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## HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

### February 28, 2005

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#### STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Senior **SM** was awarded a \$12,000 scholarship to Maryland Institute College of Art for his painting exhibited at the Mt. Olive Invitational Competition on February 7. His painting, based on the Seven Deadly Sins, was one of nineteen selected from a field of one hundred twenty-seven entries from seven northern NJ counties.
- Artwork created by two seniors has been selected to represent Sussex County in the Art Educators of NJ 2005 Youth Art Month exhibit at the state capital in Trenton. A digital montage created by **SH** and a colored pencil illustration by **Leah Jones** will be on display through the AENJ conference in October of 2005.
- **Erin Whelan** was selected to play with the *All State Band* at a concert in late February at the NJPAC.
- Seniors **MS** and **AM** have won a Merit Award and an Honorable Mention Award respectively at the **2005 Art Administrators of NJ** exhibit and competition. From forty-eight entries, twenty-nine high schools and ten counties, ten students were selected as award recipients and are now invited to apply for the *Governor's Award for Visual Art Excellence*.
- Congratulations to **Erin Whelan** for being selected to perform with this year's Region Orchestra. She placed third of all the Horns in Region I (All of North Jersey!).
- The Music Department presented its annual **District Band Concert** on Friday, February 25, at 8pm. The District Band is made up of elementary students from Frankford, Lafayette, Sussex Christian, Northwest Christian, and Sussex Wantage schools. The High Point Concert Band also performed. The final portion of the program was a combined band of approximately 185 students from grades 6-12.

#### ATHLETICS:

- **The Bowling** team defeated Lenape Valley to take the SCIL Festival crown. The match was extremely close, but in the end they achieved victory. If you have the opportunity, please congratulate the following players on this considerable achievement: **Andrew Malone, Chris Blanchard, Adam Olson, Jason Palladino**, and **DL**. **DL** also finished the season as the #1 bowler in the league with a 218 average. Congratulations to the entire Bowling team and **Scott Ripley**!

#### STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Theresa Riccardi** has been selected as our Governor's Teacher.
- **Mary Hassenplug** has been selected as a finalist for the *Princeton University Distinguished Teaching Award*. Out of 90 applicants, Mary is one of ten finalists. Princeton will be doing a site visit to talk to Mary's students, fellow staff members, and the administration. They will also observe Mary in at least two classes. Four teachers will be selected as winners for this outstanding honor. Congratulations to Mary on a job well done.
- **Noah Klimas** and his wife Heather are the proud parents of a healthy baby boy. **Wyatt Spencer Klimas** was born on Friday, January 7th, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces and 20 and one half inches long.

## **MEDIA RECOGNITION:**

- **The New Jersey Herald**, March 1, 2005 - High Point's RF takes control against Kittatinny

## **MEDIA RECOGNITION: (cont'd)**

- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 21, 2005 - High Point's Gavin Tarsa Grapples with South Plainfield
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 21, 2005 - High Point students awarded for artwork
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 20, 2005 - 'Cats get their rematch against South Plainfield
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 16, 2005 - 'Cats toss Roxbury
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 16, 2005 - High Point moves on to sectional final
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 16, 2005 -High Point's AD gains the advantage
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 13, 2005 - Boyle's free throws ice victory for High Point
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 13, 2005 - K, Wildcats upset No. 4 Sparta
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 13, 2005 - High Point's TP swims to second-place finish in the boys 200 IM at the SCIL Festival
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 13, 2005 - B's free throws ice victory for High Point
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 9, 2005 - Wildcats upend Falcons
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 6, 2005 - Tarsa, 'Cats triumph
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 4, 2005 - Wildcat Strikes - High Point wins Festival behind L's clutch effort
- **The New Jersey Herald**, February 3, 2005 - An eye towards sectional seedings

## **CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (WHAT'S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY):**

- High Point's **English Department** participated in *National African American Read Day*, an event sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English to celebrate African American literature and poetry.
- The Director of Curriculum, **Janice Mezier**, has written and submitted two grants on behalf of High Point Regional High School. A V-Free (Reducing Violence,Victimization and Vandalism) Grant sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission has been written with input from Jeff Hull to obtain funding to support the SAVE (Students Against Violence Education) program through the purchase of technological supplies that would enhance the program. A State Farm Educational Foundation Grant, with input from **Mimi Fenlon**, has been submitted to obtain funding for additional technology necessary for the implementation of a Cyber Cafe in the library.
- A **Regional Study Skills Committee** made up of teachers from each of the sending districts and High Point as well as the curriculum coordinators has been formed to develop a K-12 study skills guide. The first meeting produced a list of essential study skills for the various grade level clusters. A second meeting will be held in April.
- A full day district inservice was held in February. The workshops included **Web Page Design, GroupWise Boot Camp, Using the Electronic Grade Book, Mentoring "At Risk" Students**, and **Department Curriculum Meetings**. Staff completed a survey after the inservice which will be reviewed by the Local Professional Development Committee.
- High School Proficiency Assessments (**HSPA**) were given in early March to first time eleventh grade students and to students who have not demonstrated proficiency in Math and or Language Arts. A Science Field Test was also given to juniors. Results should be given to the district in late June.

- An original logo for the Adult Education Fall 2005 Brochure completed by a student in **Lance Sorchik's** graphic design class has been chosen for our next adult school pamphlet.
- The High Point Regional High School Adult Education **SAT Prep** class has been selected by the College Board to participate a new SAT Mini-Assessment. This test will mirror the new SAT and provide our students with a preview of the test which most will take in May. There is no cost to our students for this assessment and we will be able to get the results within a few weeks.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- On March 15th, Diana Morrison from **DASI** will address current Junior Health classes.
- The Spring Term of High Point's **Adult Education Program** will begin on Monday, March 14 and run through June.