



# Director's Notes

## COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL at NWFSC

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#### GRADE INFORMATION



You should receive the high school report cards for the fall semester in your home by the end of January. You will be receiving Progress Reports in February. These are used primarily by the college instructors to provide feedback on the academic and attendance status of our students. High school instructors will also be sending home progress information through TeacherEase. Mid term grades for the spring semester should be sent out by the college in early March.

Whenever a student's report indicates an area of need or concern, academic assistance will be provided. Please call our curriculum coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Currid, 729-6038, or our director of student services, Bob Schrader, 729-4947, if you have any questions concerning your child's academic progress.

**If you are not receiving grade information or notices (updates, newsletter, etc.) by email and would like to do so, please contact the Collegiate HS, 729-4949, or [robertsm@nwfstatecollege.edu](mailto:robertsm@nwfstatecollege.edu).**

#### PROM UPDATE & PROM DRESS SALE INFORMATION

Plans are underway for this year's prom! It will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 7 - 11 pm in the K Mall here on the Niceville campus. **Mrs. Diane Elliott** and her committee of students and parents have been meeting to plan a special and memorable evening for our students. Your help is always appreciated and the next meeting will be held Friday, February 13th, at 2 pm in D140 (The Pit). You can contact Mrs. Elliott at [jfeffliot1@cox.net](mailto:jfeffliot1@cox.net). And please don't let not making the



meetings stop you from helping! Help is needed on the Friday and Saturday of prom to decorate, run errands, prepare and set up food and drink, chaperone, and clean up. The theme of this year's prom is "Sweet Forest Memories" and the Prom Committee has requested your help in getting some of the following: **battery operated lights, 6 - 12 feet trees, mason jars and someone who can help with sets!**

**And don't miss out on our Prom Dress Sale on March 19th!** One of our parents, **Mrs. Kathryn Buckland**, is coordinating this wonderful project. Please call Mrs. Buckland at 729-7140 if you can volunteer a block of time on one or more days of the sale and preparation for the sale.

For the dress sale you can bring in a clean dress, identified with your name, phone number, the price and dress size, to the Conference Room between 12:30 and 3:30 on Tuesday, March 17, or from 8:30 - 3:30 on Wednesday, March 18th. Students can come by to try on and purchase dresses between 8:30 am - 4 pm on Thursday, March 19th. You can indicate if you would accept cash only or will take a check for your dress. This prom dress sale is provided as a service and you will receive all the money if your dress is sold. Dresses not sold will need to be picked up by Monday, March 23rd.

### Calendar of Events



**FCAT Testing**  
**10th Grade**  
Feb. 10, March 10 & 11  
**11th Grade**  
March 12



**VOLUNTEER DAY**  
Thursday, Feb. 19  
10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Building K Mall



**PROM DRESS SALE**  
March 19  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Conference room



**March 25 & 26**  
**Senior Capstone**  
**Presentations**



**SPRING BREAK**  
March 30 - April 3

## YEARBOOKS ARE STILL \$35 THROUGH FEBRUARY

You've got another month (through February) to purchase the 2008-2009 yearbook for \$35.00. The price will go up to \$40 starting March 2nd. The yearbooks are scheduled to arrive in May. Order through the front office and checks can be made out to the Collegiate HS.

## VOLUNTEER DAY- CHECK ON COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!



Is your student in need of volunteer hours? Are you interested in volunteering? The college is sponsoring a Volunteer Day on Thursday, February 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Building K here at the NWFSC Niceville campus. Local representatives from a large variety of non-profit agencies will be on hand to answer questions about volunteer opportunities in the local area. Just drop by between 10 and 1 pm for this great opportunity to see how you and/or your student can share your time and talents and where your student can earn hours to use for the Bright Futures scholarship.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FCAT FOR 10TH & 11TH GRADES

Our sophomores will begin FCAT testing on Tuesday, February 10th, with the Writing section and finish up in March with the Reading test on Tuesday, March 10th, and Math on Wednesday, March 11th. Juniors will be taking the FCAT Science test on Thursday, March 12th. Juniors will need to pass the Science test for high school graduation. Please note these important dates on your calendar as attendance on testing days is vital for your student's academic progress.

While we do not use classroom instructional time to prepare specifically for the FCAT, we do recognize the value to students of using all available tools to give them every opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge on this high stakes exam. The FCAT Explorer, an online tool, provides sample test questions in math and reading for 10th grade students, and science for 11th grade students. Students will be given an assignment in either directed study or research class to complete a preliminary assessment of their knowledge of the Sunshine State Standards in the respective subjects. Students who demonstrate a mastery of the standards in each subject will not be given further assignments, but are encouraged to continue to review on their own. When students fail to demonstrate mastery of the contents of the sample questions, they will be asked to complete the review questions in the appropriate subjects. In addition to a review of the subject matter content, there is value in becoming intimately familiar with the format of the test to avoid inadvertent errors that are costly to a student's score.

**Parents are asked to inquire about how their students have scored on the sample tests and to encourage students to take full advantage of the FCAT Explorer tool much as students might use the tools available to prepare for the SAT, ACT, or PSAT.** A password is available to students and parents to access the FCAT Explorer at home. **More information is available at [www.fcatexplorer.org](http://www.fcatexplorer.org).**

## NWFSC's COLLEGE GRADUATION APPLICATION DUE FOR SENIORS



Seniors should be applying for spring college graduation online through Raider-Net before February 16th. ***If your senior needs help in doing this it will be available through the Research class.*** College graduation will be May 5 and high school graduation is May 28. The college graduation is held outside in the Amphitheater and the high school graduation is in the Main Auditorium of the Mattie Kelly Fine Arts Center; both are at 7:00 p.m. Caps and gowns for both graduations are provided at no cost. There is no

application required for our high school graduation, but students should watch for notification about ordering the cap and gown.

## APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Returning students **do not** have to reapply for admission to the Collegiate High school each year, but if you know of other students, your own or friends' or neighbors' children, who may be interested in applying for admission to the Collegiate HS for the 2009-2010 school year, we will be accepting application packets starting February 2, 2009 through December 2009. The entire month of February is our priority application period, and you may call 729-4949 with any questions about the application process.

## SENIOR CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS SET FOR MARCH

We are looking forward to our upcoming senior capstone presentations on March 25 and 26. They will be held during the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 pm and parents of presenters will be receiving a specific time and location for your student's presentation. Senior capstone project deadlines can be found at <http://owc.faculty.edu/comm/currid> (choose senior capstone project from the menu, then overview). You can also access the senior capstone grades for your student at [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com).

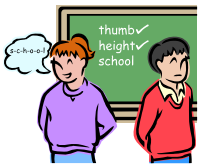


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### SENIOR CLASS TRIP BEING PLANNED

Our senior class has voted to take a Senior Trip to Atlanta this year. The trip is being planned for May, and details will be mailed home as soon as they are finalized.

### ACADEMIC TEAM HAS STARTED COMPETITION!



Our Collegiate HS Academic Team, in preparation for the televised Cox Cable Academic Tournament, is playing the faculty each Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. in D 140. So far the score is tied 1 - 1. The Cox Cable competition team, led by sponsor **Ms. De Cook**, will vary each week, but is compiled primarily of seniors **Todd Richmann** (captain) and **Matt Pierson**, juniors

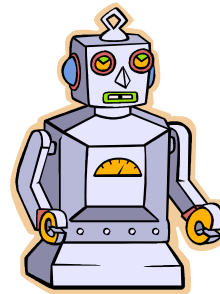
**Michael Taylor**, **Samantha Horn**, **Brittany Clark** and sophomore **Sarah Hooper**. The matches will be televised on Cox Cable's Channel 6 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 5 pm.

### PRESIDENTIAL AWARD PRESENTED TO SENIOR TIM CALVERT

Senior **Tim Calvert** has received the President's Call to Service Award, which is the highest of the Presidential Volunteer Award honors. He received the award for completing approximately 4700 community service hours. Very few students under the age of 18 are able to accomplish this impressive achievement. Tim volunteers with his family's two non profit organizations, herohugs.org and operationiraqifriendship.org. They send care packages to soldiers and school supply packages for the soldiers to give to the Iraqi children. Tim has also volunteered as a teacher's helper at Longwood Elementary and through the ROTC. Well done, Tim!

### ROBOTICS TEAM TO COMPETE IN ATLANTA

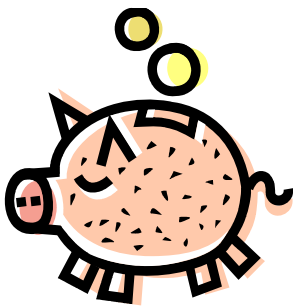
The 2009 FIRST Robotics team, OUTER LIMIT, is well into their six weeks of designing and building a robot for competition. They will be competing at the Peachtree Regional in Atlanta, Georgia on March 12 - 14th. In this year's game, "Lunacy" robots are designed to pick up 9" game balls and score them in trailers hitched to their opponents' robots for points during a 2 minute and 15 second match. Additional points are awarded for scoring a special game ball, the Super Cell, in the opponents' trailers during the last 20 seconds of the match. "Lunacy" is played on a low friction floor, which means teams must contend with the law of physics.



Collegiate HS students on the team include senior **Josh Lemke**, juniors **Katie Blome**, **Ginger Godfrey**, **Erin Harding**, **Matt Hasty**, **Andrew Moorehead**, **Kevin Page**, **Alex Sharp**, **Jessica Shaw** and **Michael Willman**, and sophomores **Aubrey Craig**, **Kaitlyn Helton** and **Nathan Riddle**. Team members are assisted by Project C<sup>2</sup> directors **Dr. Perian Herring** and **Dr. Beth Ritter** and community mentors from Gulf Power and the United States Air Force.

## "Change for Children" Campaign

### February 2009



Our Collegiate HS students are proud to be participating in a district wide campaign with Children in Crisis to support The Children's Neighborhood, a community home in our local area for children who NEED a place to call home. Please send any change you would like to share each day during the month of February for your student to place in the collection jars.

Your change will **CHANGE** the lives of children in need!



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