
HIGH POINT HIGHLIGHTS - AN INSIDE LOOK

January 2007

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- On January 10, **KS** was elected as an executive officer of the New Jersey State Student Council. She is the State Board of Education Representative. K is the 15th officer selected from High Point. More officers have been selected from High Point than any other school in the state!
- In December, seventy **Graphic Design 2** and **Photography** students participated in the northwest district Elks "Operation Kids Care" Holiday Card Program. The purpose of the program was to have students create holiday greeting cards for disabled veterans, giving students the opportunity to communicate their thoughts to the many local disabled men and women who have served our country over the years. **Mrs. Sorchik's** photography students created original prints for their cards and shared other images with **Mr. Sorchik's** Graphic Design students to scan and color on their greeting cards. Each card also contained a personal message from each student. The Elks Service Committee offered savings bond prizes to the top 3 cards that were judged to be the most creative in art and content in three age groupings (grades three through five, grades six through eight, and grades nine through twelve). In the high school category, the following **High Point** students were selected for all three prizes: junior **KT** - First Place; senior **MK** - Second Place; and sophomore **MP** - Third Place. Students and their families have been invited to an awards dinner and presentation in February. After the holiday break, the New Jersey District Elks Committee Chairperson, Mr. Stanley Zaorski, contacted the students about the success of the program. In a letter to the participating schools, he reported that over 950 cards were received from grades three through twelve and delivered to two facilities in our district.
- Eight art students were selected to be a part of the Fourth Annual Vernon Invitational competition. **CZ** won a First Place award for her pencil illustration; **Kaleigh Drossel** won Second Place for her fused glass bowl; and **Dan Martin** won Third Place for his still life pencil illustration. Also chosen to participate were **KM, LP, Caitlin Rubin, KR, and CT**.
- Please congratulate the following students for their successful auditions to become members of the All North Jersey Area Band: **Tom Aroune, Brianna Doran, KK, and Sean Marks**.
- The Band and Chorus performed at Frankford and Sussex-Wantage schools on Thursday, December 21.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

- High Point staff and student council members showed their generosity by taking up collections and presenting them to a needy student and her family in the weeks before Christmas. The student recently had open heart surgery and her mother was faced with mounting medical and travel expenses, which our donations helped to offset.

ATHLETICS:

- Congratulations are in order for **Dan Klaus**, who has been named Athlete of the Month for December. Dan was involved in breaking four records for our swim team. He broke an individual record and was also part of three record breaking relay teams.
- **Shannon McEvoy** has been selected as High Point's representative to attend the "New Jersey Celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day". She will be honored for her achievements at the half time ceremonies of the Seton Hall/ Villanova Basketball game on February 11, 2007.
- Please congratulate **Andrew Malone** for his second perfect 300 game in competition on December 14. Also, a special congratulations should go out to **Christopher DiBernard** who also bowled Varsity on that date. If you don't know **Chris**, he is the happiest fellow in the world and to have risen to Varsity status is quite an achievement - certainly one worthy of our consideration.

MEDIA RECOGNITION:

The New Jersey Herald, January 12, 2007 - "Klaus leads High Point in narrow defeat"

The New Jersey Herald, January 12, 2007 - "High Point too much for Lenape Valley"

The New Jersey Herald, January 9, 2007 - "Wildcats make their case - High Point in the running for first crown in 12 years"

The New Jersey Herald, January 7, 2007 - "Wildcats still on top"

The New Jersey Herald, January 5, 2007 - "Wildcats, Cougars switch positions"

The New Jersey Herald, January 1, 2007 - "National Honor Society"

The New Jersey Herald, December 20, 2006 - "High School Bowling, Twice as Nice"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- High Point will host a **Joint Regional Board Curriculum Meeting** on January 29, 2007, with board members from the sending districts, superintendents, principals, business administrators, and the curriculum directors attending. This annual meeting provides an opportunity for the boards to hear about regional curriculum articulation and the transition from the middle schools to the high school.
- Parents of eighth graders will have an opportunity to visit High Point on Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 7:00 pm at our **Eighth Grade Parent Night Open House**. Parents will tour the building and learn about activity and curriculum offerings. Eighth grade students will tour the building and learn more about our programs on an afternoon visit in January.

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

- The topic of the **January 15 Staff Inservice** was Technology in the Classroom, with department meetings scheduled throughout the day, as well as facilitated labs for teacher web page design. NJ **HAZCOM** training was also offered for those staff members needing the required initial or refresher courses.
- On January 10, a teacher from Wallkill Valley visited High Point to view our **Technological Studies** program offerings.
- **High Point Adult Education** will again offer a local **SAT Prep Program** beginning Saturday February 3, 2007, which will meet for twelve weekly sessions. The focus of the program will be to review information and to prepare juniors to take the SAT prior to the end of the school year.
- The **Spring 2007** semester of Adult Education will begin on March 12, with several new courses added to the roster (including **MS PowerPoint**). For the second time, a new student design for the cover of the **High Point Adult Education** brochure has been chosen and will be used. Over 12,500 copies of the brochure will be mailed to members of the surrounding communities.