



## Wareham High School Good News November 14, 2011



### IMPORTANT DATES

Open House November 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8 P.M.  
Thanksgiving Recess: November 23, 2011 - half day of school  
 School will re-open on November 28, 2011.  
Early Release Day – December 7, 2011, 12:10 p.m.

### STUDENT TRIP TO SPAIN

Would you like to visit the Royal Palace in Madrid, take a guided tour of Toledo and visit the Church of Santo Tome? A trip to Spain is being planned for April 2013! Come to the first student meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 2:20 pm in the WHS Library to hear about visiting Barcelona and Madrid.

The first parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:00 pm in the WHS Library! We look forward to seeing you there!

### CODE CLUB / CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Code Club is sponsoring/hosting a canned food drive from November 9th through December 9th. Students can bring their non-perishable food donations to their advisories. The advisory with the most donations will win an ice-cream sundae party. The can drive is being done in conjunction with the 99 Restaurant and all donations will be given to Damien's Food Pantry.



### COAT DRIVE

Code Club is collecting clean, gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots for its annual Coat Drive. Students can bring donations to room 232. The coats will be given to St. Patrick's church and then distributed to those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your support.

### SOUTHCOAST HEALTH

The Southcoast Health Van will be at the Wareham High School on November 16, 2011, at 10:30 A.M.

### SOUTHCOAST HOSPITAL

**Free Outreach Program of Southcoast Hospital Group and the Southcoast Health Van.** Appointments made through the Health Office/School Nurse.

**Dates:** Nov.16, Dec. 21, Jan. 25, Feb. 29, March 28, April 25, May 30.

**Services Available:** Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Testing, Health Information, HIV/STD Education, Cholesterol Testing, Pregnancy Testing, Nutritional Information, Referrals for Health Care.

Parental consent required for cholesterol and blood sugar testing. One consent valid for school year.

### TENTH GRADE

The Health Office will be performing **vision, hearing and BMI**

**testing** on all tenth grade students in the Health Office. This will begin during second quarter. **IMPORTANT:** Please notify the Nurse in writing if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Guidance Department will be scheduling their annual Financial Aid Night. This event will be held January 12, 2011 in the high school auditorium, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Eileen O'Leary from Stonehill College's Office of Financial Aid, together with WHS guidance counselors, will again conduct this informative session for parents and guardians of WHS seniors planning to attend college. An overview of financial aid and step by step instructions on completing the FAFSA will be included. In December, invitations will go out to all seniors.

### COLLEGE HOMECOMING

College Homecoming will be held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 – 2:10 p.m. in the auditorium. This is an opportunity for seniors to hear about various colleges from WHS Alumni presently attending college. We are asking for your help in recruiting college students for January 4<sup>th</sup>. Alumni planning to attend should RSVP to Mrs. Franklin at 508-291-3510 ext. 723.

### SAT UPDATES

Approximately 100 seniors took SATs at WHS on Saturday, November 5. For seniors who missed the fall SATs, the late registration deadline for the December 3 test at Tabor Academy is November 20. In March, guidance counselors will be giving presentations in classes for all juniors on registering for the May 5th SAT to be given at WHS.

Additional SAT opportunities are offered on January 28, March 10 and June 2 at various schools in the area.

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PART II PRESENTATIONS

In September, all seniors participated in group sessions conducted in their English classes. Topics covered included college visits, applications, the essay, recommendations, testing, financial aid, interviews and the senior year timeline. All juniors will participate in Part I of the presentation in the spring.

### FRESHMEN PRESENTATIONS

In September, all freshmen participated in group sessions conducted in their English classes. Topics covered included transition to the high school, graduation requirements, time-management strategies, study skills, learning styles, and career and college information.

### RELIEF EFFORT IN HAITI

On October 18, former WHS student Simon Kvilhaug (class of 2008) came back to Wareham High School to teach students about his experience in the relief effort in Haiti. Currently, Mr. Kvilhaug is a First Class Cadet (senior) at Mass Maritime Academy majoring in Emergency Management. This is a new major at the academy and he had to complete an internship. Simon chose to



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complete his Management Assessment at Ile-A-Vauche, Haiti. During his internship, he lived in Haiti for 6 weeks during the winter of 2011. Simon saw firsthand the devastation of the 2010 Haitian earthquake. Simon created a plan to assist one community in Haiti to improve conditions.

Wareham students learned about Global affairs and citizenship. Simon spoke to Mr. St.Julien's American Politics and the Student Global Education Team. Mr. St. Julien wanted his students to learn about opportunities at a local college, other possible majors, and how ordinary people can do extraordinary things. Citizens in America can do great things when they decide to make a difference. The Student Global Education Team has decided to help Simon during his second trip to Haiti this winter.

### **I-ROBOT COMPANY/CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY**

On Thursday, November 4, 2011, students from both the science and tech departments had the opportunity to witness first hand cutting edge technology. A representative from the I-Robot company came to the auditorium. He brought with him a 30 pound robot that the military and local law enforcement agencies used to diffuse potentially life threatening situations. He spoke about the various robots the company makes and their uses. Students then got to witness firsthand the maneuverability of the robot as it traversed various obstacles. Two students were given the chance to operate the robot themselves. The presentation emphasized that the technology of today could be obsolete in 5- 10 years. "What we see and create today knows no boundaries"

### **CLASS OF 2012**

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is in it's eighth year and rewards high academic achievement on MCAS tests and provides families of college bound student's with financial assistance. Each of the 54 Students are entitled, upon acceptance to a participating Massachusetts public institution of higher education, free tuition. The following is a list of the students that are entitled.

ANDREWS, DARNELL ANTHONY  
 ANTHONY, RONALD BERNARD  
 AUGUSTSON, KELSEY LYNN  
 BERGERON, ROBERT PAUL BAK  
 BOURGEOIS, STEPHANIE LAUR  
 CONNOLLY, COURTNEY BREANN  
 CONWAY, SEAN PATRICK  
 COUTO, ALEXANDER  
 DIGIANTOMASO, TARA ELAINE  
 DOUCETTE, MATTHEW ROBERT  
 DOYLE, ALEC ANDERSON  
 ELLIOT, WARREN JOSEPH  
 FERNANDES, CHAUNTE JANEEN  
 FURTADO, ALEXANDRA NICHOL  
 GAMBLE, BRIANNA KRISTA  
 GEIST, DOUGLAS RICHARD  
 GILLEN, EMMITT ANTHONY  
 HANSON, JESSICA LYNN  
 HARRINGTON, JAMIE SUEANNE  
 HEAL, BRANDON DAVID  
 HORTON, TYLER CONNOR  
 JOSEPH, CHERLYNNE ELIZABE  
 LACAVA, BRIANA LEE  
 LACAVA, KATLYN MARIE  
 LEONE, DOMINIC JOSEPH  
 LETENDRE, BRITTANY ELIZAB  
 LIFFERS, TIMOTHY ALLEN  
 MARQUEZ, TIFFANY SAMANTHA  
 MCINERNEY, BRENN A BEATRICE

MELLON, EMILY CAROLINE  
 MERRITT, MARCEL NATHAN  
 MONTY, ALEXANDER JESSE  
 MULCAHEY, BRENDAN KELLY  
 PATEL, TWINKLE ASHVINKUMA  
 PETERSON III, WILLIAM JAM  
 RAMOS, AMBER CRYSTAL  
 REYNOLDS, SAMANTHA LEE  
 ROUNDS, MATTHEW WALTER  
 ROY, SHELDON MYLES  
 SANDERSON, RYAN BENJAMIN  
 SCANNELL, ISABEL RUTH  
 SEARLES, IAN RICHARD  
 SHEPLEY, ZACHARY ALBERT S  
 SILVA, CHRISTOPHER JAMES  
 SILVA, JAMIE CHRISTINE  
 SILVA JR, DENNIS STEVEN  
 SPENCER, BRIANA LYNN  
 STRATTON, EMMA FRANCES  
 VROOM, BRYAN ANTHONY  
 WALLS, MAROBY REBECCA  
 WALSH, JOHN HARLAN  
 WEARE, NICHOLAS ALEXANDER  
 WILLIAMS, BRIAN MICHAEL  
 WRIGHT, THOMAS JAMES

### **ATTENTION SENIORS AND FAMILIES**

Are you thinking about how to pay for College? Do you have questions about the financial aid process? Do you want help in applying for financial aid?

The College Access Challenge Grant through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education provided to the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium and Sevenhills Behavioral Health is happy to announce some new opportunities here at WHS through this partnership.

Several types of opportunities are available including access to educational advisors who can answer all of your financial aid questions. We are also offering assistance in completing all types of financial aid applications, including FAFSA, CSS Profile, and any other institutional forms. To schedule an appointment, call 508.995.3026 x4001 or pick up an informational packet at the Guidance Office.

### **FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS AND FAMILIES**

Thinking about college but worried about the cost? Interested in participating in tours of college campuses? Interested in accessing ACT test prep for free? Want to get a head start and make a plan for senior year?

Ongoing opportunities will be available throughout the school year for both students and families to receive individual assistance or participate in group activities offered by the College Access Challenge Grant. Students and families will be alerted to all upcoming Challenge Grant opportunities and services.

**For additional information, including scheduling an appt. please go to the Guidance Office to pick up an information packet or call 508.995.3026 x4001 and ask to speak to Beth Sylvia the Director of the College Access Challenge Grant.**