

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...*Daniel StarT , Ed.D.*Spring is in the air!

The weather has turned nice and we are all enjoying the arrival of spring. It means getting outside, cookouts, spring sports, the senior trip, the prom, and very soon, graduation.

Parents of seniors typically struggle during these next 6- 7 weeks with the limits they have for their children. After all, in two months or less, our children will be in college and on their own. They can start to make their own decisions now.

Two of the decisions for the seniors include a so-called senior parade and senior skip day. Please note that the school district does not support, nor does it condone a "senior parade" or any type of "skip day." There is a tremendous amount of liability associated with these events. Those who participate will face consequences from the school. The consequences will range from step, to extended detention, to removal from senior activities-including graduation. The severity of the behavior will determine the degree of accountability .I expect parents will understand when there are consequences for students who participate in these events. Typically, students are willing to be accountable for their behavior. It is frustrating, however, when parents choose to lie for their children or allow themselves to be put in that position. These

Activities present

One more

Opportunity

as parents to teach

our children that

they will be

accountable

for what they do.

I encourage you to help your son or daughter to make good decisions in the weeks ahead. Finally, please be honest if your son or daughter does skip school or otherwise break the rules. Each year I face a group of seniors over skipping school. Many parents are honest and either provide no excuse or state their child skipped. Those parents recognize the importance of their children being responsible for their behavior. Yet, standing shoulder to shoulder with these students are others whose parents write a note saying their son was sick or their daughter had a medical appointment, and we all know it's not true.

My expectations for the seniors, *and by extension-their parents*, are simple: (1) be respectful and fulfill your obligations as a student in Williamson High School; (2) be accountable for the decisions you make; (3) be honest to yourself and to everyone around you.

Even though spring is in the air , our children are still in school.

**PROM NIGHT
IS MAY 5TH**

The Junior-Senior Prom is one of the social highlights of the entire year. For the second consecutive year, our students will dine and dance at the Hospitality House in Penfield. It truly is an exciting evening as our children suddenly look like adults.

But they aren't quite there yet! Know who they are with, know where they are going at what time, be willing to pick your child up at someone's house if there is a problem. Be up for them when they return home and let them share the excitement of the evening. Above all else, encourage them to be careful.

So take a lot of pictures and remind them to have fun and still be responsible.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE... Cynthia Showman, R.N.

Our Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. anyone age 17 or older and who weighs 110 pounds may donate. Please contact me at 589-9625 if you are interested in helping with this worthwhile cause.

I know it seems too early, but FALL SPORTS SIGN-UP sheets will be outside my office from April 30th to May 4th in order to get paperwork done by the scheduled physical dates. Those dates are Tuesday, May 1Sth and May 22nd. All students need to return their Health History forms by that time. Any student who wishes may have a physical at school.

This month I will be sending physical exam forms home for all 9th graders. *ALL students entering 1dh grade are required to have a physical exam.* Please call your MD's office to have your student scheduled by September. It is always better for your own Health Care Provider to do the exam, since they know your student. If I *DO NOT* receive a copy of your student's physical exam by the end of September, I will schedule them at school at our first available date. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

**Notice to all
Williamson Central School Staff, Students, Parents
and Community Residents**

**You are invited to a
Reception
in honor of
SUPERINTENDENT BARRY SPINK'S
Retirement**

May 9, 2001

**2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
High School Library**

The Public Hearing is Wednesday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School auditorium.
The BUDGET VOTE is Tuesday, May 15th, from 1 :00-9:00 p.m., in the Middle School multi-purpose room.