

Heard it from a Buffalo!

February 2010



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A message from A. Leroy Parks . . .

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Thank you for your support and participation during the first semester of school. Our students have experienced successes in the classrooms and in our extracurricular program and activities as well. I believe that this is a testament to their motivation and hard work as well as your commitment to them and their efforts. During second semester, Advocacy teachers will review your student's progress to date as well as their progress towards graduation requirements via their transcript. I ask that YOU continue to stay involved in the process and review your student's academic plans regularly.

Currently we have 342 of 350 of our senior class that started with us back in August that are on track to graduate this upcoming spring! I am pleased to announce also that our graduation rate at Southeast **INCREASED 5.2%** from last year, which brings it to 81.8%!! That is the first time to my knowledge that Southeast has achieved an 80% or higher graduation rate at our school. I will keep researching this information, but to the best of my knowledge it is a first! Our dropout rate has declined also, to right around 2% of our students! With the increases in services over the past couple of years, we have been able to make tremendous gains in student achievement!

At the printing of this newsletter, we will have already begun second semester classes. I want to remind parents and students of the importance of pre-enrollment for next school year and taking the process seriously. We make teacher hiring decisions and master schedule decision based on the classes that your student selects during pre-enrollment. I realize that seems early, but in order to build an effective master schedule, make staffing decisions, and get students assigned to classes, it takes several months, countless hours and the energy of many people. Therefore, all students will be required to remain in the classes and alternate classes they select during pre-enrollment. Schedule changes will ONLY be made next fall if there is an academic deficiency, an administrative or computer error in scheduling, the need to place a student in an intervention class to assist in building their academic skill level, or the need to "updraft" a student to increase rigor in their schedule. Again, **PLEASE TAKE PRE-ENROLLMENT SERIOUSLY** and make sound academic decisions.

Students who failed a required English, History, or Physical Education Foundations class may NOT retake the class during the next school year. Students must instead retake the class after the school day in the Learning Center or in Summer School. PE Foundations class must be retaken in summer school. Southeast will NOT be hosting summer school at our building this summer. When information becomes available about summer school, we will make student bulletin announcements to inform students and print the information via this newsletter in the coming months.

Improving attendance of students is an ongoing priority. We will continue to use our call line to inform parents of when students are absent. Parent Link is the automated system we use in order to make this happen. If your son or daughter has doctor or dental appointments during the school day, we ask that you PLEASE send in written verification of the completed appointment within 72 HOURS for our record keeping. This is often overlooked now, and can become an issue later in the semester when it is time for students to think about taking final exams.

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Upcoming Events

Wed. Feb. 3 –

Progress reports distributed
8th grade Open House

Feb. 9 & Feb. 11 –

Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:00 – 7:15 PM

Fri. Feb. 12 –

District Inservice
No School

Sat. Feb 13 –

Homecoming dance @ SE

Mon. Feb. 15 –

President's Day Holiday
No School

Tues. Feb. 23 –

Progress reports distributed

AVID Updates

Mrs. Malashchuk's junior AVID class has begun contacting specific colleges to receive information on scholarships and admission requirements. They are also writing essays that are to be submitted to AVID headquarters for consideration in the 2010 AVID Summer Institute Student Speaker Contest.

Ms. Scarbrough's sophomore AVID class has been discussing the definition of success and how one achieves success. They recently completed their own pyramids of success modeled after John Wooden's Pyramid of Success.

Assistance League Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all USD 259 graduating seniors interested in attaining vocational technical certificates. It is awarded on the basis of need and motivation and is contingent upon the student's acceptance to Butler Community College or Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) and is non-transferable. This scholarship covers all tuition, fees, textbooks and tool costs. Application packets are available in the College & Career Center. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Alvarez, aalvarez@usd259.net.

Dear Parents of Seniors:

Time is flying by and graduation will be here before you know it. Every year, Southeast High School holds a special after-graduation event for our graduating seniors. Project Graduation's purpose is to create a safe and fun environment for our graduating seniors to celebrate their success and accomplishments.

However, we can't hold this event without parent help. We need parents to help plan and organize the event including fund-raising. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Ms. Davis, adavis4@usd259.net or Mr. Crayton, Assistant Principal, fcrayton@usd259.net.



Congratulations SE Bowlers

Congratulations to the following bowlers for making the 2010 Southeast bowling teams:

Girls

Shelby Clemens
Ally Hammond
Desirea Holmes
Charlotte Holtze
Leah Majors
Angelisa McGoldrick
Phoenix Nofsinger
Kara Price
Angela Rangel
Amber Reesman
Erica Wentling
Emily Wentling

Boys

Hunter Bennett
Tanner Birmingham
Lorenzo Brown
Casey Childers
Tyler Clark
Brenton Crayton
Bret Doyon
Brian Galacgac
Alex Harber
Matthew Syharath
Austin Tennant
Grant Withers



This year we had over 40 students try out for the Southeast bowling teams. The competition was fierce with a lot of great scores being bowled. Southeast looks forward to a very successful year.

Our matches start at 4:00, our home match dates are Jan. 14-KMC, Jan. 25-North, Jan. 28th Heights, Feb. 4th-East, Feb. 8th-NW, and senior night Feb. 11th-BC. We hope you will come out to Thunderbird Lanes and support your Southeast bowling teams.



District wide production of "Footloose"

Every USD 259 high school theatre department has joined together in the production of "Footloose". The show will be held at Northwest High School on February 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30 PM. Advanced sale tickets are \$6.00 each. All tickets will be \$8.00 at the door. Please call Martha Gates at 973-2806 for information.

Severe weather and school closings

If you are concerned that schools may not be in operation, please check the following hotline, available 24 hours a day:

973-4259

A recorded message will let you know the status of school operation. Please keep in mind, you are the best judge for your child's safety.



Science Olympiad competition to be held February 27, at Derby High School

Students have been meeting since the beginning of the year to receive coaching for various events in Science Olympiad. However, it's not too late to have your student join. This group helps to strengthen and build skill levels such as they apply to basic science skills, biology, building events which relate to physics and general engineering, chemistry, and earth space. Many of these events are then directly related to curriculum. They not only can make the strong student improve but also help the lower performing student stronger especially in science. The basic science skills include: experimental design, picture this, remote sensing, technical problem solving, write it do it. The biology events include: anatomy & physiology, cell biology, disease detectives, ecology, forensics, ornithology. The building events which increase engineering skills: egg-o-naut, elevated bridge, it's about time, mission possible, mousetrap vehicle, physics lab, trajectory. The chemistry events include: chemistry lab, environmental chemistry, forensics. The earth space events include: astronomy, dynamic planet, fossils. If any of these events are like the science classes your student is currently or will be enrolled in, have them come find out more information today in room F-7 or by email at lgossage@usd259.net, head coach Mrs. Gossage.

Prom Date Change

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Prom has been moved to Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Bob Dole Community Center on the McConnell Air Force Base. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Upcoming Instrumental Music Events

The commercial music class will be performing at the First Friday event at Meade's Corner in Old Town on Friday, March 5 from 8:00 - 11:00 PM. This is in part with Naked City and Rock ICT, a major city wide music crawl that occurs every month. We are proud to participate in a high profile opportunity for the class and Southeast High School.

Classes will also be hosting a recruiting concert with Coleman and Curtis middle schools. The 6-8th grade band students will be coming in the morning on Friday, January 15 and the orchestra students will be coming in the morning on Thursday, January 28. We are happy to welcome all future Buffaloes.

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Students Select Classes for Next Year

Students will have the opportunity to choose new classes for next year at the end of January. They will receive a Program of Studies Book which will outline all the classes taught in the Wichita School System, a graduation check list, a transcript and a list of the courses taught at Southeast. Using these four documents, they will be able to create a schedule for themselves. We encourage parents to be involved in this process. The students will complete their draft form which will be given to them on January 20 and turned into their seminar teacher on January 28. Each student will then be seen by their counselor to finalize the pre-enrollment. You can expect to see the forms during Parent Teacher Conferences. We will be encouraging students to enroll in a rigorous and challenging program of study. Please be aware that students are responsible for knowing graduation requirements and are expected to choose their classes carefully. Schedule changes will only be granted for the following reasons:

- Course is incorrectly sequenced or student does not meet the prerequisite
- Student lacks a class needed for graduation
- Course has been duplicated
- Request of an administrator

Southeast hires teachers and creates the master schedule based on the class selections that your student chooses. It is important that you and your student understand that changes made after teachers are hired and classes are created are not always possible. Students should have their schedule firmly in place before school starts!

Parents can help by:

- Visiting with their student about the classes he or she wants to take next year.
- Reading enrollment materials, especially the graduation requirements and descriptions of the classes in the Program of Studies book.
- Review the pre-enrollment during Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- Making sure their student understands that he or she may need to attend summer school or the Southeast Learning Center if classes are failed.
- Understanding that students and their parents have the primary responsibility for enrolling in the classes needed to meet graduation requirements.

Southeast has a policy that affects students who fail the graduation requirements of English, History, and Physical Education. Students who fail any of these required classes during the regular school day must make them up in one of the following ways:

- Physical Education may only be made up during summer school at the cost of approximately \$77.50 per half credit and must be completed before graduation.
- Required English and History classes may be made up in summer school or the Learning Center. Each class costs \$75.00 per half credit and must be completed before graduation.
- The Southeast Learning Center gives juniors and seniors the opportunity to retake failed classes during the school year. The Learning Center is located in room E18 and is open both semesters Monday through Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The hours are extended second semester to help seniors who are trying to graduate with their class. Students can begin the enrollment process by going to the Learning Center after school Monday through Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Questions can be answered at the SE Learning Center after 3:30 p.m. or at 973-2831.

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Parents can call their student’s counselor with subject request changes until May 1.

A-D	Wes Regehr	973-2713 or wregehr@usd259.net
E-K	Larry Saksa	973-2707 or lsaksa@usd259.net
L-Q	Erica Winkenwader	973-2708 or ewashington1@usd259.net
R-Z	Gaye Clements	973-2709 or gclements@usd259.net
Special Ed.	Ruthann Alber	973-2891 or ralber@usd259.net



Pre-Enrollment Timeline

January	Students make class choices
Jan. – Mar.	Students see their counselor to finalize pre-enrollment
March	Student requests are tallied
April	Master schedule is designed from student requests
May	Conflicts are resolved by counselors
June	Math teachers check math selections of students
Early Aug	Students receive schedule at fee payment
Early Aug	Necessary changes completed before school begins
Aug	Enrollment of new students

Transcripts

If you need an official transcript, stop by the main office to fill out a request form. The first five transcripts are free: additional transcripts are \$2.00.

Work-Study Programs Popular Choices

Juniors and seniors might want to consider a Work-Study class next year. Many students work throughout the school year and like the idea of earning high school credit for their work. In work-study programs, students must find and keep a job throughout the school term and document working 10 hours for juniors and 15 hours for seniors per week. Students receive “World-of-Work” training in the classroom in addition to work experience that is supervised by the teacher and the employer. Students must sign up for the morning class and for the afternoon employment pass card. Juniors have a pass card 7th period to leave the school building for work experience; seniors have pass cards 7th and 8th periods for work experience. Teachers meet with each student’s employer to evaluate student progress and provide students with individual feedback about their job performance. The following programs are offered at Southeast.

The **Business Technology** program emphasizes work experience that is related to the business world. Students with business and/or clerical skills work in office settings to receive additional business experience. Students compete for awards through the student organization called Business Professionals of America. Questions should be directed to Ms. Dickerson, at 973-2700.

The **Marketing Education** program emphasizes work experience that is related to marketing and the retail occupations. Classroom instruction will include the consumer market, marketing research, economics, product distribution, job search, and international business. Students compete for awards through the student organization called DECA, which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. Questions should be directed Ms. King, at 973-2700.

The **Career Connections** (formally OFACS) program works with students whose jobs are in a field related to Family and Consumer Science. Many jobs qualify, such as childcare, restaurant service, adult care, fashion, housing and interior design, and clothing retail workers. Students receive leadership development by participating in the Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America. Club activities are completed during class and seminar to benefit our community, our school, and the social development of students. Questions should be directed to Ms. Mann, at 973-2700.

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Pre-Enrollment for College Bound Students

College bound students should enroll to meet the Kansas qualified admissions guidelines. The qualified admissions curriculum is published in the front of the Program of Studies book. The online version is at <http://www.usd259.com/curriculum/studies.htm>. Students must meet one of the following requirements to qualify for admission to any of the six Kansas Regents Universities.

- Complete the qualified admissions curriculum with at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average,
- Rank in the top one-third of their high school's graduating class, **or**
- Achieve an ACT composite score of 21 or above.

Advanced Placement Classes

To add rigor to a student's schedule, students are encouraged to sign up for the AP – Advanced Placement classes. The “Bulletin for AP Students and Parents” describes the AP opportunity as: “The rich course material, classroom discussions, and demanding assignments typical of AP courses will help your child develop the content mastery and critical thinking skills expected of college students. What’s more, by participating in AP, your child is given the chance to earn college credit and to stand out in the college admissions process.” Students must complete a whole year of any AP course for which they are enrolled. The following are courses taught at SE:

U.S. Government	Statistics
Calculus	English Literature
U.S. History	Chemistry
Psychology	English Language
Biology	Music Theory

The “Bulletin for AP Students and Parents 2008-2009” are available in the Counseling offices with Mrs. Brooks 973-2706.

ACT Testing For College Bound Students

The ACT is required for admission to most colleges in the state of Kansas. Scores are also used in scholarship competitions and college class placement. College bound students should take the test during their junior year and again in their senior year. Students may register online at www.act.student.org or pick up a registration envelope in the Guidance Center. The fee of \$32.00 includes reports sent to four college choices. The mailing envelope requires three stamps and must be postmarked by the deadlines printed on the envelope. Students who participate in the free or reduced lunch program should see Mrs. Brooks in the Counseling office to request a fee waiver.

Test Dates	Test Site	Registration Deadline
April 10	Southeast	March 5
June 12	WSU	May 7

Students who qualify for extended time must request and complete the necessary paperwork from their IEP writer or from the 504 team no later than February 20 if they want to request extra time for the June ACT or the May Advanced Placement tests.

Wichita Bar Association Summer Intern Program

The Bar Association will be accepting applications from students who will be seniors next year and are interested in participating in an internship program during the summer of 2010. The program will provide employment opportunities in a variety of legal settings. Students will also participate as a group in weekly educational seminars for which they are also paid. Participants must live in greater Wichita area and be 16 years old by June 1, 2010. Students are chosen based upon several criteria including their application, interview, and grade point average (2.8 on a 4.0 scale minimum requirement). Financial need is also considered but not required. For more information about the program and application process, please contact your guidance counselor, call the Wichita Bar Association office at 263-2251, extension 101 or go to www.wichitabar.org. Click on Public Resources, and then click on Summer Intern Program. Application may be downloaded from there with all instructions.

Enrollment Information at Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 9 & 11, 2010
4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 sessions
Room G7

Draft schedules created by
students will be available
for review by parents.



Paying For College \$\$

One of the most challenging and frightening parts of planning for college is paying for it! According to a study by the National Center for Educational Statistics, 91% of students and their families do not accurately estimate the cost of college. Families tend to overestimate the cost. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and find out what the cost of college would be for your student. Federal grants are available for the students deemed neediest and loans are available for many families. Federal programs include the Pell Grant, the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Work-Study, the Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loans, and the Parent Plus Loans. The State programs are based on the financial need of the student and include the Kansas Comprehensive Grant, the State of Kansas Scholarship (ACT of 29 and 3.90 cumulative GPA), and the Ethnic Minority Scholarship (ACT of 21 and 3.0 cumulative GPA). Students interested in the State programs will have to complete the paper copy of the state application and pay a \$10.00 processing fee.

The priority deadline for the state of Kansas is March 1. Parents of seniors should figure their taxes early this year because the tax information is needed for the application. The FAFSA can be accessed on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov .

Get ready to complete the FAFSA by collecting the following items for you and for your parents:

- Most recent W-2s
- Driver's license and social security number
- Records of untaxed income received during the previous tax year
- Value and debt of business and/or farm
- Value of investments, excluding retirement accounts and home equity
- Completed tax returns
- Students will need an electronic personal identification number (PIN) to use as an electronic signature when applying for financial aid: apply for the PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov.

Many families have unusual or extenuating circumstances and have difficulty completing the application because of the complexity of their family situation. Families should call the financial aid office of the college their student wishes to attend and request help with those questions.

99% Award

The 99% Award was awarded to Andrea Gonzalez at the School Board meeting on January 4th. Math teacher Jamie Jeffries presented her with the award. He reported that she works hard every day and is seeing the results due to this. In the past she has struggled and is now working very hard to be successful. She has not missed a single class and is very willing to learn. Congratulations Andrea.



Please plan to join us for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 9
and

Thursday, February 11

Staff will be available to meet
with families from
4:00 - 7:15 PM each evening.

This is a good time to check on
your student's progress while there
is time for improvement. We hope
to see you there!

No appointment necessary

Fall 2009 Principal's Honor Roll - 4.0 G.P.A. -

Julia Adams, Courtney Allen, Serene Attaria, Jonathan Avery, Jasmine Banks, Shaqiyla Banks, Alexander Bessel, Brett Bluma, Courtney Brown, Jonathan Buster, Shelby Clemens, Erin Coldiron, Aaron Conway, Denise Cortez-Blanco, Kalon Crowder, My Dang, Trang Dao, Trent Davis, Khanya Dith, Phu Do, Katie Doule, Kiah Duggins, Randi Farrington, Brandon Friesen, Nabeel Ghayasuddin, Taran Groenvik, Hayden Harris, Ha-Giang Hoang, Desirea Holmes, Austin Juhl, Autumn Juhl, Tiffany Lake, Viet Khoi Lam, Thao Le, Malcolm Lynch, Jennifer Ma, Karen Macam, Ngan Mai, Eley Meeth, Alejandro Mejia, Tram Ngo, Bao-Van Nguyen, Connie Nguyen, Ha-Anh Nguyen, Jason Nguyen, Kieu Nguyen, Linh Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen, Phuong Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, James Njoroge, Cathy Nong, Kikelomo Ojo, Cheyenne Peters, Moriah Plowden, Shelby Pracht, Angela Rasbandith, Bianca Reynolds, Merrick Rhodes, Ashley Roberts, Jackie Robinson, Mark Rojas, Sandu Rotari, Megan Rush, Nancy Seang, Hom Souvannarath, Halston Strange, Nick Sumner, Camden Tang, My Tang, Lily Tay, David Tran, Jonathan Tran, Minh Tran, Ping Tran, Quyen Tran, Tracy Tran, Lilia Treto, Katie Trollope, Diem Vo, Angela Vuong

Fall 2009 Honor Roll - 3.5 - 3.99 G.P.A. -

Frida Aae, Elias Akins, Paulina Alcocer, Erik Alejandro, Gerrick Alford, Cade Allison, Darien Anderson, Sandra Arias Garcia, Jobannia Barreras, Haley Bauer, Allie Bays, Kendra Beam, Eryn Beauchamp, Stephanie Beauchamp, Brian Beckman, Max Behrend, EJ Bennett, Sky Birdcreek, Cassie Bonds, Jamisha Bonner, Kiera Broehl, Sterlin Broomfield, Amy Brown, Annie Bui, Katie Bullard, Tara Burk, Erica Campos, Dre Carthen, Evelyn Ceja, Jordan Chambers, Jessica Chang, Betsy Chesser, Tyana Clark, Ronessa Cobb, Taysa Cueva, Karen Gayle Dakis, Shaila Davis, Ryan Dawson, Ernesto Diaz, Diana Dinh, Nikol Dobler, Ethan Dodd, Stephanie Dudley, Meera Duncan, Jennifer Duong, Linda Duongkhamhung, Payton Elliott, Brauntez Fair, Paxton Fey, Sierra Franklin, Tim Fredholm, Christine Fuston, Alma Garcia, Sarah Garcia, D'Avonte Garland, Heather Gering, Claudia Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Diana Granados, Nikiya Green, Marcus Greene, Thomas Griffin, Skylar Gutierrez, Tuong Ha, Tuyet Ha, Angie Hankins, Melissa Harper, Mia Harper, Destinee Harter, Julia Herrmann, Joanna Hlavacek, April Holly, Charlotte Holze, Jana Hughes, Brenetta Hunter, Mai Huynh, Abimbola Ibidokun, Aaron Immel, Brandon James, Ashley Jenkins, Ricky Jenkins, Kenneth Jones, Mikisha Jones, Nicholas Jones, Vincent Khamdaranikorn, Alexandra Lamunyon, Iizzy Lane, Rachael Lawrence, Cecilia Le, Cuong Le, De Le, Tina Le, Tommy Le, Joey Lin, Yessica Lopez-Del Rio, Jasmine Love, Cathy Lunammachack, Katlin Macias, Lukas Magel, Eric Mahavong, Brenda Mai, Linda Mai, Allison Maier, Hali Martin, Kyle McCarthy, Olivia McCarthy, Alicia McMurter, Liliana Montiel, Linda Namvong, Helen Ney, Bryant Nguyen, Christina Nguyen, Dalena Nguyen, Erica Nguyen, Kayla Nguyen, Khai Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Lina Nguyen, Linda Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Toi Nguyen, Tram Nguyen, Austyn Noblitt, Valerie Noseng, Hailey Oh, Ade Ojo, Tevin Parks, Iris Penaloza Flores, Eva Perez, Thanh Pham, Huynhmy Phan, Ivy Phan, Monyda Pho, Marina Phomakay, Jennifer Phongvilai, Matt Pickett, Yoaly Pizarro, Andrea Ponds, Andrea Randall, Angela Rangel, Emilee Rapp, Anna Rea Gomez, Karson Record, Cameron Rhodes, Brandon Robbins, Alexis Robertson, Kevin Rogers, Emily Rubenich, Ethan Rule, Jennifer Ruvalcaba, Melissa Saengchanh, George Saengsavath, Nancy Saengsavath, Mayra Salazar, DesRae Salvador, Marissa Sampson, Clarissa Sandoval, Rosemary Simpson, Curtis Smith, Shaye Smith, Sidney Smith, Luis Javier Soria, Luis Soto, Bridrek Stevens, Ferris Stieber, Justin Summers, Alyssa Sumrall, Kaylee Swenson, Branden Tang, Nicholas Taylor, Victoria Thach, Devonta Thomas, Tatiana Thompson, Mimi Thoumsavath, Crystal Tran, Jay Tran, Lisa Tran, Michelle Tran, Thomas Tran, Vicky Tran, Binh Truong, Liliana Velasquez, Matthew Vincent, Lindsay Vo, Thack Vo, Primchanok Vongjumnong, Thuy-Tram Vu, Samantha Wallert, Adam West, Tim White, Donice White-Crowder, Derek Whitney, Joel Wiebe, Jasmine Williams, Ciciley Withers, Sean Witt, Amber Wolford, London Wright

Congratulations Buffs!

Congratulations Students of the Month!

The following students have been nominated as the December/January Students of the Month. These students were nominated in one of six categories: Attendance, Academics, Community Service, Service to School, Leadership, or Special Projects. Pictures will be on display on the bulletin board at C and Main hall. A special reception was held January 14 during seminar. Congratulations to all nominees!

Julia Adams, Amy Brown, Evelyn Ceja, Aaron Conway, Wendy Cortez, Trang Dao, Cole Davis, Angela Fantroy-Hankins, Randi Farrington, D'Avonte Garland, Brittany Goeltzenleuchter, Andrea Gonzalez, Shauntoray Grisby, Kristopher Hopper, Tony Huynh, Abimbola Ibidokun, Ashley Jenkins, Ricky Jenkins, Mikisha Jones, Tina Le, Ngan Mai, Brenda Mai, Alison Meeth, Tyler Nguyen, Molly Patton, Ryan Patton, Iris Penaloza Flores, Quaprice Pitts, Emilee Rapp, Carissa Schrimsher, Ted Shrader, Shaye Smith, Curtis Smith, Zac Smith, Hom Souvannarath, Kyle Steventon, Alyssa Sumrall, Minh Tran, and Lilia Treto

Spring sports kick-off

Southeast will host a Spring Sports Fling to kick off the spring sports season on Tuesday, March 9, 2010. All spring sports will be represented, intersquad scrimmages will begin at 3:30 PM. "Chris Cakes" will be providing a Hot Dog Bash beginning at 5:30. Tickets are available from any spring sports athlete or coach. An \$8.00 ticket provides a plate for the "All You Can Eat Hot Dog Bash" with barbeque beans, chips, and pink lemonade. Proceeds from the dinner will support the spring sport it was purchased from. Come out and support our athletes and coaches as they prepare for the season!



Tickets \$8.00 each
"All you can eat" hot dogs and bun, served with bbq beans, chips, and pink lemonade.

Available from spring sports athletes and coaches.



Pictured is 6th Hour "Top Notch" winner, Sean Witt and Mr. Lantz as the "Trumpster".

"Top Notch" Business Winners

Fall semester Intro to Business students got a chance to play an "Apprentice" type game in class that coincided with their curriculum. Students started off on teams and did many projects such as build balloon towers, do something philanthropic for SE, package a new product and more. Students on losing teams then faced the Boardroom and the "Trumpster" to argue their case. Eventually all class players were out of the game except for the top two students in each class. The top two then had a formal interview in front of the class to determine who would come out on "top."

Congratulations to **Sean Witt** and **Tram Nguyen** for being "Top Notch" in their business class. Josh Hernandez and Henry Reyes came in as runners-up.



Pictured is 4th Hour "Top Notch" winner, Tram Nguyen.



Southeast Activities February 2010



Monday, Feb. 1 –

Bowl – SE/West @ Seneca Bowl
Fr BB – SE @ West
All City Band @ Century II

Tuesday, Feb. 2 –

V & G JV BB – SE @ Kapaun
B Fr/So/JV – Kapaun @ SE
All City Orchestra @ Century II

Wednesday, Feb. 3 –

Progress reports distributed
8th grade Open House, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Feb. 4 –

Bowl – East/SE @ Thunderbird
Wr – SE @ South

Friday, Feb. 5 –

Library Coffeeshouse, 2:00 PM
Dive – Manhattan Invitational
V & G JV BB – SE @ BC
B Fr/So/JV BB – BC @ SE

Saturday, Feb. 6 –

Fr/So Wr – @ South Tournament
Swim - @ Manhattan invitational

Monday, Feb. 8 –

Yearbook Group Photos
Bowl – NW v. SE @ Thunderbird
Site Council Mtg – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 9 –

Parent – Teacher Conferences
4:00 – 7:15 PM
V & G JV BB – SE @ Heights
B Fr/So/JV BB – Hts @ SE

Wednesday, Feb. 10 –

Dive – GWAL @ NW

Thursday, Feb. 11 –

Parent – Teacher Conferences
4:00 – 7:15 PM
Quill & Scroll Inductions
Winter Homecoming Assembly
Bowl – BC v. SE @ Thunderbird
Swim – GWAL @ NW
Wr – Kapaun @ SE

Friday, Feb. 12 –

District Inservice Day,
No School
V & G JV BB – South @ SE
B Fr/So/JV BB – SE @ South
Swim – Last Chance Meet
JV Swim – All City Meet

Saturday, Feb. 13 –

Wr – GWAL @ Heights
Homecoming dance @ SE

Monday, Feb. 15 –

President's Day Holiday,
No School
G Fr BB @ Newton Tournament
B So BB – Derby @ SE

Tuesday, Feb. 16 –

Bowl – SE/South @ Seneca
Bowl
V & G JV BB – East @ SE
B Fr/So/JV BB – SE @ East

Thursday, Feb. 18 –

“Footloose” @ NW
G Fr BB @ Newton Tournament

Friday, Feb. 19 –

Dive – State in Topeka
Swim – State in Topeka
“Footloose” @ NW

Saturday, Feb. 20 –

Dive – State in Topeka
Swim – State in Topeka
Wr – Regionals
“Footloose” @ NW
Bowl – GWAL
G Fr BB @ Newton Tournament

Tuesday, Feb. 23 –

Progress Reports distributed
V & G JV BB – North @ SE
B Fr/So/JV BB – SE @ North
All City Choir @ Century II

Thursday, Feb. 25 –

Reality U
V & G JV BB – SE @ West
B Fr/So/JV BB – West @ SE

Friday, Feb. 26 –

Wr – State @ Intrust Arena
Reality U
Cadet Ball @ McConnell

Saturday, Feb. 27 –

Wr – State @ Intrust Arena
Bowl – Regionals

March Highlights

Friday, March 12
Non-teaching duty day
No school

March 15 - 19
Spring Break
No School

March 25
Semester report cards
issued

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Please mark the dates of February 9, 2010 and February 11, 2010 on your calendars for parent-teacher conferences for the spring semester. Our goal is to increase the number of parents who come to these conferences and engage with our staff about your student. It is our hope that all of our students are represented by a parent or guardian during this time.

At Southeast High School, we continue to promote that Failure Is Not An Option! Academics First is designed to put the emphasis on the academic achievement in its proper place which is at the forefront of our efforts and energies at Southeast. During the first semester, an average of 28% of the freshman class, 32% of the sophomore class, 24% of the junior class and 21% of the senior class were on the Academics First list. It is our desire to significantly decrease these percentages. As a reminder, student's names who appear on the list will be encouraged to attend the classes of the teachers that they are not being successful in during seminar for additional assistance. In addition, when a student's name appears on the list they will not be permitted to attend any extracurricular activities as a participant or a spectator until their name is removed from the list. Examples of extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, all athletic contests, fine arts productions, school dances (including prom), field trips, etc.

Finally, on behalf of our staff, thank you for your continued support of our young people and the work that we do in their behalf. It is truly the community, parents, and staff working together that allows us to maintain the tradition of one of the best high schools in the state of Kansas. I believe that as parents you send your best and brightest to Southeast each and every day with the hopes that your child will be motivated and challenged to learn. While students must take an active role in their learning, it is the challenge of our staff to continue to seek new ways and ideas to teach them! It is my job as principal, to motivate and challenge our staff to be the best for your child on a daily basis!

Sincerely,

A. Leroy Parks, Jr.

Southeast Principal

Class of 1986