

ATTEND TWO SCHOOLS IN ONE DAY? by Jake Lamar

Attending school is not always one of the most exciting parts of a student's day, but with AVC, it can be. AVC stands for Area Vocational Center, and it's literally changing the lives of our students. The Area Vocational Center located on the campus of Mt. Vernon Township High School was established in 1966 to help meet the needs of students in the area who desired training in the Career and Technical Education Programs, including but not limited to 3-D Drawing and Animation, Computer Programming, Culinary Arts, Transportation, Child Care, and Health Occupations. The AVC serves the following high schools: Mt. Vernon, Woodlawn, Wayne City, Webber, and Waltonville. Mt. Vernon Area Vocational Center is regarded as one of the best secondary vocational training facilities in Southern Illinois with a highly qualified staff dedicated to excellence in career and technical education. WHS pays the cost to attend (\$750) for each interested student. However, if a student chooses not to go or drops a class, he/she is required to reimburse the school the cost of the tuition. Twenty students are selected to be a part of AVC each year. If you are going to be a junior or senior and are interested in AVC, see Mr. Hanner ASAP. Well, I guess it is true; you really can be in two places at once!

SHEEP BRAIN DISSECTION by Chelsea Bergman

WHS Honors juniors and seniors spent a snowy day on February 11th at SLU performing a sheep brain dissection. The university hosts a program called AIMS, Adventures in Medicine and Science, to expose high school students to the latest in the medical research field.

Before starting their own dissection, the instructor showed many human brains. The students saw brains that had suffered from: a stroke, alcoholism, Multiple Sclerosis, and Alzheimer's disease.

The students paired up and performed the sheep brain dissection under the watchful eye of the instructor. "I thought it was interesting because I had never seen a human brain before." Says Gena McKinzie.

The program ended with the instructor sharing with the students the importance of protecting your head. "You only have one brain," he said. "Take care of it." Then, he advised them to make smart decisions and always wear head gear when recommended.

Snow and ice can be pretty for photographers, and fun for students on a day off from school. But these forms of precipitation can cause concern for school administrators. Superintendents watch forecasts, listen to the radio, drive the roads early in the morning, etc. We then talk to each other to get opinions about what the weather is doing in neighboring districts. Then, a decision is made.

Different types of winter weather precipitation causes different driving conditions. If there is wet snow in small amounts, there is usually a small concern for hazardous conditions. Large amounts of accumulating snow of 3 or more inches can cause very hazardous conditions. Of course, the most dangerous conditions are caused by freezing rain, sleet, and ice.

My decision is based on two factors. 1) Are the road conditions too hazardous for buses to pick up & deliver students safely? 2) Are students & staff going to be able to drive to & from school safely? If the answer is no to either question, I am going to call off school. If I make an error, I will try to err on the side of caution. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are always of utmost importance.

COMMUNITY DINNER AND DISCUSSION

TOPIC: *Underage Drinking*

Thursday, March 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Woodlawn Community Building

All Community Members Invited

Presentation by WHS Students & Informal Discussion

BBQ Dinner and Door Prizes; No Cost to Attend

For more information, contact Celeste Robinson at 316-3396

counselor's corner

Scheduling classes for next school year is going to begin in March 2008. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors were provided registration worksheets during their recent class meetings. This is the first step to draft a wish list of classes for the 2008 - 2009 "Master Schedule". Students will have a one-on-one meeting with Mr. Hanner in March and April to go over required courses and electives. At the conclusion of that meeting they will receive a hardcopy list of potential classes to take home for parental review. Incoming freshmen will attend orientation on March 6th @ 7:00PM and registration on March 10 @ 7:00PM. A final schedule will be provided to all Woodlawn High School students before the end of this school year.

sketchy sketches by vanessa and alex



chatter box

Q: What team is going to win the NCAA March Madness? What would you bet on it?

A: "Duke Blue Devils. No, I'm not Pete Rose; I don't bet on sports." Kevin Vasquez '08

A: "Duke, and probably Lucas Greenwalt's life." Jordan Wehrheim '09

A: "Tennessee, I would bet my sister Brittanie Spanbauer's 2002 Ford Mustang!" Andrew Spanbauer '11

Q: What teacher in your opinion will win the Biggest Loser contest (Started in February)? Why?

A: "Mr. DeBoard, he's using methods that no one else dares to try! ;)" Cody Smith '08

A: "Mr. DeBoard- he runs during my P.E. !" Abby Hassler '08

A: "Mrs. Witzel! She is cool & likes diet soda!" Taylor Sprehe '10

Q: Spring Break is coming up at WHS, what are your plans?

A: "BASEBALL PRACTICE!!!" Ethan Shurtz '08

A: "Hopefully having FUN!-duh." Rachel Hunsell '09

A: "All nighters, spray cheese, and no parents!" :) Jamie Meadows '10

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