



Spring 2008

Shelton High School

# Climber News

## A Message from the Principal ...

Dear Highclimber Parents:

We are looking forward to our 2008 senior class culminating project presentations on May 14. Seniors will have an opportunity on that day to make their presentation to the sophomore and junior CSI classes and to a panel of community members. If you are available to volunteer time to sit on a panel at SHS on that morning, please contact Connie Davidson at SHS. Seniors must present their culminating project on May 14 in order to be eligible to march at the graduation ceremony.

Part of the No Child Left Behind law focuses on having us monitor more closely student attendance. Education and student success is our priority, and having students in the classroom every day is paramount. We are only able to help students achieve if they are in the classroom learning. To that end, we ask for your help in decreasing student absences.

We are already busy planning for next year. We have scheduled August dates for seniors, juniors and sophomores to come to the school to pick up their schedules, take ASB and school pictures and purchase ASB cards and parking permits. It is our hope this will allow for a smooth start to the school year. Dates to be marked on your calendar are:

- August 20 – Seniors
- August 21 – Juniors
- August 22 – Sophomores

You will be receiving more information on this in early August.

To the parents of the Class of 2009, it is not too early for you to begin asking your student about next year's culminating project and 13th year plan that will be required for graduation. These students have been working on these requirements in CSI for the past two years. They should already have had you sign their intent plan for their project and have submitted their mentor name to their CSI teacher.

Your support of our staff, students and school is very much appreciated.

It's a great day to be a Highclimber!

Wanda L. Berndtson

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Families will be informed regarding the scores their students received on the Reading, Writing, and Math portions of the WASL in early June. If a senior student fails to meet standard in Reading or Writing, they will not be able to graduate and walk in the ceremony on June 6. The next opportunity for students to take the Reading and Writing WASL is August 11-14 with the sign-up deadline for the summer administration of the WASL being July 9.

**W** Juniors and seniors who do not  
**A** pass the Math WASL **must**  
**S** take the Math WASL this spring. Those  
**L** who have not passed the Math  
**W** WASL must earn 1 year Math credit  
**A** during their junior and senior years  
**S** or successfully complete an alter-  
**L** native option in order to still meet  
the math requirements for gradua-  
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**W** dents to take the Math WASL is Au-  
**A** gust 11-14.  
**S** Contact Robert Trondsen at SHS  
**L** with any WASL questions.

# Greetings from the Shelton High School Counseling Center!



We hope you enjoyed your Spring Break and are ready to finish out the year at Shelton High School! Doug Colby, Susie Honaker Wirzbicki, and Ida Dightman are your Shelton High School counselors for the 2007-2008 school year. We enjoy working with you and your students and hope that if you have any questions at all, you will contact us.

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<b>SOPHOMORES</b>	<p>We hope your first year at the high school has been a great experience!</p> <p>If you haven't gotten involved in a club or activity, please make a plan to do so. Being in a club can boost your academic and social experience in high school and provide learning tools for your future.</p> <p>If you have <b>failed</b> any classes this year, you owe yourself some credit. Please talk to your counselor about alternative credit options and/or credit retrieval.</p> <p><b>Summer school brochures are available in the office.</b></p>	<b>JUNIORS</b>	<p><b>Thinking about your plans for after high school?</b> This summer be sure that you and your parents/guardians visit colleges that you may be interested in. Call the admissions offices to schedule tours. Don't forget to check out vocational colleges too!</p> <p><b>Use this time to get a jump start and work on your senior project.</b></p> <p><b>Summer Jobs:</b> Lots of jobs become available in the summer. For postings and information, please contact Carol English in the Career Center.</p>
	<p><b>SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS</b></p> <p><b>The SAT and ACT</b> will be offered in June. Registration deadline for SAT is May 6th and the test is on June 7th. Register at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>. Registration deadline for the ACT is May 9th and the test is June 14th. Register at <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>. If you are planning to attend a four year college, you must take at least one of these tests.</p> <p><b>If you are interested</b> in Running Start next year, you will need to take the Accuplacer. Contact Olympic College or SPSCC for dates and times.</p>		<b>SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES</b>
<b>WASL</b>	<p><b>Math WASL</b> dates are April 15th &amp; 16th, with testing starting at 7:45 a.m. Students should bring calculators for the first day, but are not allowed to use calculators or tools (rulers, protractors, etc.) the second day. There are no make up days if a student is absent.</p> <p><u>Juniors who have not passed the Math WASL <b>must</b> take the Math WASL (both days) and continue to earn math credit each semester until they pass the math section.</u></p> <p><u>Class of 2009 who do not pass the Math WASL <b>must</b> take the WASL their junior and senior years and earn 2.0 math credits after their sophomore year.</u></p> <p><b>Science WASL</b> dates (sophomores only) are April 17th &amp; 18th, with testing starting at 7:45 a.m. There are no make up days if a student is absent.</p> <p><b>Students must test both days of math for their test to be scored and both days of science for that test to be scored.</b></p>		

# What's Happening...

## Student of the Week Awards...

The following students have been selected by staff for their outstanding achievements. They were chosen based on the following criteria:

- Improved academic performance
- Outstanding contributions in the class
- Behavioral improvements/good attendance
- Good citizenship/community service.



Our Renaissance program rewards, recognizes and respects student achievement. Congratulations to all recipients.

The following students have been awarded this year:

Adam Manske, Austin Case, Caleb Collins, Damien Lucero, Daniel Harris, Denise Harris, Elise Patterson, Emily Larsen, Hannah Avina, Josh Champney, McKenzie Bernal, Megan Shapiro, Melina Viveros, Michael Rogers, Naomi Quintana, Rachel Buechell, Rachel Fennel, Ryan Pemberton, Sage MacCracken, Santiago Segundo-Nicolas, Sara Huang, Sean Davenport, Seth Elsen, Stephen Burns and Stephanie Blankenship.

## **New Market *Most Employable* Awards**

The following is a list of Shelton High School students who received New Market's Most Employable Award. The Most Employable Award goes to students who stand out in each of their programs. Students are being recognized for their outstanding skills in each of their classes, also for their professional attitudes and knowledge in the particular curriculum they are studying. The Most Employable Ceremony took place at New Market on March 6, 2008. Awards went to:

- Tyler Yates for December in Collision Repair
  - Jay Marshall for January in Collision Repair
  - Neva Lewis for January in DigiPen Computer Science
- Congratulations to Tyler, Jay and Neva!

## **Science Olympiad Team Update:**

Shelton High School's Science Olympiad Team competed at the regional competition March 8<sup>th</sup> at Everett Community College. Science Olympiad is a national competition for middle and high school students to test their science skills in a range of events that include all the major science disciplines. The SHS team competed in two of the lab events (chemistry and physics) and two of the identification events (herpetology and rocks and minerals). Also, the team (with the help of Mr. McCausland) built two instruments from scratch and played two duets in the Sounds of Music competition.

The team scores included:

- Kevin Spaulding placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the Physics event
- Gulnaz Kydyrmaeva and Kevin Spaulding placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the Chemistry event
- Mary Fourre and Marie Zambrano placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Herpetology event
- Mary Fourre and Marie Zambrano placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sounds of Music event
- Khrystal Walton placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the Rocks and Minerals event



Congratulations to all team members!!

May 28th all students will participate in **AIDS training** during CSI. Parents wishing to excuse their students from this training may pick up an "opt out" form in the SHS office.

## **Senior Pictures for Senior Slideshow**

**Seniors, and/or Parents/Guardians of Seniors:** please bring or send a copy of a current picture (sr. portrait or snapshot) and a picture from the past (baby or youngster era) that can be compiled for a special slideshow presentation of class pictures during the Annual SHS Baccalaureate Service scheduled for June 4th and the senior class make up day(s) on June 9 & 10. Please have them in an envelope with your name, address and phone number and give them to Tracey in the Main Office or to Marissa Hill by May 10th. All pictures will be returned as long as they have the necessary identifying information.

**YOU'RE A GOOD MAN,  
CHARLIE BROWN**

As Performed by  
**SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
May 15-17 at 7:00 p.m.  
SHS Auditorium  
Tickets \$7.00

## **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS and RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

To have a transcript sent or a letter of recommendation for college entry or scholarship applications, you **MUST** submit your requests for these documents a minimum of two weeks prior to your actual date of need. Students choosing to submit requests with less than the two week minimum standard may find their requests denied. Students are encouraged to use this same courtesy when approaching teachers, employers, etc. for letters of recommendation.

# UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

Junior Prom	SHS SUB	Saturday, April 19
<u>You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown</u>	SHS Auditorium	May 15-17, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Awards Night	SHS Auditorium	May 22, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Ball	Civic Center	Saturday, May 31
Baccalaureate	SHS Auditorium	Weds., June 4, 6:00 p.m.
SAT Test	SHS SUB	June 7, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
ACT Test	SHS SUB	June 14, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Graduation, 2008	St. Martin's Pavilion	Fri., June 6, 7:00 p.m.



**THE REVISED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, JUNE 17 DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

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