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Skills For A Lifetime

*1st Semester
Exam Dates:
Wednesday,
December 20th
&
Thursday,
December 21st*

*Attendance
Is Required*

PLANNING FOR POST-SECONDARY A FOCUS AT SST

The 9th Annual SST College Fair was held on Friday, November 17, 2006. Despite the rain, representatives from nearly fifty schools, all branches of the military and the internship program at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard were in attendance. Your student had the opportunity to talk with these representatives about the variety of opportunities available upon graduation.

Seniors had their first taste of college planning when a representative from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF) spoke to them on November 20 about the process involved in securing funding for post-secondary education. For information about services available to you go to www.nhheaf.org. NHHEAF is sponsoring its 8th Annual Destination College, a college prep convention for high school juniors and their parents, to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007, at Plymouth State College. For more information go to www.destinationcollege.org.

New Hampshire Community Technical College Admissions officer, Chrissy Wall, has already made a couple of visits to SST to meet individually with seniors who have questions about the college application and financial aid process. She will continue to visit SST through April, 2007. Please encourage your senior to take advantage of her visits. Be sure to use the upcoming holiday vacation to visit colleges that are of interest to your student *and* those that are compatible with his or her career goals.

Principal Nancy Pierce will present a Senior Scholarship Workshop on Friday, January 5. Seniors will participate and discover the many possibilities available to secure financial aid and figure out a way to attend college. Please call SST at 775-8461 should you or your child need assistance with any aspect of the college process. We are here to help!

Margaret Callahan, Assistant Principal

MANY NEW OPPORTUNITES FOR WELDING STUDENTS

Welding Technologies teacher, Jonathan Theberge, is broadening the horizons of many SST students. An authorized trainer for OSHA, Mr. Theberge is teaching a ten hour class to both Welding and Building Construction seniors. Upon successful completion of the course the students will become certified in construction safety by OSHA, which is highly valued and frequently required in the industry. Mr. Theberge has several students who are taking a more artistic approach to welding. Whether making small or large sculptures, these talented

students are changing the face of many welding projects. Finally, senior Welding students are pipe welding – a first for SST welders!

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO BE HONORED

Have you seen the beautiful 24' x 80' maintenance building behind the football field at Exeter High School? Under the direction of Teacher Ben Gerkin and Teaching Assistant Jack Quinney, the 2005-2006 Building Construction students created the barn-red building with the impressive cupola. In appreciation, the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board will recognize the program with a plaque to be placed on the building at their December 12 meeting. Student builders included: Jay Lennon, Matthew McCarthy, Scott McCarthy and Kris Wason from Epping, Nathan Biron, Christopher Bolduc, Diego Eldridge, Nathan Frazer, Bryan Kolacz, Jason Martel, Scott McGee, Samuel Tarr, Brian Thibeault, William Thibeault from Exeter, Jeffrey Belanger, Ryan Call from Sanborn, Tad Richard from Raymond.

CULINARY ARTS HOLIDAY DINNER, SILENT AUCTION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH UNH

SST Culinary Arts students are preparing for their only evening meal, a Holiday Dinner, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2006. The student-run restaurant will be open to the public by reservation. This year's theme, Italian, was chosen by Katie Gerrish, a senior from Winnacunnet and student manager for the event. In the past, these evening events have garnered record setting attendance and sell out weeks in advance. It is highly recommended that you make reservations as soon as possible by calling 775-8473. This year's event is particularly special because a Silent Auction to benefit the SST Scholarship Fund is being held in conjunction with the dinner. Each SST program is donating items, for the auction. Items you may be interested in bidding on include: one month's tuition to the Wright Start Preschool, two 12" decorated balsam wreaths, a Logo design for personal or business use, rent-a nerd, fireplace racks, a student parking space in the faculty parking lot. These are just a few of the items to be auctioned off. Please come and bid even if you don't have dinner reservations!

SST Culinary Arts students visited UNH Hospitality Services on December 5 and interned for an entire day throughout Hospitality Services businesses. Students worked stations, shadowed managers, learned about purchasing and how the New England Center works. Seniors were split into three groups and prepared recipes for the college students to eat. As part of this visit all first year students sent professional and official cover letters and resumes as they applied for the positions they worked in and shadowed. UNH managers "hired" students based on the professionalism of cover letters and resumes. This is the second year SST Culinary Arts students went to UNH Hospitality Services and the first time they were assigned to prepare meals for their college counterparts. Last year both SST and UNH received national press for this unique educational partnership.

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

The 12th Annual Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce/Seacoast School of Technology Business Roundtable was held on Wednesday, November 8th. Many SST students took advantage of the opportunity to interview with business people from the local community. The response from students and business people was overwhelmingly positive. Animal & Plant Sciences students included: Abby Lord, Hattie Norton-Ford, Katie Papoulias, Ingrid Sanderson, Michiko Sherwood from Exeter, Dana Brotz from Sanborn. Automotive Technologies students included: Kevin Breen, Tyler George from Winnacunnet. Biotechnology students included: Kathryn Swegles from Epping, Katie LaRoche from Exeter, Brittany Bridgham, and Grace Lyons from Sanborn. Building Construction students included: William Currier, Matt Daniels from Exeter. Computer Programming students included: Norman Denoncour from Epping, Daniel Corey, Jon Doane, and Sam Wells from Exeter. Culinary Arts students included: John Crosier from Exeter, Cat Demers from Sanborn, Heather Arsenault, and Jaime Field from Winnacunnet. Digital Communications students included: Patrick Cote, Jordan South from Exeter. Early Childhood Education students included: Michelle Soucie from Epping, Erin Copeland, Amanda Schena, Kaitlin Smith from Exeter, Samantha Sullivan from Winnacunnet. Health Sciences students included: Theresa Greene from Exeter, Tara Gardner from Winnacunnet. Marketing students included: Chris Dougherty, Lilly Hayes from Epping, Patrick Duffy from Exeter, Renna Muhieddin from Winnacunnet. Pre-Engineering students included: Tara Davidson, Stephen Lemieux from Epping, Nicole Boucher, Logen Johnson, Louis Pasto from Sanborn, Brittany Wills from Raymond. Welding students included: Drew Lawler, William Vaughn from Exeter, Corey Gonya from Winnacunnet.

IMPORTANT SST DATES

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| Tuesday, December 12 | Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) will host a Santa Spaghetti Supper including a visit from Santa. Dinner is from 5-6:30 p.m. Call 775-8461 for reservations. |
| Thursday, December 14 | Culinary Arts Holiday Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Call 775-8473 for reservations. Included will be a Silent Auction featuring items donated by all SST programs. Silent Auction proceeds to benefit the SST Scholarship Fund. |
| December 20 & 21 | SST Mid-term Exams. Insist that your student review and prepare for exams. Please read last page for procedures! Students who miss exams will receive a zero unless arrangements are made prior to exams. |
| Friday, December 22 | No PM Classes. Holiday vacation begins. |
| Tuesday, January 2 | SST classes resume. |
| Friday, January 5 | PM Session Scholarship Workshop
with Mrs. Pierce. |
| Thursday, May 31 | SST Certificate Ceremony - 5:30 p.m.
Exeter High School, 315 Epping Road, Exeter. |

SST MID-TERM EXAM SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2006

Mid-term Exams: Wednesday, December 20 and Thursday, December 21, 2006

All mid-term exams will take place during the regular SST schedules on these days. Students are expected to be present except for emergency situations.

1. Final exams will be administered to ALL students in ALL programs during the scheduled time unless approved otherwise by the SST Principal.

2. All teachers are asked to post a copy of this information sheet in his/her classroom(s).

3. Failure by a student to appear for any exam will result in a “0” on such exam. If a student is late for an exam, such student must secure an admission slip from the SST Office PRIOR to appearing in the classroom. The student will NOT be granted additional exam time unless approved on the admission slip from the office. An unexcused absence from any exam shall be considered a cut.

4. Exams are to be a test of the semester’s work.

5. A copy of any exam to be administered shall be filed with the SST Principal no later than December 13, 2006.

The mid-term exam will be weighted to account for 10% of the final grade.

The school day for teachers and students shall be the normal day unless otherwise approved by the SST Principal.

8. No student may be released from an exam room until the end of the exam period. Teachers are to use discretion in case of illness or disruption. The store will be closed.

9. Field trips and other activities which would remove a student from class (exception - illness) will not be approved on these dates.

10. Unless otherwise approved by the SST Principal, each student shall take an exam on the date(s) designated in the Exam Schedule.

11. Any legitimate student absence (e.g. illness) must be reported to the SST Office in writing by a parent or via telephone by a parent (775-8461) at least 30 minutes PRIOR to the designated exam time.

12. Students may not be in a corridor during exam periods. It is expected that students will show courtesy to other students and in no way disrupt the exam periods. Any disruption will be considered grounds for suspension.

Students from other schools may not visit during these exam days.

14. In the event of a school cancellation, the exam schedule will resume at the point of disruption.