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Skills For A Lifetime

*Parents'
Advisory
Council Mtg.
Oct. 20th
6:30 p.m.
SST Conference
Room*

STUDENT SUCCESS AT SST: PARENTS ARE #1

SST has gotten off to a great start this year – with two first year sessions for the first time, we are pleased to offer smaller classes to foster student success in spite of the highest enrollment in SST history - 560! We are thrilled to see how dedicated and excited each SST student already is about his or her work here at SST! And the staff is looking to see what we can do to continue this excellent effort. That is where parents are #1!

One of the keys to student success at SST is the connection that each parent makes with us – almost every one of you has already met with your student's teacher or another SST staff member. This interview is the foundation of developing a supportive relationship for your student. If you have not completed that meeting, it is important that you do that as soon as possible.

The next opportunity you had was to attend **SST Open House on Wednesday, October 6**. We invited students to bring their parents and families so you could see what your child is learning and connect with his/her teachers. We hope you took the time to talk with the teachers, share any concerns, and enjoy the outstanding work your student has already accomplished! If you were not able to attend, we urge you to call your student's teacher to make that connection! We have found that when parents and teachers hold hands, students' performance dramatically improves. Call us and help your student!

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. 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. Agendas are developed by parents and staff who attend. Parents and SST staff discuss issues to enhance your student's opportunities at SST. The SST PACT is also the group that reviews scholarship applications in May and assists the organizations that give scholarships to your students to make the awards. Our next meeting will be: **Wednesday, October 20 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 your student and all students in the region.

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IMPORTANT DATES AT SST

10/11 - NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
10/15 - FFA Interscholastic Competitions – UNH (Animal & Plant Science)
10/20 - 6:30 pm Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT) Meeting
10/21 - DECA Outward Bound Leadership Conference – Manchester (Marketing)
10/29 - 8:15 am - Career & Technical Student Officer Induction Ceremony
11/3 - 6:15 pm – SST Business Roundtable – open to all SST students
11/11 - NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day
11/17 - 8:15 am-12:30 pm - SST College Fair- required activity
11/24 - 26 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
12/20 & 21 - SST Midterm Examinations – attendance REQUIRED!
6/2 - 5:30 pm - 2005 SST Certificate Ceremony – Exeter HS Talbot Gymnasium

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

It’s time for every student to consider becoming a member of his or her program’s Career & Technical Student Organization (CTSO)! Help your child become part of these exciting organizations!

Each SST program is affiliated with a national or state organization which provides leadership, service, and competition opportunities for its students. Some students who participate also become eligible for college scholarships. This summer Carla Ranks accompanied seven NH winners to the national FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) conference where they competed against the other state winners. They were: Kara Hutchinson, Alyssa Hathaway, and Kate Mottram from Epping; Nicole Richard,

Raymond; and Angelina Visconte and Nicole Baillargeon from Exeter, all of whom earned silver medals. Two SkillsUSA students represented NH at the national convention in Kansas City, MO. They were Jon Heath, Newmarket, in Automotive Technology and William Grygutis, Sanborn, in Auto Collision Technology. Biotechnology students competed in the first NH Science and Engineering Expo in May and winners were awarded scholarships.

Some CTSO's are already underway with programs. Marketing students will be attending DECA Outward Bound leadership program on October 21. FFA whose members are in Animal & Plant Science, Welding & Power Mechanics, and Technology Careers have already competed in events at the Deerfield Fair and are continuing to prepare for Interscholastics at UNH on October 15. Melanie Sanborn, a former SST Animal & Plant Science graduate, FFA President and currently a student at UNH, will be representing NH as she runs for a national FFA office. Students in Early Childhood Education FCCLA and Health Sciences HOSA will be attending their state meetings on October 22 and November 3, respectively.

On October 29 the students who have been selected to be class officers for their SST CTSO will be officially inducted at an all-school assembly. In the spring each CTSO will have a state convention, which will sponsor competitions. Every student is encouraged to compete – to practice interview and speech as well as technical skills and earn college scholarships. Encourage your student to join, develop skills, and practice teamwork!

SST SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

On September 23 twenty-six interns were honored from Automotive Technology (AT), Biotechnology (BI) and Building Construction Technology (BT) for successfully completing their internships during the summer. Students and their mentors were given certificates for their outstanding participation and accomplishments. Last spring students in AT and BT applied and were interviewed by local auto dealers and contractors to be paid interns during the summer. Twelve AT and seven BT students were selected. The students and their mentors then completed an intense training session, led by SST Career Advisor Marilyn Kellogg, AT teacher Scott Jamieson, and BT teacher Ben Gerkin. During the summer students worked closely alongside mentors on cars and projects that their companies gave them. They were required to keep detailed records of their work as these experiences helped them pass the competencies required in their respective programs. AT students included: Danielle Cressey and Kevin Titus from Newmarket, Mark Duly and Joshua Simms from Winnacunnet, Justin Gitschier, Amanda Gray, Daniel Noyes, and Adam Parisi from Exeter, Ryan Dawson, Daniel Lynch, and Christopher Martel from Epping. Automotive sites included: McFarland Ford, Foss Motors, Blake Saab, Holloway JAG and BMW, and Exeter Motor Works in Exeter, Mercedes Holloway, Port City Chrysler, Coast Pontiac Buick in Portsmouth, Hampton Ford and Blake Chevrolet in Hampton, and Peabody BMW in Peabody, MA. BT students included: Jonathan Baker from Newmarket, William Davis from Winnacunnet, Justin Hawkes and Heather Kranz from Epping, Jon Hersey from Sanborn, William Schaitman from Exeter, and Vic Stashewsky from Raymond. Construction sites included: Palmer & Sicard, Hutter Construction, New England Homes, Jewett Construction, Develco Construction and Pella Windows.

Biotechnology students applied for research internships by participating in job shadows and making proposals to BI teacher Carolyn Kelley for a Biotechnology III research project. Seven students were accepted: Amanda Boyle and Jennifer Pine from Exeter, Chris Cotter and Amanda Marshall from Winnacunnet, Katelyn Carano from Epping, Jon Gately and Caitlin King from Raymond. These students completed the internship research during the summer and will be working with Mrs. Kelley to complete the project during the first semester. All students will make presentations to the class, their mentors and the public in January.

www.SeacoastTech.com

Have you visited the SST Website yet? www.SeacoastTech.com is updated monthly and 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@saul6.org or call at 775.8518.

PROGRESS REPORTS & QUARTER CLOSING DATES

1st Quarter Ends	Friday, October 29th
2nd Quarter Ends	Friday, January 21st
3rd Quarter Ends	Friday, April 1st
4th Quarter Ends	Friday, June 10th (tent.)

REMINDER: SST grades are recorded on the home school report card. SST does not issue a report card.

1st Quarter Progress Reports	Mailed week of 10/4/04
2nd Quarter Progress Reports	Mailed week of 12/6/04
3rd Quarter Progress Reports	Mailed week of 3/7/05
4th Quarter Progress Reports	Mailed week of 5/9/05