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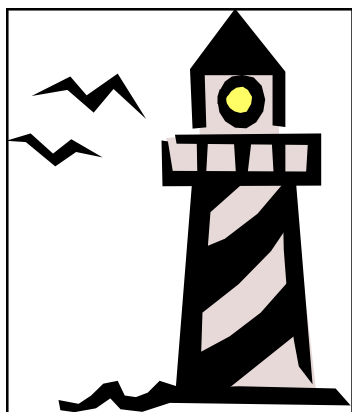
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## *Skills For A Lifetime*

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*Mid-Year  
Exams  
Thur. Dec. 20th  
Fri. Dec. 21st*

*2nd Quarter  
Grades Close  
January 18th*

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### **SST LOSES FRIEND AND SUPPORTER BEN SWIEZYNSKI**

SST lost one of its biggest supporters when Ben Swiezynski passed away at 91 on October 22. Ben was a life-long champion of career and technical education and was one of the “founding fathers” of SST. As early as 1933 he began to formulate his idea that high schools should provide more opportunities for students to prepare for the world of work. He was on the school board in the 1970’s when the idea for SST was evolving. He spoke at last year’s Certificate Ceremony, sharing his sense of humor and his wisdom with all. Ben served as an ex-officio member of the SST Governing Board until the time of his death. In fact, he was planning to attend the SST Governing Board meeting which was held the day he died. A professional photographer, he gave a large aerial photograph of the SST site on Linden Street to the School. This photograph will be displayed in the newly renovated Main Office. Known as “Mr. SST”, the scholarship established in his honor in 2006 will continue to recognize one of SST’s outstanding students.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION HAS NEW HOME**

The Early Childhood Education program and the Wright Start Preschool have moved into their new home. The first program to have its renovation completed was recognized with an Open House and a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on November 19. Senator Maggie Hassan spoke at the event emphasizing the importance of early childhood education and kindergarten. Guests from throughout the region were greeted by teachers Carla Ranks, Stacey Jordan and Janel Holmes as they visited the newly renovated classrooms and preschool. A special thank you was given to all students in the program. Without their planning and hard work, the new spaces would not be what they are today. Parents of Early Childhood Education students are welcome to visit the new spaces. Just call 775-8461 to let us know when you would like to come.

### **RENOVATION WORK CONTINUES**

The renovation of the Seacoast School of Technology is moving along well. There is lots of hustle and bustle in and around the campus. Health Sciences will move into their new home in early January. Students will have a brand new state-of-the-art laboratory complete with 24 lab stations, a four-bed hospital ward simulation area and a separate classroom. The Main Office will be completed by the end of January. Its location at the entrance of the building will increase security and make it easier for visitors to find their way. The stand-alone Automotive Technologies building will be completed in early February. This facility will

feature a thirteen bay automotive service area and two large classrooms. Improvements to the Computer Programming and Work-Based Learning classrooms will be completed in late December. The Seacoast School of Technology has a great deal to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

### **PACT FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS**

The Parent Advisory Council for Teachers held SST's first-ever school-wide fundraiser. The calendar raffle tickets were sold in September and October. A raffle was held each day in November with a cash prize. The profits from this fundraiser, nearly \$6,500, will be used to purchase equipment not covered by renovation funding. If anyone would like to join the PACT, please call 775-8461. Thank you to the parents who made this fundraiser a success!

### **DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS CAPTURE THIRD PRIZE**

Students in the Digital Communications program took third prize in Portsmouth's 2008 First Night Logo Contest. Teacher Kristine Groleau's students have entered the logo contest for the past three years. She was very pleased with the recognition her students received. In addition to computer graphics design, Digital Communications students study video production, 3D modeling and animation, digital video capture & editing and sound editing.

### **SkillsUSA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday, November 14, Automotive Technologies and Culinary Arts students attended the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in Concord, under the supervision of Automotive Technologies teacher Jerry Sears. The state leadership conference is designed for advisors and officers to build strong chapters at their schools. Participants at the conference participated in activities including communication skills, group dynamics and leadership skills. SST is very proud to have two students elected as State Officers: Cristina Barbaresi, Newmarket, President and Andrew Moody, Epping, Parliamentarian. Delicious lunches at the event were provided by the SST Culinary Arts program. Students participating in the event included: Automotive Technologies, Shawn Dawson, Raymond, Nick Kruger, Sanborn, Heather Lawrence, Newmarket, Ben Ramsey, Raymond, Craig Robinson, Raymond, Brett Wilde, Newmarket; Culinary Arts, Cristina Barbaresi, Brian Grace, Exeter, Zach Howard, Sanborn, Caitlin Johnson, Newmarket, Dana Michaud, Winnacunnet, Andrew Moody, and Nicole Paladino, Exeter.

### **BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE**

One of the most dynamic and exciting events at SST took place on Wednesday, November 7, when the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce/Seacoast School of Technology Business Roundtable was held. Organized by SST Career Advisor Marilyn Kellogg and emceed by Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce President Thom Kraus, SST students had the opportunity to interview and network with business people from the local community. The response from students and business people was overwhelmingly positive. Animal & Plant Sciences students included: Katie Papoulias and Ingrid Sanderson, Exeter. Auto Technology students included: Adam Arslanian, Eric Broderick, Dusty Claar, Nate

Goodwin, Winnacunnet and Justin Scully, Exeter. Biotechnology students included: Jessfor Baugh and Chelsea Van Thof, Sanborn. Building Trades students included: Alex Blomeke, Exeter, Brian French, P.A.S.S., and Joe Jodoin, Epping. Computer Programming students included: Daniel Corey, Exeter and Joseph Roberts, Epping. Culinary Arts students included: Ben Amazeen, Epping and Suzie Anadell, Newmarket. Digital Communications students included: Angela Case, John Caswell, Exeter, Sam Lamoly, Sanborn, Mark Prescott, Epping and Jennifer Walstad, GBeCS. Early Childhood Education students included: Amylee Keith, Matilda Lauermann, Exeter and Grace Lyons, Sanborn. Health Sciences students included: Alyssa Crafts, Exeter, Christi-Anne Dufour, Winnacunnet and Heather Thibault, Sanborn. Marketing Education students included: Amanda Cox, Sanborn, Audrey Hartnett and Krista Gill, Exeter. Pre-Engineering students included: Nicole Boucher, Sanborn, Amanda Campion, Exeter, Tara Davidson, Steve Lemieux, Pedro Santiago, Epping, Andre J. Tremblay, GBeCS. Welding students included: Matt Card, Shawn Lavin and Andrew Stankus, Sanborn.

### **50 COLLEGES REPRESENTED AT FAIR**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual SST College Fair was held on Friday, November 16, in the Talbot Gymnasium. All students attended this event and had the opportunity to meet with representatives from colleges, the armed services and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to learn about post-secondary opportunities. Culinary Arts students, under the direction of teacher Jim Collins, served lunch to all guests.

### **IMPORTANT SST DATES**

<b>December 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>SST Mid-Term Exams</b>
<b>December 24-January 1</b>	<b>Holiday Recess</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Senior Scholarship Assembly National Technical Honor Society Applications and Portfolios Due</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day</b>
<b>January 30</b>	<b>Early Release/No PM Session</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>National Technical Honor Society Inductions/9:30 a.m. Talbot Gym</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>SST Certificate Ceremony 5:30 p.m./Exeter High School Auditorium</b>

## SST MID-TERM EXAM SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2007

**Mid-term Exams: Thursday, December 20 and Friday, December 21, 2007**

**All mid-term exams will take place during the regular SST schedules on these days. Students are expected to be present except for emergency situations.**

1. Final exams will be administered to ALL students in ALL programs during the scheduled time unless approved otherwise by the SST Principal.
2. All teachers are asked to post a copy of this information sheet in his/her classroom(s).
3. Failure by a student to appear for any exam will result in a “0” on such exam. If a student is late for an exam, such student must secure an admission slip from the SST Office PRIOR to appearing in the classroom. The student will NOT be granted additional exam time unless approved on the admission slip from the office. An unexcused absence from any exam shall be considered a cut.
4. Exams are to be a test of the semester’s work.
5. A copy of any exam to be administered shall be filed with the SST Principal no later than Wednesday, December 12, 2007.
6. The mid-term exam will be weighted to account for 10% of the final grade.
7. The school day for teachers and students shall be the normal day unless otherwise approved by the SST Principal.
8. No student may be released from an exam room until the end of the exam period. Teachers are to use discretion in case of illness or disruption. The store will be closed.
9. Field trips and other activities which would remove a student from class (exception - illness) will not be approved on these dates.
10. Unless otherwise approved by the SST Principal, each student shall take an exam on the date(s) designated in the Exam Schedule.
- 11. Any legitimate student absence (e.g. illness) must be reported to the SST Office in writing by a parent or via telephone by a parent (775-8461) at least 30 minutes PRIOR to the designated exam time.**
12. Students may not be in a corridor during exam periods. It is expected that students will show courtesy to other students and in no way disrupt the exam periods. Any disruption will be considered grounds for suspension.
13. Students from other schools may not visit during these exam days.
14. In the event of a school cancellation, the exam schedule will resume at the point of disruption.