

FLYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MICHIGAN BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

March, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

As you will see in the following newsletter, Flynn students have been very busy engaging in Science, Language, and Musical talents to win awards for our school. Keep in mind, it is the teachers, students and parents working together to give our school the accolades that we receive.

Mrs. Figurski and I would like to thank all the parents that were able to come to school conferences that were held in February. Parents working in conjunction with the teachers will help to keep our students on track to have a successful school year.

**REACH FOR THE HEIGHTS!
Annual Sterling Heights High School
Incoming Freshmen Open House
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
7 p.m. – Performing Arts Center
Open House to follow until 9 p.m.
Learn ALL the opportunities SHHS has
to offer its students and to make the
most of their time in high school!!!**



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE INFORMATION

If you are moving or planning to move out of the Warren Consolidated School District and would like your children to continue their education with us, apply through Schools of Choice. Applications for Kindergarten through grade 9 will be available at the Administration Building and on line beginning in April and will be accepted beginning **April 13, 2009 through 4 p.m. August 14, 2009**. To qualify for Schools of Choice, you must live in a Macomb County school district and are responsible for your own transportation. The student can have no history of suspension or expulsion. For more information, please call our Student Affairs Office at 586-698-4478.

**March 27, 2009 – Records
Day
½ day of school
Dismissal at 11:12**



FROM MRS. HAFFNER

On Saturday, January 31st, 32 Flynn 7th Graders and 12 Flynn 8th Graders participated in the MSBOA District 16 Solo and Ensemble Festival. It was at Rochester High School and here are the results.

7th Grade:

1st Division Ratings

Natalie Drobny and Jessica Belcher, Flute/Clarinet Duet
Jessica Belcher and Kristen Lidwell, Flute Duet
Sarah Ross and Stephanie Close, Flute/Clarinet Duet
Tim Jones, Brett Wilson, and Dayton Tarr, Percussion Trio
Thomas Bialy, Evan Gonzales, Jesse Gauthier, and Michael Milhim, Alto Saxophone Quartet



2nd Division Ratings

Kelsie Babisz, Clarinet Solo
Faith Basheer, Flute Solo
Andrew Momeyer, Trombone Solo
Cathleen Saraza, Bassoon Solo
Janet Cabell, Bass Clarinet Solo
Natalie Steflja and Lea Lasak, Flute Duet
Stephanie Close and Kelsie Babisz, Flute/Clarinet Duet
Bryan Donahue, Anthony Fowlkes, and Andrew Momeyer, Trumpet/Trombone Trio



3rd Division Ratings

Donielle Newburn and Mesha Farahani, Trumpet Duet
Brad Rudow and Chris Wilczewski, Tuba Duet
Katlyn Cruz, Jen Gobart, and Stefanya Baho, Flute/Alto Saxophone Trio
Tim Jones, Matthew French, and Brad Rudow, Violin/Trumpet/Tuba Trio

8th Grade:

1st Division Ratings

Tracy Sanfilippo, Alto Saxophone Solo
Elizabeth Chmielewski, Clarinet Solo
Rachel Bush, Trumpet Solo
Will Aiken, Snare Drum Solo
Julia Esse, Flute Solo



2nd Division Ratings

Jessica Stark, Flute Solo
Alex Catallo and Alex Ngo (7th grade), Trumpet Duet
Cecilia Ngo, Alicia Robinson, and Jessica Stark, Flute/Oboe Trio

3rd Division Ratings

Tracy Sanfilippo and Krista Dunger, Alto Saxophone/French Horn Duet
Trey Lundmark and Robert Morrison, Trombone Duet

A special thank you goes to Mr. Babcock for coming to support our fine musicians. Great job Falcon Band Students! We are very proud of you!

FROM MS. ROVNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**ALL OF OUR STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN FLYNN'S
SCIENCE FAIR**

. . .and the winners were:

1st PLACE

Zach Diedrich
Sarah Belanger
Trey Lundmark
John Merola***

Drew Martin
Gretchen Grade
Brandon Montroy

Janelle Yousif
Anton Mansour
Brittany Kannou

Caty Read
Jessica Stark
Liz Chmielewski

2nd PLACE

Nick Kropp
Andi Bello
Paige Hall
Ashley Semma
Alex Catallo
Josh Hermiz
Vanessa Stojanovski
Samantha Abdallah

Rachel Bush
Kevin Stanick
Anthony Sakhria
Robert Morrison
Devin Liu
Cecelia Ngo
Shane Gamelin
Rasika Patil

Yousif Daoud
Nicole Jirjis
Jessica Cornell
Mitchell Nichols
Candace Salman
Allison Erikson
Emma Planet

Kendal Covington
Charnese Johnson
Ashley Shayota
McKenzie Bowen
Kyle Pham
Hannah Destefanis
Farrah Sitto

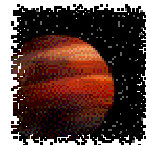
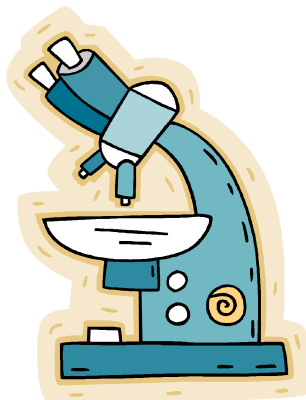
3rd PLACE

Robert Moldovan
Lance Dwyer
Samir Tawfik
Jimmy Cook
Ali Abdallah
Chris Truszkowski
Aida Qoshi
Pierce Sandoval
Jacob Pfund
Laura Dunklin
Armin Kizy
Ali Dbouk
Gabrielle Sulaka

Amanda Masi
Justin Edwards
McKenzie Melton
Halston Mansour
Chelsea Curneal
Andrew Sakana
Nicolette Sidorowicz
Julian Shamoon
Angelo Veloso
Michelle Kiss
Sarmad Talya
Muhammed Vilic

Ann Mansour
Ranny Fatohi
Alicia Robinson
Kamal Dampella
Colleen Vanvas
Marcela Sanabria
Kevin Kwiek
Yana Plausiuk
Maxine Salloumi
Samantha Blascyk
Samantha Huber
Adam Maroki

Joseph Reeves
Rnya Rihan
Yousif Artin
Gloria Chang
Vasko Iliev
Silvia Yako
Daniel Alvarado
Myrna Ayar
Rania Korkis
Scott Kolasa
Krista Dunger
Ronya Yakow





NOTES FROM NURSING



Questions & Answers about things going around making us sick!

Norovirus and Rotavirus

Norovirus and Rotavirus are two highly contagious viral infections that cause the “stomach flu” or gastroenteritis.

The symptoms of **norovirus** illness usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and some stomach cramping. Sometimes people also have a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and a general feeling of tiredness. The illness often begins suddenly, and the infected person may feel very sick. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting only about 1-2 days. Children experience more vomiting than adults do.

People can become infected with the virus in several ways:

- ☀ Eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with the virus
- ☀ Touching surfaces or objects contaminated and then placing their hand in their mouth
- ☀ Having direct contact with a person who is infected

People infected with the norovirus are contagious from the moment they begin to feel ill until at least 3 days after recovery.

Rotavirus is another virus causing vomiting, watery diarrhea, fever, and abdominal pain. In children, the diarrhea is severe and can last 3-8 days. The incubation period for rotavirus is approximately two days.

Rotavirus is spread through oral contact with fecal matter. It can occur through contaminated water, or food, or contact with contaminated surfaces. It is spread when people touch a contaminated item and put their hands or the item in their mouth.

The symptoms can last 3 to 10 days; however, people are considered contagious for 10 - 12 days after the onset of the diarrhea.

Both norovirus and rotavirus can cause severe dehydration, especially in young children.

Signs of dehydration include irritability, severe tiredness, sunken eyes, dry mouth and tongue, and decreased urination.

These signs in children require children to be seen by a physician and sometimes hospitalization.

There is no specific medicine to treat either of these viruses. Drinking plenty of fluids can help reduce the chance of dehydration.

Children should stay home until they are **completely** recovered.

Methicillin-resistant

staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is not a new disease, but has received much attention in the media recently.

Staphylococcus aureus, or “staph”, are bacteria found on the skin or in the nose and are one of the most common causes of skin infections.

MRSA is a type of staph that has become resistant to some antibiotics.

These infections may occur at sites of cuts in the skin, abrasions, or in areas of the body covered by hair.

Infections are treated by having a healthcare professional drain the infection of pus followed by good wound care. Occasionally, an antibiotic will be prescribed. Be sure to complete the entire prescription as ordered.

MRSA is passed from person-to-person by direct contact with the skin or through contact with contaminated items.

The signs and symptoms of a skin staph infection are a bump or area on the skin that may be red, swollen, painful, and warm to the touch, full of pus or other drainage accompanied by a fever. Wounds and cuts that do not heal properly need medical attention.

Prevention

To help prevent staph or MRSA skin infections, practice good hygiene:

- ☀ Wash hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- ☀ Always wash hands before eating and after toileting.
- ☀ Keep cuts and open wounds clean and covered.
- ☀ Avoid touching other peoples’ wounds or used bandages.
- ☀ Shower immediately after exercising, participating in sports practice or competitive activities.
- ☀ Do not share personal items that come in contact with skin such as bar soap, towels, razors, and clothes/uniforms.
- ☀ Maintain a clean environment; clean surfaces frequently that are touched or come in contact with people’s skin.
- ☀ Carefully wash fruits and vegetables before eating them.
- ☀ Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness by using a bleach-based household cleaner.
- ☀ Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated (use hot water & soap).

Stay Healthy, Spring is almost here!

Marjorie Racine RN

Warren Consolidated Schools

District School Nurse

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March, 2009

NEWS RELEASE



Three students from Flynn Middle School in Sterling Heights have been named local winners in the 40th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

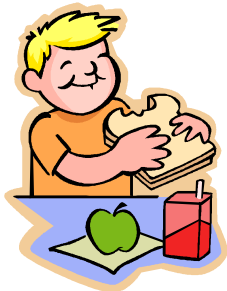
The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Simoun Delos Reyes, first, Asja Kepes, second, and Alicia Robinson, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Simoun's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Simoun Delos Reyes's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will each receive a plaque, a \$500 U.S. savings bond and a \$500 cash award. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in the honor.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2008-2009 American & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across state. The topic of the 2008-2009 contest was **"My Personal Michigan Hero."**

The staff and students at Flynn wish "Good Luck" to Simoun Delos Reyes.

MORE WINNERS ON THE HORIZON



Most recently Nutrition Services celebrated "National School Lunch Week". During that time several of our students were lucky enough to win sports balls.

Congratulations to Alex Childers, Valerie Hill, Robert Huber, Manny Pepaj and Nakeem Ross who won either a basketball, a volleyball or a football.

LOOKING FOR A FUN EVENING OUT

. . . .the Booster Club has one lined up for you. On April 24, the Booster Club will be featuring a "Vendor's Evening" filled with shopping opportunities. Tables will be set up and there will be many products that you will be able to look over and purchase whether for you or for that extra someone special. Some of the vendors participating will be Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Tastefully Simple, Jewelry, a manicurist, etc. There will also be food available.

The event will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. Come and join in a great shopping experience a great **"Ladies Night Out"**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------------|---|-------------|--|
| 3/3 | <i>Volleyball – Beer @ Flynn</i> | 3/27 | <i>½ day of School – Records day</i> |
| 3/4 | <i>Pre-festival concert</i> | 4/1 | <i>Spring picture day</i> |
| 3/5 | <i>Volleyball – Carleton @ Flynn</i> | 4/8 | <i>Area Concert – 7 p.m.</i> |
| | <i>Games played at SHHS</i> | 4/9 | <i>½ day – dismissal 11:12</i> |
| 3/6 | <i>Progress reports distributed</i> | 4/10 | <i>Good Friday – no school</i> |
| 3/10 | <i>Parent Mtg. 8th gr – PAC</i> | 4/20 | <i>School resumes</i> |
| | <i>Volleyball – Flynn @ Grissom</i> | 4/24 | <i>Report cards distributed</i> |
| | <i>Sterling Hts. High School</i> | | <i>Boosters – Vendor Day</i> |
| | <i>Open House for incoming</i> | | <i>Ladies’ Night Out</i> |
| | <i>students</i> | 5/4 | <i>Booster Mtg. – 7 p.m.</i> |
| 3/12 | <i>Volleyball – Flynn @ Carter</i> | 5/7 | <i>J.E.T. Theatre Assembly</i> |
| | <i>“Hoops for the Heart”</i> | 5/20 | <i>5th Grade – Orientation</i> |
| | <i>fundraiser</i> | 5/21 | <i>Talent show</i> |
| 3/17 | <i>Volleyball – Richards @ Flynn</i> | 5/25 | <i>Memorial Day</i> |
| 3/18 | <i>TMI – McDonald’s & Show</i> | 5/27 | <i>Spring Concert</i> |
| 3/19 | <i>Volleyball- Page @ Flynn</i> | 6/11 | <i>Last day of school</i> |
| 3/21 | <i>Science Olympiad</i> | | |
| 3/24 | <i>Volleyball – Flynn @ Carleton</i> | | |
| | <i>“Hoops for the Heart”</i> | | |
| | <i>fundraiser</i> | | |
| 3//26 | <i>Volleyball – Flynn @ Wilkinson</i> | | |
| | <i>“Hoops for the Heart”</i> | | |
| | <i>fundraiser</i> | | |