



Spring Lake Park High School May 11, 2009

Panther Pulse



A note from the Principal

Greetings

Spring has arrived and that means the school year is almost over. During these final weeks of school we will be as busy as ever. State testing, music concerts, award banquets and spring sports just to name a few will fill up our evenings. We have been working on programming for next year. Schedules and other information will be arriving during the summer months.

Construction Update

New last day of school for Spring Lake Park High School

The process of creating a nearly new high school, onsite, at the Spring Lake Park High School complex will soon enter its fourth and final summer of construction. Grand Opening of the completed facility is in the fall of 2009.

To better facilitate the extra-tight summer construction timelines, **the last day of school for Spring Lake Park High School and Learning Alternatives Community School (LACS) students in 2008-09 will be one day early. The new last day of school for grades 9-12 students is Thursday, June 4. (The last day of school for K-8 students remains Friday, June 5.)**

<http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/news/bond.asp>

A reminder that our last day for students this year will be Thursday June 4th. For those graduating seniors an informational newsletter will be arriving in the mail with very important dates and times.

This has been a great year. I'm very proud of our students and all they endured this year due to the construction. We are very excited for our building to be completed and know that it will be a great environment in which to create lasting memories and to keep Panther Traditions going.

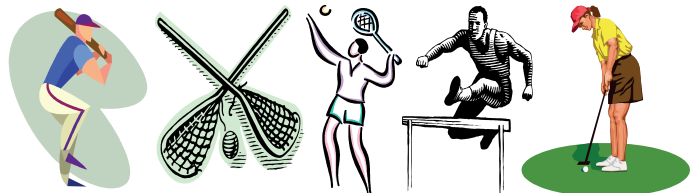
Have a great summer and if you have questions please call us.

Frank Herman, Principal

Athletics and Activities

Please check out the website below for all the current sports and activities.

www.springlakeparkschools.org/departments/athletics.asp



Counseling Office Update

For more information:

http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/hs/hs_counseling.asp

May Testing Dates

- May 12– MCA-II Science gr 10
- May 13- MCA-II Science gr 10
- May 14- MCA-II Science gr 10
- May 15- MCA-II Science gr 10

Dress Code Reminders

Dress Code (School Board Policy 504)

It is the expectation that all students dress in a manner appropriate for an educational setting. **Clothing should be appropriate to the weather, activity, and does not create a health or safety hazard. Inappropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to, the following:**

- Short shorts and skimpy tank tops
- Tops that expose the midriff
- Pants with holes above the knees
- Clothing that reveals undergarments
- Clothing bearing a message that endorses products or activities that are illegal for minors (e.g. tobacco, alcohol)
- Clothing bearing a message or symbol that is lewd, vulgar, or obscene
- Clothing or jewelry that contains messages, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects, or pictures that are racist, sexist, or otherwise derogatory to a protected minority group
- Clothing or jewelry that contains messages, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects, or pictures that indicate gang membership or affiliation.
- Clothing or jewelry that contains messages, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, words, objects, or pictures that endorse any form of religious, racial, or sexual harassment and/or violence against individuals as defined in School Board Policy 413.
- Any apparel (including chains, spikes, or necklaces) or footwear that could damage school property.



Senior News and Updates

SENIORS: Cap and gown orders will now have to be done online at the Herff Jones website www.mygradshop.com.

Senior All Night Party

Michello's Fundraiser 5/18.

Car raffle information - The SANP Car is a 2005, 2 door Cobalt - in none other than "Panther Blue"

THANK YOU FRIENDLY CHEVROLET!!!!!!!

While aluminum prices are low - please continue to save your cans - every little bit helps! The cart is located in the parking lot on 81st and Able.

Please check out the SANP website below for up to the minute information.

Dates to Remember

May

- 4th - HS Jazz Concert - 7:30pm FAC
- 6th - Fine Arts Tea - 7pm FAC
- 8th - Senior Bonfire -
- 11th - HS Band Concert - 7pm FAC
- 13th - NHS Induction - 7pm FAC
- 16th - Prom
- 18th - Choir Concert - 7pm FAC
- 20th - Scholarship/Academic Awards 7pm FAC
- 26th - Band Concert - 7:30pm FAC
- 28th - Senior Field Trip
- 29th - Senior Commencement Practice
- 30th - HS Commencement 7:15pm Panther Stadium

Yearbook

SPRING SUPPLEMENT: Due to construction and other unforeseen circumstances, our supplement has been delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The yearbook staff would like to thank you for your patience.

2008 YEARBOOK: There are 40 books still available. If you would still like a copy, please contact Maria Ahrndt, or email mahrnd@district16.org.

2009 YEARBOOK: The deadline for ordering a yearbook is now over. A late charge of \$10 will be added. Please see Mrs. Ahrndt in room 50 to be placed on the waiting list.

Library Media Center News

Library media specialists in our district are currently building a library media curriculum that will insure that every student has all of the research skills they need by the time they graduate high school. In constructing this curriculum, we are paying close attention to AASL's (American Association of School Librarians) Standards for the 21st-Century Learner.

Information, media, and technology skills are taught through the collaboration of library media specialists and all other classroom teachers. Many people are unaware that Library Media Specialists must be teachers before they become librarians. We are experts in designing and delivering projects and instruction that are completely integrated with classroom objectives. Students working on inquiry, research, and other library projects receive instruction from two teachers rather than one. This is happening a lot in the high school lately.

While inquiry and research happen year round in school libraries, spring trimester always seems to see the very heaviest research use. The high school library and computer labs have been hopping this spring. The 9th and 10th grade English students are working on persuasive arguments. Ninth graders will be writing a paper about a charitable organization and why we should fund it, 10th graders will be writing speeches about a current and/or controversial issue. Mr. Voigt's classes have been in to find out more about global warming. Art classes have been looking into Greek vases. Earth Science classes, Psychology and Sociology classes have been in as well. Whew, that is just to name a few that have been here recently. In fact, through March of this school year, we have seen 1598 classes in the library and computer labs. Besides that, 18,201 students have come in to use the library and computers outside of classes. It is good to see such vigorous use of our school library media center.



FCCLA



Gold Winners

Ashley Murray and Rachel, Focus on Children-Project HEART (They also received a "call back" with the chance of going to nationals.)

Jake Russell, Everyday Equations Math Test

Bria Jones, Interior Design (Advances to national competition)

Katie Bassett, Illustrated Talk on Domestic Violence (Received a "call back" with chance to go to nationals.)

Sydney Lener, Illustrated Talk on Step Families

Nima Odowa, Laws of Life Essay Contest

Morgan Croft, Career Investigation--Career Portfolio on Politics (Alternate to nationals)

Andrew Carlson, Illustrated Talk on Diabetic Diet

Silver Winners

Ariana Caldero, Illustrated Talk on Organic Food/Diets

Leah Sylvester and Bridget Birkholz, Interpersonal Communications

Bernice Reyes, Chapter Service Manual

Zach Barstow, Everyday Equations Math Test

Bronze Winners

Bernice Reyes, Morgan Croft, Zach Barstow and Nima Odowa-Senior Buzz Quiz Bowl Competition

Additional Honors

Morgan Croft, Elected State Public Relations Officer

Zach Barstow, Elected Region 4 President/Vice President

Advisor Lori Henry was selected recipient of the Minnesota Spirit of Advising Award to be presented at the FCCLA national conference and competition.