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### 14th Annual Post Prom Party “Operation Safe Celebration” At the Wheaton Community Center

**Wheaton North - April 26, 2008**

**Wheaton-Warrenville South - May 3, 2008**

We need your time, support or donations to make this evening a success. Each year over 500 WNHS and WWS parents work together to make this a fun and safe event for the 1300 students that attend these parties. We especially encourage freshmen and sophomore parents to get involved in this great tradition!

Meetings will be held at the Wheaton Community Center in the Zone at 7:00 p.m. on the dates below. These are times for all of us, from both schools, to plan together. Mark your calendar now!

#### **Volunteer opportunities** include:

- Room decorating
- Food
- Hang polyvinyl (3 weeks prior)
- Tickets
- Party volunteers: 10:30pm - 4am (It's fun. Really!)

#### **Planning Meetings:**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

If you are interested, contact:

Maggie Dieter, WN Manpower Chair

[magdieter@aol.com](mailto:magdieter@aol.com)

665-9618

You can send Financial contributions to:  
Operation Safe Celebration  
c/o Lise Gulick  
128 W. Jefferson  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Questions or concerns?

Contact either Wheaton North chairperson:

Robbie Spehr 668-6661 ([robspehr@comcast.net](mailto:robspehr@comcast.net))

Heidi Truty 260-0638 ([htruty@comcast.net](mailto:htruty@comcast.net))

**Up-to-Date Information at: <http://www.wnhsboosters.org/PostProm.htm>**

***You don't want to miss this!***



# FALCON FOCUS

WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008

## The Billboard

February 4 - 8  
Winter Week

February 9  
Turnabout Dance  
7:00-10:00 p.m. WN Commons

February 17  
Mother/Son Dance  
5:00-7:00 p.m. WN Commons

February 13  
Concerto Concert

February 13  
Blood Drive  
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

March 1  
Falcon Booster Auction Dinner/Dance  
The Carlisle 5:30 - 11:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. Taylor Auditorium

March 13 - 15  
Spring Musical, *Beauty and the Beast*

April 23  
PLAN TEST (Sophomores ONLY)

April 23 & 24  
PSAE (Juniors ONLY)

April 26  
Prom

May 21  
Honors Assembly

May 24  
Commencement  
11:00 a.m. College of DuPage

## A Message From The Principal...

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Recently, Wheaton North High School was named a silver medallist school by U.S. News and World Report in its first ever ranking of America's Best High Schools. Approximately 500 schools were selected as either gold or silver medal winners out of 18,790 high schools nationwide. Thank you to the students, faculty, staff, and community for all your hard work and dedication. Together we can and do make a difference. Wheaton North is a special place because of all who are involved.

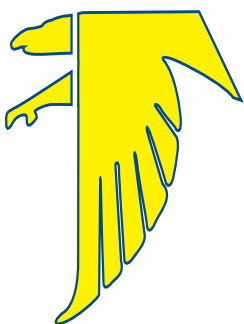
Second semester is well underway. Included in this newsletter are details about many upcoming events. Please be sure to read the enclosed articles for important information. Just to highlight: Turnabout is February 9. The Mother/Son Dance is February 17. Our music department will be performing throughout February and March including the Concerto Concert on February 13, the Northside Band Festival on February 19, the Choir Concert on March 25, and the Band Concert on March 27. Additionally, this year's musical, "Beauty and the Beast" held on March 13 - 15 will showcase the many talents of this high school. The public is always welcome to these events.

As I say over and over again, Wheaton North High School is a great school. The faculty and staff are dedicated to serving your students, offering them challenging curriculum in preparation of their future. Of course, everything we do at Wheaton North is in partnership with our parent community. As principal, I have two requests of you as we move toward the end of the year. First, as you may know, the Prairie State Achievement Exam is given yearly to all juniors throughout the state of Illinois. We need our students to do their very best on these tests. Wheaton North is evaluated by the state of Illinois based on the PSAE scores. All of our School Improvement initiatives are designed to improve academic achievement and improve our scores on the PSAE. This year the PSAE is on April 23 -24. Please hold discussions with your juniors about doing the very best they can.

My second request is regarding dancing. Recently, there has been discussion throughout the community about the way students dance at our dances. Many parents have sent emails or made phone calls requesting that we address this with the students. With Turnabout just around the corner, I would appreciate it if you held discussions with your teenagers about your expectations of them when they are at dances. Although, dancing behavior has improved somewhat at the dances, it is still not to a standard that is acceptable. In the near future, we will be formulating behavioral expectations for dances. However, I do believe that you as parents should have the opportunity to share your expectations with your children first. We expect that our students dance in a manner that is respectful. Specifically, we are requesting no front to back dancing. Wheaton North students have always lived up to our expectations. I am confident that with your help, students can still have a good time at dances. I appreciate your help.

Finally, the Falcon Boosters will be hosting the annual dinner dance auction "Fandamonium" on Saturday, March 1. This is their major fundraiser with all of the proceeds raised directly benefiting the students of Wheaton North. Please come out and show your support. It is a wonderful community event! I look forward to seeing you there. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. Good communication is critical to our success.

Sincerely,  
Jill Bullo  
Principal



## From the Desk of Matt Biscan, Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Technology...

"Failure to prepare is preparing to fail."

-Benjamin Franklin

### PSAE/PLAN TESTING

The PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Examination) will be administered to eligible junior students (more than 12 credits earned at the end of first semester 07-08) on April 23rd and 24th. Junior students will be testing on both days. Sophomore students will be taking the PLAN test on April 23rd only and will not attend classes on April 24th. Freshman and Senior students will not attend classes on April 23rd or 24th. An informational letter will be sent to all Wheaton North parents in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding the testing process, please call Matt Biscan at 784-7302. Thank you.

## Mu Alpha Theta Fundraiser with Baja Fresh Restaurant

- Help support our organization and enjoy some great food!!
- February 1st, 2008 - come out to Baja Fresh, 55 E. Loop Road in Wheaton.
- Bring a copy of our flyer with you to the restaurant and present it when paying for your order. Flyers are available from the math office or from your math teacher.
- Ask one of the sponsors, Mrs. Blanco or Mrs. Mulford if you have any questions.

## WN Boys Lacrosse Begins Second Season

This February marks the beginning of the Wheaton North Boys Club Lacrosse Team's second season. Because of the two great seasons, by both the freshman and JV teams last Spring, a varsity level team has been added to this year's club. If you haven't had a chance to see a lacrosse game, please come out and see the Falcons this year. With all but 3 seniors from last year returning, this year should be another great season.

It is not too late to sign up for this fun, fast-paced, no-cut sport. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Holly Higgins at hollyannehiggins@yahoo.com.

Important Dates: Practices will begin on February 25th. Please check the website [www.wnhsjax.org](http://www.wnhsjax.org) for practice schedule.

On February 21st, we will hold a Family Lacrosse Pot-Luck Dinner in the cafeteria at Wheaton North from 6:30-8:30. Meet the coaches, the parent board, and order Falcon Lacrosse Spirit Wear. Please see the website for more information. Go Falcon Lax!

## FRIDAY LIBRARY BOOK TALKS

Need a good book to read? Not sure what to pick up? If so, please join your librarian, reading specialists and fellow students during your lunch period for great reads and tasty snacks!

Bring a sack lunch to room 802-804 (right off the commons) during your lunch period. Your librarian and reading specialists will spend half an hour suggesting popular teen books to read. All books featured at the book talk will then be raffled off at the end of the school day!

### Remaining Book Talk Date

April 11

Please see Ms. Ramp, Ms. Mazzolini, or Ms. Moore in the LLC with any questions. It's great to be a Falcon!

## From the Nurses

### Health and Immunization Records

If you need a copy of your student's school physical and immunization record for work or camp please call (630) 784-7327 as soon as possible. These records are not available during the summer.

### Reminders for the parents of graduating seniors:

You will receive a copy of your student's health and immunization records with the Senior Newsletter this spring. If you do not receive a copy, please call the WNHS health office at (630) 784-7327. Colleges and universities require a copy of these records for enrollment. Please make a copy for your home file and for your student to keep in their personal file for future use. Doctor's offices do not keep these records indefinitely. **Health records are not available from WNHS during the summer.**

If your child is going off to college, it is important to consider giving them the **meningococcal vaccine** to protect them from the most common forms of meningitis. The American College Health Association (ACHA) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that college students, especially those living in dormitories, receive the vaccine. We encourage you to talk to your child's doctor or healthcare provider about meningitis vaccination before college begins. The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) also administers the vaccine to those who do not have insurance coverage for a fee. Call them at 682-7979 ext. 7590 to make an appointment.

### Health Tips of the Month

Please remember that proper hand washing is the number one way to prevent the spread of infections from the common cold to this year's infamous MRSA (staphylococcus infection). Please remind your student that this is an important life long health habit. Do not assume your student is washing properly nor as frequently as recommended. Technique is very important to successfully remove pathogens. Washing for 20 seconds using soap under running water with slight friction is the most effective method but hand sanitizers are also a useful germ deterrent when soap and water are not available. More information on hand washing can be found at <http://keystosaferschools.com> and <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/hand-washing/HQ00407>. More information about MRSA can be found by visiting [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar\\_mrsa\\_ca.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_mrsa_ca.html)

Please remember to update your child's health information as needed throughout the school year. Many students take medication at home that could impact them at school. With complete information, we can alert parents of the connection between the observed symptoms and medications taken. Please contact the health office at 784-7327 or by emailing [stheisen@CUSD200.org](mailto:stheisen@CUSD200.org) or [kfontana@CUSD200.org](mailto:kfontana@CUSD200.org).

## From the Desk of Lorie Campos, Assistant Principal

I hope your students had a relaxing winter break and have had a good start to the new semester. I enjoyed seeing many of you at Curriculum Night. Thank you for completing the surveys; your input is important to us. On January 30, 2008, we welcomed the parents of the Class of 2012. We are excited to have over 500 new freshmen joining Wheaton North next year. On February 15th 2008, we will be honoring our Distinguished Alumni during half-time of the varsity basketball game. Please come out to honor the following alumni:

Barbara Bates-Alexander	Class of 1973
David Lauber	Class of 1985
Scott MacKay	Class of 1989
Anne Ream	Class of 1983
Jeffrey Pochowicz	Class of 1995

It is hard to believe we are beginning the 5th week of second semester. Progress reports will be sent home with your student on March 3rd. There are many exciting activities taking place at Wheaton North in February and March. I encourage you to look through the newsletter for the specific dates and times.

Have a wonderful spring break. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 784-7303.

Join Friends, Family & Fellow Fans For a Night of Falcon

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Sponsored by the Wheaton North High School Falcon's Booster Club

## Dinner Dancing & Auction



Saturday, March 1, 2008 • 5:30pm to 11:00pm • The CARLISLE • 435 E. Butterfield Rd • Lombard, IL

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres  
Live & Silent Auction

Dinner  
Dancing



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Wheaton North Booster Club Auction '08

\$65 per person  
until February 6<sup>th</sup>

\$75 per person  
after February 6<sup>th</sup>

For ticket information call  
Geri Balow - 630.653.3144  
Chris Smith - 630.235.5232  
Anna Yeganegi - 630.681.9131  
or visit the event website at:  
<http://wnhs.maestroweb.com>



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Proceeds from this auction directly support and enhance your student's high school experience. Through the Falcon Booster Club, hundreds of parent volunteers Serve, Support and Socialize, forming a network of friendship that often extends beyond their student's time at Wheaton North.

We hope you'll join us at this terrific event . . . and bring your friends. It's always a very fun time and is our largest fund raising event of the year. If you have any questions about the event or would like to learn more about the Falcon Boosters Club, visit our Website at [www.wnhsboosters.org](http://www.wnhsboosters.org). I look forward to seeing you on March 1st

Chris Smith - President

# NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008

### Financial Aid Workshop at COD

The College of DuPage will be hosting this important workshop on **Thursday, February 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at its Glen Ellyn Campus in SRC 2800.** The workshop is free and open to the public. Parents of all grade levels are encouraged to attend, but it is especially useful for senior parents. The topics and times for the workshop's sessions are as follows:

**Welcome and General Financial Aid Overview** 7:00 to 7:50 pm

**Scholarship** 8:00 to 8:50 pm

**2008-2009 FAFSA Completion** 8:00 to 9:00 pm

-This will be especially useful to senior parents, because it will be an open session with financial aid specialists available to assist in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### Scholarship Bulletin

As mentioned in the December newsletter the Guidance Department provides students and parents with a list of local scholarships and some national scholarships through the Scholarship Bulletin. During February and March we receive many scholarship offers, so the bulletin is updated more frequently. Therefore, we encourage you and your student to continually check for the updated versions. The Scholarship Bulletin is available in the College and Career Center. It is also available online at [www.prephq.com](http://www.prephq.com) (students need to know their log-in and password) or at [www.wnhs.org](http://www.wnhs.org) ⇒ Counseling ⇒ Guidance Department ⇒ College/Career Resources.

### Local Scholarship Application

The Local Scholarship Application is now available in the College and Career Center. This is a great opportunity for students to apply for a number of scholarships by filling out one application. This year there are fifteen scholarships that are generously endowed by local community organizations. Awards range from \$350 to \$1500. The deadline for the application is February 29, 2008.

### AP Test Registration

AP Test registration packets will be available in mid-February. Students can pick up a packet from their AP teacher or from the College and Career Center. Price per test is \$84. The registration deadline is March 21, 2008. All packets should be turned in complete with payment and parent permission to Mary Bischoff in the College and Career Center. If you have any questions regarding AP testing please contact the Guidance Office at 784-7325.

### Summer Opportunities

Students who are seeking enrichment programs for the summer are encouraged to check the Summer Program File periodically over the next few months. The file is located in the College and Career Center and will have information on summer programs offered by colleges and universities, not-for-profit groups (i.e. volunteer opportunities), and government agencies.

### Course Selection Process Underway for the 2008-2009 School Year

In January, North counselors began helping students focus on the course selection process for next year (the complete schedule was listed in the December/January newsletter). Graduation requirements, college admission requirements, current career interests, etc. are reviewed to help students choose the correct courses for them. **Parents play a vital role in this process** and should discuss and review their student's recommendations and course selections before signing off on final selections. If you have any questions about particular courses or the process please call the Guidance Office at 784-7325 to be connected to your student's counselor.

## Special Recognition From the Athletic Office

I would like to recognize our 2007 Girl's Soccer Team. Each year, The National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas select a Team Academic Award. The Wheaton North High School Girls Soccer Team has been awarded the NSCAA/Adidas Team Academic Award recipient for exceptional academic performance as a team for the year 2007. NSCAA also named Jaime Orewiler to the All-Midwest Team. Congratulations Jaime and our 2007 Girls Soccer Team.

### JOB SHADOW PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

**WHAT:** optional program for Wheaton North seniors, to take a half day or full day to visit a local work site, for career exploration/career training purposes.

**WHEN:** April 23 and/or April 24, 2008...during the Prairie State Testing Days (PSAE).

**WHERE:** numerous sites, from Wheaton to Chicago.

**WHY:** Following participation in this program, seniors will - Better identify and demonstrate the work-readiness skills needed to research, get, and keep a job.

Better know which "majors" connect to which occupations.

Know which institutions of higher education are preferred by local business and industry.

Expand their network, for possible future mentoring and/or work experiences.

### The national data reveal these numbers:

30% of current college frosh will not return next year.

30% of current college frosh will take at least 5 years to complete the BA/BS.

Less than 50% will have the BA/BS after 6 years.

Untold others will complete the BA/BS in the traditional 4 years, only to find themselves either underemployed or unemployed - living back with mom and dad.

**The goal is for our seniors to have more experience, more direction, and thus more passion, in order that they not fall into the aforementioned sub-groups! DO THE JOB SHADOW!!**

### THE PLAN

Counselor Dennis Beemer is chairing a steering committee comprised of students, parents, WN staff, and local employers, in the planning of this First Annual Job Shadow Program, and the first steering committee meeting was scheduled for January 17 at 7:15 am, in the WN Guidance Office. Our goal is that at least 200 seniors will choose this option for April 23 or 24, 2008!

### Parents, your help is needed:

Encourage your senior to participate!

Serve on the steering committee for this new program.

Volunteer your workplace as a "Job Shadow Choice."

Provide clerical support as we process the matches (during lunch periods in March and April).

Please contact Mr. Beemer with any comments or questions - 784-7310. [dbeemer@cusd200.org](mailto:dbeemer@cusd200.org)

## DRIVER EDUCATION UPDATE

Many of you are probably aware of the new laws concerning Driver's Education which were put in place as of January 1, 2008.

- Increasing the length of time a young driver must hold a learner's permit to 9 months before becoming eligible for a license.
- Starting curfew one hour earlier ~ 10PM weekdays; 11PM weekends for 16/17 year olds.
- Doubling to 12 months passenger restriction laws for teens and allowing the ticketing of passengers violating the law.
- Requiring 16/17 year olds to drive violation -free for six months to obtain an unrestricted license.
- Requiring parents to attend certain traffic court hearings with their teen driver and prohibiting mail-in supervision for drivers under 18.

**You can obtain the latest information on the Teen Driver Task Force by going to the Illinois Secretary of State website. We encourage all parents and students to stay informed about these new laws.**

**SUMMER SCHOOL DRIVERS EDUCATION 2008:** You can pick up a Summer School Driver Education information sheet in the Counseling and Career Center (CCC) from Mrs. Bischoff. Summer school registration will begin on Monday, April 7, 2008 and will run through Friday, April 11, 2008. Registration will take place in the CCC. At the time of registration you will need to pay the \$250 Drivers Ed. Fee. Enrollment will be based on birthdates and not first come, first served. In order to be in Drivers Education you need to have passed a minimum of 8 classes in the previous two semesters. Please pick-up an information sheet before registering. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bischoff at 630/784-7325.

## **New 200 Foundation Mini-Grants Awarded to Wheaton North's World Languages Department**

The Wheaton North World Languages Department received two mini-grants from the New 200 Foundation. \$1,000 was awarded to purchase *Turning Point* software, interactive technology for Power Point presentations and student responses, and \$300 for subscriptions to utilize *QUIA*, customized educational online software to prepare the upper-level language classes for the Advanced Placement Language Exams. Thank you to the New 200 Foundation for supporting our students' technological endeavors!

### **Blood Drive....**

On February 13th, you can show you care by participating in the Student Council Blood Drive. Call Miss Patel at 784-7390 to schedule a donation appointment. Donations start at 7:30 am and end at 1:00 pm. There are many ways for you to participate, even if you can't donate. We are in need of volunteers to help organize/supervise students during and after their donations. Snack donations are also welcome. Please encourage eligible students to donate. Students must be at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and must eat a good meal prior to donating. Students who are 16 also need a signed parent permission slip in order to donate. Each blood donation saves 3 lives!!

### **CHORUS NEWS:**

Welcome back! The 2nd semester has kicked in and we've hit the ground running. I am so proud of our choral students! The Holiday concert with Band & Orchestra was terrific and the performance from Chamber and Treble Choirs at Office Max Corporate Headquarters was exceptional! (We have received many compliments about how well our students performed BOTH on and off stage.) You were great representatives of Wheaton North High School.

This semester, our numbers have grown substantially! We went from 41 students to 70 in Concert Choir; 23 to 35 in Chamber and 32 to 37 in Treble Choir. We also have enough men in Chamber Choir to tackle some difficult literature! If you are a parent of one of these students, THANK YOU!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS: Jeff Rosenwinkel was selected to perform for the IMEA All State Chorus in Peoria, Illinois at the end of January. Wheaton North sent three choral students to the District 1X festival in November; Jeff being one of them along with Jenna Lawrenz and Kate Nyenhuis.

We hope to see you at our upcoming concerts!  
Mrs. Nooden (formerly Ms. Marino)

### **Thank you!**

I would like to thank Mike Labianco from The New Image Hair Studio in Wheaton for donating all of their magazines every month to the Wheaton North Fashion Class. These are used to find trends and do projects all year in class. His generosity is much appreciated.

Desiree Chiappetta  
WN Fashion Teacher

### **Turnabout 2008**

The Turnabout Dance is a semi-formal dance held at WNHS on Saturday, February 9th from 7pm -10pm. This year's theme is *In the Jungle*. Tickets will be sold before and after school January 28th - February 6th in Room 109. The cost of tickets is \$30 per couple or \$15 for a single ticket. Students bringing guests who are not Wheaton North students must complete a form with the Dean's office before purchasing a ticket to the dance. We are looking forward to an evening of music and fun!

## **SAME FABULOUS DANCE..... NEW DATE!!**

Mark your calendars now. The Mother/Son dance has been moved to Sunday, February 17th. It will be held in the Wheaton North High School Commons from 5 to 9PM. For \$60 per couple you will enjoy a dinner catered by Addante's, dancing to the tunes of the wonderful D.J., Ron Crivellone, a flower for mom, a gift and a game with prizes. Guys, it's a lot of fun and moms really enjoy it. Tickets will be sold through the student bookstore the week of Feb.4. (Has mom forgotten about your semester grades yet?)

For further information please contact Mrs. Paulsen at [cpaulsen@cusd200.org](mailto:cpaulsen@cusd200.org)

### **February Orchestra News**

February is a big month in Wheaton North's orchestra department!

- On Wednesday, February 13th, Wheaton North will be hosting the CUSD200 Concerto Concert, featuring soloists from Wheaton North & Wheaton Warrenville South High Schools. The soloists are: Josh Billingham (WN) - trombone, Diane Chou (WWS) - cello, Matt Dzugan (WWS) - trombone, Robin Kesselman (WWS) - double bass, Mary Ellen Milford (WN) - oboe, Heather Roff (WWS) - flute, and Jeff Sommars (WN) - viola. Please come and celebrate the talent and hard work of these wonderful musicians. The concert will begin at 7:30pm in Taylor Auditorium.
- Wheaton North's Chamber Orchestra will be heading down to the University of Illinois - Champaign/Urbana Friday, February 22nd for a state-wide orchestra festival. On Saturday, the 23rd, they will perform on the beautiful Krannert stage and enjoy a clinic given by a well-respected conductor & musician.
- All 8th-11th grade orchestra students who are interested in auditioning for the 2008-2009 Chamber Orchestra should be preparing for auditions. They will be in early March. Exact information & music will go home with the students soon.

### **Athletic Shoe Recycling**

Don't throw out those old running shoes! Redeem your soles! Habitat for Humanity and Club ER will begin an athletic shoe recycling program starting the week of January 14th. Please tie the shoes together, bring the shoes to school, and place them in the collection boxes located throughout the campus (posters around school will announce specific locations). We can keep thousands of pounds of recyclable materials out of overstressed landfills, and help turn them into building materials, clothing, and other goods. Step up and help others!

### **Habitat for Humanity**

The Wheaton North Habitat for Humanity club will send its first building team to a work site in Westmont, Illinois on two dates in January and February. Thanks to everyone who bought baked goods and Starbucks coffee (thank you, Starbucks!) during our fall bake sales; you helped make our building team participation possible. Plans are underway to link area high schools' Habitat for Humanity clubs, offering even more opportunities for club members. All students are welcome at our every-other-Monday meetings, 2:30 pm in room 114. See Mrs. VanGetson for more information.

### **Don't Forget: Recycle!**

Please bring your **empty printer cartridges (inkjet & laser) & old cell phones** to the front office or to Mr. Klemm's room (#122). The **WN Speech Team** will be raising funds by recycling these items all year long and would appreciate everyone's help with this effort. We also encourage business support and can arrange for shipment directly from your office at no cost! (No toner tanks, please.) Please contact Mrs. Martha Staky, [stakyfam@comcast.net](mailto:stakyfam@comcast.net) for more info. Thank you.

## Spring Musical

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL, *Beauty and the Beast!* Please join us for an evening of dancing, singing and laughs as students present this Disney musical involving over 100 members of the student body. Performances run March 13-15. Tickets cost \$4 for students and \$8 for adults. Contact Ms. Schmitz at (630) 784-7423 or [eschmitz@cusd200.org](mailto:eschmitz@cusd200.org) for ticket information.

Still interested in helping with costumes, props or make-up? WE NEED YOUR HELP! Parents and students welcome. Contact Mrs. Pignoni at (630)784-7429 or [apignoni@cusd200.org](mailto:apignoni@cusd200.org).

## Student Council

### **Battle of the Bands**

Battle of the Bands will take place on Friday, February 8. This event features three of Wheaton North's best bands going up against three of Wheaton South's. The event will be held at Wheaton South this year. Tickets will be sold during lunches Feb. 4-8 and at the door the night of the event. This is sure to be an exciting night with excellent music, and raffle prizes. Proceeds will be donated to a charity that will be selected by North and South's student councils. South currently holds the trophy, but North's bands will surely take it back. Come support North and South in their efforts to bring the schools together to provide for a local charity. Any questions, call Mrs. Martinez or Miss Patel.

### **Winter Week**

The junior class will sponsor Winter Week this year. They are currently planning a lot of exciting activities. The week runs from February 4 and ends February 8. There will be dress up days each day with prizes for some lucky participants. There will also be some fun giveaways, a bake sale and a lot other "surprises". This is a week that will take students out of the doldrums of winter into a celebration of the season. The week will end with Battle of the Bands on Friday and Turnabout on Saturday.

### **Spring Extravaganza**

Attention Seniors: Think you're funny? Well, prove it by trying out the Comedy Troupe. This group of students helps make Spring Extrav run smoothly. They provide "in-between acts" entertainment and help to introduce each of our talented acts. Try outs are March 10 and 11 after school. Sign-ups for an audition time will be March 3-7 in room 107. If you are involved in a Spring sport, you must have your coach's signature to participate.

## Boys Track and Field

The Track and Field season is here! We just started up. It is not too late to join us. We encourage all young men to join our squad. By running track and field, you will get stronger and faster! We especially encourage athletes from other sports (football, soccer, basketball...) to join us because being faster and stronger is the key to ALL sports!

There are 18 different events to compete in. These include: Sprints, Hurdles, Distances, Jumps (long, triple, high), Shot Put and Discus, and the Pole Vault. There is a spot for everyone! We strive to have the athlete look at their own performances and see if they get a P.R. (Personal Record). We look at P.R.'s over wins every time! EVERY individual that stays in our program gets better!

To join, simply pay your athletic fee (\$100.00) in the Athletic Director's office, make sure you have a current physical and parent permission form signed, then see Mr. Helberg in the athletic locker room after school to get your sweats and uniform. Practices are everyday at 2:30 and end around 5:00 (we lift everyday). We have meets at least once a week. There are no BENCH WARMERS! Everyone gets to compete in the meets! We usually have around 120 athletes out for the team. Be part of the defending DVC champions and make yourself better. Any questions see Mr. Helberg, Mr. Graf, Mr. Roe, or Mr. McQuaid. See you soon.

## From the Desk of Jason Stipp The Office of Student Services...

Dear Falcon Parents,

As we read and hear about more school crisis situations in the news, I feel it is important to spend some time explaining some of the services we offer here at Wheaton North High School that helps us to take a proactive approach to students' issues and concerns. Our office of student services focuses on tackling student crisis situations on three different levels: resources available to students, informing administration and staff of student issues, and educating the faculty and student body.

The resources that we make available to all students consist of our school nurse, school resource officer, guidance counselors, deans and our student support office. Our student support office features a number of educational support groups that provide students an opportunity to develop effective problem-solving strategies to better understand life's challenges that may, if not addressed, interfere significantly with students' educational and/or personal progress. These groups are co-facilitated by one of our school social workers, psychologists, nurse or interns. These support personnel also regularly meet with students in a one-on-one setting to identify concerns that may be brought to them by other staff.

The information we share as a school support team is to be as seamless as possible. Weekly meetings are established that are intended to share information regarding students issues with all the student support personnel in the building. This meeting is directly run by myself and is of great value in assessing student concerns and issues. Weekly administrative meetings are also held in which high level student concerns are shared with the whole administrative staff. Lastly, concerning information, Wheaton North has a crisis team that consists of several faculty members that help to problem solve tragedies that affect our students and student body should a crisis arise.

Education plays an important component in creating a safer environment as well. Our school district has monthly meetings in which we are involved in drills and training in how to deal with the different crises that we may face. At these meetings, school officials come to the table with local fire and police personnel to come up with the best approach to school crisis situations. We also hold orientation meetings for the student body at the beginning of the year in which we discuss with the student body the importance of safety and communicating issues of concern with faculty members. Along with this orientation, comes the several different drills we hold throughout the year to prepare all students and staff.

By telling you what our school is doing I am hoping to give you a sense of relief in knowing that we are aware of how volatile high school can be for several of our students. I ask that you have open communication with your son/daughter about school situations, and encourage you to have them seek a faculty member if there is a situation that they feel warrants our attention. I also ask that you do not hesitate to call myself, or other student support staff if you feel there is an issue we need to address.

Together we can continue to make this environment safe for its main purpose, learning!

Jason P. Stipp, Assistant Principal of Student Services  
Wheaton North High School  
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## 2008 Booster Club Scholarships

**Seniors** - Don't miss this chance to receive a \$500 scholarship from the Wheaton North Falcon Booster Club! Up to ten awards will be made to senior students who have been active in Wheaton North activities and plan to attend a one to four year accredited educational program after graduation.

Scholarship awards are made on the basis of participation in Wheaton North activities such as athletics, performing arts, student clubs, and other school related activities, along with leadership, a personal statement and academic record.

Applications may be submitted now through **April 9, 2008**. Forms, including instructions and further information, are available in the school Guidance Office or may be downloaded from the Booster Club website at [www.wnhs-boosters.org](http://www.wnhs-boosters.org). **Don't wait too long to get started on your application!**

## Booster Letter

As you know our annual dinner/dance/auction fundraiser is March 1, 2008 at the Carlisle in Lombard. It is not too late to sign up! Let's make this year's annual fundraiser a sellout event! Help us sell 500 tickets so we can donate more than \$100,000 to support our Wheaton North students.

Here are five ways you can help:

**Solicit Donations** - Call and/or visit local businesses to gather donations for the Auction. Help is especially needed for getting donations in the Food/Dining and Services areas. Download the flyer to use when you're talking to businesses. Check out the Auction website <http://wnhs.maestroweb.com> for a list of auction categories. Start soliciting today-**we need donations by February 22nd**

**Make a Donation** - Have something others might want? A place people might want to visit? Does your company or someone you know have a desirable service or product? Use the Donation Form on our website to make a donation to the Auction.

**Place an Ad in the Auction Program** - Put your company in the Dinner/Dance/Auction Program Guide. \_ page (biz card) is \$100; \_ page is \$150; full-page ad is \$250.

**Become a Ticket Captain** - Sell tickets to your friends, family, acquaintances, neighbors, church group, teammates. The captain who sells the most tickets will get \$500 to give to his/her favorite Wheaton North team or activity.

**Attend the Event** - The 6th Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction is at the Carlisle in Lombard on Sat March 1, 5:30-11 pm. Purchase an entire table of 10 or buy individual tickets. Don't delay-tickets are \$65 per person until Feb 6 when prices increase to \$75. For more information about the event and to download a ticket order form, visit the Booster Club Website [www.wnhsboosters.org](http://www.wnhsboosters.org). For more information please contact Chris Smith, [president@wnhsboosters.org](mailto:president@wnhsboosters.org), or (630)510-2757.

**Come on, Falcon Superfans...join the Fandamonium!**

As you know we are a **VOLUNTEER** organization. We only exist if people like you step up to help. With that in mind, please consider volunteering to be on a committee, help with events, or simply attend our monthly meetings.

I would like to send out a special **THANK YOU** to two individuals that have been donating lots of their time over the past few years and to two new people who are taking their assignments.

George Fahrforth has been our concessions chairperson for over 6 years! He has given many hours to helping insure that our events were well stocked with food and staffed with people. A special Thank you George for your efforts.

Jamie Kirchoffer led our membership efforts for the last 5 years! She worked hard to make certain everyone got their sports passes, parking permits and membership cards! Thanks to Jamie for a great job!

I want to welcome and thank Donna Ebbert for taking on the Concession chair role and Susan Schanowski for taking on Membership! If you are interested in volunteering for any roles in our club, please email us at [volunteer@wnhsbooster.org](mailto:volunteer@wnhsbooster.org).

After the auction, our next big event is to support the Operation Safe Celebration after this year's prom. Please check the website for details!

As always, we are here to support the students of Wheaton North High School! Be involved, be a booster!

Regards,

Chris Smith, Falcon Booster President!

## BOOSTER MEMBER DIRECTORIES

Are you a Booster member that has yet to pick up your directory?  
Contact Amy Zarbuck at 630-682-9646 or [amyzrdh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amyzrdh@sbcglobal.net)  
to make arrangements to pick yours up.

## 2007-08 Falcon Spring Sports Information Bulletin

As our winter seasons begin to wind down, I would like you to consider trying out for one of our spring sports. During the spring season we have nine sports with twenty-eight levels of play scheduled for competition. You are encouraged to get involved and to experience the excitement of being a Falcon athlete. Being an athlete requires commitment, dedication, and hard work. The rewards are many and the friendships made are often for life. It will also enrich your high school experience. Freshmen, we especially need your involvement in our Falcon Sports Programs. Do not wait - join a program as a freshman.

Spring sport season for Boys Gymnastics will begin practice on Monday, February 11, 2008. Boys Baseball, Girls Badminton, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Girls Softball will begin February 25. And last, Boys Volleyball will begin on March 3, 2008. Listed below we have included coaches contact information if you have questions or comments regarding practices, starting times, and location for each sport. If you want to participate but cannot make the first meeting, please call the Athletic Office (784-7318) and let us know. All participants must have a current physical, a parental permission form filled out and signed, and an emergency card for the trainer, before beginning practice. Freshmen may use their freshman physical; simply make a copy for the Athletic Office and mark it at top "Athletics". This should have been turned in at registration for the nurse's requirements. These forms can be downloaded from our web site ([wnhs.org](http://wnhs.org)) or you may stop by the Athletic Office to pick them up.

Our trainer, Mr. Steve Mayo, and his staff will be on duty during pre-season practices. They will do their best to provide all needed training services. If you find you are unable to come to practice or if you are ill, please call Mr. Mayo's office at 784-7388. He has Voice Mail for you to leave a message if he isn't available to take your call.

The following must be taken care of before you will be allowed to practice. If you do not meet all the requirements you may watch the others practice but you cannot participate until all forms have been completed and turned in.

1. **A current sports physical.** Only freshmen may use their required freshman physical for athletics. All upperclassmen must have a current physical on file. IHSA forms are to be used for physicals and may be picked up in the Athletic Office for upperclassmen. This is a requirement of the Illinois High School Association.
2. **A parental permission form/insurance waiver form** may also be picked up in the Athletic Office. This form must be filled out completely and signed in two places by parents and athletes.
3. **A user's fee of \$100 should be paid** in the Athletic Office after you have been chosen for a team.
4. **A gold emergency card** for the trainer should be turned into the Athletic Office before practice begins. Please list your cell number - no one except the trainer will have access to this number.

**If these four items were handed in for fall athletics, you need not fill them out again this season.**

Preconditioning for each spring sport will begin several weeks before practice begins for students not involved in a winter sport. Check with head coaches and listen to announcements.

If you have any questions about practice times or tryouts, please contact the head coach

**Boys Baseball** . . . . . Dan Schoessling . . . . . [dschoess@cusd200.org](mailto:dschoess@cusd200.org)  
**Boys Gymnastics** . . . . . Chad Downie . . . . . [cdownie@cusd200.org](mailto:cdownie@cusd200.org)  
**Boys Tennis** . . . . . Rick Rateike . . . . . [rjrateike@aol.com](mailto:rjrateike@aol.com)  
**Boys Track** . . . . . Don Helberg . . . . . [dhelberg@cusd200.org](mailto:dhelberg@cusd200.org)  
**Boys Volleyball** . . . . . Ryan Baker . . . . . [rbaker@cusd200.org](mailto:rbaker@cusd200.org)  
**Girls Badminton** . . . . . Becky Blacharczyk . . . . . [rblachar@cusd200.org](mailto:rblachar@cusd200.org)  
**Girls Soccer** . . . . . Tim McEville . . . . . [tmceville@cusd200.org](mailto:tmceville@cusd200.org)  
**Girls Softball** . . . . . Karen Calabrese . . . . . [kcalabre@cusd200.org](mailto:kcalabre@cusd200.org)  
**Girls Track** . . . . . Pete Macabobby . . . . . [pmacabob@cusd200.org](mailto:pmacabob@cusd200.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES

February 11, 2008 . . . . . Boys Gymnastics begins  
February 25, 2008 . . . . . Badminton, Baseball, Boys Tennis, Girls Soccer and Softball begin  
March 3, 2008 . . . . . Boys Volleyball, and Boys and Girls Outdoor Track Begin  
March 11, 2008 . . . . . Winter Sports Awards Night at 7:00 PM  
March 18 & 19, 2008. . . . . Spring Sports Picture Day  
May 21, 2008 . . . . . Spring Sports Awards Night