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*Skills
For A
Lifetime*

*3rd Quarter
Grades Close
March 28th*

*Good Luck To
All CTSO
Participants At
State
Conventions!*

*Certificate
Ceremony
May 29th*

PROGRESS REPORTS & POWERSCHOOL

With the addition of PowerSchool, the district's new student information database, parents have access to their child's grades at all times. All Seacoast School of Technology parents were mailed information in December on accessing PowerSchool. The letter included a password. As a result of the daily access to your child's progress, progress reports will no longer be mailed home. If you did not receive the letter with your password, please call me at 775-8461 and another letter with the password will be mailed to you. I realize that some families do not have access to the internet. If this is the case, please let us know and we will make arrangements to mail mid-quarter updates to you. The SST Today will be mailed out only one more time. Beginning in the fall of 2008, SST Today will be available on our website SeacoastTech.com and through PowerSchool.

Margaret E. Callahan,
Principal

SST INDUCTS 29 INTO THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Seacoast School of Technology inducted 29 students into the SST Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society in ceremonies held before a large gathering of parents, teachers, counselors, principals and fellow students on February 8. The goal of the National Technical Honor Society at SST is to see that deserving career and technical education students be recognized and that people of the community become aware of the talents and abilities of these young people who choose career and technical education pathways to a successful future.

The SST students, parents, and many special guests were welcomed by Principal Margaret Callahan and heard congratulatory comments from Newmarket High School Principal Deborah Brooks. National Technical Honor Society advisors James Collins, Anne DeMarco, and Janel Holmes conducted the induction ceremony that saw students receive their honor sashes and certificates.

All National Technical Honor Society members are required to complete an extensive application process, maintain a high academic average and demonstrate a high degree of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. 2008 National Technical Honor Society inductees included Cristina Barbaresi, Newmarket, Culinary Arts; Jessfor Baugh, Sanborn Regional, Biotechnology; Brittany Buttrick, Epping, Marketing Education; Angela Case, Exeter, Digital Communications; John Caswell, Exeter, Digital Communications; Daniel Corey, Exeter, Computer Programming; Elissa Cummings, Exeter, Marketing Education; John Daniels, Winnacunnet, Digital Communications;

Patrick Duffy, Exeter, Marketing Education; Kyle Eldridge, Exeter, Marketing Education; Justin Evans, Exeter, Biotechnology; Sarah Faria, Exeter, Early Childhood Education; Catherine King, Sanborn Regional, Health Sciences & Technologies; Katie LaRoche, Exeter, Biotechnology; Sarah Martin, Exeter, Animal & Plant Science; Allison Miller, Exeter, Marketing Education; Robert Nickerson, Sanborn, Digital Communications; Chandra Noyes, Exeter, Early Childhood Education; Katrina Papoulias, Exeter, Animal & Plant Science; Annie Phimansone, Newmarket, Digital Communications; Nicholas Pietrantonio, Exeter, Marketing Education; Maggie Prescott, Sanborn Regional, Biotechnology; Mark Prescott, Epping, Digital Communications; Ingrid Sanderson, Exeter, Animal & Plant Science; Corrina Sawyer, Epping, Marketing Education; Angela Strickland, Sanborn Regional, Early Childhood Education; Arianna Tatarczuk, Exeter, Digital Communications; Chelsea Van Thof, Sanborn Regional, Biotechnology; and Jennifer Walstad, Great Bay eLearning Charter School, Digital Communications.

Following the National Technical Honor Society Induction, the new NTHS members were treated to a special luncheon prepared by the SST Culinary Arts program.

SST RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

The renovations to the Seacoast School of Technology are moving along smoothly. Early Childhood Education and the Wright Start Preschool opened their new doors in November. Computer Programmers lived in temporary quarters while their room was being renovated with new electricity, lights and paint. Health Sciences and Technologies moved into a spacious new classroom and laboratory in early January. Staff members are now enjoying a new, large staff room on the second floor. The Main Office was finished in mid-January complete with a bird's eye view of comers and goers from the building.

March is a big month for the Seacoast School of Technology. The new 13,000 square foot Automotive Technologies building will be completed during the first week of March. This is a very exciting event which will be followed up with a spring-time grand opening. Pre-Engineering students will soon occupy the brand new, side-by-side classrooms which are nearing completion as I write. Digital Communications, currently in temporary quarters, will move to a newly renovated classroom and a newly constructed video production studio, complete with a control and Foley (sound) room in March as well. Our good friends from the Exeter High School, Technology Education, will move out in March to enable renovations in their space to happen concurrently with renovations for the new Building Construction and Multi-Trades areas.

The May SST Today will further update you on the project, including the major summer renovations to the main entrance, Culinary Arts, Biotechnology, Welding and Animal & Plant Science. If you would like to tour SST or simply visit your child's renovated program space just call to set up an appointment at 775-8461.

2008 CAREER FAIR DAYS

Each February, the students and staff at the Seacoast School of Technology spend a great deal of time preparing for Career Fair Days. This event highlights the programs and advantages SST offers to students in the region. This year, SST welcomed more than 1,300 freshmen and sophomores from our seven high schools to visit programs they might choose to attend next year. This is always a fantastic opportunity for prospective students to get a good

feel for what it would be like to attend SST since all visitors attend classes and have an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of current SST students. Just as important is the role that SST students play during these days. Our students did most of the work to make these days successful whether they were making presentations in the gym, serving as guides or giving presentations in their classrooms. The SST students who represented their programs and shared accomplishments were impressive in the many examples they provided to our visitors.

FFA PREPARES FOR MANY EVENTS

The FFA Chapter is preparing for a busy third quarter. After coming off a great first-place showing in the Exeter Holiday Parade, the students are readying for many events. The FFA will host its annual Chinese Food Buffet on March 20 in the Seacoast School of Technology Culinary Arts Dining Room. A landscape display, created by the FFA students, will be on display at the Seacoast Flower and Garden Show, held on March 29 and 30th, at the Whittemore Center at UNH. Students will also participate in the State Horse judging event on March 29, which will be held at many sites around the Seacoast. During the first week of April, FFA students will compete in numerous career development events at their State Convention, which is being held at the Mount Washington Hotel. We wish them the best of luck!

WELDING STUDENTS COMPETE IN WELDING INVITATIONAL

Welding students drove north on a stormy night to make a fine showing at the first-of-its-kind statewide Welding Invitational, held in Berlin, New Hampshire. Dan Anzalone, Raymond, captured fourth place. Drew Lawler, Exeter, took ninth place and Lester Barthelemy Epping, placed tenth.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STUDENTS GIVE BACK

The Seacoast School of Technology Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) partnered with Exeter High School students to collect toys for the children of Groveton, New Hampshire. With news that the mills were closing, FCCLA students learned that the children of Groveton would not be receiving Christmas gifts. FCCLA members collected over 120 individual toys which were given to the children. The school principal in Groveton said that if these toys had not been collected, the children would not have received anything for the holidays.

FCCLA students participated in the annual Christmas Basket and Christmas Gift Donation through a local church. Students donated a full Christmas dinner to one needy family and purchased "wish list" gifts for two teenage boys from another family.

Also, more than 30 coats were collected for the Salvation Army coat drive in Portsmouth. Thank you to all FCCLA students and their teachers, Carla Ranks, Janel Holmes and Stacey Jordan for such generous work.

STUDENTS INVOLVED WITH RENOVATION

Welding students were commissioned by the Eckman Construction Company, the construction company renovating SST, to help out with the renovations at the Seacoast School of Technology. They have built several lintels (metal structural supports over door and window

frames), which are already in place in the building. Knowing project funding was tight for furniture, Welding students teamed up with Automotive students to recycle tables for the new automotive building. The Welding students designed and built all the bases for the tables, which will be used as desks. The bases are made from recycled metals. The automotive students took the butcher block tops of their current tables and sanded and refinished them. They then painted the bases of these “new” tables. The finished product is beautiful new desks for the new automotive building, made from recycled materials, at a minimal cost. Welding teacher Jonathan Theberge, Automotive Technologies teachers Bob Nienhouse and Gerry Sears and Teaching Assistant Jim Walsh are to be commended for leading this fine effort.

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The Parent Advisory Committee for Teachers (PACT) is offering its 12th annual awards for deserving SST students to assist with the costs of further education, setting themselves up in business and/or attending national conferences as representatives of New Hampshire. The Committee’s decision is based upon the following combination of factors: description of financial need with specific costs and how scholarship money will be used; evidence of other efforts the student has made to obtain funding; student’s effort, attitude, grades and portfolio at SST; and the career and technical teacher recommendation. The application and review process consists of four major components: a letter of application from the student; a copy of the student’s portfolio; a letter of recommendation from the student’s career and technical teacher; and a review of SST records. The Committee will accept applications for scholarships from now until April 15, 2008. No late applications will be accepted. Ms. Callahan and Mr. Bruno, Student Services Counselor, are ready to help any student or parent with financial aid or scholarship questions.

2008 APPLICATION DEADLINE

The 2008 application deadline is Friday, March 7. Students in grades 10 & 11 are eligible to apply to all SST programs which begin on August 27th. Grade 9 students are eligible to apply to Biotechnology (full-year), Pre-Engineering (1 or 2 semesters), and Technology Careers (1 semester). Grade 8 students who have taken Algebra I or will take it in grade 9 are eligible to apply to Pre-Engineering. Completed applications are to be returned to the student’s sending school Guidance Office. Acceptance and Waiting List letters are scheduled to be mailed on Monday, March 17. For more information, contact Mr. Bruno at 775-8464 or sbruno@sau16.org.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SST Certificate Ceremony
Thursday, May 29, 5:30 p.m.
The New Exeter High School Auditorium
315 Epping Road
Exeter, NH

We want every senior and second-year program completer and his/her family to join us at this special event. No tickets are required. Bring the family and friends! An invitation, including directions, will be mailed in early May.