked number one in the nation last semester.

Spring break is coming! The end of the school year activities will be in full swing from March through June. Seniors, stay focused. Reminder: Senior graduation is Friday, June 11, 2010. Keep this issue of the Newsletter handy for reference because it contains many important dates. Go Dolphins!!

Sincerely,
Joyce D. Kenner, Ed. D.
Principal

Calendar of Events

- April 9, 2010**
END OF QUARTER
No School for Students
- April 22, 2010**
REPORT CARD PICKUP
No School for Students
- April 28-29, 2010**
PRAIRIE STATE EXAM
Juniors Only—Special Schedule
- April 29, 2010**
SENIOR LUNCHEON
- April 30, 2010**
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- May 3-14, 2010**
ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS
- May 13, 2010**
STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
Special Schedule
- May 25, 2010**
TASTE OF WHITNEY YOUNG
- May 28, 2010**
STAFF MEETING BELL SCHEDULE
Early dismissal for Students
- May 31, 2010**
MEMORIAL DAY
School Holiday
- June 2 & 3, 2010**
FINAL EXAMS - Grade 12
June 2 even periods / June 3 odd periods
- June 4, 2010**
SENIOR PROM
- June 8 & 9, 2010**
FINAL EXAMS - GRADES 7 & 8
- June 8, 9, & 10, 2010**
FINAL EXAMS—GRADES 9, 10, & 11
Special Schedule
- June 10, 2010**
EIGHTH GRADE LUNCHEON
- June 11, 2010**
SENIOR GRADUATION
- June 14, 15 & 16, 2010**
STAFF MEETING BELL SCHEDULE
- June 15, 2010**
EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION
- June 17, 2010**
TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY
No School for Students
- June 18, 2010**
GRADE PICKUP BY STUDENTS
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
- August 24, 25, & 26, 2010**
FALL REGISTRATION

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Local School Council 2010 Meeting Schedule

All Local School Council meetings take place in the library at 5:00 p.m. usually, but not always on the third Wednesday of the month.

- Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Wednesday, June 10, 2010

Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon team is the City Champion scoring a huge 48,468 points which is in the top group of all scores in the Nation during this round of competitions. Congratulations. State competition is March 19th and 20th!

Go Dolphins!!!

Girls 4A Basketball

After delivering a stunning defeat to Fenwick in the Girls 4A semi-finals, thus securing a berth in the State Championship game, our Lady Dolphins were bested by Bolingbrook in the finals. We came away this season #2 in the State of Illinois - awesome!

Congratulations to the entire team and to Coaches Corry Irvin and Valerie Spann.

Parent Teacher Student Organization 2010 Meeting Schedule

The Parent Teacher Student Organization meets in the library at 6:00 p.m. usually, but not always on the second Thursday of the month.

- Thursday, April 22, 2010*
Thursday, May 13, 2010

* Report card pick-up day

WYMHS: And the Winners Are....!

Pom Pon News

The Pom Pon squad has qualified for two State competitions:

- Team Dance Illinois in Peoria on March 7, and
- the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) in Champaign on March 13.

Good luck to the team, and a big thank you goes out to Coach Tucker!



The following WYMHS students were finalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Timothy Ahrenholz
 Alexandra Babiarz *
 James Cooper *
 Vadim Furmanov
 Majken Geiman *
 Mark Hermanson
 Maria Jabeguero *
 Julia Justusson
 Sarah Kochanny
 Samuel Mendez
 Safiya Nygaard
 Thomas Pietrzyk *
 Sophie Randall *
 Leen Van Besien *

* semifinalist

Young Entrepreneurs

Dr. Kenner has been notified that two of our seniors, Nikko Ross and Noble Elliott, have incorporated their business StackYoPaper, Inc., a financial literacy business for teens by teens that offers financial workshops. In addition, they wrote their first book *The Steady Way, a Guide to the Financial Market for Teens*.

Congratulations!

Sports Scholars

Six Whitney Young Magnet High School students have been selected as World Sport Chicago Scholars. They are: Victor Mensah, Matthew Stanton, Alexandra Skital, Gabrielle Moore, Amber Fredrics, and Raena Rhone. The World Sport Chicago organization promotes Olympic and Paralympic sports to the youth of Chicago.

WSC Scholars will also be eligible to compete for one of sixteen renewable college scholarships worth up to \$10,000 annually (\$40,000 total). This is awesome. Congratulations to the scholars, and good luck in the competition!

The following WYMHS students were finalists in the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship Program:

Brittney Adams *
 Zoe Damacela
 Jasmine Omeke
 Ashley Powell *
 Joanna Preston
 Julian Spearman *
 Charlotte Seaberry
 Kawana Tharps *
 Jacob Vick *

* semifinalist

Piano Festival

Ms. Wiggins is reporting that the following students have received an **Honors Superior Rating** at the Annual Citywide Piano Festival held on Saturday, February 6, 2010: Michael Bartello, Loren Hou, Jennifer Li, Julian Spearman, Elizabeth Staszal, and Demetra Koris.

The following students received a Superior rating in the Division 1 IHSA Piano Solo Ensemble Contest: Kaitlin Amella, Michael Bartello, Julian Spearman, Julius Tucker, and Charles Zhang.

Congratulations for a job well done!



Aga Khan Award

Sofia Charania and Nitasha Merchant are recipients of this year's *Annual Excellence Award* offered by the Aga Khan Education Board. The goal of this program is to recognize Ismaili Muslim students who have achieved excellence in their overall academic performance and/or those who have accomplished special achievement in other disciplines such as the arts, sports, or community service.

Nice job!

Foreign Language News

On March 18, 2010 Justo Lamas will perform a concert in our theatre. He is an internationally-known entertainer from Argentina who will sing up to thirteen songs in Spanish, establish rapport with his audience, deliver anti-drug messages, and even sign autographs. The concert will be from 9:45 a.m. until about noon. Tickets were sold to our students, to selected classes from Jones College Prep, and to Mayer Elementary.

Also, our Fourth Annual World Language Extravaganza will take place in the Blue House on Friday, April 16, 2010 to showcase our wealth of languages and cultures. Students may attend only during their lunch periods, and will be able to buy tickets to purchase ethnic foods at a nominal cost.

Gatorade Award

The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, recently announced Lavinia Jurkiewicz as its 2009-2010 Gatorade Illinois Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the race-course, distinguishes Lavinia as Illinois' best high school girls cross country runner. She also maintains a 3.70 GPA, and has volunteered as a student mentor.

This is no small feat. Congratulations!

Dance News

GNDance Company's premier concert, *Up Close & Personal*, was a huge success. The audience had a chance to vote on their favorite pieces of the night.

First Place: *I Took the Night*, choreographed by Simone Capers

Second Place: *Soul Sisters*, choreographed by Gianna Lococo & Nica Jacobson

Congratulations GND member Tara Synder on receiving the Hope Convent Scholarship. This award covers tuition, room, board, and activities fee for four years. Tara will be studying dance education. We couldn't be more proud of her! Congratulations Tara!

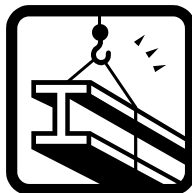
Our Spring Dance Concert, *The Young & the Talented* will be held this year on May 7 and May 8, 2010 in the school's theater. Tickets are only \$8.00 and will be on sale in the near future. We hope to see you there.

Nice job everyone, and a special thank you goes out to Ms Jeanette Gordon for all that she does.

WYMHS: And the Winners Are....(con't.)

IIT Bridge Contest Winners

Name	Held
Emily Sun	15kg
Kevin Reyes	12kg
Jason Shintani	4kg
Anil Methipara	5kg



The object of this contest is to see who can design, construct, and test the most efficient bridge within this year's specifications. Emily Sun deserves special recognition with her 12th place bridge (out of 120 bridges).

Congratulations!

Black History

Officials at CPS have notified Dr. Kenner that Diana Zheng has won second place prize in the 2010 Black History Month Essay Competition. Diana was awarded a digital camera along with a printer. Ms. Pasulka, her monitoring teacher, won a \$100 gift card.

Nice job!

Swim News

The Whitney Young Boys Swim Team placed 1st at City competition. Mark Wilcoxon won the 100 yard butterfly event, and Cody Meuris won the 50 yard freestyle. The team also placed 1st in the 200 free relay. Mark and Cody will compete at the IHSA state wide meet.

Congratulations to the team and to coach Andy Parro.

Office Depot

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Science Fair Results

Ms. El-Amin has notified the *Newsletter* that the following students participated in the City Science Fair in the following disciplines:

Participant	Discipline	Teacher
Sara Kochanny	Health Science	Ms. Gallardo
Christiane Alford	Biochemistry	Ms. Rehak
Clara Ledsky	Mathematics	Ms. Rehak
Veronica Rozynek	Physics	Ms. Rehak
Kenya Smith	Behavioral Science	Ms. El-Amin
Breanna Sullivan	Botany	Mr. El-Amin
Guiping Xie	Chemistry	Ms. El-Amin
Charles Lyang	Microbiology	Mr. Neris
Claire Auger	Health Science	Mr. Katz

The following students will participate in this year's City Science Fair Symposium: Breanna Sullivan, Hannah Zarzecki, Maria Cardona, Gilbert Mammen, Taylor Berghoff, Loren Hou (all Ms. El-Amin), Clara Ledsky (Ms. Rehak), and Zoe Leeds (Mr. Neris). Congratulations to all of our student-scientists!

Chess News

The Whitney Young High School chess team is having another successful season. The team won four tournaments including the CPS Championship and earned the top seed at the IHSA State Championship tournament. At the IHSA State Championship, the team's top player, Michael Auger, went undefeated and finished in first place. The team, which played well but had two very close losses, finished in eighth place. The remaining events for the team include the FIDE World School Championship held in Skokie, Illinois and the USCF National K-12 Championship held in Columbus, Ohio.

Congratulations go out to the team and to its coach Mr. Kash. Nice job!

Debate Team News

The WY Debate team has achieved an unprecedented level of success in 2009-2010. Our top team of Misael Gonzalez and Kevin Hirn finished 2009 as the #1 ranked team in the nation. In May and June they will compete against the other top U.S. teams at Nationals.

Collectively, our team has notched over 300 victories and was recognized as one of the top 10 debate programs in the country. Our debaters won The University of Michigan Round Robin, The Valley Mid-America Cup, The Roberto Bustamante Memorial Debate Tournament, The Warrior Open, and The Dead Presidents' Invitational, and have won dozens of speaker awards and "break round" trophies. We have traveled to tournaments in Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Michigan, Atlanta, and throughout Illinois, and we plan on adding Missouri, Kentucky, and New York to our itinerary before the season ends.

Sixteen WY debaters qualified for The Chicago City Championships in March: Misael Gonzalez, Kevin Hirn, Andrew Jones, Marcel Roman, Kendall Mason, Hanna Nasser, Sydney Doe, Rahat Sajwani, Teresa Smit, Matt Januszewski, Henry Mosher, Emma Lisec, Renita Williams, Jose Hernandez, Susan Kuang, and Devoni Guise. We will also be busy this month preparing to compete for a state title! Thanks Mr. Scheur!

Volleyball News

Ms. Walters is reporting that the boys volleyball team took City last May. Albert Klimek, Mike Bojde, and Adam Cohen have been named to the 1st Team All City.

Jenna Jacobson, Courtney Olson, Madison Lenzini, Gillian Asque, and Amanda Hedberg have been named to the girls 1st Team All City. Chelsea Cunningham was named to the 2nd Team All City.

Congratulations!

Bowling Season Awards

Coach Norm Collins has notified school officials that this year's CPS All-Public League teams have been announced. Our entries are:

Girls - Camille Collins 1st team (206 avg.), Kawana Tharps 2nd team (159 avg.), and Lindsay Saylor 3rd team (153 avg.). Camille Collins was named Girls CPS Bowler of the Year - wow!!

Boys - Lyndon Darden 1st team (197 avg.), Willard Fountain 1st team, Noble Elliot 2nd team, and Johnny DeWalt Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to all!

Family Night Bridge Results

Team	Efficiency
7th Grade	
Nicolette Grabiec/MiltonChan	516.8
Alex Sopala/Edgar Gonzalez	470.7
Gabby Afable/Jacqueline Kromash	417
8th Grade	
Cory Wong	505
Kevin Ngo	364
Mardi Caminer	363

WYMHS: And the Winners Are....(con't.)

Fashion News

The following fashion students received awards at this year's All City Art Fair: Lauren Cheung, Zoe Damacela, Carida Diaz, Roxanne Farkas, Kelly Mak, Denise Mak, Eben Mazzeri, and Denise Perez. Nice job. *Continued on page 6*

Business Department News

- *Shadow Days* : Whitney Young business students are learning about business firsthand. Over 20 students have participated in job shadows where they experience one-on-one in the workplace by spending a day with a business mentor. Companies visited were Google, DeVry University, Chicago Chocolate Tours, Deloitte, and Ron Huberman's office, the CEO of the Chicago Public Schools. A special opportunity happened on March 3 when eight seniors attended a workshop with women entrepreneurs who are members of the National Association of Women Business Owners. After-school activities for business students included a coffee with Penny Pritzker, Chicago philanthropist and entrepreneur and a tour of the HomeMade Pizza plant with the owner, Eric Fosse. More after-school coffees with entrepreneurs are planned.
- *PwC Shadow Day*: Accounting Students will participate in the PricewaterhouseCoopers annual shadow day this spring. They pair one-on-one with an accountant for the day, as well as attend workshops.
- *Fieldtrip to UIC*: Accounting students attended a day at the UIC campus for a College of Business presentation. Workshops, UIC student panel discussion and lunch for the students provided a great day.
- *UIC shadow*: Accounting students interested in UIC College of Business attended an upper-level Management class with UIC senior business majors.
- *FBLA competition and awards*: Congratulations to all FBLA students who participated in the January 30, 2010 Illinois northern area conference. Top competitors were: Patrick Dzialek – 1st place Technology Concepts; Mary Waller – 1st place Job Interview; Bianca Pirella - 1st place Business Calculations.
- *FBLA State Conference*: Members of Future Business Leaders of America will attend the annual Illinois State Conference on March 26-27 in Decatur, IL. Students will compete for the state recognition in various business competitive events to advance to the National conference in Nashville, TN in July.
- *Deloitte Future Business Leaders program*: Five Whitney Young juniors in accounting were selected through their essay applications to attend an 8-week program hosted at the accounting firm of Deloitte to work in teams with other CPS students in developing business plans. The teams will prepare a presentation in May to Deloitte management and CFO of various Chicago corporations. Scholarships, Spring Break trips to several colleges, and summer job opportunities round out the program.
- *Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Advanced Business Camp*: Students in the Sport and Entertainment Management classes are eligible for the NFTE Advanced Business Camp, an opportunity to learn more about entrepreneurship, strengthen business plans, and network with top business leaders and entrepreneurs. The Advance Business Camp meets during Spring Break (March 29 to April 2) at UIC and participants receive a \$200 cash stipend and a chance to compete for \$1800 in seed capital and micro-loan awards.
- *Personal Finance Challenge*: Whitney Young business students learn about the importance of financial literacy in their lives and have a chance to prove their knowledge in various competitions this spring. The National Consumer Council sponsors the LifeSmarts competition where our student will compete in the state finals in early March. Other upcoming competitions include the National Financial Capability Challenge sponsored by the US Department of Treasury and the Illinois Personal Finance Challenge sponsored by the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago and St. Louis. Individual and team accomplishment in financial literacy are recognized through certificates, monetary awards, and trips to national competitions.
- *Fifth Third Bank Internship program*: This year we have three students that were chosen for the Fifth Third Bank Internship program. Congratulations to David Moreno, Justin Taylor and Niesha Wright.
- *Youth About Business*: All students interested in participating in a one week hands-on mergers and acquisitions camp, please see Ms. Uhl-Alba for Details. Last year we placed 1st in the National competition and were awarded on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange!
- *Summer IIT Program*: Students interested in a Science and Technology Leadership program should see Ms. Uhl-Alba. Applications are being taken now for this summer fun paid learning experience.
- *Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*: Accounting students in Mrs. Heaney's classes attended a field trip to the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Besides learning about the Fed, seeing one million dollars in one-dollar bills was a highlight of the trip.
- *High School Heroes*: Accounting students are participating in the Junior Achievement "High School Heroes" program, a financial literacy teaching experience at Mason and Faraday Elementary Schools. Whitney Young students become teachers for a day, engaging young people in the basics of money, spending, and choices for success.
- *Success Skills*: Accounting I classes will have accountants from PricewaterhouseCoopers present the Junior Achievement "Success Skills" program one day per week for 8 weeks this spring. This annual program works through ethical business decision making as well as resume building skills.

Many thanks to Ms. Uhl-Alba for her leadership and submission of this article, to her fine cadre of business teachers, and to Mrs. Palacios for her help with the computer issues in this department. Job well done!

WYMHS: And the Winners Are.....(con't.)

College Board Advanced Placement 2009 Results

AP Examinations are taken in May after students complete challenging college-level courses at their high school. These tests are graded on a five-point scale, five being the highest. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of three or higher. There are thirty-seven AP examinations offered in twenty-two subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice, and either essay or problem-solving questions. 1199 exams were taken by 607 students at Whitney Young Magnet High School.

The **National AP Scholar Award** is granted to students who received an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Timothy Ahrenholz	Aiyang Jiang	Elizabeth Mucha	Leen Van Besien
Lisle Bertsche	Michael Kenny	Iman Naim	Biyang Wang
Ian Braddy	Renee Leber	Aalok Patel	Jessica Wong
Shriya Gandhi	Eden Liu	Christopher Perez	

The **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Timothy Ahrenholz	Debra Chin	Sami Kishawi	Aalok Patel	Nathan Shuftan
Alexandra Babiarz	James Cooper	Renee Leber	Christopher Perez	Melissa Tapia
Vaishak Babu	Katy Darr	Eden Liu	Andrew Platt	Brendan Tran
Samantha Bakall	Micah Dennis	Frank Magyar	Michelle Platt	Andy Tu
Emma Balay-Wilson	Joseph Duncker	Nicholas Mark	Daniella Ramos	Leen Van Biesen
Lisle Bertsche	Korey Enright	Frank Mei	Ileana Ramos	Biyang Wang
Michael Bochnovic	Shriya Gandhi	Liana Merriam	Julian Reid	Angela Weng
Katharina Bond	Joanna Helm	Zeeshan Mohammed	Adrian Rew	Rebecca Wernis
Ian Braddy	Julia Hoeckner	Elizabeth Mucha	Stephen Reyes	Mary Winslow
Adriana Carmona	Simon Huynk	Erin Mulholland	Felix Richter	Jessica Wong
Emma Casey	Aiyang Jiang	Iman Naim	Nora Richter	Ganquan We
Marissa Castillo	Drew Johnson	Stephen Ng	Nora Rosengarten	Alex Zurek
Miles Cernauskas	Michael Kenny	Natalie Pace	Fabiola Salazar	

The **AP Scholar with Honor Award** is granted to students who receive an average grade of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Grace Batiste	Joshua Ginsberg	Joshua Kim	Kelley Mui	Alejandra Rodriguez
Claire Berchiolli	Simone Gonzalez	Seungwoo Kim	Brandon Ng	Matthew Schaible
Kevin Chrzanowski	Emma Guzman	Lauren Klees	Kevin Ng	Rebecca Sconza
Jack Cinoman	Jasmin Hainey	Gregory Kutyla	Saman Pakshir	Charlotte Seaberry
Sally Cohen	Joshua Hall	David Lee	David Peace	Kunal Shukal
Biance Diaz	Hannah Harrison	Priscilla Lee	Gabriela Perez	Kawana Tharps
Aaron Fioritto	Mark Hermanson	Rene Lima	Kavya Poluru	Airriell Thomas
Angelica Frausto	Mer-Ting Huang	Danielle Lorenz	Ashley Powell	Maria Tkacz
Caitlin Frenzer	Eric Jiang	Bridget Makol	Joanna Preston	Edward Washington
Vadim Furmanov	Andrew Jones	Andrew Meek	Allory Relf	

The **AP Scholar Award** is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Sifat Ali	Santos Gordils	Joseph Kern	Kathy Mui	Maria Strus
Daniel Amador	Briana Hanny	Sara Kochanny	Tona Munteanu	Christopher Thompson
Mike An	Karim Hemani	Edward Lai	Connie Nhan	Karyn Todd
Erika Arreola	Nina Henderson	Joseph Lee	Elizabeth Nolan	Allison Torem
Anna Bilinska	Sari Hernandez	Jeffery Lei	Crystal Perez	Alvaro Vargas
Gabriella Bonamici	Miranda Ho	Ada Lin	Magdalena Perkowska	Christine Villanueva
Sabrina Brticevich	Courtney Hong	Margaret Losek	Mishal Qureshi	Jason Weng
Diana Camacho	Annie Hu	Jessica Luo	Morgan Richardson	Gail Wilcoxon
Jennifer Cheung	Kevin Huang	Jose Martinez	Marz Rivera	Kevin Wu
Ashley Chung	Victor Ivanov	Christopher Massie	Colin Rouser	Linda Zantout
Carolina Clark	Devin Jankovitch	Mykel Matthews	Hugh Sato	Elizabeth Zatuchny
Colin Coutts	Rebecca Janus	Latara Mc Lemore	John Schreiber	Izabel Zlotkiewicz
Hannah Fitter	Natalie Jeung	Harry Mei	Andreas Schwartz	
Roseann Frech	David Johnston	Angela Mercurio	Nigam Shah	
Jonathan Garcia	Rachel Jones	Izatullah Mir	Eric Short	
Martin Gonzalez	Julia Justusson	Delisa Morris	Julian Spearman	

Dr. Kenner wants to remind all parents that:

- * The State of Illinois has mandated that all junior students take the Prairie State Achievement Exam on April 28 & 29, 2010. Junior parents will receive a letter of instruction mid-April in the U.S. Mail concerning the PSAE testing process. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 am each day. PSAE scores will appear on the transcript of each student.
- * Wednesday, April 28, 2010 - This will be a non-attendance day for 7th and 8th graders, freshmen, sophomores, and seniors. Juniors will take the ACT portion of the PSAE. (Universities may use the ACT as part of the college admission process.) Dismissal will be at approximately 12:30 pm.
- * Thursday, April 29, 2010 - Juniors will be tested in Reading, Math, and Science. This will be a non-attendance day for 7th and 8th graders, freshmen, sophomores, and seniors. Dismissal will be at approximately 1:00 pm.
- * We appreciate your cooperation as we comply with state mandated testing requirements.

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Testing Schedule for the Remainder of the School Year

The school year is rapidly coming to a close. Therefore, it is very important that you take note of the following dates, and ensure that your child comes to school on these days adequately prepared.

- * **April 28-29:** Prairie State Achievement Exam; All Juniors
Day #1; ACT portion of the exam: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Day #2; Reading, Math, & Science 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Juniors are dismissed at the end of the test schedule.
Non-attendance for all other grades for both days is further detailed above.
- * **May 3-14:** Advanced Placement Exams; Refer to pages 112-115 of the Student Handbook.
- * **June 2-3:** Final Exams Grade 12; We will follow a regular bell schedule on both of these days. (even periods June 2 / odd periods June 3)
- * **June 8-9:** Final Exams Grades 7 and 8.
- * **June 8, 9, and 10:** Final Exams Grades 9, 10, and 11; Look below for details.

Final Exam Week

		Test Day 1 Wednesday June 8	Test Day 2 Thursday June 9	Test Day 3 Friday June 10
Session A	8:00-9:30 am	2	5	1 and 8
Break	9:30-9:45 am			
Session B	9:45-11:15 am	3	6	9
Break	11:15-11:30 am			
Session C	11:30-1:00 pm	4	7	Make-up (must be arranged)

- * Students only need to come to school at test times. Know your schedule. Be prompt.
- * Parents MUST call in to report all student absences @ 773.534.7500 press 2.
- * Make-Ups. You can only make-up exams if your parent has called in your absence. It is your responsibility to arrange for make-up exams with your class teachers. You may be able to make-up exams during your lunch period or study period, or after your last test.
- * No club or organization meetings will be scheduled on test days.
- * **Reminder: Students will be given a copy of their final grades for the school year on Friday, June 18, 2010.**

Fashion News *continued from page 4*

Fashion students created beautiful apparel to benefit The Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas. Thanks to everyone who donated time and talents to this important cause.

Zoe Damacela recently appeared on the Tyra Banks Show to talk about Zoe Damacela Apparel. Tyra will model a Zoe Damacela garment in a photo shoot on March 22, 2010.

This year's Annual Fashion Show, "Sew it Seams," will take place in the theater from 5:30 - 7:30 pm on April 30, 2010. This fashion show benefits the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign.

Congratulations to the students, and a big thank you goes out to Ms. Yaneck.

Science Fair Essay

The following students were selected as the top semi-finalists in the 2010 State of Illinois (the IJAS) Science Fair Essay Competition: William Ahrenholz, Samuel Barder, Iemaan Rana (all Ms. Rehak), and Amari Simpson (Mr. Neris).



Each participant developed this year's title, *The Science of Toys*, in unique and creative ways that captured interest. Nice job!

8th Grade Important Dates

Thursday, June 10, 2010: 8th Grade Luncheon at the Signature Room on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased in the School Store until May 1.

Monday, June 14, 2010: Graduation rehearsal (7:30 AM - 11:00 AM), meet in the Theater. Buses will run on a modified schedule this day to take students home in the afternoon after rehearsal.

Tuesday, June 15, 2010: Graduation Ceremony (1:00 PM in the Whitney Young Theater). Male graduates should meet in room 291 and females in room 290 no later than 12:00 PM.

Debate Team Ranked

Mr. Les Lynn, Executive Director of the Chicago Debate Commission, has notified Dr. Kenner that the senior team consisting of Kevin Hirn and Misael Gonzalez has been ranked #1 in the nation last semester at The Tournament of Champions (TOC) web site. All rankings are based on the National Debate Coaches Association's Baker Award standings.

Congratulations to Kevin, Misael, and to Coach Scheur. Awesome!!

Math News

The math team is currently first in the Chicago Citywide Math League, beating Northside and Payton at every competition this year. The city finals will be held April 17th where we hope to bring the city championship title back to Whitney Young. In competition at the North Suburban Math League, we defeated powerhouses Evanston Township, Glenbrook North and Oak Park River Forest. The freshman team beat schools such as IMSA, Naperville North, New Trier, and Stevenson. Cindy Zhang and Mark Waechter have been selected to compete for the Chicago All-Star Math Team, and will compete in a national competition in June. Coaches this year are Mr. Moran and Ms. Au.

This year we received a grant from the Friends of Whitney Young for eight of our teachers to attend the Texas Instruments Teachers Teaching with Technology Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. We came back inspired. Thank you FOWY.

Best Buddies

Worldwide Special Olympics and Best Buddies have started a campaign called "Spread the Word to End the Word." The reason for the campaign is to spread awareness of the hurtful word retarded. The "r-word" is no longer a politically correct statement to use to describe people with intellectual disabilities. Our Whitney Young Best Buddies Chapter held a pledge drive on March 2-3, 2010 for "Spread the Word to End the Word." The nationwide goal was to get 100,000 pledges online by March 3rd. With the help of our school, the goal was met, and our school's response was overwhelming as we contributed an estimated 500 pledges to the website. We had computers set up for students and faculty members to pledge online as well as posters to sign to show their support.

If you were unable to pledge at school, there is still time. Go to www.r-word.org to show your support. It's quick and easy.

Best Buddies would like to thank everyone who participated and pledged to show respect. A great big thank you also goes out to Ms. Jozwiak for her help in this matter!

Illinois Transportation Reimbursement Notice to Parents/Guardians

Officials from the Illinois State Board of Education have notified school officials throughout the State that a fiscal year 2010 appropriation was not awarded for the Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program authorized under Section 29-5.2 of the Illinois School Code.

The lack of fiscal year 2010 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2008-09 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year, the State Board will promptly pay the 2008-09 claims that were submitted.

If you have any questions, contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217.782.5256

THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

AP 2010 Exam Schedule

Week 1

	Morning All 8:00 a.m.		Afternoon (time as noted)		
May 3	U.S. Govt/Pol	Library	French Language	Room 305	Noon
May 4	Spanish. Lang.	305,306,228,230	Statistics	Library	Noon
May 5	Calculus AB	Library	Chinese L/C	Room 305	Noon
	Calculus BC	Library			
May 6	Eng. Lit/Comp	Library	Japanese L/C	Room 305	Noon
May 7	U.S. History	Gym C	Euro. History	Library	Noon

Week 2

	Morning All 8:00 a.m.		Afternoon (time as noted)		
May 10	Biology	Gym C	Physics B	Gym C	Noon
	Music Theory	Room 190	Physics C Mech.	Library	Noon
			Physics C El/Mag.	Library	2:00pm
May 11	Chemistry	Gym C	Psychology	Gym C	Noon
	Environmental Sci.	Library			
May 12	Eng. Lang/Comp.	Gym C			
May 13	Macroeconomics	Library	Microeconomics	Library	Noon
	World History	TBA			
May 14	Human Geography	Gym C			
	Spanish Literature	TBD			

- Students should arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start of the exam.
- Students should not bring cell phones, book bags or coats to the exam site.

Spelling Bee

Gabby Afafe, a seventh grader, won the local WY spelling bee on January 4, 2010. She will compete at City on March 19, 2010. Congratulations!

Important Information for Seniors

Senior fee is \$130.00. Fees paid after February 13, 2010 are assessed a \$10.00 late fee.	Senior Final Exams June 2 and June 3, 2010
Senior Luncheon Thursday, April 29, 2010 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Cap and Gown Distribution Tuesday, June 8, 2010 and Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Spirit of Chicago at Navy Pier \$55.00 per person - Each individual attending must have a ticket (late fee on April 5).	Commencement Ceremony Rehearsal Tuesday, June 8, 2010 9:00 a.m. in the theater Attendance is mandatory!
Senior Prom Friday, June 4, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Commencement Ceremony Friday, June 11, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Chicago 151 E. Wacker Dr. \$110.00 per person (late fee on April 12)	Arie Crown Theater 2301 South Lake Shore Drive

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