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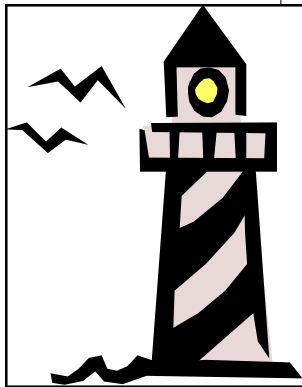
STUDENT SUCCESS IS WHAT SST IS ALL ABOUT!

The #1 goal for students and staff at SST this year is to focus on success for EVERY SST student! At the beginning of the year the SST staff presented an orientation program designed to familiarize students with the varied opportunities at SST as well as the proper procedures and rules. Then each teacher introduced or reviewed safety procedures, standards and competencies in his/her program. These competencies reflect national standards in technical areas and include core competencies, important in all careers. Students will be evaluated on these competencies throughout the year, but especially at the end of each semester. **On December 18 and 19 SST will have mid-term exams.** Exams count 10% of the year's grade. So it is important for all students to study! **Attendance is required on those days.**

To prepare for exams teachers are conducting reviews. In order to help students with reviewing their work and accomplishing the competencies, teachers in all programs require 3-ring notebooks for students to organize notes, exercises, quizzes and tests. Ms. Brinkley, the Teacher Resource Counselor, has provided outlines of mid-term exam topics for each program to the sending schools. Students who need additional preparation for SST exams should work with counselors and case managers at their home schools. We suggest each parent discuss with his/her student how (s)he is preparing for exams.

Additionally all students have begun to develop career plans and portfolios, including goals for the year, resumes, letters of introductions, and the beginnings of their postsecondary plans. We expect all students through their SST experience will learn to take charge of their education and their life. I have been informally meeting with each senior to see how (s)he is coming along with his or her plans. I am pleased to say that about two-thirds of them have begun to develop clear plans after high school graduation. To assist with goal planning many sophomores and juniors took advantage of the SST College Fair on December 4th and talked to college and military recruiters to better understand the opportunities and options. Many seniors finalized their choices and got scholarship information. In January seniors will be invited to attend a Scholarship Workshop to help identify help scholarship sources. ALL SST students can attend college – even those who think they do not have enough money to go. But they need to start planning NOW. If your student needs help, encourage him/her to make an appointment to see Mr. Bruno or me! We are confident that all students when they leave high school will have multiple opportunities after their SST experience. It is the partnership between the student, parent, SST and home school personnel that will make that goal a reality. Help us raise the level of every student at SST by asking your student how his/her work is going, how (s)he is preparing for exams, and what progress (s)he has made on his career plan and portfolio!

Nancy Pierce, Principal ~ 775-8461



*Skills
For A
Lifetime*

*Mid-Term
Exams
Dec. 18th
&
Dec. 19th*

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

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 January 31 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!

WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES: Making connections by networking

8th Annual Business Roundtable - On November 6th SST and the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 8th Annual Business Roundtable, which brought 30 business people from all walks of life to talk one-on-one with 31 SST students. Career Advisor Mrs. Kellogg, in collaboration with Tracey McGrail, Chamber Director, organized exchanges between students and business people who discussed what it takes to be successful in a career, what skills students need to develop, and how to find a career that one loves. The business people were impressed with the SST students who participated because they were so thoughtful about their futures and were already taking important steps in planning! Students who participated included: Jesse Spence, Josh Elliot, from Marketing; Christina Hedglin, Nick Houghton, from Computer Programming; Mike Ficara, David Lafond, Chuck Schuh from Computers & Networking; Devon Schoppmeyer, Anthony Chirichiello, Megan Dunn, Chris Jackson from Automotive Technology; Jeremy Peterson, Matt Lapointe, Jason Cook, John Rounds from Welding; Marie Wright, Matt Sullivan, Jeff Cote from Building Construction; Chris Polk, Matt Verhelle, Travis Sawyer from Auto Collision; Mary Grace, Erica Sycz, Jaclyn Villeneuve, from Biotechnology; Karen Ibbitson, Kelly Day from Health Sciences, Trisha Stevens, Sara Roesener, Elizabeth Sanford from Early Childhood Education; and Melissa Shennett, from Culinary Arts.

SERVICE: Giving Back to our Communities

Culinary Arts classes – Students over 6000 cookies for Seacoast Health Network as they thanked the many physicians for their outstanding work. Additionally students made special pastries for the Chamber’s fundraiser at the Ioka Theatre this fall.

Early Childhood classes – During this holiday season students are collecting used hats, coats, scarves, mittens, and other clothing for children to be warm this winter. They are also collecting toys for needy families.

Exeter Christmas Parade – Welding, Animal & Plant Science, and Technology Careers students organized and decorated a float for the parade and came away with a 2nd place trophy for their efforts. The float expressed their appreciation for all the businesses that provide generous support to SST and its programs.

Building Construction – First year students learned quickly what is involved in replacing a roof as they donated their time this fall. They worked hard to secure roof for a single mother who needed a little help before the early winter arrived.

LEADERSHIP: Career and Technical Student Organizations

Fall Leadership Conferences: students from FFA, HOSA, DECA, and FCCLA attended conferences to learn strategies to strengthen their organizations and leadership skills.

Spring Competition Preparation: All SST students are eligible to compete in the spring competitions at the State Conference. **DECA's** competition will be March 5-7 in Nashua. **HOSA** will go to Ascutney, VT April 2-4 for their event; **FFA** will be in North Conway April 10-12 for their state event and **FCCLA** will be in Bartlett at the same time. **SkillsUSA-VICA** students will participate in a number of competitions throughout the state in April and then will gather for their awards' ceremony on April 5. SST hopes to see a record attendance from all groups!

75th National FFA Convention – Welding instructor John Linville took the members of two NH Championship teams to the FFA Nationals in Louisville, KY in October. The Nursery/Landscape Team, whose members included '02 SST graduates Melanie Sanborn, Joe Meallo, both from Exeter, and Nate Young and Nick Janvrin, both from Winnacunnet, earned a silver medal. Melanie Sanborn earned an individual gold medal and placed 11th in the nation. The Welding team consisted of Newmarket students Rick Murphy and Corey Savage, Jeremy Petersen from Epping, and Matt Lapointe from Exeter. The team earned a bronze medal. In addition two SST '01 graduates Mandy Cook from Sanborn and Holly Morse from Exeter were awarded their FFA American Degrees. Only 1% of all FFA members ever reach that distinction. Currently Cook and Sanborn are serving along with Epping graduate Shawn Clement as FFA NH State Officers. Members of the team along with Stacy Miller (Newmarket), FFA President, served on the Courtesy Corps. Congratulations to all!

SST OUTSTANDING TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

On November 20 at the NH Automotive Summit **SST Automotive Service Technology instructor Scott Jamieson** was selected as the **2002 NH Outstanding Automotive Teacher of the Year**. Last summer he placed 11 students in paid AYES internships in local dealers. These students worked with mentors who taught them the business and helped them advance their skills. He is also aligning his program with the NH Community Technical College's automotive program so students will soon be able to earn college credit for their work at SST and achieve advanced standing in college.

On December 8 **Lynn Durgin, SST Culinary Arts instructor**, was selected by the American Culinary Federation as the **2002 Chairman of the Board Award and was elected the 2003-05 Secretary** for the organization. She was recognized for her outstanding work in the many fundraisers for local charities they conduct. We are proud of both outstanding teachers!

SST FEDERAL FUNDING ALERT - PLEASE CONTACT WASHINGTON !

President Bush is proposing to eliminate Perkins federal funding to high school technical centers like SST! If approved, SST will lose one 25% of its funding (\$265,000) which will seriously jeopardize programming and services to your students. Please send your concerns and request to continue current funding to:

1. President George Bush: president@whitehouse.gov or The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20500
2. Senator Judd Gregg: mailbox@gregg.senate.gov or 393 Russell, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
3. Representative John Sununu: Rep.Sununu@mail.house.gov or 316 Cannon, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515