

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL...****Daniel R. Starr, Ed.D.**

Congratulations to the **Girls' Cross-Country** team who **finished first at the Wayne County Meet** the second weekend in October. Congratulations also to the **Boys' Soccer** team who became **Wayne County Co-Champions** with a win over North Rose-Wolcott in their last regular season game. Good luck to all of our student athletes as they enter sectional competition over the next week or so!

The October newsletter was being mailed to you the day Williamson High School experienced its first bomb threat in recent memory. In the wake of this event, there were several calls to ask about how we made evacuation and building search decisions. An accounting of what actually happened and the factors involved follows for those who desire accurate information regarding this process.

A teacher reported seeing a written threat in a girls' lavatory. The lavatories were locked and the NYS Police were called. Superintendent Spink was also notified, and it was agreed we would follow the advice of law enforcement regarding evacuation—*the safety of the students and staff being the most important factor in this decision.*

**HARVEST  
CHICKEN BARBECUE**

*The Class of 2001 is sponsoring  
their last fundraiser on  
**Sunday, November 12,**  
at the **High School parking lot.**  
Serving from **Noon – 3:00 p.m.,**  
presale tickets are highly  
recommended (\$6.50).  
Tickets are available from any  
Senior class member.*

Before the State Police arrived, a few students who saw the writing in the lavatories came to the office with information regarding who they had seen at the approximate time of the events. We had names for the police to use to start their investigation. Police reviewed the writing; interviewed student witnesses; and within an hour, had the two perpetrators in the office. They advised us that it was not necessary to evacuate. In the course of their questioning of the girls who wrote the threat, they determined later in the day that it was unnecessary to search the building. The students were charged by the police and face criminal proceedings as a consequence of their behavior. Both girls are now attending school elsewhere.

There were positive aspects of this event. Nobody was in any danger. Students cared enough about their school to come forward and offer valuable information. The NYS Police were extremely professional in handling this case, from questioning witnesses to securing confessions from the students involved.

The aftermath of this event involves communicating to you, the parents, the importance of students not leaving the building without permission. There were those who used it as an excuse to leave for the second part of the school day, and there were others who believed they were in danger and left for that reason. In any event, the students who left have been held accountable for their decision. It is imperative that students do not leave school without permission. Imagine if this had been a real threat. We have to account for every student in the building. The students who left without notifying the health office or office would have caused others to remain behind in a dangerous situation searching for someone who wasn't there. This has been discussed with all of our students so that they better understand the consequences of their actions.

Finally, the support of the community and the professional demeanor of the staff cannot be underestimated. People did not panic and a reasonable environment was maintained. We hope this event will fade and that years go by without any reoccurrence.

*Last Service Project for the  
Class of 2001 will be*

**HOLIDAY BABYSITTING**

*On **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
from **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.***

*(More information will be available in next  
month's newsletter.)*

## ***FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE...***

***Cynthia Showman, R.N.***

Cold and flu season is upon us. I have been seeing a lot of flu-type symptoms over the past couple of weeks, with headaches, nausea, vomiting, and upper respiratory infections. Some things you can do to stay healthy—get plenty of rest (I know this is hard with the types of schedules we keep); dress warmly for the colder weather; drink lots of fluid, especially water, to flush out the viruses. This may sound like really OLD advice, but it is tried and true.

Many of the students have turned in their information forms, but I am still missing quite a few. Please turn these in (or remind your student to turn these in) to the Health Office as soon as possible. I need this information in case of an emergency at school. Thank you.

One other issue I need to remind you of is that NO student may carry or dispense his or her own medication (with the exception of Inhalers) during the school day. I know that several students have been carrying their own medication. New York State and School Board policy states that students MUST have a signed, written permission by their parent and their Health Care Provider to receive medication in school and that it must be kept in the nurse's office. I encourage you to please be mindful of this.

### **SKI CLUB**

An organizational and informational meeting  
will be held

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.,  
in room 13 of the Middle School.**

Registration and payment for the  
2000-2001 program are  
due Friday, November 17,  
to Mrs. Osborn or Mrs. Wilkinson, advisors.

No late payments will be accepted.

### **CLOTHING DRIVE...**

**Thursday, November 9,  
from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
in Breen's parking lot**

The France 2001 Trip Group will hold its second clothing drive. Remember to bring your used clothing in plastic bags and drop them off at the Saint Pauly Textile Company truck, which will be located at the north side of the parking lot. There will be members of the group to help you unload. We appreciate your help.

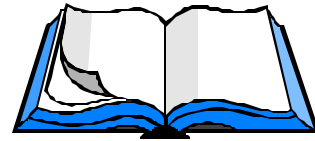
## **May in French Canada**

The French Club is sponsoring a trip to Quebec City and Montreal, Canada, from May 25-28, 2001 (our Memorial Day Weekend). The trip is open to all students who are enrolled in French class. The trip will include two days in Quebec City, visiting many historic sites and buildings and the areas surrounding the city. Quebec City was founded by Samuel Champlain in 1608 and remains mainly a French speaking area. There will also be a day in Montreal with visits to the Olympic Park, the port, and the underground city. Applications are available from Mrs. Shepard and have been made available to all French students. A \$100.00 deposit is due by November 10, 2000. If you have questions concerning the trip, contact Mrs. Shepard at the High School at 589-9621.



From The Library...

“A Harvest of Good Books”



The New York State Board of Regents has recommended that students should read at least 25 books per school year. Listed below are the book titles that the Regents has suggested for students to read at the high school level.

**FICTION**

Carroll, *Alice In Wonderland*  
Cisneros, *The House On Mango Street*  
Clark, *The Ox-Box Incident*  
Golding, *Lord Of The Flies*  
Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*  
Hemingway, *For Whom The Bell Tolls*  
Hentoff, *The Day They Came To Arrest The Book*  
Hilton, *Goodbye Mr. Chips*  
Kinsella, *Shoeless Joe*  
Knowles, *A Separate Peace*  
Lee, *To Kill A Mockingbird*  
McCullers, *The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter*  
Orwell, *1984*  
Paulsen, *Canyons*  
Portis, *True Grit*  
Potok, *Davita's Harp*  
Stoker, *Dracula*  
Wartski, *A Boat To Nowhere*  
Welty, *The Golden Apples*

**POETRY**

Angelou, *I Shall Not Be Moved*  
Bly, ed., *New Of The Universe*  
Carruth, ed., *The Voice That Is Great Within Us*  
Cummings, *Collected Poems*  
Dickinson, *Complete Poems*  
Hughes, *Selected Poems*  
Knudson and Swenson, eds., *American Sports Poems*  
Longfellow, *Evangeline*  
Randall, ed., *The Black Poets*  
Wilbur, *Things Of This World*

**MODERN FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION**

Adams, *Watership Down*  
Asimov, *Foundation*  
Bradbury, *The Martian Chronicles*  
Clarke, *2001: A Space Odyssey*  
Clarke, *Childhood's End*  
Frank, *Alas, Babylon*  
Herbert, *Dune*  
Lewis, *Out Of The Silent Planet*  
McCaffrey, *Dragonflight*  
Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court*  
Verne, *20,000 Leagues Under The Sea*

**NONFICTION**

Angell, *Late Innings*  
Angelou, *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*  
Ashe, *Days Of Grace*  
Beal, *“I Will Fight No More Forever”*: Chief Joseph  
and the Nez Perce War  
Bishop, *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*  
Bloom, *The Closing Of The American Mind*  
Campbell, *The Power Of Myth*  
Covey, *Seven Habits Of Highly Effective People*  
Galarza, *Barrio Boy*  
Hawking, *A Brief History Of Time*  
Houston, *Farewell To Manzanar*  
Kennedy, *Profiles In Courage*  
Kingsley and Levitz, *Count Us In: Growing Up With  
Down Syndrome*  
Kingston, *Woman Warrior*  
Mazer, ed., *Going Where I'm Coming From*  
Momaday, *The Way To Rainy Mountain*  
Rodriquez, *Hunger Of Memory*  
Sternberg, *User's Guide To The Internet*  
Wright, *Black Boy*

**DRAMA**

Christie, *And Then There Were None*  
Hansberry, *A Raisin In The Sun*  
McCullers, *The Member Of The Wedding*  
Pomerance, *The Elephant Man*  
Rose, *Twelve Angry Men*  
Rostand, *Cyrano de Bergerac*  
Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet; Julius Caesar*  
Van Druten, *I Remember Mama*  
Wilder, *Skin Of Our Teeth*  
Wilson, *The Piano Lesson*

**FOLKLORE/MYTHOLOGY**

Burland, *North American Indian Mythology*  
Evslin, *Adventures Of Ulysses*  
Pinsent, *Greek Mythology*  
Stewart, *The Crystal Cave*  
White, *The Once And Future King*

Source: English Language Arts Resource Guide with Core Curriculum

## AP Scholar Awards

Seven members of the Williamson High School Class of 2000 have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 700,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 2000 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Students take AP Examinations in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams.

Douglas Orbaker, Emily Sandusky, Dina William, and Jonathan Young qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Emily Cormier, Brenna Marcellus, and Ryan Schultz.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 33 AP Examinations offered in 19 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

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YEARBOOK ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN

November 1-28, 2000!

The cost of "The Log 2001" is \$32.00.

If you would like more information, call the high school at 589-9621.



Fall Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday,  
November 28,  
from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the High School

***FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE...***

***Cynthia Showman, R.N.***

NY State requires that all **students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade must have a physical exam** completed before September. These forms and letters have been mailed home to all students who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please have your student seen by their own health care provider and have a copy of the completed exam form forwarded to the High School Nurse's Office by September 8, 2000. **If you have a problem scheduling a physical exam for your child, please call the Nurse's Office at 589-9625 by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Any student who does not have a copy on file by September will be scheduled at school. Thank you for your attention to this matter.