

March 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

In the past, I have heard people talk of “winter blues” or “winter blahs,” but not this year! There’s excitement and activity around every turn. Four snow days in February created a sense of urgency when we returned to school and got back on the academic schedule. The time off did provide both a recovery period for those suffering from the flu and a break in the spread of germs. Overall, we are blessed with good health and energy for the events of March.

As you continue reading the newsletter, please note the academic excellence of our students. SHG is providing a sound educational foundation for our students’ future plans for college. We are proud of our students who dedicated themselves and their time to WYSE; Science Olympiad; Math Contest; Bridge-building; Academic Team; National Honor Society (induction ceremony and the hours of tutoring our SHG students); National Art Honor Society for their art work throughout the school, the backdrops for family dance, and their trip to Chicago; the students who are preparing for the musical.

There is so much service that our students provide throughout the school year that I can’t even begin to name it all, but I want to personally acknowledge students who generously respond to needs in the school. Besides the above mentioned groups, we have office runners, Guidance runners, the yearbook crew who are capturing the year in print and pictures, table washers, Student Council lunch time helpers, the student who says, “Do you need some help?” and becomes engaged in moving furniture, running an errand, etc., those who bring the dozens of cookies for every event, the callers for the Annual Appeal, the Friends of Rachel who promote positive actions, AND SO MANY MORE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR ACTS OF KINDNESS, SERVICE, AND ALTRUISM. These students truly embrace the mission of our school. They make me proud! They give me and many others hope.

In addition, this first week of March marks the transition from winter sports to spring sports’ practices. We congratulate the winter teams for their hard work and achievements. **THANK YOU TO ALL COACHES FOR YOUR YEAR ROUND DEDICATION.** A first time achievement for the Cyclone Hockey Team was winning the championship game and receiving the Lincoln Land Cup. Congratulations on a great season. This is the tenth year for Cyclone Hockey.

Congratulations also to the Swimming and Diving Teams. Ryan Held and Joe Stegeman represented our teams at state. This March is also the beginning of construction at both campuses. Most of the spring sports practices have been relocated to borrowed or rented spaces made available to the teams. We ask for your patience and awareness of construction workers, traffic flow, and safety issues. Please support these projects with your prayers and financial support to the level to which you are able to give.

Thank you.