



Clipper Connection

Sturgeon Bay High School

May 2009

Notes from the Principal

This is the final issue of Clipper Connection for the 2008-09 school year. This issue contains important end-of-the-year information for parents of students at all grade levels.

The end of this school year brings to a close my third year as principal at Sturgeon Bay High School. I would like to thank the students, parents, faculty, staff, fellow administrators, and school board for their help in making this a great school year. This is an outstanding district, and I am proud to serve our community as your high school principal.

My best wishes to the Class of 2009 as they embark on their journey into adulthood. I look forward to greeting our returning and new students in September . . . just four short months away!

A reminder from the Door County Public Health Department. Student Immunization Law requires one dose of Tdap for all students in Grades 6, 9, and 12 and two doses of Varicella for all students in Grades K, 6, and 12. This law went into effect in September 2008. If your child has not received the above immunizations at our school-based clinics, immunization clinics are held at the Health Department every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Door County Public Health Department at 746.2234.

Notes for parents of seniors. A separate mailing for the parents of the Class of 2009 is included with this newsletter. Please note that there are two changes from previous years:

- On Thursday, June 4, the Senior Awards Ceremony will be held as part of the Senior Night celebration. The ceremony will be held in the High School Gym and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Parents and other relatives are invited to attend this event. Parent/relative seating will be in the bleachers. Members of the Senior Class will be seated on the floor level. This ceremony has previously been held during the school day. The change was made to allow more family members to attend this very special event without having to miss work or other daytime obligations.
- The commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 7, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Education chose to change the time to avoid potential conflicts with commencement ceremonies at neighboring schools.

Faculty and Staff

Teacher retirements. As the school year ends, we say goodbye to Mrs. Carmody (Special Ed. Department) and Mrs. Heil-Allen (Foreign Language Department). Special thanks to these two professionals for their years of dedicated service to the district.

Academics

Academic Awards. The following students were honored at the 2009 Academic Awards Ceremony, which was held on Sunday, May 3:

- Class of 2012 Top 10 Percent as of the end of Term 3: Peter Dahl, Brenna Dubick, Rebecca Fredrickson, Katherine Glasheen, Daniel Holdridge, Kali Knutson, Halina Malinowski, Ekaterina Mullendore, Paige Nelson, Sarah Quakkelaar, and Grace Schroeder.
- Class of 2011 Top 10 Percent as of the end of Term 3: Jonathan Anthony, Mackenzie Cummings, Joshua Giese, Hannah Haight, Gretchen Hathaway, Christian Huehns, Michael Kohlbeck, Andrea Malek, Sara Powers, Michaela Rabas, and Sierra Townsend.
- Class of 2010 Top 10 Percent as of the end of Term 3: Olivia Arnold, Hannah Bumgardner, Brent Coisman, Ana Collins, Shannon Kasbohm, Michael McCaulley, Lauren Pichette, Erin Pomeroy, Daniel Stawicki, Jacob Vander Velden, Nick Winkel, and Maya Woods.
- Class of 2009 Honor Graduates (earning a minimum 3.750 GPA as of the end of Semester 1): Dori Arbter, Kesha Berg, Lydia Dahl, Anthony DeMeuse, Jessica Doyle, Adam Englebert, Cory Gorski, Katelyn Holdridge, Michelle LaLuzerne, Adam Landen, Hans Nelson, Michael Norland, John Parent, David Pryor, Christopher Rosenthal, Troy Tauber, and Taylor Trelka.
- Class of 2009 High Honors Graduates (Top 10 Percent as of the end of Semester 1): Ellen Baker, Hunter Bradley, Kaitlin Dawidiuk, Cameryn Ehlers, Gretchen Fehl, Amanda Glasheen, Mary Hanson, Elizabeth Knutowski, Jennifer LaLuzerne, Lily Larsen, Alyssa Lenius, MurphyKate Montee, Nicholas Scaturio, Ryan Schinkten, and Joseph Stawicki.
- Class of 2009 Highest Honors Graduates: Ryan Schinkten and Joseph Stawicki, salutatorians; MurphyKate Montee, valedictorian.

This year's guest speaker was Nick Freimuth, the voice of DoorCountyDailyNews.com and the radio sta-

tions. Mr. Freimuth gave personal background related to his career track and also offered advice on specific steps to career success.

Special thanks to Econo Foods and Scaturio's Baking Co. and Café for their support of this event and to members of the Academic Booster Club for hosting the event.

Rotary Vocational Awards. The following students were recognized for their vocational education efforts at the 2009 Rotary Vocational Education Awards Luncheon, held at Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club on Thursday, April 23:

- Business: Cole Hanson, Dylan Lauder, Katelyn Holdridge, and Jennifer LaLuzerne.
- Entrepreneurship: Staci Reinhard, Brandon Jubelirer, and Gregory Grohman.
- Graphic Design: Hans Nelson.
- Drafting: Michael Norland and Christopher Rosenthal.
- Metals: Elliot Vanness.
- Woods: Vincent Falco.
- Family and Consumer: Amanda Lewis.
- Clothing: Taylor Trelka, Cassidy Smith, and Julie Benzshawel.
- Home Construction Program: Dennis Blum, Zachary Fairchild, and Aaron Moriarity.

Rotary Fine Arts Awards. The following students were recognized for their fine arts efforts at the 2009 Rotary Fine Arts Awards Ceremony, held at Crossroads on Sunday, May 3: Alyssa Lenius, forensics; Michelle LaLuzerne, band; Dori Arbter, choral; Sean Buesing, drama; Hans Nelson, art; Hannah Hitzman, journalism.

Rotary Senior Recognition Luncheon. The following seniors will be recognized for their academic efforts at the 2009 Rotary Senior Recognition Luncheon to be held on Thursday, May 14, at Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club: Cameryn Ehlers, Amanda Glasheen, Lily Larsen, MurphyKate Montee, Ryan Schinkten, and Joseph Stawicki.

School Counseling Department

Scheduling. Student schedules for next year continue to be a work in progress. The goal is to have schedules completed before summer vacation. The counselors will be meeting with students one on one throughout the remainder of the school year to discuss their schedules and future goals. Changes to next year's schedules should be made prior to the start of next school year. *Schedule changes requested during the school year may not be granted as these changes cause a stress to class loads and an imbalance of resources.*

Parent meeting for Class of 2010. On Monday, August 31, Mr. Grahl will meet with parents of next year's Senior Class concerning post-high school plans. Information presented at the meeting will include the college application process for technical, 2-year, and 4-year colleges (public and private). The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Commons and will last 45 – 60 minutes.

This is not a mandatory meeting for parents, particularly those who have already had sons/daughters go through the college application process. However, this is an especially important meeting for parents with first-time college students. This information has already been presented to the students, but they are welcome to hear it again. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Grahl to set up an individual appointment (ggrahl@sturbay.k12.wi.us or 746.1827).

ACT/SAT testing dates. Below are the remaining 2008-09 ACT/SAT testing dates. Even though only one test is required for college admissions, students are encouraged to take either of these tests at least twice, beginning in the junior year. This better ensures the highest scores possible. Contact your counselor with questions.

ACT (www.act.org)	SAT (http://www.collegeboard.com/testing/)
June 13	June 6

Test prep. The UW System website offers free ACT preparation. Students are advised to visit <http://know-how2gowisconsin.org/> and take advantage of this opportunity to better ACT scores.

NEW! ACT Test Prep course. Please take note of the ACT Test Prep course being offering right here at Sturgeon Bay High School. The course is designed to assist students taking the June 13 test but can also be used for future testing if desired. Depending upon the success of this session, the course will be offered again next year prior to several test sessions. A full explanation of this course is enclosed. Please feel free to contact the high school if you have any questions.

Accuplacer. Technical colleges will accept ACT/SAT tests but may have additional admissions tests. NWTCC accepts the Accuplacer test in place of the ACT. The Accuplacer may be given at SBHS at any time free of charge. Contact the counselors to set up an appointment.

Financial aid – important tip! When applying for your PIN number on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website and choose to have your PIN emailed to you, many of the servers seem to be filtering the response into the junk mail box. However, if you add federalstudentaidPIN@cpsemail.ed.gov to your address book, it will fix the problem.

Scholarships. Most money SBHS students receive comes from the wide array of very generous local donors. There are some national-level scholarships that students can check into to see if they qualify. Three of these websites are www.meritaid.com, www.axa-achievement.com, and www.fastweb.com. While these websites are reputable, beware of any scholarship/award solicitations that require you to pay an up-front fee. These are generally moneymaking deals for an organization and provide little to no student benefits.

Financial scams. At no point should credit card information be given over the phone unless you have initiated the phone call. There are reports of callers claiming to be testing companies (e.g., ACT or SAT) looking for credit card information in order to verify the registration of an exam. This is a scam. If you are ever in question about this type of circumstance, do not hesitate to offer the caller to call him/her back, then contact your counselor to verify the legitimacy of the situation.

Transcripts. Students/parents are encouraged to occasionally check the student transcript to ensure that there are no mistakes. Computers are marvelous machines, but every now and then they “hiccup” without warning and fail to award credit to a class that was successfully completed. The counselors do their best to check the transcripts each year; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student/parent to make sure the transcript is accurate. Contact your counselor if you have questions.

School counselor summer hours. Mr. Grahl and Mrs. O’Handley will be available this summer for limited hours. Please see their schedules below.

Mrs. O’Handley: Mrs. O’Handley will be available on a limited basis through email throughout the summer. If you need to contact her at any time after June 15, please use the email address provided. She will reply at her earliest convenience.

Email: johandley@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Phone: 746.3867

Thursday, June 11	7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday, June 12	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, June 15	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 25	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Grahl: After June 16, Mr. Grahl will answer email or phone calls as soon as possible when he returns in August.

Email: ggrahl@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Phone: 746.1827

Monday, June 15	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 18	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 25	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 27	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 1	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Athletics

Packerland Conference awards. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for Packerland scholar athlete awards: Kaitlin Dawidiuk, Jennifer LaLuzerne, John Parent, and Nicholas Scaturio.

To be nominated, a student must be a second semester senior; have earned at least four varsity letters through athletic participation in WIAA-sanctioned sports during the complete freshman, sophomore, and junior years and the fall and winter seasons of the senior year; and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Congratulations to Nicholas Scaturio who has received a Packerland Conference Outstanding Achievement Award. This award is presented to outstanding seniors who have a minimum 3.9 GPA, competed as a three-sport athlete for their junior and senior years, and earned a minimum of seven athletic letters.

Student Activities

Class of 2010 Prom. Congratulations to the Junior Class and our dance manager, Mr. Blizel, for a very successful Prom 2009. The court members consisted of the following: James Arbter and Olivia Arnold, Michael McCaulley and Taylor Cummings, Brent Coisman and Lauren Rose, Derek Nebel and Nicole Glasheen, Zane Statz and Ana Collins, Tanner Dvorak and Katharine Miller, Nathan Felhofer and Hannah Bumgardner, and Alex Bournoville and Abby Jennerjohn. This year’s king and queen were Michael McCaulley and Olivia Arnold.

Special thanks to the parents who organized and hosted the Post-Prom event held at Apple Valley Lanes. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into this event. Your efforts are appreciated!

Students attend Door County Legislative Days. Students from the Sturgeon Bay High School Business Education and Information Technology Department will actively participate in this year’s Door County Legislative Days. They will attend state agency meetings the morning of May 12 and will speak with a select group of legislators in the afternoon. The students involved are Julie Benzshawel, Kesha Berg, Kayla Bissen, Jordan Burke, Elizabeth Collebrusco, Jennifer LaLuzerne, Kelly Peterson, Stacie Reinhard., and Hailey Rusche. Students will be accompanied by their instructor, Ms. Gibson, and Mr. Stutting, district superintendent.

The students reviewed the developed agenda and will focus their lobby efforts at the issues of educating legislators on Door County, retain Wisconsin’s uniform school starting date, and protect drinking water in at-risk Karst geology areas.

P.A.T.H. Information

P.A.T.H. (Providing Access to Help for Families with Special Needs). Visit the following address for up-

to-date information on P.A.T.H. activities: <http://www.sturgeonbaymoravian.org/path>.

The P.A.T.H. office is located at 323 South Fifth Avenue in Sturgeon Bay (in the basement of Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church). Call 559.6217 for more information.

Other Information

Yearbook update. If you did not pay for your yearbook ordered earlier this past fall, or if you did not get a chance to place an order, you may still purchase one of the extra copies our SBHS Flashes staff has ordered. The cost is \$55. These books will not be personalized. A book may be reserved with full payment before the late-May distribution date. All checks should be made payable to SBHS and dropped off in the High School Office in care of Mrs. Herbst. All orders through Jostens may be checked online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or by calling 1.866.282.1516.

Photos are still appreciated by our Flashes yearbook staff if you have images from any current SBHS spring sports, Prom, or Graduation. Please label a CD in care of Mrs. Herbst, and drop it off in the High School Office, or email images to Mrs. Herbst at nherbst@sturbay.k12.wi.us.

Open computer lab. Room 199 will be open every school day from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. for those students who need computer lab access. This room may also be used for those students who need a quiet place to study before the school day.

Test make-up room. Room 199 will be open every school day from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. for those students who need to make up tests due to absence from school. To schedule a make-up test, students should first see the appropriate classroom teacher. The teacher will ensure the make-up test is given to the staff member supervising Room 199.



Target REDcards. Did you know there's an easy way to help raise money for our school – for classroom materials, co-curricular equipment, computers, etc.? It's called Take Charge of Education. Here's how it works: Visit target.com/tcoe or call 1.800.316.6142 to designate Sturgeon Bay High School, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. (REDcards include Target VISA credit card, Target credit card, or Target check card.) When you use your REDcard, Target will donate up to 1 percent of your purchases to our school. If you don't have a REDcard, you can apply for one at any Target store or online at Target.com/redcard. If you're already participating, thank you.



Dates to Remember

Term 4 Parent-Teacher Conferences May 12, 2009 – 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
 High School Band Concert (date/time change) May 20, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
 Memorial Day / No Classes May 25, 2009
 High School Commencement Ceremony June 7, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.
 Term 4 / Semester 2 Exams June 9 – 10, 2009
 June 9: Exams for Blocks 1 – 2 in a.m. Students released at 12:00 p.m.
 Buses will not run at noon on June 9.
 June 10: Exams for Blocks 3 – 4 in a.m. Students released at 12:00 p.m.
 Buses will run at noon on June 10.
 Term 4 / Semester 2 Report Cards Mailed June 15, 2009
 All-School Registration for the 2009-10 School Year August 20 and 25, 2009 – 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. – HS Commons

Clipper Connection is a communications tool for the parents/guardians of students attending Sturgeon Bay High School. Any questions or comments may be addressed to the following:

Joseph Stutting, Superintendent	920.746.2801	jstutting@sturbay.k12.wi.us
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Gary Rabach, Athletic Director	920.746.1830	grabach@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Gary Grahl, Counselor	920.746.1827	ggrahl@sturbay.k12.wi.us
Jennifer O'Handley, Counselor	920.746.3867	johandley@sturbay.k12.wi.us

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