

SOMONAUK CUSD#432

March 2010

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SHS Newsletter



Principal letter to be added soon!



May your heart be warm and happy,
With a little Irish laughter.
Every day in every way,
And forever and ever after.

Prom News

The junior-senior prom will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at North Island Center's Meyer Ballroom in Aurora. Ticket sales will be from March 22nd through March 26th and April 6th through April 9th. Please note since final counts are due several weeks in advance, these will be the only dates in which students may purchase a ticket. **Once again, April 9, 2010, is the last day to purchase prom tickets.** Parent consent forms as well as out of town/school consent forms must be turned in before tickets can be purchased.

Listed below is a timeline of events for the evening:

- 4:00-5:45** Students will have an opportunity to have their pictures taken by HR Imaging in the high school lobby. This will be the only opportunity for students and groups to have their pictures taken professionally.
- 6:00** Prom Walk will begin. The announcement of court members as well as yearbook dedication will take place during this time. Students will board buses for their trip to Aurora.
- 7:30** Dinner and dancing at North Island Center's Meyer Ballroom.
- 12:00** Buses depart for an approximate 12:30 arrival time in Somonauk.



Thanks for your cooperation and support!

Junior Class Advisors,

Charlene Reader and Christine VonBergen-Tarnoki

ILLINOIS CHIP PROGRAM

Meteor Lodge #283 Ancient Free and Accepted Mason's of Sandwich will be holding an Illinois Child Identification Program at the Somonauk Preschool and Kindergarten registration on Thurs., March 11th and Fri., March 12th at St. John's Lutheran in Somonauk. The appointment times are Thurs. from 10:00 to 6:30p.m., and on Fri.

from 8:00 to 1:00p.m.

After screening and Kindergarten registration, parents are welcome to participate in this program held by experts as the "premier child identification program." Parents are given a color photo, DNA sample, fingerprints, and a recorded interview with the child. The IL CHIP program keeps only the parental permission

form. Unlike screening, children from 2-18 are eligible.

This program is funded by the Mason's of Illinois and is free of charge to the parents.

Pre-Kindergarten News

The Somonauk School District Pre-Kindergarten Program is for students ages 3 to 5 and focuses on students gaining pre-academic and pre-kindergarten readiness skills.

Once again, the district has obtained a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education to fund the program.

The students attend a half-day program at no cost to the parents. The program is provided to children whose preschool screening indicates a need for pre-kindergarten readiness skills.

To enroll in the program, there is a parent registration form to complete and your child must partici-

pate in preschool screening. Preschool screening will be held on Thurs., March 11th, and Friday, March 12th, 2010 at St. John's Lutheran Church (behind the fire station).

For questions, call Carol Koenig, Director of Student Services at (815)498-2314 ext. 233.



Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration

Preschool screening and Kindergarten registration will be held on Thursday, March 11th and Friday, March 12th at St. John's Lutheran Church on Green Street (behind the fire station). Children aged 3, 4, and 5 who reside in #432 are eligible for screening. In addition, there will be a birth to three years screening on Thursday, March 11th only. Please call Gina Skofich at 498-2314 ext. 233 for an appointment or questions.

The areas of screening include vision, hearing, speech, and development. Screening is an excellent opportunity for parents and educators to discuss skills that are necessary for early school success. In order for

children to be considered for our preschool programs, they must be screened on these dates. Appointments can be made by calling (815)498-2314 ext233. Please be prepared with your child's name, birth date, desired date and appointment time, and most importantly your phone number.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at the **same time and location**. Children must be 5 on or before September 1st, 2010 to be registered for Kindergarten. Parents need to bring their child's county birth certificate and social security number to registration. In accordance with state law, **hospital birth certificates are not acceptable**. If you are new to the district, you will also need to

show proof of residency at this time. This is done by filling out a Certificate of Residence form and showing at least three of the following:

1. Driver's license
2. Home ownership title or deed
3. Apartment lease
4. Voter registration
5. Utility bills (water, gas, electric)
6. Automobile insurance

Parents with questions or concerns about children aged 2 ½ or younger may also call the above number for a screening appointment.

Market Day

March is a great month to place a Market Day® order. Receive a FREE 4-pack of All Natural Stain Erasers with a minimum order of \$40. It's also a great time to stock up on desserts for spring celebrations!

Order online at marketday.com until 11pm CST on Saturday March 20th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Mandi at 815-712-7244.

Classes with Mrs. Reader

The English I students just finished reading *Mississippi Trial, 1955*. Our next unit is *Romeo and Juliet*. During this unit, we will discuss how silly some arguments are, how innocence and virtue can be destroyed, and whether all secrets should be

kept. The students will be required to memorize twenty lines of *Romeo and Juliet* before spring break. There is also a book report due on March 8, 2010.

The English III Honors students will be roaring into the 1920's

with *The Great Gatsby*. During this unit, they will be creating a Power Point presentation of themes, symbols, and character quirks to demonstrate their understanding.


NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that all athletes must have a current sports physical on file before they try-out for a sport. Freshmen school physicals are good for sports.

Athletes must attend all try-out dates, have their sports fee of \$45.00, physical and athletic form turned into the office at least 1 week before try-outs begin.

Be sure to check out the H.S. Website and click on Sports News for any updated information Also, check out the Sport Practice Schedule online! District homepage, sports, HS sports news.

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL MARCH 1ST

**ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE THEIR ATHLETIC FEE OF \$45.00 PAID
CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL FOR 10-12TH GRADE AND A CURRENT SCHOOL
9TH GRADE PHYSICAL**

IN THE OFFICE AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE TRYOUTS BEGIN

BOYS BASKETBALL 2009-2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPOSING SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Soph/Varsity</u>
Mar. 2&3	Sectional Semifinals	SOMONAUK	TBA
Mar. 4	All-Conference Meeting	HBR	7:00
Mar. 5	Sectional Final	SOMONAUK	TBA
Mar. 9	Super-Sectionals	TBA	TBA
Mar. 12&13	State Finals	Peoria	TBA

SOMONAUK TRACK 2010

Mar. 5	Sterling Newman	BBG	3:45
Mar. 13	Byron	B	1:00
Mar. 30	Sandwich	BBG	4:30
Apr. 1	Plano	BBG	4:15
Apr. 6	Lisle	BBG	4:00
Apr. 8	Stillman Valley	G	4:15
Apr. 10	Mendota	BBG	10:00
Apr. 13	Plano	BBG	4:15
Apr. 20	Hall	B	4:15
Apr. 24	Plano	BBG	10:00
Apr. 29	Seneca	BBG	4:30
Apr. 30	Mendota	BBG	4:00
May 4	Plano	BBG	4:30
May 8	Genoa Kingston	BBG	11:00
May 12	Sectional Entry Meeting	G	TBA
May 14&15	Sectionals	G	TBA
May 15	Senior Day-Recognize at BB game	BBG	TBA
May 19	Sectional Entry Meeting	B	TBA
May 20-22	State Finals	G	TBA
May 21&22	Sectionals	B	TBA
May 27-29	State Finals	B	TBA

**SOMONAUK JV SOFTBALL 2010**

Mar. 18	Genoa-Kingston	Home	4:30
Mar. 29	Amboy	Home	4:30
Mar. 30	Sandwich	Home	4:30
Mar. 31	Ashton-Franklin Center	Home	4:30
Apr. 7	Mendota	Away	4:30
Apr. 10	Plano (DH)	Away	10:00
Apr. 12	Serena	Away	4:30
Apr. 13	Serena	Home	4:30
Apr. 15	Earlville	Away	4:30
Apr. 16	Earlville	Home	4:30
Apr. 17	LaSalle-Peru (DH)	Away	10:00
Apr. 21	Hall	Home	4:30
Apr. 24	St. Bede {Fresh} (DH)	Away	10:00
Apr. 26	Kirkland	Home	4:30
Apr. 27	Kirkland	Away	4:30
Apr. 29	Wilmington	Home	4:30
May. 3	Sycamore	Away	4:30
May 5	Marquette	Home	4:30
May 7	IMSA	Away	4:30
May 8	Seneca (DH)	Home	10:00
May 12	Aurora Central Catholic	Away	4:30
May 14	Yorkville	Away	5:30
May 15	Wheaton Academy (DH)	Away	10:00

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Apr. 8	LaMoille*	Away	4:30
Apr. 9	LaMoille*	Home	4:30
Apr. 10	Plano (DH)	Home	10:00
Apr. 12	Serena*	Home	4:30
Apr. 13	Serena*	Away	4:30
Apr. 15	Earlville*	Home	4:30
Apr. 16	Earlville*	Away	4:30
Apr. 19	Newark*	Away	4:30
Apr. 20	Newark*	Home	4:30
Apr. 22	Paw Paw*	Away	4:30
Apr. 23	Paw Paw*	Home	4:30
Apr. 24	Seneca Round Robin (3 Games)\$75	Away	9:00
Apr. 26	Kirkland*	Away	4:30
Apr. 27	Kirkland*	Home	4:30
Apr. 28	IHSA Online Seeding		
Apr. 29	Wilmington	Away	4:30
Apr. 30	Putnam Cty.	Home	4:30
May 3	Indian Creek*	Home	4:30



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May 12	Aurora Central Catholic	Home	4:30
May 14	Yorkville	Away	7:30
May 15	Wheaton Academy (DH)	Home	10:00
May 17-22	Regionals	TBA	TBA
May 25	All-Conference Meeting	HBR	7:00
May 26&27	Sectional Semifinals	TBA	TBA
May 29	Sectional Final	TBA	TBA
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June 4&5	State Finals	TBA	TBA

SENIOR NITE

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Apr. 14	Indian Creek	Away	4:30
Apr. 17	Ashton-Franklin Center (DH)	Home	10:00
Apr. 19	Hall	Home	4:30
Apr. 21	Aurora Central Catholic	Away	4:30
Apr. 23	Yorkville {Fresh}	Away	4:30
Apr. 24	St. Bede {Fresh} (DH)	Home	10:00
Apr. 26	Kirkland	Home	4:30
Apr. 27	Kirkland	Away	4:30
Apr. 28	Indian Creek	Home	4:30
Apr. 29	Wilmington	Home	4:30
Apr. 30	Putnam Cty.	Away	4:30
May 5	Marquette	Home	4:30
May 6	Westminster Christian	Away	4:30
May 8	Seneca (DH)	Home	10:00
May 10	Sycamore {Fresh}	Away	4:30
May 11	Marmion {Fresh}	Home	4:30
May 12	Aurora Christian	Away	4:30



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May 8	Seneca (DH)	Away	10:00
May 10	HBR*	Home	4:30
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May 12	Aurora Christian # SENIOR DAY	Home	4:30
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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

SENIORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If you haven't applied for them what are you waiting for?! Filling out scholarship applications can be easy. Dedicate 30 minutes a night to working toward the completion of one application. You'll get more done than you thought. Try to remember, working on a \$250 scholarship application for two hours would be equivalent to earning \$125 an hour if you receive the scholarship! That's well worth the time. Get to it!

Many scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. Students need to check the scholarship binder in the Guidance office (on the filing cabinet by the door). New forms become available on a regular basis. **Scholarships offered by local groups are now becoming available. Watch for postings and advisory announcements for application availability and due dates.**

ACT TESTING and PRAIRIE STATE TESTING (PSAE)

We will be giving the ACT to all juniors as part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on **April 28th**. Study materials will be handed out during advisory/lunch. Students are encouraged to begin preparation for the ACT as soon as possible. ACT prep websites are listed in the back of the Course Description Guide. Remember; utilize free resources before for fee services! Some favorites are www.act.org and www.number2.com.

The remaining parts of the Prairie State Achievement Exam will be given on **April 29th** which will consist of the ISBE-Developed Science, WorkKeys Applied Mathematics, and Work Keys Reading for Information exams. PSAE score reports become part of the official school transcript. All juniors must take this test in order to graduate high school. Please do not schedule any appointments for juniors on April 28th and 29th. Please remember to schedule all family vacations and outings during our Spring Break, March 29th – April 5th.

SENIOR COLLEGE VISIT/JOB SHADOWING DAY AND SENIOR INSTITUTE

On the first day of PSAE testing, April 28th, all seniors are required to take a college visit day or job shadowing day. This is a great time to meet with a financial aid counselor to discuss your SAR results or complete any placement testing that may not be done yet. Students may also use this day to do some job shadowing. If you need help coordinating with a prospective job shadowing experience or your post secondary training facility please ask Mrs. Koontz for help! All seniors must fill out a special College Visit Day/Job Shadowing Form. They can get these forms from Mrs. Koontz or Mrs. Race.

On April 29th, during the second day of PSAE testing the seniors will be attending the Senior Institute. This day is dedicated solely to seniors and their final preparation for life after high school. The senior class will participate in a survey to decide on the topics to be covered. Such topics may include; money management, physical and mental health, drinking and drug use, and post secondary success.

At this time we are inviting all senior parents to volunteer to assist with the day. Volunteers will be needed to help with organization, serving lunch, raffles and prizes.



Please contact Angie Koontz (koontza@somonauk.net) to volunteer. Thanks those of you who have already offered! Please remember, the more parent volunteers the better that day will be for the senior class!

JUNIORS

Just a reminder that all juniors who took the PSAT in the fall can utilize the **My College QuickStart** program through College Board. On QuickStart you will find, My College Matches, a starter list of colleges based on the student's location and choice of major. My Major & Career Matches, a personalized list of majors and careers. Access QuickStart at <http://www.collegeboard.com/quick>. All students who took the PSAT, along with their parents, were offered a tutorial on QuickStart with Mrs. Koontz. This is an excellent resource for college, career and financial planning.

ALL JUNIORS have been invited to attend College and Career Planning sessions with Mrs. Koontz on Fridays during advisory. To date only one student has attended! **Parents**, if you would like your junior to work on selecting some options for post secondary work or training please send them to Mrs. Koontz for a pass to the sessions. The next session will be March 5th.

SOPHOMORES

PLAN results are being disseminated to students. Please contact Mrs. Koontz with questions. Results from the PLAN should be utilized to further career exploration as well as prepare for the ACT given the junior year. PLAN results will be considered in enrollment to advanced and honors classes.

FINANCIAL AIDS FORMS

Parents of seniors need to be aware that the recommended date for filling the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is **March 1**. Information on how to complete the FAFSA form was given at the January Financial Aid Workshop. Forms and tips were also distributed at that time. If you did not attend the workshop, please find the scholarship information as well as student loan information on our website at www.somonauk.net. FAFSA information and applicable worksheets can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA may be filed over the internet or through the mail. It is important that all students who plan to attend 2 or 4-year colleges, trade, or technical schools complete this form. Many scholarships and grants are not available to students who have not filed a FAFSA. If you have a returning student who has previously completed a FAFSA, you do not need to re-file. You must only complete an update.

Summer Opportunities for ALL Grade Levels

Applications and information about the following summer experiences, and others, are available in the Counseling Office. Please remember to research each program to see that it fits your needs and finances.

*Rural Health Careers Camp, NIU

*Adventures in Film Making, Western Illinois University, limited space, (includes lodging and meals),

- *Summer Scholars Program, Pace University, NY, www.pace.edu/summerscholars
- *Summer Leaders Seminar, West Point Academy, <http://admissions.usma.edu>
- *The Kenyon Review Young Writers Summer Program, Kenyon College, OH, (includes lodging and meals), www.keyonreview.org
- *United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar, Juniors may apply, www.usna.edu/Admissions
- *Mock Trial Academy, Held at North Central College, Naperville, www.mocktrialacademy.com
- *Exploring the Quarry Summer Camp at DePauw's Nature Park, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, (includes tuitions and board), 8th and 9th graders, www.depauw.edu/univ/naturepark
- *Creative Writing at DePauw or Theater Arts at DePauw, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, grades 9-12,
- *Minority High School Scholars Actuarial Academy, Illinois State University, Bloomington, IL,



DID YOU KNOW?

eCampusTours.com offers information on college planning, scholarship opportunities, and virtual tours of hundreds of college campuses. There is even a section just for parents!

Walgreens-Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program and Osco-Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program is offered to juniors and seniors. Students participate in an intense 6-week summer program focused on giving the student experience and knowledge in the area of pharmacy. The program is competitive, only accepting 25 students. Contact the Chicago College of Pharmacy at 630-971-6417 for more details.

Ohio State offers University Honors Program with more than 500 sections of honors courses with fewer than 25 students per class, research opportunities, special Honors study abroad programs, honors housing, and priority scheduling. www.osu.edu

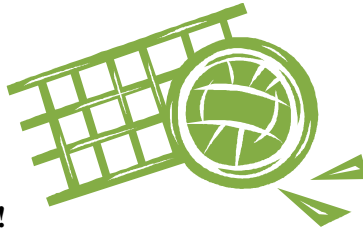
Illinois State (ISU) offers an Actuarial Science Program, one of 12 programs recognized nationally for its depth and research opportunities. www.math.ilstu.edu

Eureka College offers the Ronald W. Reagan Leadership Program. Each Fellow receives a full-tuition scholarship as well as special travel and mentoring opportunities. 888-4-EUREKA or www.eureka.edu

REMINDER!!!!

All A.P. Calculus exam fees are due to the high school office by March 19th! The fee is \$86.


Go Bobcats



Volleyball!!!

Dedicated members of the Somonauk Volleyball team have been in the Blue Room at least twice a week for off season training. The team is focusing on increasing strength and stamina. Team members are showing great dedication to improving the Bobcat Volleyball Program through their hard work and sweat. Five players are working on improving their skills through playing club ball. Keep up the good work team!

Volleyball clinics will be held March 15th and May 17th. These sessions will focus on the increased development of skills. Keep an eye out for more information!

The Blue Room is open by SHS staff Mondays-Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15. All players are expected to work out, including both cardio and weight lifting, at least 3 times a week. All students and athletes are welcome.



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Were on the web:
www.somonauk.net
Check out the Calendars!