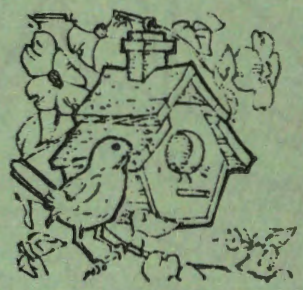
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 94



NEWSLETTER
SPRING, 1979

PROJECT IDEAL - 1979

A Title I Summer School Program offering instruction in reading, math and study skills for students in grades nine through twelve will again be offered this year at West Chicago High School. The goal of the program is to help students perform better in all of their classes.

During the course of the six week program (June 15 to July 27), students will study six different subjects for two weeks each. Subjects include reading, math, social studies, consumer education, and study skills. A class size of five students per teacher will assure close teacher supervision and individualized help. The classes will meet daily from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Daily attendance is a requirement, and students will be dropped who miss a class for the third time. No excuses are accepted for absences.

Because this program is funded by the Federal Government (Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 - Title I), there is no tution charge for the classes. Students who pass the summer classes will earn one elective credit toward graduation.

Interested persons may learn more about the program and eligibility requirements by contacting the Director of the project, Allan Hofland, at the high school. Call 231-0880, Ex. 215.

FBLA OF AMERICA CLUB

The Future Business Leaders of American Club, in their second year at WCCHS, competed in the area Business Competition on March 3 at Maine East High School. The following students won awards:

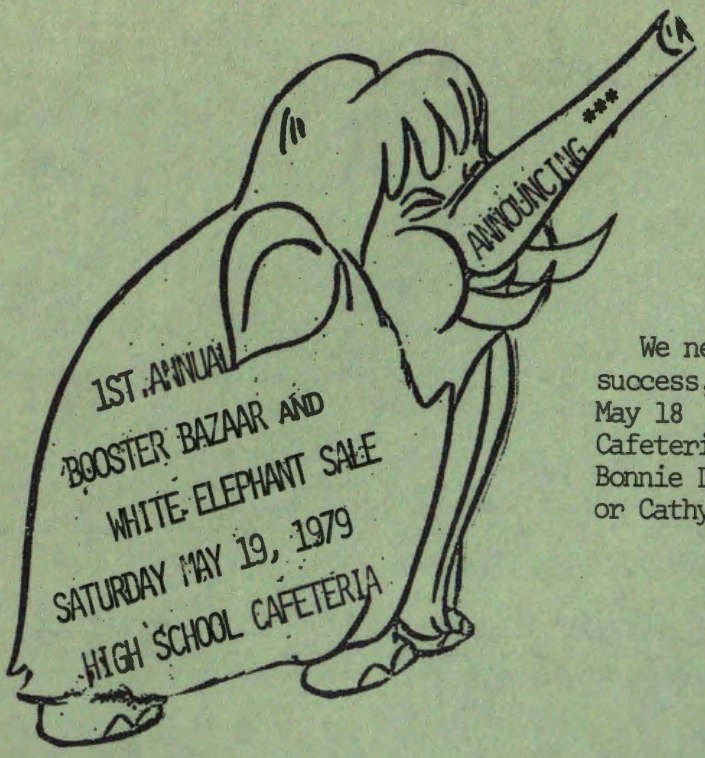
Mike Pacie - 1st Place - Public Speaking
Mike Turner - 1st Place - Job Interview
Michelle Lindenmeier - 1st Place - Business Communication
John Fuja - 1st Place Business Law
Mark Shaughnessy - 2nd Place - Typing II

The following students were elected Northern Area Officers for the 1979-80 school year:

Mike Pacie - Vice President
Mike Turner - Secretary
Deanne Sheahan - Treasurer

FBLA is an organization designed to promote business leadership.

BOOSTER'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



We need your discards to make this a success, drop off your merchandise Friday, May 18 after 6:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria or call for pickup after May 1, Bonnie DePaul 231-7067, Pat Toner 231-4656, or Cathy Kochniarczyk 231-4730.

COLLEGE TESTING

Saturday, June 23 is the final date for juniors and seniors to write the American College Test (ACT) during the 1978-79 school year. The ACT is used for admission to most state colleges and universities and many private colleges. The ACT is also used for determining Illinois State Scholars. Juniors writing the exam must submit their scores to the Illinois Scholarship Commission.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be administered on Saturday, May 5 and Saturday, June 2. The SAT is primarily used for admission to private liberal arts colleges.

Students should see their counselors in the Guidance Center for registration materials and any additional information regarding these tests.

LA CREME DE LA CREME

The Foreign Language Department is proud to announce that once again our students have excelled in the National Foreign Language Contests. In the National German Examination, Sylvia Belicke scored in the 99th percentile and Vicki Binder in the 97th percentile. Both will receive awards and formal recognition.

Thirty-three students participated in the National French Contest two weeks ago. Although the final results are not yet in, we know that Laura Macko, Kelly Leggett, Cheryl Musnicki and Myrna Kietzman are among the top winners in DuPage County and are now being considered on a national basis.

In the next two weeks, students in Spanish will take part in the National Spanish Contest. We wish them good luck and eagerly await the results of the contest.

DISTRICT 94 TAX RATE GOES DOWN

The total tax rate for Community High School District 94 will be reduced from last year's $2.1447 to approximately $2.0283 this year (please note that the rate is per $100 of assessed value). This estimate of this year's rate is an approximation calculated by our Business Office as the certified rates from the County Clerk's office have not been forwarded at this time; however, it should be very close to the final figure.

The reduction is the result of the Board of Education's decision at an adjourned meeting on March 27, 1979 to reduce the tax levy in several of the District's funds. This action was made possible by the increase in the multipler assigned by the State of Illinois to equalize tax assessments from 1.1823 to 1.3258. In view of this increase and the positive financial position of the District, the members of the Board of Education decided that a tax rate reduction was the most responsible course of action they could take.

For most homeowners in District 94, this 11.64 cent rate reduction plus the exemption of the first $1,500 of assessment increase (a new provision in effect this year) will offset the effect of the increase in the multipler, resulting in about the same or slightly fewer actual real estate tax dollars going for the high school than last year.

It should be noted that this reduction was possible in spite of the fact that the full effect of the cost of the building additions and renovation project is included in this year's tax rate. At the time of the building referendum, the Board projected that the additional money required to pay for the building project would increase the District's tax rate an average of 17¢ (per $100 of assessed valuation) per year; however, this year's rate is only 12¢ more than the pre-referendum rate (1976) in spite of three years of constantly increasing costs due primarily to inflation.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS - UPDATE

We have just received word that the members of our chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America Club who competed at the statewide business skill competition in Springfield scored extremely well.

Mark Shaughnessy won first place in Data Processing and, as a state winner, will advance to the national competition being held in New Orleans this July.

Mike Turner was awarded second place in the Job Interview classification; David Collins finished second in the Job Description Manual competition; John Fuja came in fifth in the Business Law event; Myrna Kietzman and Deanne Sheahan took fifth place in the poster event; and Cindy Bahlmann was ninth in the advanced typing competition.

Congratulations to sponsor Donald Zabelin of the Business Education Department and to each of the student participants.

SELF-EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE HANDICAPPED

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112) requires that each school district receiving any federal funds conduct a self-evaluation of the effect of its programs, policies, and practices on handicapped persons in order to help the school district eliminate any discrimination against the handicapped.

The Self-Evaluation Committee must include local citizens, staff members, handicapped persons, and representatives of handicapped organizations. Once formed, the Committee will review the District's employment policies and practices, the accessibility of the building to handicapped persons, the accessibility of curricular and extra-curricular programs to handicapped persons, and the provision of educational services for the handicapped.

If you are interested in serving on this committee and would like additional information regarding the activities and the time commitment involved, please contact Richard M. Kamm, 231-0880.

OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION - MAY 20

The Board of Education has scheduled a public Open House from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 1979 in order to provide all residents of the District 94 community an opportunity to view the new additions. Also, there will be a brief dedication ceremony in the swimming pool foyer (northeast corner of the building) at 4:00 p.m.

You are all invited - so mark the date on your calendar and stop in any time between 2:00 and 5:00 and take a look at the new learning center, cafeteria-commons, student office, fieldhouse, swimming pool, and greenhouses. Student guides will be on hand to conduct tours and maps of the building will be available for those who prefer to wander on their own. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria, and the band will provide musical entertainment in the fieldhouse from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Parking is now available at both the north and south ends of the building (two lots on the northwest corner adjacent to the tennis courts) and north and south entrances will be open.

PROPOSED NEW TEXTBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Various departments are proposing new textbooks for adoption for the 1979-80 school year.

These proposed texts will be available for inspection in the high school office (326 Joliet Street) between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from Tuesday, April 17 to Friday, April 27, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

New texts for courses in business education, mathematics, foreign language, and social studies have been proposed.

You are invited to come in and peruse these books, and a form will be available for any comments you may have regarding them. The Board will act on their adoption at its regular meeting on May 15, 1979.

VOTE!!!!!

The annual election for members of the Board of Education will be held on Saturday, April 14, 1979.

There are three positions on the District 94 Board up for election and there are three candidates. They are:

For three-year terms (two to be elected)

Lorrie Ann Kovac
322 Fulton
West Chicago, Illinois

Lawrence C. Hapgood (incumbent)
0S472 Circle Drive
West Chicago, Illinois

For a one-year term (one to be elected)

Richard E. Sackett (incumbent)
0N250 Robbins Street
Winfield, Illinois

Your elementary district school board election will be held on the same date and at the same polling places. The precincts and their polling places are:

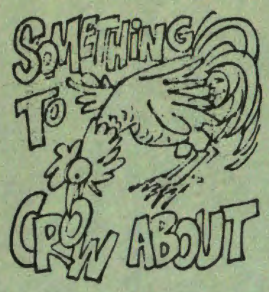
Precinct No. 1 - Gary Elementary School
130 E. Forest Ave.
West Chicago, Illinois

Precinct No. 2 - Turner Elementary School
750 Ingalton Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois

Precinct No. 3 - Winfield Elementary School
Winfield & Beecher Sts.
Winfield, Illinois

Precinct No. 4 - Benjamin Elementary School
28W300 St. Charles Road
West Chicago, Illinois

You must be a registered voter and have lived in the school district 28 days prior to the election in order to vote in a school board election.



MATHEMATICS EXAMINATION

On March 6, 1979, 90 mathematics students participated in the 30th annual High School Mathematics Examination at Community High School, West Chicago. The following students are to be congratulated on their fine scores:

1st Place - Steve Teske (Jr.) 81
2nd Place - George Grauer (Sr.) 76
3rd Place - Eileen Haag (Sr.) 72
- Scott Munnings (Sr.) 72

The examination is conceived as an important adjunct to the classroom work in the high school, and one of its goals is to develop sound scholarship in mathematics. It is an enrichment of the high school mathematics curriculum based on the firm belief that much mathematics can be learned and appreciated through selective problem solving. The attempt is made to convey to the student some of the deeper implications and fascination of the mathematics they study.

These students' combined score of 229 will represent Community High School in regional and national competition. This year, as in the past, the top 100 students in the U.S.A. will compete in a Mathematics Olympiad to be held in April to help select the U.S.A. team which will compete in the International Olympiad.

SECRETARIAL AWARD WINNER

Dottie Coyne, recent Community High School graduate, has won a $500 scholarship to Moser Secretarial School in Chicago. Miss Coyne, a top IRO and business student while at Community High School, placed fifth out of several hundred candidates who sought the scholarships. Scholarships were awarded on the basis of both written and performance tests.

DONKEY BASKETBALL

Mark Monday, April 23 on your calendar for an evening of fun and entertainment. Don't miss the hilaraious action when the faculty and students try to score baskets from the backs of donkeys.

Advance tickets will save you money and will be on sale during lunch hours or from any WCRA member. Remember, the date is Monday, April 23.

LOOK ALIKE???

Is this "The Don Zabelin Look Alike Contest?" No, these students "grew" beards for the up-coming production of "Fiddler On the Roof". Mr. Zabelin (center), a consumer education teacher, performed in "Fiddler" when he was in high school.

Joey Zollner, Tim Wierenga, Rod Durkee, Casey Kovac, Dan Robbins, Mr. Zabelin, Topher Kottkamp, Dave Robbins and Mike Bytner.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPRING ACTIVITIES

After completing a busy winter Concert Season and competing successfully in the Illinois State High School Music Contest, the Music Department of Community High School District 94 is already hard at work on its spring activities.

As noted in other articles, over 100 students are rehearsing to present the "Broadway" musical "Fiddler On the Roof" on April 19, 20, and 21. With "no rest for the wicked", members of the Concert Band, Orchestra, and Concert Choir will rehearse the following two days (April 22 and 23) for the 50th Annual Fox Valley Music Festival to be held at Aurora East High School. An evening concert featuring the 175 piece Festival Band and Festival Orchestra and the 750 voice Festival Chorus will present a public concert at East High School at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23. All three music directors will have tickets for this concert during the week preceeding April 23. Although exact quotas have not been received yet, it is anticipated that 50 or more We-Go music students will be selected to participate.

The "Merry Month of May" will see an early Spring Concert by all three choirs (Girls, Freshmen and Concert) on Tuesday evening, May 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Weyrauch Memorial Auditorium The Marching Band will again represent Community High School in the local Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 28. The Music Department's Final Spring Concert and Senior Recognition Night will be presented on Thursday, May 31, again in the auditorium. Awards will be presented, as well as Summer Music Camp Scholarships.

Capping off the year's activities will be Honors Night on June 4 (incidental music by the Orchestra and Concert Choir) and Commencement on June 6 (music by the Concert Band). All three music directors (Mr. William Sargent, Band; Mr. Gene Haney, Orchestra; and Mr. Ronald Benner, Choirs) believe that this has been a year of great growth and quality of work for all We-Go musicians.

SWING CHOIR

The Community High School Swing Choir placed third in the Midwest Contest held at the Chicago Marriott Hotel on March 17. The competition included swing, show and pop choirs.

Show choirs are predominantly riser-oriented with a small amount of hand and facial choreography. They use large instrumental back-up groups. Pop choirs use choreography but are vocally-oriented. Swing choirs use a great deal of choreography and any kind of instrumental back-up which is desired.

All the choirs were professionally judged on ten characteristics on a continuum from one to five; one being low and five being high.

The results were as follows in Division I Schools, schools with over 1,000 students:

1st Place - Elkhart, Indiana (Show Choir) 93 points

2nd Place - Elk Grove, Illinois (Show Choir) 92 points

3rd Place - West Chicago, Illinois (Swing Choir) 88 points

4th Place - Glenview, Illinois (Show Choir) 85 points

FOX VALLEY AREA COLLEGE NIGHT

The Fox Valley Area College Night will be held this year on April 10, 1979 at the new St. Charles High School. The new high school is located at 1020 Dunham Road, on the far east side of St. Charles.

Registration will be from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend should enter the building via the Norris Cultural Arts Center located on the east side of the campus.

Over fifty colleges and universities will be represented at the event. Most representatives will be available to answer your individual questions.

If you have questions regarding the College Night, please contact any counselor at Community High School. Call 231-0880