



# Northwest College Prep Academy Newsletter

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## Message from Ms Drake

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### Upcoming Dates

**February 27 Data Day**  
No School for Students

March 16 /17 Reading WASL  
March 18/19 Writing WASL

**March 30 -April 3**  
Spring Vacation  
No School for Students

April 13 /14 Math WASL  
Apr. 20 /21 Science WASL

**May 8 Data Day**  
No School for Students

**May 14 /15**  
Spring Student-led  
Conferences

**June 17**  
Last Day of School

Dear Northwest College Prep Parents Guardians and Students,

The very important month of March is upon us. The WASL requirements are at the front of our minds during this month. All students must meet standard on the Reading and Writing WASL or meet standard on a WASL alternative in order to graduate. They must also either meet standard on the Math WASL or earn 1.0 Math credit every year. Important dates to remember are:

**Reading WASL** March 16-17  
**Writing WASL** March 18-19  
**Math WASL** April 18-19  
**Science WASL** April 20-21

A separate letter will come home shortly outlining the specific arrangements for the WASL testing period. I urge you to help us make this testing period the most successful possible for your child.

I have an important request to make. If you need to contact your child during the school day please phone the academy office – 253-945-3191.

Students are receiving calls and texts during class time. I am sure you understand that this is very disruptive to the learning environment.

We will be sending home progress notes on March 26. Please check on your child's progress through the grades-on-line, or contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about their progress.

Do not hesitate to contact me 253-945-2575 if there is anything I can do. Your child's success is my top priority.

Liz Drake  
Academy and High School Principal.

### Attention!

### Snow Make-up Days!

*Due to the snow closures in December the following days have been added to the calendar:*

**June 15th, 16th, and 17th are now student days.**

# College Bound Scholarship

The College Bound Scholarship is an incredible opportunity offered by the state of Washington. Low-income students who sign a pledge in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grades, promising to graduate from high school and to demonstrate good citizenship will be given a four-year scholarship that covers the cost of college tuition, fees and books!

The purpose of the program is to motivate and prepare students to pursue a college education. **For this year only, the offer has been extended to current 9th grade students.**



Students must meet eligibility requirements including family income, GPA of 2.0 or higher, be a good citizen and stay crime free. For additional information and an application form, go on-line to:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound>

or call Mrs. Downhour at 253-945-3170. Don't delay... the deadline is: June 30, 2009.

## Every Day Counts!



Being in school every day **raises your student's chances** for scoring well on tests, college admission and scholarship opportunities

Students who miss class, miss out on learning. Except in the case of illness, many school absences can be avoided with a little extra effort. Help your student learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become a good citizen and valuable member of the community:

- Get your child to school **on time, every day**, and make sure homework assignments are complete.
- Extended vacations, long weekends and frequent doctor appointments scheduled during school hours will cause your child to **fall behind** in class.
- Tell your student that future employers will **not accept excuses** for frequent tardies or absences.



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- Allow your student to stay home **only when** he/she has a **contagious** illness or is too sick to be comfortable.
  - Encourage your student to **exercise**, eat a **balanced diet**, and **get plenty of sleep**, which will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn, and strengthen the immune system.
  - **Report excused absences** in a timely manner. Call Ms. Rojas at 253-945-3191. When sending a note, be sure students understand the importance of giving it to Ms. Rojas on the day they return to school.

# Juniors – It’s time to take the SAT !

Most colleges and universities in the United States use the **SAT Reasoning Test** as part of the admissions process. The SAT tests students' knowledge of reading, writing, and mathematics, as well as the critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college. The SAT score is also one of the best predictors of how well students will do in college.



SAT, which can be waived for students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. See Ms. Mongrain in the resource center for fee waiver information.

For more online sample questions and preparation materials, visit the SAT Preparation Center at [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep\\_one/prep\\_one.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/prep_one.html)

The SAT is typically taken by high school juniors and seniors. It is administered seven times a year in the U.S, usually at a local high school on a Saturday. Test dates still remaining this spring are May 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup>. Fall tests dates start in October. There is a \$45 registration fee for taking the

## Need some help in preparing for the SAT?

DeVry University in Federal Way is offering a no-cost, one-day SAT Review Course on Saturday, April 18. Make your reservations by calling Jodi Handley at 253-943-3056 or register online at [www.wea.devry.edu/outreach\\_satreview.html](http://www.wea.devry.edu/outreach_satreview.html)



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# NWCP Academy Ice Cream Social

Upon completion of the first semester, the CARE Team of the NWCP academy rewarded A/B honor roll students with an ice cream social. Students in attendance were those who received either an A or B grade for every course taken in the first semester. The CARE Team felt the students should be rewarded and would enjoy an afternoon of eating ice cream and cookies, as well as participating in activities such as playing board games and the oh, so fun, wii game! Students were released from their 4<sup>th</sup> period class as their presence was requested in Mr. Graham’s room. Ice cream



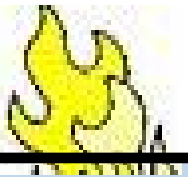
sandwiches, sundae cups, popsicles, and cookies were distributed and students were presented with a certificate of achievement by Mrs. Drake, documenting their success.

In line with the recent praise Todd Beamer students have received, students in attendance of the ice cream social were appreciative and thankful to the CARE Team staff. We just want you to know we appreciate your hard work and were happy to have the opportunity to express it in this manner. Keep up the hard work and best of luck for the remaining semester. Hope to see you at the next social in May!

# AVID Writing Contest

On Thursday, February 12, Beamer hosted our district's fifth annual AVID Writing Contest Dinner. Every AVID student at a Federal Way school entered the timed-essay competition, and each class was able to send two finalists to the event. We had an excellent group representing our growing program: freshmen Patrick V., Alyssa T., Keara S., and Felecia M.; sophomore Robyn K.; juniors Jonathan W., Michelle M., Vishak S., and Zaquel M.; and senior Jae M.. We are pleased to announce that our freshman, Patrick V., finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the high school classification, and junior Jonathan W. won the grand prize,

plus the opportunity to read his essay aloud to over three hundred students, friends, and family in attendance. Congratulations!



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Left to Right: Ms Drake, Principal, Jonathan W., grand-prize winner, John Thomas, Jonathan's father and Brian Graham, AVID teacher.

## Family Support Workshop

The Family and Community Partnership Office is offering a free workshop called 'The Advocacy Process'. The workshop will be held on March 10, 2009, from 5:30 8:00 p.m. Enjoy an opportunity to exchange helpful information with other parents about ways you can support your child's success at home and school.

Parents will gain practical tips for strengthening their family/school partnership while connecting with positive parent partners and helpful resource information. Food is provided, and child care is available with early registration.

For more details, contact the district's Family Partnership Advocate Trise Moore, at 253-945-2273 or [tmoore@fwps.org](mailto:tmoore@fwps.org)



## New Classes for 2009-2010

The Staff of NWCP is excited to announce the addition of several new courses to our 2009-2010 catalog.

Ms. Pentecost will be teaching a drama class, Mr. Graham will teach a new PE elective, and we'll also be offering an Advanced Placement World History class for Sophomore

students. NWCP students will have greater access to classes in other academies as well, particularly in the areas of electives and Advanced Placement classes. Check out our newly updated Course Catalog on the NWCP website: <http://schools.fwps.org/tbhs/NWCP/index.htm>

## The State of School Spirit in the NWCP

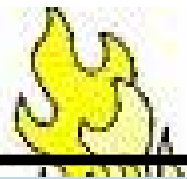
Throughout the current school year, the Northwest College Preparatory Academy has shown tremendous growth in our spirit and pride. We have held two successful academy pep assemblies, have had our own spirit week, and our hallway is full of decorations. Many of you will remember students slipping around trying to dress in Beamer gear, frantically trying to eat donuts tied to string, and dressing as twins and our heroes. We have created an atmosphere that students want to be a part of. Everyday we are moving closer and closer towards our goal of becoming the most spirited and exciting academy on Todd Beamer Campus.

While we have done some great things, the ASB and many students see more left to do. We are looking forward to even more assemblies, stronger class competitions, and community service projects in order to show everyone how great a place the NWCP actually is. We are not going to stop and enjoy how far we have come, but instead will continue to go forward towards what we have dreamed for ourselves.

All that we are missing is more students to get involved and there are many ways to do so:

- Elections are coming up soon and all NWCP members should seriously consider running for a position.
- If you do not want to be an official part of ASB, you can always take part during assemblies, bring new ideas to ASB meetings, and simply try and demonstrate academy spirit at all times.
- Be active in assemblies, spirit weeks, and academy activities and make them fun and exciting through your own excitement.

Because of our small size, becoming a great academy requires everyone to take part. While some of us may have a goal to be the best, it will only happen if everyone is working together. Remember, you are the ones that will make this place what it is. NWCPers, Prepare for Glory.



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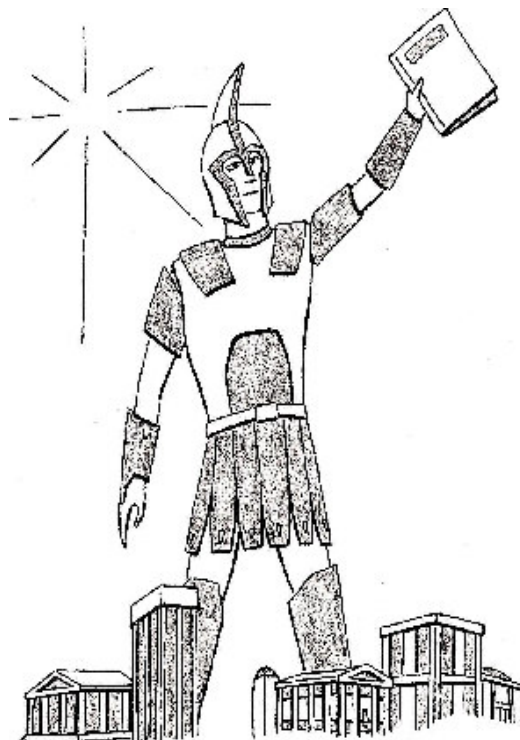
Todd Beamer Campus  
35999 16th Avenue S.  
Federal Way, WA 98003

253-945-3191



**We're on the web!**

<http://schools.fwps.org/tbhs/NWCP/>



## Titan Quest:

After School Tutoring  
Monday through Thurs-  
day

2:15 pm–3:45 pm

Todd Beamer Library

Students who attend  
can take  
the activity  
bus home.



# Swim and Dive Team

This year in the 08-09 Diving Season, Anthony H. and Dominic M. did very exceptional for their experience levels. Dominic is a returning diver after taking a few years off. He progressed through the season working up to 11 dives by the end of the season to compete to qualify for the post season meets. Dominic competed until his injuries kept him from diving any further through the season.

Anthony H. had a very excellent season. With a half of a season skills under his belt, he came into the season with over 11 dives and was ready to get on the boards and learn a lot more. Anthony improved his skills to compete with a high competitive high reverse Double Summersault dive along with a

back double summersault and front double summersault dive. He competed at all the 11 dive qualifying meets and on the first one he picked up from last season and qualified for the District meet. Anthony dove along with Dominic and other teammates to get points during regular meets for the team. During the Holiday Relays, Anthony and his dive partner Ludomir W. took first for the school. Anthony finished his season placing 9<sup>th</sup> at the district meet with the score of 245.4.

