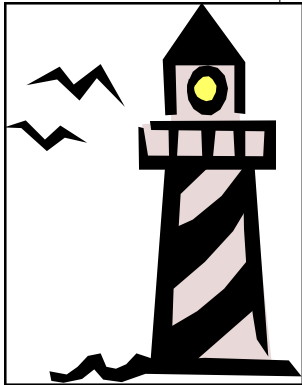

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*Skills
For A
Lifetime*

*Mid-Term
Exams For
All Students
December
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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SST AND FAMILIES IS CRITICAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Good communication between SST parents and teachers helps our students to do their best at SST. Each quarter SST sends home progress reports to the parents of our students – it is our most effective way of communicating how your student is doing in our classes. SST teachers spend a lot of time reflecting and writing these reports – to share your student’s excellent work as well as to give suggestions to help improve his/her performance at SST. We hope you take the time to read and review these reports! We also expect if the box marked ‘conference requested’ is checked that you will call your student’s teacher. The conference may be done by phone although sometimes meeting in person with your student can resolve many issues. If you call and your teacher does not call back within a day or two, please call me and I will make sure you connect. **Statistics show that parents who are involved with their child’s education are giving their children a huge advantage in being successful in school and in life.** You can help us understand your child’s strengths and weaknesses more easily and find ways to build confidence and success if you connect with us. Please be the bridge so your student can be one of our outstanding achievers! He or she will have many doors open to them after graduation. We cannot do it alone – **we need you to work with us!** Student success is the #1 focus for the SST staff this year. Help us raise the level of every student at SST with your concern and support!

Nancy Pierce, Principal ~ 775-8461

SST SPONSORS ACTIVITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS: How has your student gotten involved?

SERVICE: Giving Back to our Communities

Exeter Walk for Breast Cancer – **Jeremy Baxter**, Building Construction II from Winnacunnet, who recruited over 35 students, friends and family, led the Beacon of Hope team and raised over \$1500 for cancer research.

Auto Collision classes – raised over \$200 for NY Firefighters and Families Relief Fund from their class!

Marketing Education classes – volunteered their help and support for the first St. Michael’s Blood Drive in September. Marketing students are now collecting toys for the Exeter Firemen’s Association drive for the holidays for children less fortunate than themselves.

Health Sciences classes – in addition to raising over \$1600 for the American Red Cross Relief Fund, sponsored a Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 8th to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, part of a national HOSA campaign.

Early Childhood classes – collected stuffed animals for the NYC victims, recently concluded a Food Drive to benefit the new soup kitchen in Exeter, Feed My Lambs, and now are filling a holiday basket with food, clothing, and toys for a needy family.

Exeter Christmas Parade – Welding, Animal & Plant, Trade Careers, and Biotechnology students organized and decorated two large floats for the parade and came away with the 1st place trophy for their efforts. A special thank you to Nick Bourassa and his family for providing the 40-foot tractor trailer. The floats acknowledged and thanked the business community for their generous support of SST and its programs.

LEADERSHIP: Career and Technical Student Organizations

Fall Leadership Conferences: students from FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA/VICA, DECA, and FCCLA attended conferences to learn strategies to strengthen their organizations and leadership skills. The following students from SkillsUSA-VICA earned their Statesman Awards: Automotive Technology – Jason Plouffe, Joe Woods, Amanda Pike; Automotive Collision – Matt Whitcher, Steve Young, Josh Estabrook; Culinary Arts – Craig Cloutier, Autumn Tangen, Andrew Whitty, Jayme Sloboda, and Josh Moule; Computers & Networking – Bryce Lambert and Justin Hamel. Congratulations to all of these students for taking the first leadership challenge.

Spring Competition Preparation: All SST students are eligible to compete in the spring competitions at the State Conference. **DECA's** competition will be March 6-8 in Nashua. 22 DECA students will attend an important training and preparation in Portsmouth on 12/4. **HOSA** will go to Ascutney, VT April 3-5 for their event; **FFA** to North Conway April 11-13 for their state event and **FCCLA** to Bartlett at the same time. **SkillsUSA-VICA** was supposed to go to Pease for their State Conference – but with the events of 9/11, their conference has been moved to Manchester on April 18 and 19. SST hopes to see a record attendance from all groups! Students who excel are eligible to represent NH at national conventions. This year the DECA Nationals will be in Salt Lake City, FCCLA in Minneapolis, FFA in Louisville, KY, HOSA in Anaheim, CA, and SkillsUSA-VICA in Kansas City, MO.

SCHOLARSHIP – Honor Roll

45% of SST students made honor roll grades in the first quarter – 85% or higher! These students are leading the way academically and preparing themselves for opportunities in college, training programs, military, or work. The students who achieve at SST give themselves the most options after they graduate. On February 8th students who have completed at least three semesters, have achieved a minimum of 85 for three semesters, maintained outstanding and professional behavior, and demonstrated leadership will be inducted into the **National Vocational Technical Honor Society**. Parents and families of selected students will be invited to attend the ceremony at 8:30 am. First year students are encouraged to raise their performance at SST so they too will be eligible next year!

We hope YOUR student has found at least one way to become involved at SST!

SST 7TH ANNUAL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

On November 7th SST and the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 7th Annual Business Roundtable which brought 30 business people from all walks of life to talk one-on-one with 26 SST students. Kira St. Hilaire, a Sanborn Regional Marketing Education

senior, as part of her internship with Career Advisor Mrs. Kellogg, helped organize the event with Tracey McGrail, Chamber Director. The exchanges between students and business members focused on questions about what it takes to be successful in a career, what skills students need to develop, and how to find a career that one loves. Employers indicated their admiration for the quality of career preparedness of students attending SST. Participants included: Silas Archambault, Ashley Cote, Lauren Minnon, Erica Scyz, Lindsey Walsh, Michael Yu, and Mary Grace, all from Biotechnology; Brandan Ashley, Gerry Beaulieu, Nick Denoncour, and Julie Cubelli, from Computers & Networking; Jessica Clauson and April Mansfield from Early Childhood; Kim French and Renee Hart from Health Sciences; Dawn Haggerty and Kyle Jennings from Marketing; Rachel Rhinerson from Culinary Arts; Mike Chaisson, Kyle Durrell, Rick Murphy, Tara Surette from Welding; Andrew Howell and Kevin Percival from Building Construction; Tim Willis and Steve Young from Auto Collision.

CAREER NETWORK LUNCHEONS AT SST

Marilyn Kellogg, SST Career Advisor, has been creating many opportunities for students to explore and develop career plans. One of the unique ways has been through the *Career Network Luncheon*. Its purpose is to introduce students to an insight into the world of work, where they are asked to participate in a professional setting. They also learn the value of networking to advance their careers. To make this as authentic an experience as possible the students are greeted as business associates. The *Career Network* includes presentations by the business people with information why they chose to work in the field, training and education needed, their organization's unique qualities and advice for the future, a question and answer period, and an informal luncheon.

Ms. Kellogg will continue to create opportunities for students in all programs. **The goal is for every SST student to participate in job shadows or internships and develop a career plan BEFORE he or she graduates!**

ANIMAL & PLANT SCIENCE STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARK AT NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Chapter Advisors Anne DeMarco and John Linville, along with Career Advisor Marilyn Kellogg, took 23 students to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October. The SST Horse Judging, Floriculture and Agricultural Mechanics teams each earned bronze emblems. The Horse Judging Team included: Stephanie Twitchell, Morgan Muller, Melanie Sanborn, and Joe Meallo, from Exeter. Joe placed 3rd in the country in Halter Confirmation. The Agricultural Mechanics Team was composed of Nick Janvrin and Nate Young, from Winnacunnet, Richard Spence from Raymond, and Nick Bourassa from Exeter. The Floriculture Team's members were Erin Hartin from Sanborn, Amy Goldthwaite from Raymond, and Allison Claar and Maryellen Izzo from Exeter. Cindy Roya and Rebecca Adamovage, from Exeter, competed in the Dairy Showmanship Event where Cindy earned a Gold and was in the Top Ten in the country and Rebecca earned a Silver. Each event in the national competition consists of a demonstrator, a workshop and an activity that tests the students' knowledge. Mandy Cook, Rachel Janzeger, Jamie Graham, from Sanborn; Lisa O'Connor, Kona Johnson, Kris Cook, from Exeter; Shawn Clement, from Epping; Louis Messina from Winnacunnet; and Steve Kimball, from Raymond also attended and participated in a variety of leadership, personal growth, and career development workshops, and served on the FFA National Courtesy Corps.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Heather Mosher, a senior at Sanborn Regional HS and Early Childhood Education II. She is a member of the Under 10 Club and was inadvertently left off the list in the October issue of SST Today. Great work, Heather !