
HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

December 19, 2005

- **STUDENT RECOGNITION:**High Point Regional High School held its annual **Senior Citizens' Prom** on Sunday, December 4. The event ran from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and was held in the school cafeteria. There was no charge for this event. A full dinner was served and a 12 piece professional band provided music. Dancing, fellowship, and a visit from Santa were also part of the festivities. The Senior Citizens' Prom is the result of a joint effort from the extra-curricular groups at High Point. The **PRIDE** group (Peers Rejoicing in a Drug Free Environment) coordinates the event and each school group contributes time, materials, and/or service hours to make the prom a memorable event for all.
- Ten High Point art students were selected to exhibit at the **Vernon Invitational Exhibit and Competition** last week. Their works can be seen in the café annex through Christmas break. High schools competing were Bergenfield, Jefferson, Kittatinny, Mount Olive, Pompton Lakes, Vernon, Wallkill Valley, Warwick, and West Milford. Judges from the **Art Institute of Boston** made the selections. Award winners were as follows:
 - **PC** - \$1000 Merit scholarship for his graphic design alphabet of "villains";
 - **Jesse Lerch** - 1st place, Drawing/Illustration;
 - **NL** - 2nd place, Crafts;
 - **Kim Lyons** - 3rd place, Photography.
- On December 8, the **Music Department** presented its annual **Candlelight Concert** in the auditorium.
- The **Peer Counseling Group** held their Holiday Dinner on December 8 in the cafeteria. This was a great time to sing some carols, eat some delicious food and treats, and enjoy the holiday season. In lieu of money, donations of new unwrapped toys were collected for **Project Self Sufficiency**.
- The following band students auditioned and were selected to perform with this year's **Area Band**: Baritone Sax - **Sean Marks**; Trombone - **KK**; Tuba - **George Selby**; Percussion - **Isaac Cryder**.
- **The Interact Club** decorated for the holidays at the **Sussex County Homestead** on December 1. The club goes to the Sussex County Homestead once a month to do various activities with the residents.
- **Congressman Scott Garrett** visited **Seamus Campbell's** government class on Friday, December 2.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- **Mary Hassenplug** and **Heather Strout** attended the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, from November 17-19. The convention, which attracts over 7000 people from across the country and the globe, gives individuals in the field of English education countless opportunities to experience diverse types of professional development. **Mary** and **Heather** attended a variety of lectures, took part in workshops, listened to presentations by award-winning authors (such as Pulitzer Prize winner Frank McCourt and Man Booker Prize winner Yann Martel), and returned with exciting and innovative ideas to employ in the classroom.
- Steven Johnston, a Vietnam veteran, visited **Mary Hassenplug's** tenth grade English classes to give students a first hand account of his war experiences as they studied the Revolutionary War novel April Morning.
- **Mary Hassenplug** was the guest speaker at Knollwood School in Parsippany, as the students celebrated Culture Day. Mary gave a slide show presentation of her trip to Japan with the **Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship Program**.

ATHLETICS:

- Congratulations to the following members of the **Girls' Varsity Soccer Team** for their 2005 seasonal accomplishments: Star Ledger All West Jersey:(1st Team) - **Jessica Lain**; Sussex County All Stars **EM**, **Lauren Gibbins**, **Jessica Lain**, and **Ashley Sanborn**; NJ Herald All Area (1st Team) - **Jessica Lain**, **Ashley Sanborn**; (2nd Team) - **EM** and **Lauren Gibbins**; NJGSCA ALL STATE - **EM**, **Lauren Gibbins**, **KP**, **Shannon McEvoy**, **Jessica Lain**, and **Ashley Sanborn**; SCIL ALL LEAGUE - **EM**, **Lauren Gibbins**, **Jessica Lain**, and **Ashley Sanborn**; Honorable Mention - **KP**.

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ATHLETICS: (continued):

- When you see **Jessica Lain**, be sure to congratulate her for being chosen to the **2005 NSCAA/Adidas Girls' High School All American Team**. This is a great honor for **Jessica**, her coach **Kevin Fenlon**, and for High Point Regional High School. She, along with 78 other girls from across the United States, will be honored at a luncheon to be held in Philadelphia on January 21, 2006.
- Congratulations to **AM** for being selected to the **2005 North II Sectional All-State 2nd Team**. **Shane Bosma** received Honorable Mention.
- Please congratulate **Brian Konopka** and **JP Noon** as All League picks for the SCIL. **Brian Konopka** has also earned 1st Team All Area for the New Jersey Herald as a Safety.
- Please congratulate **Lauren Bayse** and **MR** on their selection to the **All Area 2nd Team** for Girls' Tennis. The freshman duo finished 16-5 and qualified for the state doubles tournament.
- Please congratulate **Jen Wejsa & Stacey Lepes** as being named to the 2nd team **All Area Cross Country Team** by the New Jersey Herald.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 14, 2005 - Voters to schools: No, no and no!
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 12, 2005 - Vernon, High Point sweep
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 12, 2005 - U.S. Rep. Scott Garrett spoke to civics students at High Point
- **The New Jersey Sunday Herald**, December 11, 2005 - Voters make school choices Tuesday, Sussex-Wantage, High Point try again.
- **The New Jersey Sunday Herald**, December 11, 2005 - School work
- **The New Jersey Sunday Herald**, December 11, 2005 - High Point reduces proposal's cost
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 11, 2005 - SCIL Bowling endorses family atmosphere
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 9, 2005 - Anonymous fliers give misinformation
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 9, 2005 - Keep HP Students out of trailers
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 7, 2005 - High Point school referendum is a good educational value
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 7, 2005 - Sussex-Wantage: Simple questions
- **The New Jersey Herald**, December 5, 2005 - Making New Memories - High Point dinner dance
- **The Advertiser-News**, December 2, 2005 - High Point voters to return to polls
- **The Advertiser-News North**, November 24, 2005 - High Point Regional Technical Program wins state, national honors
- **The New Jersey Sunday Herald**, November 23, 2005 - High Point graduate **Dustin Byrnes** has flourished at Marist

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- On December 23, the following students will be serving meals at the Manna House, a soup kitchen for the needy: **Rachel Weinrich, Lauren Abati, Jesse Lerch, Hayley Tamburrello, Jenna Gersie, Amy Wilson, KS, and Sean Marks.**

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

- High Point Regional High School will be offering courses for juniors and seniors again this year in partnership with **Sussex County Community College** as part of the concurrent enrollment program. **Seton Hall** and High Point have also established a partnership where high school juniors and seniors can earn college credits for work done here at High Point.
- High Point Regional High School has received grant approval for our **No Child Left Behind** submission.
- Plans are underway for High Point's "Teachers Teaching Teachers" inservice program on January 16.

Articulation meetings have been held in **Social Studies** and in **Health and Physical Education**. Teachers from the sending districts and High Point met to discuss the K-12 curriculum in both areas.