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*Skills
For A
Lifetime*

*Mid-Term
Exams
Dec. 19th
&
Dec. 22nd*

STUDENT PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

All SST students have begun to develop career plans and portfolios. We expect all students through their SST experience will learn to take charge of their education and their life by developing skills, investigating career opportunities, and mapping out a plan for their future after they graduate from SST and their high schools. To assist with goal planning students were required to attend the SST College Fair on November 19th to talk with college and military recruiters to better understand those opportunities and options. Seniors should be finalizing their choices, completing applications and financial aid forms in order to have the most opportunities. On January 10th seniors will be invited to attend a Scholarship Workshop to help identify 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!

Students also have had the opportunity to attend the annual SST Business Roundtable on November 5th. They talked with a variety of business people about their jobs and careers. Students also may attend industry tours, networking brunches and lunches, participate in job shadows and internships to explore work and career options.

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

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**SST Midterm Exams will be: Friday, December 19 and
Monday, December 22**

Please read last page for procedures! Students who miss exams will receive a zero unless arrangements are made prior to exams.

2003 HOLIDAY RECESS

The last day before the holiday break for AM & MID session students is Tuesday, December 23rd. The last day for PM session students is Monday, December 22nd.

SST GIVES TO OUR COMMUNITIES

We are very proud of the many projects our students at SST have been involved in to make our communities a better place to live. In recent weeks we hope you have read about them in the newspaper. Here are a few of the highlights:

Bikes for Tikes – FFA students in Welding, Animal & Plant, and Technology Careers collected, took apart, cleaned and painted over 100 bikes to give to needy children in the community. Families First will help distribute the bikes to children in the Seacoast. This project was supported by Timberland Corporation, which provided many of the supplies to make the bikes look like new and personnel to provide support and technical advice to the students. Other partners in this project included: Bicycle Bob's, Exeter Cycles, Exeter Health Resources, Recycled Sports of NH, Gus's International Bike Shop, Pedro's, Seacoast Area Bike Routes, AutoZone, Wheel Power, Paul Blair and Dr. Richard Miller. The students have spent countless hours after school and on weekends getting these ready so that Santa will make special holidays for many children in the Seacoast.

Habitat for Humanity – Building Construction students have been working with the Habitat for Humanity on a house in Epping. Much of the framing and roof were completed by SST students, who spent many weekends getting the house buttoned up for the winter.

Santa Breakfast – Health Science students organized the annual Santa Breakfast last Saturday where children and their parents were invited to eat pancakes with Santa. Money raised will be donated to the Shriners, who have long donated money to hospitals who care for burn victims.

Books for Rosebud Indian Reservation – Early Childhood students have been collecting children's books to donate to the Indian reservations in South Dakota, one of the poorest counties in the US. One of the most important aspects of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), the Career and Technical Student Organization associated with the Early Childhood program, is community service – giving back to our community.

Community Pantry – annually the Marketing students, members of DECA, seek to replenish the community pantry by collecting canned goods, which will be distributed to needy families in our community. The students are encouraging all students at SST to give to this fund by giving slushies to students who bring 5 or more cans to our school business - The First Impression. Please encourage YOUR student to contribute to this school-wide effort.

SST SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

This past summer twenty-five students from Automotive Technology, Auto Collision, Building Construction, and Biotechnology participated in summer internships, sponsored by the Seacoast School of Technology. Students visited local businesses through industry tours, participated in job shadows, were interviewed and selected by representatives from industry, were assigned a mentor and were trained to participate. Students were exposed to many aspects of the industry during the summer and dramatically increased their skills and competencies through the experience.

The summer internship program was founded thanks to the efforts of the auto manufacturers who created the AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Systems) program. AYES created a blueprint and training materials for students to see the opportunities for exciting and lucrative careers in the automotive industry and to give them first-hand experience to develop their skills. This summer was the fourth summer of the AYES program at SST. Fourteen students were placed in dealerships in the Seacoast, Derry and as far away as Peabody, MA. They included: McFarland Ford, Wentworth Motors, Dreher Holloway (Mercedes, BMW, and Jaguar), Honda Barn, Foss Motors, Gary Blake Saab, Toyota of Exeter, Exeter Motor Works, Port City Chrysler, Hampton Ford, Allen Motors, BMW of Peabody. The students included: Pat Costa, Megan Dunn, Devon Schoppmeyer, and Pat Stephens, all of Exeter; Anthony Chirichiello, Chris Jackson, both of Raymond; Brian Coulstring and Jonathan Heath, both of Newmarket; Michael Johnson and Mike Tully, both of Winnacunnet; Zachary Ruggiero and Will Grygutis, both of Sanborn; Robyn Downing and Kristen Pickard, both of Epping.

The SST Building Trades Trust, based on the AYES model, launched the first year of a summer internship program for the construction industry last summer. Seven students were pioneers in the program along with five local companies. The students included: Jeff Cote, Matt Davis, Chris Polk, and Matt Sullivan, all from Raymond; Marie Wright, Joshua Bennett and Larry Rizzotti, all from Exeter. The businesses included: Develco (Newmarket), Hutter Construction (Portsmouth HS), New England Homes (Greenland), Pella Windows & Doors (Somersworth), Whitney & Co (Stratham).

The third group of students in the internship program is enrolled in the Biotechnology III program where the students earn college credit through Running Start at the NH Community Technical College, participate in research internships and develop projects, based on their internships. Students who participated in this program were: Erica Sycz, from Sanborn, Nick Bauer from Newmarket, Matt Kramer and Lindsey Walsh, from Exeter. These students did research projects at UNH and Raymond Veterinary Clinic.

All of these students are to be commended for the outstanding work they achieved this summer – and for exploring in-depth possible career options.

MEMBERS WANTED FOR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

This fall a small group of parents have been attending meetings of the Parent Advisory Council for Teachers (PACT). The group has been exploring ways that they can best support the students and teachers to create the best opportunities for their children, YOUR children, and SST students of the future. At the last meeting Principal Nancy Pierce spent time explaining the purpose and contents of the student portfolios and the role that PACT has played in developing scholarships for SST students. The group is exploring ways to increase the scholarship funds offered to SST students. Parents interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend the next meeting:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 ~ 6:30 PM ~ SST CONFERENCE ROOM

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