The Charger Review

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ILLINI WEST PSAE/ACT BOOT CAMP

Illini West High School will be holding a PSAE/ACT Boot Camp for Illini West Juniors on March 5, 12 and 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. The purpose of this Boot Camp is to provide extra instruction for Illini West students preparing to take the PSAE/ACT tests in April. There will be four sessions each Saturday focusing on different elements of English, math, science and overall test taking strategies. Each session will last 50 minutes. The tentative plan for each day is as follows:

March 5 Sessions
Pre Calculus/Calculus
Writing Prompts/Mechanics
Chemistry/Physics
Test Taking Strategies

March 12 Sessions
Geometry/Trigonometry
Reading Comprehension
Biology
Grammar Usage

March 19 Sessions
Pre Algebra/Algebra
Writing Prompts/Mechanics
Physical Science/Ecology
Vocabulary Development

Students may sign up to participate in Boot Camp with Mr. Gooding in the high school office. The deadline to sign up is February 25, 2011. There is no charge to attend.

Illini West has purchased a number of books entitled "The Real ACT Prep Guide". Students may check those out from the office and use those to prepare for taking the test in April. Teachers will be working from these books, along with other materials, during Boot Camp. There is no charge for students to check out a prep guide. However, if students do check out a prep guide and lose it, destroy it or fail to return it, they will be charged a $17.00 replacement fee.

The purpose of Boot Camp is two-fold. The first purpose of Boot Camp is to help the school reach AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). Every year high school Juniors are tested with the PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam) and are graded as Exceeding Illinois Learning Standards, Meeting Illinois Learning Standards, Below Illinois Learning Standards or at Academic Warning. AYP for 2011 is 85% -- meaning 85% of students must meet or exceed Illinois Learning Standards with their test scores. The second purpose of Boot Camp is to help Juniors raise their personal ACT scores. This helps them with securing scholarship money and entrance into colleges or universities. Students attending two of the three days of Boot Camp will receive a boot camp T-shirt. Students that attend all three days of Boot Camp will be excused from attending school on April 29, 2011.

If there are any questions, parents or students may contact Principal Brad Gooding in the high school office via email at gooding.brad@illiniwest.org or by phone at 217-357-2136.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Boys Basketball Team will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper in the school cafeteria on February 18th. Proceeds will go towards summer camps and other program expenses. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and will include spaghetti, Italian bread, salad, a dessert and a drink. Tickets will be available ahead of time from any of the basketball players and at the door at a cost of $5 for adults and $4 for kids. Take out dinners will also be available. Make sure to stop in and cheer the boys on as they take on Sherrard that night. The JV game will start at 6:00, with the Varsity playing at 7:30.

YEARBOOKS

Time is running out. Get your 2010-2011 yearbook ordered. If you have not received a bill in the mail, here are some other options.

Mailing Address:
Jostens Yearbook Service Center
P.O. Box 172328
Denver, CO 80217

Online Payment:
www.jostensyearbooks.com

Parent/student order line:
1-866-282-1516

ILLINI WEST WILL CELEBRATE AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK ON APRIL 11-15

AUTISM SPEAKS™
It's time to listen.

Seniors won the Powder Puff game during Homecoming.

STUDENT COUNCIL PROJECT UPDATES

By Nick Klein

Student Council had a quick start this year with new members and sponsors joining the group. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Twaddle took over advising Student Council and immediately planned Homecoming activities with the members.

Homecoming was a big success, as was the Powder Puff game. The seniors won the game with a tough second place by the freshman class. The theme of homecoming was Vegas Escape, and each day of homecoming week had a theme and/or game. Homecoming court was voted among the students. The following students were voted on the homecoming court: Trey Bartlett, Jill Beach, Mason Beals, Bali Campbell, Eric Belshaw, Jenna Clayton, Cody Carson, Brickston Mellinger, Brian Lafferty and Tiffany Mohr. Cody Carson and Bali Campbell were voted Homecoming King and Queen. On Friday, the Illini West football team beat the Monmouth-Roseville football team, and the homecoming dance was held on Saturday.

Student Council representatives voted on a new mascot costume. The costume will be a blue and white horse with an orange mane and tail. Look for the mascot to appear at one of the home basketball games this season.

Student Council members helped at the WIEC safety fair. We were congratulated on our professional participation. The elementary school appreciated the extra helping hands that were available.

The following charities have been considered for this school year: Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Juvenile Diabetes and a Red Cross blood drive on March 30th. Please consider making an appointment for the blood drive. You can schedule one with Mrs. Twaddle by calling the high school at (217) 357-2136 x1533.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month a male and female student is chosen as Illini West Student of the Month. Nominations are made by the faculty of IWHS based on the following criteria: attitude, academic standing, work ethic, leadership, character, effort and extra-curricular involvement. From those nominated, two students are chosen. Congratulations to the following students have received this recognition during 2010-2011 for the months indicated:

September – Jenna Clayton & Trey Ourth
October – Katie Ryder & Jacob Jacoby
November – Kelly Ard & Brian Lafferty
December – Audra Stephenson & Alex Gold
January – Elizabeth Cokel & Drake Schmudlach

Students Attend Illinois Theatre Festival

On January 6-8, ten students from Illini West High School attended the Illinois High School theatre Festival. The Festival was held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with nearly 4,000 students and their sponsors in attendance. "Theatre: Scenes From Life" was the theme for this year's event.

The Festival, the largest non-competitive one of its kind, featured a variety of workshops presented by artists from across the state. Showcase and full-length performances were a staple of the festival, highlighting plays, musicals, and student written works. Another facet of the Festival was the All-State production of the Stephen Sondheim musical, Into the Woods. The show featured a state-wide cast of student actors, technicians, and musicians and was directed by Mark Begovich, West Chicago High School.

Those attending from Illini West High School were: Mallory Brooks, Audra Stephenson, Samantha Leon, Michael Burling, Vince Nolden, Lucas Turner, Beth Cokel, Emma Jack, Amanda Jack, and Lindsay Rupert.

The Festival is produced by the Illinois Theatre Association and sanctioned by the Illinois State Board of Education, sponsored by Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has been endorsed by the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education.

Check-In-Check-Out at Illini West

Submitted by Rhonda Miller, Illini West High School Special Education Coordinator

Does your student have failing grades? Have they received 3 office discipline referrals due to misbehavior? Are you concerned about homework completion? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Illini West has an intervention called Check-In-Check-Out (CICO) that might be helpful.

•CICO, is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) tier II intervention available to all students at Illini West. The intervention is designed to provide positive feedback to students in order to increase student/teacher relationships, appropriate academic and social behavior, and accountability. Here's a brief description of how CICO works: Students participating in CICO receive a daily point card that they present to every one of their teachers at the end of each class period. Teachers then rate the student's performance in their classroom based on the Charger Code - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Positive. While rating the student, the teacher engages the student in a short, positive conversation regarding their performance. This process continues in all classes the student has throughout the day and the completed point card is turned in at the end of the day for calculation and recording. Data recorded from the daily point cards is used to determine if additional interventions/services are necessary or if the student is ready to be removed from the CICO intervention.

•There is much research to support the use of PBIS and the CICO intervention. Journal articles documenting research and effectiveness can be found at www.pbis.org/research/secondary/default.aspx, or hard copies can be provided if requested. If you have questions about the CICO program or think this might be of assistance to your student, please contact Rhonda Miller at the high school (217.357.2136).

THE BUSINESS OF FBLA

By Elizabeth Cokel

Our year began with a new set of officers. The 2010-11 officer team is Co-Presidents Elizabeth Cokel and Sam Newberry, Co-Vice Presidents Tanner Anderson and Macy Walker, Secretary Abbey Douglas, Treasurer Audrey Fader, Recorder/Historian Briana Wheatley, and Parliamentarian Chris Holtsclaw.

We immediately started recruiting new members. As part of our efforts we again participated in the St. Louis Cardinal FBLA business day event. We had thirty members go to the game on September 4, 2010. They got to view the different marketing campaigns in the ball park.

Six members of our FBLA chapter participate in the Culver Stockton Duel on the Hill competition in October. This event required the six members to work together to come up with a solution to the case study that was presented to them. The case study revolved around a fictional community gift of $10,000 and how to use the funds for community improvements. Our idea was to enhance the County Courthouse Square with more electrical outlets. The Junior Chamber is now taking a lead on this project and hopes to make this vision into a reality. The members of the team were Elizabeth Cokel, Briana Wheatley, Sam Newberry, Taylor Duffy, Kayden Guymon, and Macy Walker. The team placed second at the competition. A special thanks goes out to the community members who helped us develop ideas and get costs analyzed, especially John Massie, Rob Carson, Charlie Bair, and Barb Heighton.

In November, we had our FBLA week that ran from Nov. 22-24. Monday, we had Charity Day, where members of the chapter went to the nursing home and helped Stephanie Watson get ready for the holiday. On Tuesday, we had Job Shadow Day. This day gave any student in the school an opportunity to job shadow someone in a career field they are interested in. We have sponsored this activity for all four years of Illini West's existence and appreciate all the businesses who let a student come to visit for a day. Then on Wednesday, we had T-shirt Day, where all members wore their FBLA shirts. We also had a breakfast for the teachers that morning.

Our FBLA chapter also participates in the newly formed Junior Chamber, which is a part of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. The representative from FBLA is Briana Wheatley.

As the new semester starts we are readily preparing for our Western Area Conference, which has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 27, 2011. Our other up and coming events are the State Conference on March 25-26 and the National FBLA Conference in Orlando, FL in June 2011.

FBLA Culver-Stockton College Case Study Team takes 2nd place. From the left are: Sam Newberry, Elizabeth Cokel, Taylor Duffy, Macy Walker, Briana Wheatley, and Kayden Guymon.

New Organization Bridges Illini West in the Community

By Briana Wheatley & Elizabeth Cokel & Kristina Johnson

This year the Junior Chamber was started as a part of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. This organization was formed to get student organizations from Illini West involved in the community. There are representatives from seven different extra-curricular clubs from the school. These clubs include Briana Wheatley representing FBLA, Elizabeth Cokel representing Key Club, Brickston Mellinger representing Student Council, Beau Passmore representing SADD, Taylor Dittmer representing the Git R Done/History Club, Kristina Johnson representing National Honor Society, and Kelli Adkisson representing FFA. These students attend the monthly meetings with the Chamber and discuss ways to better the community. Both Mr. Brad Gooding and Mrs. Theresa Twaddle sponsor this group. The Junior Chamber is working on projects for the community.

The Junior Chamber was formed to have young adults experience local businesses and their involvement in the community. At Chamber meetings representatives from businesses talk about upcoming events. Also, many community events are discussed, such as Harvest Celebration, Christmas on the Square, and the Strawberry Strut. Every month a representative from a business will make a small presentation of their business and what it is about. This organization is beneficial in getting young adults involved in the community and learning about its businesses.

One project we have been tasked with is to present on social networking for businesses. This presentation will occur during the February monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting. Currently the Junior Chamber is working with Charlie Bair to seek grants to enhance the court house square. This project stemmed from the FBLA Culver-Stockton Case Study event. The goal is to raise about $25,000 to incorporate more electricity and lighting on the court house grounds. Please be sure to watch for new developments on this project.

As each of the representatives from the Illini West organizations gets more involved with the Chamber activities, we will be supporting the businesses in other ways. The Junior Chamber, with the help of Mrs. Twaddle, has organized volunteers for the Mike Michalowicz' presentation The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur. The event will be held at the Charger Center on February 5th. Also, Elizabeth Cokel and Briana Wheatley helped with the Chamber Office Open House for the Christmas around the Square.

Look for more students to get involved in the community through the Junior Chamber.

Illini West Teachers Working to Raise Student Test Scores

Submitted by Melissa Sturlic

Due to increasingly higher testing standards, half of all Illinois school districts are struggling to make Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). In 2010, 77.5% of all Illinois students were supposed to meet or exceed in reading and writing based on their results on the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) or the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE).

•However, according to the Illinois State Board of Education, 51% of all Illinois schools did not meet AYP. For 2011, 85% of all students are expected to meet or exceed on state tests. By 2014 all, or 100%, of Illinois students are required to meet or exceed in reading and math based on test results.

•Schools that do not meet AYP for two consecutive years are placed on academic warning status. If a school or district fails in the same subject area for four straight years, it can be placed on an academic watch list with restructuring in the fifth year. Federal sanctions require schools to file a school improvement plan along with offering an option of school choice and additional education services.

•There are differences between the test results of elementary and high school districts. Part of the reason is because of the type of tests that are used. For elementary students, the ISAT is purposely aligned to the Illinois State Learning Standards and developed by NCS Pearson, Inc.

•In contrast, at the high school level, the PSAE is a two part test: the ACT and the Work Keys. Both of these tests were developed by ACT, Inc.; the ACT test measures a student's skills based on college readiness standards while the Work Keys measures job skills. • However, assessment tools may be changing since Illinois is incorporating the Common Core Standards in 2014.

•Although the 2010 PSAE results of Illini West High School students are comparable with other schools across the state, the district is on academic warning and has recently filed a school improvement plan and sent out a school choice letter to parents. As a part of school improvement, changes are being put in place quickly to raise test scores. The first target for students is improving reading. Incorporating reading for pleasure is a way to increase standardized test scores. In a study by the National Endowment for Arts, researchers found that students who read the most for fun scored the highest on standardized reading tests. Recreational reading is test preparation because while students are reading they are building "valuable knowledge capital" that will help them in future reading. There are a few habits all students should be doing to improve their reading skills and abilities on their own:

• Read for thirty minutes a day. This will improve understanding and how fast a student can read

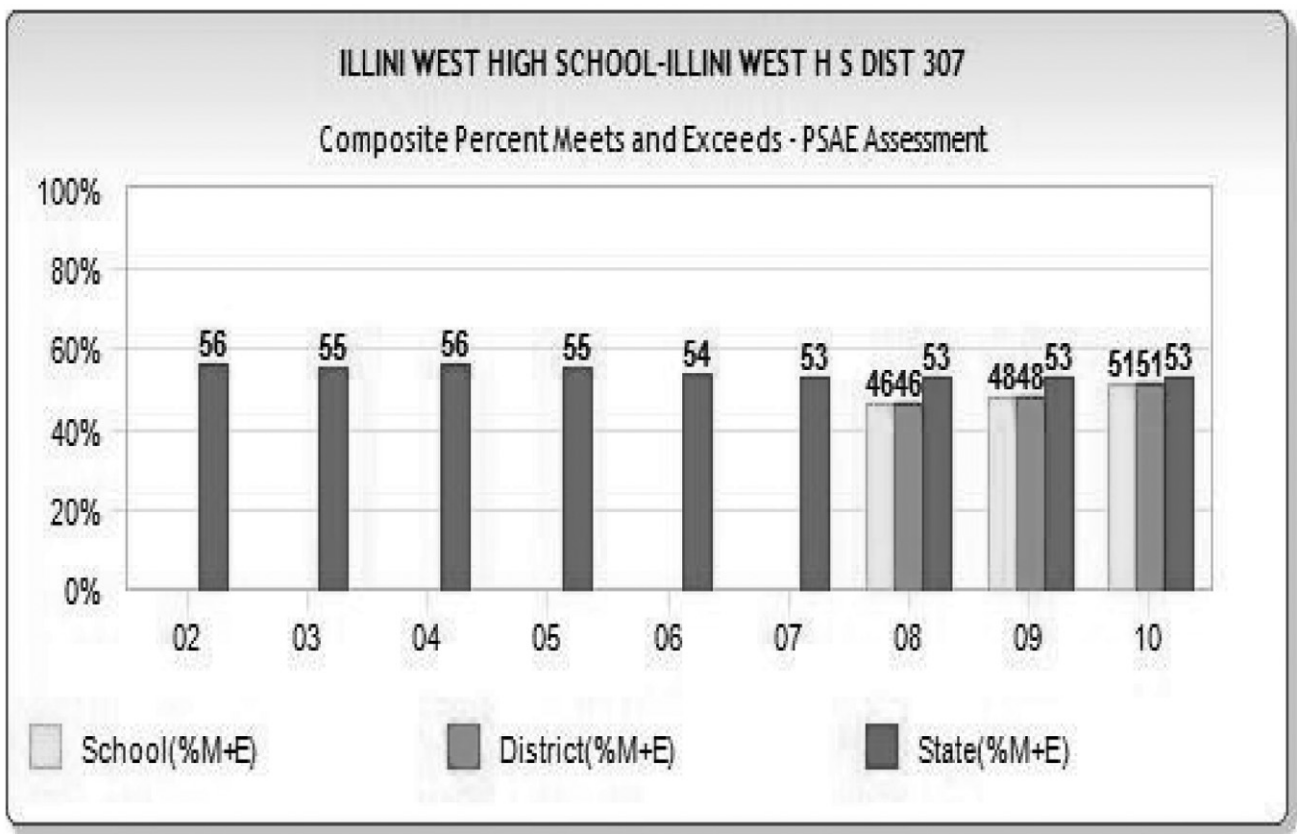
• Read in a quiet place. Turn off computers, cell phone, etc. to limit distractions

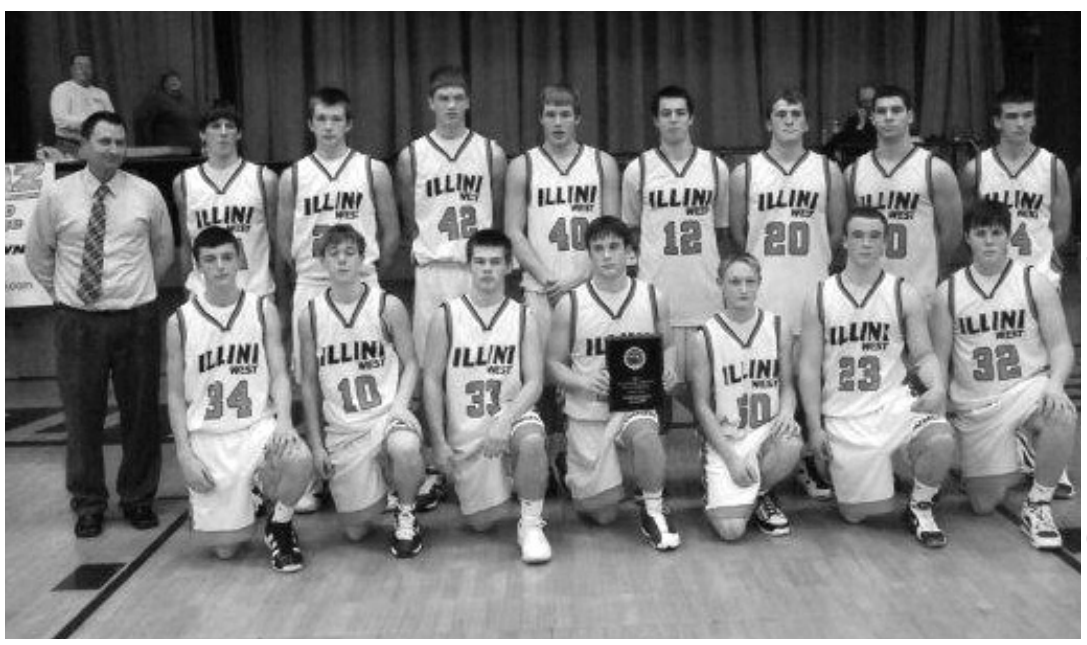
• Take the time to pick out reading material that is interesting. Borrow books from teachers, friends, and visit the library.

•Across all subject areas, teachers are incorporating writing into their instruction. In math, all students will be required to have Algebra II by their junior year in order to be prepared for the math portion of the ACT because that level of math is required for students to score well. For incoming freshmen, English placement tests have been conducted to better assist struggling readers and writers. In addition, a "Boot Camp" is being planned in March just before April's PSAE to review information and test strategies.

•Besides the importance of testing for school-wide results, parents and students need to be aware of future benefits: more college choice and access to financial aid and scholarships. Parents can further help their children by encouraging healthy sleep and study habits along with reminding students of their goals after high school.

• It is the teachers' goal that, in partnership with parents and community, all students will be prepared for the future.





The Chargers Boys Basketball team won the 2011 Hancock County Tournament, the longest running high school tournament in the State of Illinois. Congratulations, Champions!

Perfect Attendance Winners

Being present and on time for each class is an important contributing factor to good performance in school. To encourage students in this area, all students who have perfect attendance during any given week are part of a weekly drawing for a DQ gift certificate and special lunch privileges or parking spot. The name of each student with monthly perfect attendance goes into a drawing for a $20 Walmart gift card. Listed below for this year's winners to date.

Weekly

August 18-20
DQ - Sam Spangler Lunch - Emily Fink
August 23-27
DQ - Nathan Patrick Parking - Jack Bastert
9/3/10
DQ - Dillon Neill Parking - Jordan Finley
9/10/10
DQ - Alyce Trout Parking - Kristina Johnson
9/17/10
DQ - Haley Horton Parking - Dallas Neff
9/24/10
DQ - Kaila Barr Lunch - Lauren Genck
10/1/10
DQ - Emily Gold Lunch - Tyler Howe
10/8/10
DQ - Emily Gold Lunch - Nathan Patrick
10/15/10
DQ - Paige Bray Parking - Johnny Martin
10/22/10
DQ - Doug Hartman
10/29/10
DQ - Briana Wheatley Parking - Taylor Hardy
11/5/2010
DQ - Darci Beachy
Parking - Audra Stephenson
11/12/2010
DQ - Boni Huston Parking - Skyler Johnson
11/19/2010
DQ - Brittany Ufkes Parking - Connor Rothert
11/24/2010
DQ - Michael Link Parking - Annie Ryan
12/3/2010
DQ - Karissa Wilson Parking - Cody Carson
12/10/2010
DQ - Gabe Thompson
Parking - Rachel Bavery
12/17/2010
DQ - John Morrison Parking - Drew Campbell
12/22/2010
DQ - Alexis Cisneros
Parking - Shani Belshaw
1/7/2011
DQ - Robert Tyler Brown
Parking - Grant Clark
1/14/2011
DQ - Hannah Markey
Parking - Brodie Gronewold

Monthly

August-Leanne Pettit
September-Trey Ourth
October-Alex Biondolino
November-Rachel Bavery
December-Alexis Althar

ILLINI WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF 2010-2011

High School Office Staff:
Brad Gooding, Principal
Joey Dion, Assistant Principal/
Transportation Director/Athletic Director
Rhonda Miller, Administrator Assistant for Special Services
Ruth Lohrenz, School Psychologist
Dawn Hellyer, Principal's Secretary
Amy Rampley, Office Clerk
Deb Wilson, Transportation/Athletics Secretary
Ann Logan, Guidance Counselor
Joe Dion, Guidance Counselor
Tammey Gilbert, Social Worker

High School Teaching Staff:
Breanna Anderson, Special Education
Tammy Belshaw, Math
Vicki Black, Special Education
Carol Brooks, Physical Education
Kristen Cook, Science
Sam DeCounter, Agriculture & Social Studies
Elaine Dion, School Improvement Consultant
Alan Draper, English
Jason Finch, Special Education
Connie Flesner, Science
Linda Hartweg, Band & Chorus
Rose Hausch, Spanish
Greg Hoener, Social Studies
Suzy Holtsclaw, Business
John Hughs, Physical Education
Zak Huston, Drivers Education
Kim Johnson, French & Spanish
Zach Keene, Health & Physical Education
Tim Lafferty, Physical Education
Peggy Latherow, Family & Consumer Science
Samantha McGaughey, Math
Sandra Morrison, Math
Deb Murphy, Math
Harold Northup, Industrial Arts
M. J. Palmer, Science
Kevin Peel, English
Pat Raftis, Social Studies
LaRae Roth, English
Shari Shupe, Reading
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Theresa Twaddle, Business
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Illini West 2nd Quarter 100% Homework Completion List 2010

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) recognized 71 students for having 100% of their homework turned in on time for the 2nd quarter 0f the 2010-2011 school year.

Students were given a thank you note from all teachers and a goodie bag. Their names will also be displayed on a banner in the cafeteria along with students who completed 100% of their homework 1st quarter.

PBIS is a school-wide initiative where teachers teach appropriate academic and social behaviors to all students. Weekly and quarterly rewards/celebrations are provided for students meeting specific criteria.

Adcock, Jodi
Bastert, Mary
Beals, Colin
Beals, Mason
Beaver, Christopher
Belshaw, Shani
Bolen, Ryan
Bowman, Jennifer
Boyles, Kendra
Bray, Kevin
Bray, Paige
Brooks, Mallory
Bundy, Dayna
Campbell, Bali
Campbell, Brandi
Clark, Madison
Clayton, Jenna
Clayton, Rachel
Courtois, Danielle
Cox, Travis
Doyle, Hunter
Fink, Taylor
Fox, Jessica
Frakes, Joseph
Goetz, Joseph
Gronewold, Brody
Guyman, Kayden
Hanks, Mitchell
Hardy, Taylor
Hartweg, Caroline
Huls, Courtney
Husband, Danielle
Huston, Albert
Jack, Emma
Jacoby, Katelyn
Johnson, Kristina
Jones, Brittany
Jones, Holly
Kerfoot, Ashley
Logan, Kaitlyn
Mapes, Mitchell
McDowell, Holly
Merry, Trisha
Miller, Katherine
Mohr, Tiffany
Morton, Dillon
Nudd, Kagney
Ourth, Alex
Pettit, Leanne
Rankin, Megan
Rea, Grant
Repplinger, Bria
Rothert, Connor
Rothert, Patrick
Ryan, Anna
Ryder, Katherine
Schuster, Madison
Seltzer, Kariann
Slater, Thomas
Spiekermeier, Kaleb
Thompson, Gabriel
Thompson, Nicholas
Thompson, Shelby
Tobias, Jonathan
Todd, Chasika
Trout, Carolyn
Unruh, Katie
Vass, Jillian
Wear, Carter
Weirather, Morgan
Wetterling, Stephanie
Wheatley, Briana
Wilhite, Laura

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ILLINI WEST NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

By: Kristina Johnson

National Honor Society is an organization based on leadership and scholarship. The Illini West NHS meets on a monthly basis and discusses ways we can help our school and the community. This year we have elected officers. They are: Joe Goetz, President; Rachel Bavery, Vice President; Elizabeth Cokel, Secretary; and Anna Ryan, Treasurer.

Our NHS members at Illini West High School are: Kelly Ard, Rachel Bavery, Emily Bolton, Mallory Brooks, Bali Campbell, Mary Carroll, Cody Carson, Elizabeth Cokel, Danielle Courtois, Kirby Fecht, Haile Goetz, Joe Goetz, Kayden Guymon, Danielle Husband, Kristina Johnson, Samantha Leon, Sam Newberry, Jacob Pilkington, Anna Ryan, Audra Stephenson, Jonathan Tobias, and Leah Wisehart.

NHS is working on a T-shirt fundraiser to help sponsor Mr. Adrian McKay's MD class on a field trip. For every donation, the name or business will be listed on the back of our NHS T-shirt, and the donor will receive a T-shirt for a minimum of $20 donation. If you would like to help our efforts, please fill out the order form and return it to a NHS member or our sponsor, Mrs. Twaddle. We appreciate your support in our efforts to help Mr. McKay and his students.

The Teen Center: "Mtg. U where UR@"

Soon, Illini West students will have a new place to hang out after school. This new Teen Center will be located in the Tri-State Family Services building (formally Printy Funeral Home) at 603 Walnut Street, Carthage Illinois.

The creation of the teen center began when LaRae Roth, an Illini West English teacher, worked with her students and community members to create a place for teens to hang out safely. Sherry Bliss and the Board of Directors for Tri-State Family Services generously offered their facility to help the project. After obtaining a facility, students filled out surveys so that a steering committee could best service the students in need.

After analyzing the surveys, the committee decided to partner with community members and volunteers to provide a warm, safe facility in which teens may socialize, learn critical life skills, study, play games, view videos, and enjoy delicious snacks among a myriad of other services. To accommodate these services, teens will be able to use the three floors of the Teen Center which includes a kitchen, library, living rooms, movie room, as well as having rooms available for other activities, such as guitar and sewing lessons. In addition to the previously mentioned services, the Teen center will also contain clothing donations for families in need. A clothing "swap" would also be an option in the future.

If there are enough volunteers, the Teen Center is slated to open on Mondays beginning March 7th from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. for general activities. The center also plans to add Wednesdays beginning in April for group sessions led by Debbie Hunt on topics of teen concern. The format of these sessions will be determined later as the teens' interests and needs become apparent. The ultimate goal is to have the center open every day after school in the fall of 2011.

The Teen Center will be open only to students in good standing at Illini West High School and all participants will be expected to follow the "Charger Code": Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Positive. The purpose of the center is simply to meet needs whether they be social, physical, emotional, etc. The phrase, "Mtg U where UR@" (which translates as "Meeting you where you are at" for non-texters) sums up the purpose of the center. IWHS students who live outside Carthage will be allowed to ride the activity bus which leaves from the high school around 6:00 p.m. each evening and drops off students in LaHarpe and Dallas City.

Due to the generosity of community members, both with donations of goods and time, the Center has a great deal available for our teens currently, but is still in need of certain items such as a ping pong table and volunteers who will commit to serving one or more days per month. As such, Tri-State Family Services encourages responsible adults who are willing to donate their time, energy, and skills to contact Sherry Bliss at TSFS at (217) 357-3343.

If anyone would like to volunteer or has questions, please call the Center at 217-357-3343. There will be a training held for anyone who wants to volunteer. The training will be Monday, February 28th from 3:30 to 4:30. We welcome parents, teachers, etc. Thank you for helping the community through this project.

ILLINI WEST HIGH SCHOOL - NHS
SUPPORTING MR. MCKAY'S MD CLASSES

T-shirt Sales

The National Honor Society from Illini West High School is seeking sponsors to help support Mr. Adrian McKay's classes. We would like to sponsor a field trip with his students. Due to lack of funding, we are seeking sponsor donations to help support this cause. For your donation, your name or business will be listed on the back of our National Honor Society t-shirt and you will receive a t-shirt for a minimum of a $20 donation. We appreciate your support in our efforts to help Mr. McKay and his students.

Make checks payable to IWHS. Orders due by **Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011** to Mrs. Twaddle. Payment due when ordering.

Payment Amt: $20.00 Date:_____ Initial:_____

Thank You!

Sponsor's Name:
_____
(Please indicate the name of the person, family, or business as this is what will appear on the back of the shirt.)

Sponsor's Address:_____

Sponsor's Phone No: _____

Circle one (Adult Size): S M L XL XXL

Receipt by NHS Member: _____

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