

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...Daniel Starr, Ed.D.

At the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Education there was a lengthy discussion regarding the book **Life's Greatest Lessons**, by Dr. Hal Urban. I am excited to offer this book as a supplemental text in the English curriculum because of the lessons it teaches, as well as the way it teaches them.

There are 20 chapters about life itself, how it works and what Dr. Urban considers essential. Schools have been criticized for decades for not teaching this. The heart of the book is all about being a good person. It has quotes throughout from a variety of people, some famous, others more obscure.

The mission of our school district is to prepare students for the next phase in their lives (college, military, work, trade school, etc.). **Life's Greatest Lessons** can help us with this task.

I am extending an invitation to all of you to **contact me if you want to read this book or even to discuss it** and then decide if it is appropriate for your child(ren). **I will be available Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the High School auditorium**, for anyone who wants to learn more about this book.

Posted on our website is a list of the chapters, my comment on the gist of each chapter, and a sample of a quote from each. You can access it at [www.williamsoncentral.org](http://www.williamsoncentral.org) via the internet, then click on *Life's Greatest Lessons*.

**The Williamson Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS)** will induct 22 new members on Tuesday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

NHS is a national organization founded in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is devoted to the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership, and service to the community. Membership is an honor for those selected and determined by a student's accomplishments in each of these areas.

Every school determines the criteria for membership within each of these four standards, based on the guidelines provided by the national organization handbook. Seniors and juniors with an overall grade point

average of 85 or better are invited to submit an information packet for review. The students provide evidence of their achievements in the four areas. A group of 5 faculty members then review the information submitted and consider it in light of the four standards—academic achievement, character, leadership, and service.

In the week preceding the induction, our 21 existing members of NHS organize the induction ceremony and invite the parents of the students selected to the ceremony.

Some students are disappointed when they are not chosen.

They are invited to speak with Mr. Monsees, the Chapter Advisor, to review the four critical areas considered. The grade point average is not enough by itself to be invited to join. In a hypothetical example, a student who has a 94 average, but who has demonstrated poor character or no involvement in any type of service to the community or school most likely will not be accepted for membership.

We are appreciative of the effort that Mr. Monsees devotes to the organization of the invitations and the induction ceremony. He works with a faculty committee for the review of the invitations and then helps the students organize the induction ceremony and prepare their speeches.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT (Park and ride service available)

The annual **Holiday Concert** is scheduled for **7:00 p.m., on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, in our auditorium. Performances are free to the public and all are welcome to attend. Those of you who are veteran attendees of these musical events know that **our parking lot is often filled to capacity, and then overflows down the driveway towards Route 21.** With this in

mind, **the district will provide a park-and-ride service from both the Middle and Elementary Schools.** Here's how it will work:

- **Park** at either the Middle or Elementary School.
- At 6:30 p.m., a bus will pick you up so you can **ride** to the High School for the concert.
- Following the concert, the bus will return you to the school where you parked.

## DRAMA CLUB PERFORMS First Non-Musical Production

### ***HOOK, LINE AND SINK HER!***

**Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 P.M. – High School Auditorium  
Ticket price is \$5.00**

Directed by Paul Liedmen, the comedy *Hook, Line and Sink Her* is led by an interesting cast of characters. A pushy mother (**Amber Marie Payne**), a nervous father (**Jamal Abdunnasir**), a whiny bride (**Serenity Carlyle**), a younger brother too busy eating to ever say a word (**Ethan Rehor**), and countless other small-town characters make this one of the most hilarious weddings you'll ever attend. Gilbert (**Mike Vanderbilt**), the "young local store owner and operator," proposed to Tina right in front of a display of Wheat Wedgies while looking for weevils that Janet's best friend Gertrude Starnes (**Marnie Baxter**), the town gossip, insists she saw. A pregnant bridesmaid (**Laura Seeley**) goes into labor at the wedding, Gertrude urges Matt (**Mike Rehor**) the local sheriff to arrest Gilbert for murdering his father while the other bridesmaid, overly-friendly Alice (**Whitney Verbridge**), admits the man actually died on a "visit" to her house. Meanwhile, the smart, rich, and less-attractive cousin Louise (**Angela Prodrick**) kindles a relationship with the attractive, not-so-smart Wally (**Brandon Correa**) the sheriff's son. Two overly ambitious box-boys (**Stuart Stevenson** and **Joe Pray**) and drunken minister (**Chris Stevenson**) keep the action and laughs flying fast.

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...

**Cynthia Showman, R.N.**

Thank you to all who helped and donated at our fall **Blood Drive**, held on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. It is good to know how great our students are to give unselfishly during this holiday season. **Thank you especially to Veronica Weber**, who served as our chairperson. **We collected a total of 54 pints from 60 donors**, which was way over our expected goal of 35 pints. Veronica did a wonderful job with organizing this drive, and I would personally like to commend her on an outstanding job!!! I want to pass on the positive comments by the Red Cross about our students. They were very impressed with their behavior and attitudes. I am proud of them, as I am sure you are. □

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Included in this newsletter is an updated 2001-2002 School Calendar. Note the **CHANGE IN GRADUATION DATE (NOW SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2002)** due to State Education Regents exams scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, June 24 & 25.

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## SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The Ski and Snowboard Club will have trips to Brantling beginning **December 7**. The other trips for December will be **December 14 & 21** if weather permits. **Remember that we will leave the High School about 3:45 p.m. Return time to the High School will be at 9:30 p.m.**

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## CLUBS PLAN HOLIDAY VISIT TO BLOSSOM VIEW NURSING HOME



On Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Spanish and French Clubs and Student Council members will travel to Blossom View Nursing Home to Christmas carol in Spanish, English, and French.

The Student Council organizes a gift tree at the High School, decorated with names of all nursing home residents. Students have the chance to select a name and get an appropriate gift. The gifts will be delivered by the students and teachers—Ms. Shepard (French) and Ms. Johnson (Spanish).

## CONGRATULATIONS to the Williamson Girls' JV Soccer Team, Coach Bean and the fans!

Voted on by  
the Wayne County Soccer Referees,

**The 2001 Jim McGinn Wayne County Sportsmanship Award** was presented to  
**Williamson Girls JV Soccer Team, Coach and Fans**

for representing their school in a manner which brought honor and the respect of their opponents on the playing field.

**Congratulations to all!!!**

## BAND FUNDRAISER NOW UNDERWAY...

Believe Productions is proud to announce that Williamson Sr. High Band is participating in a nationwide music education project entitled Believe In Music. With the help of Sony Music, today's top recording artists, and national corporate partners, Believe In Music is raising awareness, substantial funding for music education & providing student scholarships, corporate musical discounts, a demo recording contest, and tens of thousands of dollars in giveaways.

The Senior High Band is currently raising funds through sales of "Magical Holidays Vol. III" CD. Priced at only \$18, this CD includes top hits performed by Grammy winning artists from Sony, Columbia and Epic Records such as Destiny's Child, NSYNC, 98°, Celine Dion, Gloria Estefan, and many more. Included in each CD is the Believe Discount Card with savings of over \$100 from our corporate partners: Disney, Finish Line, 1-800-FLOWERS, Baskin Robbins, Sam Goody, and more.

To order "Magical Holidays Vol. III" CD, contact any band, drill team or honor guard member. CD's will also be available at the Middle School and the Elementary School. You can also order Magical Holidays Vol. I & II. These CD's have different artists from Vol. III. CD package prices as follows:

Vol. III - \$18.00

Vol. III & any other CD - \$30.00 (a savings of \$6.00 per CD package)

Vols. I, II & III - \$45.00 (a savings of \$9.00/CD package)

**HIGH HONOR ROLL 95% & ABOVE****GRADE 9**

Jamie Allman  
Jordan Bean  
Audrey Wackerman

**GRADE 10**

Jonathan DeRight  
Jeana Ganskop  
Zachary Lewis  
Amy Monachino  
Kyla Quinn

**GRADE 11**

Dean Ganskop  
Bryan Gray  
Connie Kaplin  
Meghan Scheib  
Jared Scheuer  
David Verdine  
Ryan Walvoord

**GRADE 12**

Michael Cantwell  
Kimberly Colern  
Zackery Knowlden  
Chelsea Manahan  
Angela Prodrick  
Kristopher Young

**HONOR ROLL 90% - 94.999%**

Lucia Adams  
Alexandra Allman  
Jacob Ameele  
Dustin Dalke  
Stephanie Gowan  
Mary Guilfoil  
Michael Hyman  
Kevin Kieper  
Joshua Monsees  
Rachael Reiber  
Tiffany Skerrett  
Mark Tobin  
Courtney Yaskow  
Erika Young

Serenity Carlyle  
Nicole DiSalvo  
Elizabeth Durfee  
Ashtyn Eaton  
Veronica Gobeyn  
Courtney Peters  
Katie Phillips  
Shawn Richman  
Sarah VanNostrand  
Michael Vanderbilt  
Hilary Weber

Lauren Ambrogio  
Alexander Bean  
Samantha BennettLepel  
Jason Dennie  
Heather Dobson  
Jamie Dorn  
Jennifer Orbaker  
Jeffrey Starr  
Sandra White

Joanna Alexander  
Amanda Brewer  
Katherine Henderson  
Lisabeth Hoffman  
Katie Hollenbeck  
Josiah Homan  
Allison Huff  
Joshua Imperato  
Amber Payne  
Jeremy Poole  
Ashley Pulver  
Brandon Redder  
Michael Rehor  
Nola Sawyer  
Casey Shaw  
Jessica Stevens  
Kelly Wirthman

**MERIT ROLL 85% - 89.999%**

Matthew Bixby  
Alan Champagne  
Caitlyne Cook  
Emily Covington  
Jess Dennie  
Allie Dorn  
Cale Flora  
Allicia Gerken  
Heather Grube  
Erin Grzybek  
Kara Kerschner  
Matthew Lehman  
Christopher Markham  
Lindsey Peck  
Alicia Scahill  
Daniel Schilling

Jamal Abdunnasir  
Steven Becker  
Sally Bloss  
Melissa Bruce  
Jennifer Corl  
Timothy Dickinson  
Adam Dildine  
Christopher Gowan  
Christyn Haas  
Katherine Johnson  
David Kieper  
Matthew Klinkman  
Lukas Knowlden  
Colleen Larson  
Charles Mitrano  
Claire Parker  
Joseph Pilato  
Ethan Rehor  
Paul Scheuerlein  
Jared Schonleber  
Laura Seeley  
Michael Sensenbach  
Adriana Steurys  
Stuart Stevenson  
Katherine Thomas  
Whitney Verbridge  
Kelly Wade  
Matthew D. Williams  
Michael Zsiga

Jonathan Ameele  
Christopher English  
Joshua Gebhard  
Gregory Guilfoil  
Benjamin Johns  
Gregory Kerschner  
Carrie Lewis  
Joshua McCaslin  
Rosangela Rangel  
Ashley Snyder  
Chelsea Yaskow

Danielle Allman  
Nathan Bischooping  
Rebecca Bloss  
Vicki Bower  
Justin Chelini  
Prangnag Chinthorn  
Taylor Delhagen  
Katherine Gammill  
Eli Gelo  
Ryan Hillegeer  
Daniel Jock  
Nicolas Otero  
Adrienne Peters  
Jessica Pike  
Stephanie Pilato  
Adam Pitre  
Joseph Powenski  
Joseph Pray  
Sarah Seeley  
Jenny Sheffield  
Devin Strickland  
Veronica Weber  
Brianna Wood

Williamson Senior High School  
**December 2001**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b>	<b>3 D</b>	<b>4 E</b>  NHS Induction Ceremony	<b>5 F</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>                      (11:25 a.m.)                      PARENT-TEACHER                      CONFERENCES                 </div>	<b>6 A</b>  Balfour class rings delivered following forum	<b>7 B</b>  ⚡ Ski & Snowboard Club 3:45-9:30 p.m.  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">                     Drama Club presents  <i>Hook, Line and Sink Her</i> at 7:30 p.m.                      Tickets \$5.00                 </div>	<b>8</b>  Craft Show 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>9</b>	<b>10 C</b>	<b>11 D</b>  Discussion of <i>Life's Greatest Lessons</i> 7:00 p.m. (auditorium)	<b>12 E</b>	<b>13 F</b>	<b>14 A</b>  ⚡ Ski & Snowboard Club 3:45-9:30 p.m.  End of 15 weeks	<b>15</b>  Christmas Babysitting 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17 B</b>  Vocal/Instrumental Concert 7:00 p.m. (Park and ride available at 6:30 p.m. from E.S. or M.S.)	<b>18 C</b>	<b>19 D</b>  Board of Education 7:30 p.m. @ M.S.	<b>20 E</b>	<b>21 F</b>  ⚡ Ski & Snowboard Club 3:45-9:30 p.m.  Student Council and Spanish & French Clubs to Blossom View Nursing Home—3-5 p.m.	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Coming up: "Financial Aid Night" January 7, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m. (library)
<b>HOLIDAY RECESS – No School</b> <i>Students return Wednesday, January 2, 2002</i>						