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Souhegan High School

Handbell Choir Performs at Annual Festival

Patricia McMullen, Madeleine Daigneau, Madison Thompson, Alicia Meehan, Amelia Parent, Taylor Bardsley, Michelle Contos, Matthew Tibbetts, Julia Kenney, Valerie Nogueira, Alexis Leardi.

PROVIDENCE,RI–The Souhegan High School Handbell Choir, under the direction of Patricia McMullen, performed at the eleventh annual Area I High School Handbell RingOut. Fourteen handbell groups from the New England area performed in a festival sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Souhegan's group has performed each year. This year's event was hosted by the Wheeler School in Providence, RI. Next year, Souhegan will host the festival.

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9C Freshmen Perform Service Day

AMHERST – On Tuesday, November 9th, 9C Freshmen did community service for area Veterans and veterans' family members. I think it was a pretty successful day and would not have been possible without the energy and efforts of Marie Grella. Who helped identify the area veterans and personally called everyone on our list to explain our program. Students raked 20 Veteran's yards that day and followed up by taking the bags of leaves to the dump that afternoon.

As with any day of service, great connections are made. Students from our senior Film Seminar class will be interviewing June Puppalo (her husband and 3 children are all away in the service) and Mr. Roger Bernard (pictured in his Army shirt!) for their authentic documentary project. The students are eager to return to help Mrs. Stillman with her backyard projects and many will be participating in the laying of wreaths at the cemetery at the end of the month.

Front row: Anthony Zeolie, Margaret Dean, Olivia Edvalson, Tyler Szalajeski, Chris McCarthy, Alex Kuhnert; Back row: Mr. Marshall Strickland, Maisy Rohrer, Haley Cannon, Ken Pfitzenmeyer, Carolyn Raiser, Jack VanLokeren, Sarah Hurd, Mike Pariselli, Patrick Maguire, Mr. Ed Trentini, Hunter MacDowell, Melissa Dumaine.

Amherst PTA Online Auction Goin' Once! Goin' Twice! Sold!!

AMHERST -- The bidding war has begun! Don't miss out on all the excitement! Go to www.amherstpta.org and click on ONLINE AUCTION Check out the auction!!!! Salon Gift Certificates! $100 Mile Away Gift Certificate! 2 Hour Tour of Manchester on a SEGWAY! Mr. St. Amand's TIE! Mrs. Gilpin's pet SNAKE (for keeps)! BEATLES Tribute Tickets!- bidders are going crazy! Look at what's there - homework passes! Teachers painting your portrait! Teachers painting a landscape of your choosing! Lessons! Math Games! PJ Parties with your teacher! Movies with your teacher! Panera Lunch with your teacher! Gift baskets from your kids' teachers! Golf greens fees! Restaurants galore!

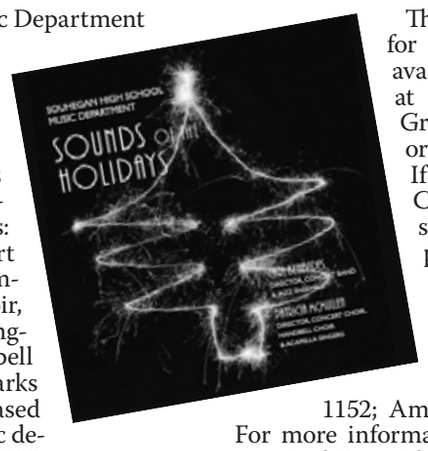
All grades are participating. Come see what your teacher is doing for you! Log on to www.amherstpta.org and enter the auction to see what is going on! Don't miss out! Click on "ONLINE AUCTION" to BID & WIN!!!!!!!!

Holiday Story Time

Take time to celebrate the holidays, while sipping hot chocolate, and enjoy listening to teachers and community members read holiday stories! All families are invited to attend the Holiday Story Time on Friday, December 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Wilkins Multipurpose Room. Pajamas and blankets are encouraged! We hope to see you there!!

Souhegan Music Department Releases New Holiday Music CD

The SHS Music Department is proud to announce the release of its latest CD Sounds of the Holidays . The CD features 18 tracks recorded by 5 ensembles: The SHS Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Choir, Acapella Singers and Handbell Choir. This marks the 5th CD released by the SHS music department since 2002.



The CD is available for $10 each and is available for pick up at The Homestead Grocery and Deli or at Souhegan HS. If you'd like your CDs mailed, please send check for $13 payable to SHS ACTIVITIES to: Souhegan HS Music Dept; attn: Carl Benevides; PO Box 1152; Amherst, NH 03031 For more information, please contact Carl Benevides at cbenevides@sprise.com.

FIRST ROBOTICS

This Week's Spotlight is on.... THE PROGRAMMING TEAM!

By Sage Wesenberg

Programming is one of the five vital teams necessary to the success of the team as a whole. This year it is made up of 9 students and 3 mentors. It is their job to provide the brain for the robot that accompanies the mechanical and electrical parts. Without Programming the robot would be just a skeleton with no brain, and without the skeleton, the brain would be just a useless pile of technology. These teams count on each other to build the robot.

Programming is done with very sophisticated computer systems that used to be huge, very difficult devices. Now, things can happen with just the click of a button. Mentors help to guide the students in programming the robot to complete whatever the challenge may be, whether it's avoiding obstacles, or efficiently controlling the 6 wheels. It is very exciting for the mentors to watch a student successfully run their program and get excited about it.

The Programming team is a great team for any one student or adult who is interested in computers and robot technology. If students are thinking of a career in this type of work, here is the perfect way to find out if it is really what you want to do. If you are an adult who is currently in this field of work or retired from it, take your knowledge and give it to the Programming team so they can become even better!

Stay tuned for the next issue where we will focus on yet another one of our teams on FIRST Robotics! And please come to support the whole team at our annual Comedy Night Fundraiser. Tickets are $15 and will be available from a team member or at many venues after Thanksgiving. This is a great chance to see 3 Boston comics and a hilarious musical parody of the Wizard of Oz, put on by our very own team members!

Souhegan High School Sabers Win Spirit of New Hampshire Award

MANCHESTER – Souhegan High School Sabers for Habitat received The 2010 Spirit of New Hampshire K-12 Education Champions Award at an award ceremony held at the Executive Court in Manchester.

What started as a Wintercession program for sophomores in 2001-2002 has become a far reaching volunteer influence in the lives of these Souhegan High School students. Students have been traveling to the southern United States, helping to build homes and learning a lot about themselves in the bargain.

Maggie Paul, community service coordinator at Souhegan High School wrote in her nomination of the group, "Students who participate in this program return with a real sense of accomplishment. It is this experience that allows students to be part of the change they would like to see in the world."

The Spirit of New Hampshire Awards is an annual celebration. It is administered by Volunteer NH, a non-profit organization, in collaboration with the Office of Governor John Lynch. The awards honor outstanding volunteers as well as exemplary supporters of volunteer programs.

Volunteer Service Awards are presented to individuals in the categories of youth, adult, senior, group, national service and family. Volunteer Champion Awards are given to entities that provide structure and support for volunteer efforts: non-profits, faith-based organizations, service clubs, businesses, government, and education. A single Spirit of New Hampshire Award is reserved for one of the category winners – an individual, group or organization - that, in the view of peer reviewers, best represents our state's strong spirit of service.

Nominations for the Spirit of New Hampshire Award are accepted year-round. Those in the Volunteer Service categories of Youth, Adult and Senior are also eligible for a New Hampshire Volunteer of the Month Award. Each month, one New Hampshire volunteer is honored for his/her outstanding service at a meeting of the Governor and Executive Council. For more information about the awards and to make a nomination, visit www.volunteernh.org.

Open House at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School

NASHUA – Explore the difference that Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School can make for your child. Open House at Nashua Catholic from 12:30-2:00P.M. on Sunday, December 5th - 6 Bartlett Avenue in Nashua. Come have a casual moment to meet the staff and tour our facility.

Nashua Catholic offers 7th and 8th graders a rigorous, faith based curriculum certified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our three full seasons of Tri-County League athletic participation combined with our commitment to student service activity and a full contingent of extracurricular activities round out each student's day at Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School.

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We'd like to take the time during this busy holiday season to say "Thank You" to all our loyal customers. Join us December 8th in our marketplace for a fun-filled event.
- We'll be popping corks and sampling different champagnes and sparkling wines that are just perfect for your holiday parties.
- NH wine expert Carla Snow, author of Wine and Dine with New Hampshire, will be signing copies of her book.
- There will also be raffles, special shopper discounts, complimentary treats, and more.

Start the holidays off right...with a sparkling toast, a delicious treat and a big Thank You from the Black Forest!

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