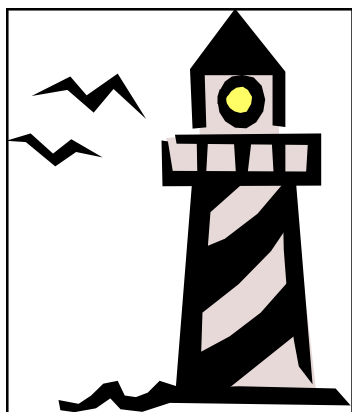

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Skills For A Lifetime

*Open House
Wednesday,
October 10th
6:00 - 8:00 pm*

*1st Quarter
Grades Close
October 26th*

SST IS THE PLACE TO BE

From the school-wide fundraiser to the renovation project to the great things happening in each of our programs, SST really is the place to be. SST is in the midst of its very first school-wide fundraiser, organized by the Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT). Each student received an envelope with ten calendar raffle tickets to sell. The last day to sell tickets is October 22. Each day in November a drawing will take place for a cash prize. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward furniture and equipment not covered by the renovation project. Please ask your student about this fundraiser and the envelope he or she received. Parents will be selling tickets at our Open House on October 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please encourage your student to be involved in this effort.

The renovations are moving along beautifully. There are four projects in the first phase of the year-and-a-half long project. I am pleased to say that SST's new driveway became accessible on September 20, the Early Childhood Education program will move to its new space before the end of October, and the new Health Sciences and Technologies space will be completed just after the holidays. Steel has been delivered for the Automotive Technologies building, which should be completed by early February.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and your children in this, my first year, as Principal of the Seacoast School of Technology.

Margaret E. Callahan

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Teacher Kristine Groleau and the students in the Digital Communications (DC) program are working with Jon Greenberg, Executive Editor of New Hampshire Public Radio, as part of the "Blog Squad." They are volunteering to digitally record candidate appearances in the Exeter Area and upload them to UTube. The video will accompany a reporter's blog about the event on primaryplace.org. The students are taking on a very important role to help keep voters informed about the Presidential candidates. Additionally, Digital Communications students are gearing up for the First Night Portsmouth Logo contest.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In May, the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) recognized the Seacoast School of Technology as being in the top 100 of their 430 AYES affiliated schools. SST's national ranking is based on the intern placement record of the Automotive Technologies program. According to AYES President Larry Cummings, "SST is among the elite schools partnering with AYES. Your school has made a difference in the lives of students and in the service departments of your supporting franchises." AYES interns and their mentors will be recognized at a reception at SST on October 18th.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Last spring students in Automotive Technologies (AT), Building Construction Technologies (BT) and Welding Technologies (WE) programs applied for and were interviewed by local auto dealers and contractors to be paid interns during the summer. AT students include: Tyler Mailhot from Epping, Travis Dancewicz and Craig Robinson from Raymond, Eric Call and Nate Clark from Sanborn, Kevin Breen and Brandyn Cromer from Winnacunnet. BT students include: Joshua Coderre from Epping and William Currier from Exeter. WE student Dan Anzalone from Raymond also completed an internship.

Biotechnology (BI) students applied for research internships by participating in job shadows and making proposals for a research project. Students completing summer internships include: Chelsea Swegles from Epping, Danielle Emmett, Justin Evans, Katie LaRoche, Colleen McCarthy, Brendan Miller, Bill O'Donnell and Brendan Podszus from Exeter, Jess Paulding from GBeCS, Dan Scott from Newmarket, Krist Hausken, Lacey King and Meghan Masury from Raymond, and Nicholle Desmarais from Sanborn, Sara Jette and Sam Thayer from Winnacunnet.

SST STUDENTS FARE WELL AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Two **Culinary Arts** students competed in the SkillsUSA nationals in Kansas City. Andy Tompkins '07, Winnacunnet, competed in Job Skills Demo and took 8th place. Cristina Barbaresi, Newmarket, placed 12th in the Food and Beverage event. **Building Construction** student, Chris Bolduc '07 from Exeter, placed 13th in the SkillsUSA Carpentry event. **Early Childhood Education** students competed at the FCCLA nationals in San Diego. Chelsea Elliot and Kaitlin Smith, Exeter class of 2007 earned a gold medal in Applied Technology. Samantha Sullivan, Winnacunnet, earned a silver medal in Interpersonal Communications. Each of these students competed on the state level and placed first in New Hampshire in order to earn an invitation to nationals. Results from the FFA Nationals for Proficiencies are in. The following students are rated among the best in the country in each area. Lester Barthelemy, a Welding student from Epping, earned Gold in Outdoor Recreation. Animal and Plant Science students earned Silver in the following events: Colleen McKenna from Exeter, Dairy Science; Andrea Cole from Exeter, Forestry Management; Kiah Wiggin from Sanborn, Small Animal Care.

CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS BUSY

Many Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) are busy with fall events. FFA students from **Animal & Plant Sciences and Technology Careers** attended and competed in many events at the Deerfield Fair on September 28. **Marketing Education** students in DECA will attend their Fall Leadership Conference on October 9. **Digital Communications** students will attend their Fall Leadership Conference on October 18, while **Early Childhood Education** students will attend the FCCLA Fall Workshop on October 26. **Health Sciences & Technologies** students will head for the HOSA Fall Conference on October 26. **Automotive Technologies** students, many of them involved with SkillsUSA, will attend a state-wide event sponsored by the New Hampshire Auto Dealers Association on October 24.

PROGRAM OFFICERS ELECTED

The PM **Health Sciences and Technologies** students have elected their HOSA officers for this year. They are: President, Deanna Scott from Exeter, Vice President, Emily Butzer from Exeter; Secretary, Heidi Whitaker from Exeter; Treasurer, Kayla Fairbrother from Sanborn; Historians, Jennifer Cantu from Epping and Stephanie Ring from Raymond; Parliamentarian, Alyssa Buonopane, Epping.

The PM **Marketing Education** students have selected the SST DECA 2007-08 Senior Leadership Team: Kyle Eldridge, Jessica Cain, Allison Miller, Elissa Cummings, Kunj Shah, all from Exeter.

Students in **Computer Programming** elected President James Palen and Vice President Daniel Corey from Exeter.

Digital Communications FBLA Senior Officers include: President, Angela Case and Vice President, Arianna Tatarczuk from Exeter, Treasurer, John Daniels from Winnacunnet, Secretary, Charlotte Chaffee from Newmarket, Reporter, Robert Nickerson from Sanborn and Historian, Brenton Ciccotelli from Newmarket.

Welding Technologies Senior Officers include: President Lester Barthelemy, Epping; Vice-President Christopher Morron, Winnacunnet; Secretary Nicholas Dube, Epping; Treasurer Daniel Anzalone, Raymond and Parliamentarian Ryan Moran, Raymond.

SkillsUSA - Automotive Chapter officers include: President Brett Wilde, Newmarket; Vice-President Shawn Dawson, Raymond; and Secretary/Treasurer Heather Lawrence from Newmarket.

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

The SST-FFA Chapter is very proud of graduate Andrea Cole from Exeter, who represented the Granite State FFA, at the Eastern States Exposition held in Springfield, Massachusetts in September. Andrea was presented a State Star in Agri-Science for her work on her family Christmas Tree Farm. Andrea competed against other State Star recipients in the Eastern Region. The Eastern Region covers states from Maine to Ohio down to Virginia.

THE ROBOTS ARE COMING

This month, the Computer Programming and Pre-Engineering programs will be welcoming a visitor to SST. The visitor is an *iRobot Create*. The purpose of the *iRobot Create* is to teach students the fundamentals of robotics, computer science, and engineering by writing software to control this robot. The students will be working with researchers at Carnegie Mellon University testing out this robot by using currently developed projects, as well as, developing new projects of their own. This project will be exploring ways that the use of robotics in K-12 teaching can enhance the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics skills of our students. The projects will range in complexity from creating a simple robot dance to robot weather forecasting.

KEEP UP WITH SST EVENTS

SST has a very comprehensive Master Calendar available on our website. Keep track of daily happenings as the calendar is updated frequently. Whether you are planning to attend a lunch at Julia's Restaurant or interested in finding out when your child's program will be going to the State conference, the Master Calendar will have all the information you need. Go to **SeacoastTech.com**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 10	SST Open House/ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 18	Julia's Restaurant Opens/12:30 p.m. Internship Reception/6:00 p.m. Automotive/Building/Welding/Biotech
Friday, October 26	1 st Quarter Grades Close
Wednesday, November 7	SST Business Roundtable/6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 12	NO SCHOOL/Veteran's Day
Friday, November 16	SST College Fair
November 21, 22, 23	Thanksgiving Recess
Wednesday, December 5	SST Early Release/No PM Session
Thursday, December 6	HOSA Santa Spaghetti Supper/5:30 p.m.
December 20 & 21	SST Mid-Term Exams/Mandatory
Thursday, May 29	SST Certificate Ceremony/5:30 @ Exeter HS