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Skills For A Lifetime

*Parent Advisory
Council
Meeting
Wed. Oct. 22nd
6:30 pm
All Parents Are
Cordially
Invited
To Attend!*

100% OF PARENTS WANTED AT SST OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 8 – 6:30 PM

SST has gotten off to a great start this year – the current enrollment is 459 - the highest in recent SST history – and we are thrilled to see how dedicated and excited each SST student already is! We hope that your student will bring you to the **SST Open House on Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM**. We invite students to bring their parents and families so you can see what your child is learning and connect with his/her teachers. Take the time to talk with your child's teachers, share any concerns, and enjoy the outstanding work your student has already accomplished! We also encourage you to tour the entire school. The parents who work with us and their students are those who excel at SST. Help your student be one of our outstanding students!

SST is able to continuously improve our school and programs because we like to receive feedback on how we are doing. We work closely with the principals and counselors from each home school and we encourage you as parents to share your observations and suggestions with us too. The most effective way to do that is to become a member of the **Parents' Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT)**, which is SST's parent and staff advisory board. We are not a PTA! Parents and SST staff discuss issues to enhance your student's opportunities at SST. For example, the SST Scholarship Funds were created originally through this organization because of the parents who identified a need for students going on to college. Agendas are developed by parents and staff who attend. Our next meeting will be: **Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM in the SST Conference Room**. We hope you will consider joining us and help us continue to provide an outstanding education at SST for all students in the region.

Nancy Pierce, Principal

WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Every SST student is expected to participate in a Work-Based Learning Experience (WBL) as part of his/her program at SST. WBL's include everything from job shadows to participation in Industry Fieldtrips, Career Networking Brunches/Lunches, the Business Roundtable and internships. It is our goal that all students will use these experiences to develop their 5-Year Career Plans – the plans that all students develop before they graduate from SST. SST students have many opportunities to learn about career choices through experiences in their SST classroom and through Work-Based Learning. Students have multiple opportunities to test their hunches about the jobs they seek. The SST staff encourages all students to work with their teachers and Marilyn Kellogg, the SST Career Advisor, to try one or several of these WBL activities during their SST experience.

Internships have been developed for students with deep interest in a particular career. Summer internships where students have trained mentors to lead them through the experience have been developed in Automotive Technology and Collision, Building Construction, and Biotechnology. In addition to the work demanded on the job, students are expected to keep journals and develop projects. This summer, 14 students participated in the fourth summer of Automotive Technology and Collision internships in dealers in Exeter, Hampton, Greenland, Portsmouth, Derry, and Peabody, MA. Seven students in the Building Construction program were the pioneers who participated for the first time in internships in Newmarket, Stratham, Greenland, Somersworth, and Portsmouth. Lastly, four students participated in the Biotechnology III internships at the Raymond Veterinary Clinic and UNH Biology Department.

The following students were the twenty-five 2004 Summer Interns: Robyn Downing, Kristen Pickard, both from Epping; Patrick Costa, Megan Dunn, Devon Schoppmeyer, Pat Stephens, Matt Kramer, Lindsey Walsh, Joshua Bennett, Larry Rizzotti, Marie Wright, all from Exeter; Jonathan Heath, Brian Coulstring, Nick Bauer, all from Newmarket; Anthony Chirichiello, Chris Jackson, Jeff Cote, Matt Davis, Chris Polk, Matt Sullivan, all of Raymond; William Grygutis, Zachary Ruggiero, Erica Sycz, all of Sanborn; and Michael Johnson, Mike Tully, both of Winnacunnet. Congratulations to all of these students for their outstanding work this summer!

OUR WEBSITE: www.SeacoastTech.com

Have you been to the SST Website www.SeacoastTech.com yet? The site includes basic information about SST. Parents might be most interested to go to the page of their students' programs to get the latest information about the class's activities. In addition, you may see pictures of your student participating in an SST activity!

We would like to hear from you and get your suggestions about what other information would be helpful to you as a parent. Please direct your suggestions to the SST webmaster, Gary Sinden at gsinden@sau16.org or call at 775.8461.

IMPORTANT DATES AT SST

10/8 - 6:30 PM – SST Open House

10/13 - NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day

10/14 - DECA Outward Bound Leadership Conference – Manchester (Marketing)

10/17 - FFA Interscholastic Competitions – UNH (Animal & Plant Science, Welding)

10/22 - 6:30 PM Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT) Meeting

10/24 - FCCLA Fall Conference (Early Childhood Education)

10/31 - Career & Technical Student Officer Induction Ceremony

11/5 - 6:15 – SST Business Roundtable – open to all SST students

11/10 - NO SCHOOL – SST In-Service Day

11/11 - NO SCHOOL – Veterans' Day

11/19 - SST College Fair

11/26-30 - NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Recess

12/19 & 22 - SST Midterm Examinations – attendance REQUIRED!

6/1 - 5:30 PM - 2004 SST Certificate Ceremony – Winnacunnet HS Auditorium, Hampton