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Proficiency Exams

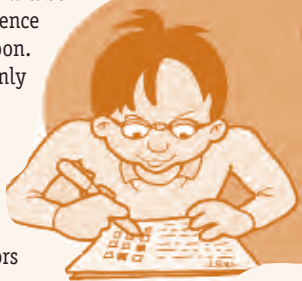
The next round of the Nevada High School Proficiency Exams will be proctored the week of March 5-9. To prepare our students, after-school tutoring for the math exam will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:00 beginning January 31st.

Tuesday, March 6th will be the "common testing" day. On this date, all freshmen, juniors that have passed the math and science exams, and seniors that have passed the math and science exams will not attend school. All sophomores and juniors/seniors that have not passed the math and/or science exam will take these exams on this day. The remaining days of the week will be normal school days. All students will be in attendance. The testing for the week is as follows:

Tuesday: Common Day. The math exam will be administered in the morning and the science exam will be administered in the afternoon. Special education students will take only the math exam on this date.

Wednesday: Writing exam for non-proficient juniors and seniors in writing.

Thursday: Reading exam for all sophomores and non-proficient juniors and seniors in reading.



FCCLA Holiday Party

FCCLA had a fun Holiday Social on December 5th in the Coyote Ballroom. The Glee Club sang, HOSA club members joined the party, and there was food and snacks galore. In the spirit of giving during the holiday season, FCCLA members brought clothes to donate to Goodwill.

FCCLA also donated a Gingerbread House to Opportunity Village's Magical Forest and to the City of Henderson for Winter Fest.

A gingerbread house, created by Ronnily Viray, Alonso Najar, and Raul Silva.



Joey Kim, Vice President of Community Service, donates to Goodwill.

AMA WINNER HOT CHELLE RAE PERFORMS AT THE SWCTA

On November 21, 2011, the SWCTA student body received a free concert from the band Hot Chelle Rae. The previous night, the band won the American Music Awards "Best New Artist" award. The concert was given after Mrs. Laura Penrod's Freshman Studies classes won an anti-bullying contest, sponsored by radio station KLUC 98.5, in conjunction with the organization "fliphthescriptnow.org". The SWCTA won for having what the contest organizers call "Southern Nevada's largest commitment to combat bullying". The group did not disappoint, performing six songs, including their massive hit "Tonight, Tonight". Congratulations to Mrs. Penrod and all of her students for winning the contest and earning the concert.



Mrs. Michelle Schmitt, Ms. Anne Kalenowicz, Mr. Michael Butler, and Mrs. Felicia Nemcek pose with the members of Hot Chelle Rae.



Marina Triplett, Tazia Statucki, April Bitanga, Faith Manley, and Elaine Wong wrap gifts at R.E.I.

Southwest Shadow

The Southwest Shadow spent a busy day at R.E.I. wrapping gifts to raise money for their trip to Seattle in April. Patrons of the store could have their gifts wrapped for a donation on-site. The Southwest Shadow would like to thank R.E.I. for affording them this opportunity, as well as the teachers and staff who also supported the publication's fundraiser.



Faith Manley and Elaine Wong wrap presents.

Breakdance Club

The SWCTA Breakdance club is currently in their 3rd year on the SWCTA campus. The club members are steadily improving their skills and several members can now perform windmills, handstands, a variety of cool freezes and stalls. This year the club has more talent than ever before. The club has participated in two performances so far this year and are currently investigating the possibility of SWCTA hosting an inter-high school breakdance battles. The club welcomes any student interested in dance, parkour, or acrobatic self-expression to join us at our next practice! Breakdance club meets every Tuesday in the gym from 2-4 p.m.



Mr. O'Brien demonstrates a headstand.

Digital Game Development Program

The 10th grade Digital Game Development students created original games using the Scratch program before the Winter Break. Students will be able to submit their games to the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Video Game Competition. The 11th grade Digital Game Development students have started to learn coding using Java. Students are learning the basics of Java so that they can apply those skills to create a game in the second semester. The seniors are in the process of creating a game that could be played on iOS devices, such as iPods or iTouches. In addition, the seniors are continuing their capstone projects and will be presenting in January regarding their progress at the half-way mark of the school year.

Watch the Daily News Online

Students in our advanced Broadcast Journalism classes are responsible for producing "Rout(e) 131," a daily news show that keeps the student body and staff informed about the events at our school. This show is taped every morning during first block, and is streamed to the entire school at the beginning of second block. This show is also posted online every day, usually before 8:30, and can be accessed by going to [swcta.net](http://www.swcta.net) and clicking on the Rout(e) 131 Broadcast link at the top of the page. It can also be accessed directly by going to http://www.swcta.net/teachers/rizzo/cdm/cdm_main.html

The Southwest CTA Online Store is Open

Parents, students, and staff members can now buy SWCTA gear, memorabilia, and accessories online. The SWCTA has created an online store where one can purchase items for men, women, youth, babies/toddlers, and accessories. To shop, visit the Southwest CTA Store.

The Southwest Howl Yearbook

The first run of the 2011-2012 Southwest Howl Yearbook has sold out. An additional 100 copies of the yearbook have been ordered for purchase. The current price is \$90 until January 20th, when the price will increase to \$100. Please make sure to visit the banking office today to pre-order your copy!

Parent and Student Surveys Now Online

The Southwest CTA has begun the process to be accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. As a part of the process, the Southwest CTA needs feedback from our parents and students. We would like to invite parents and students to take the survey online. Visit swcta.net for the link and thank you for your participation.

Respiratory Club

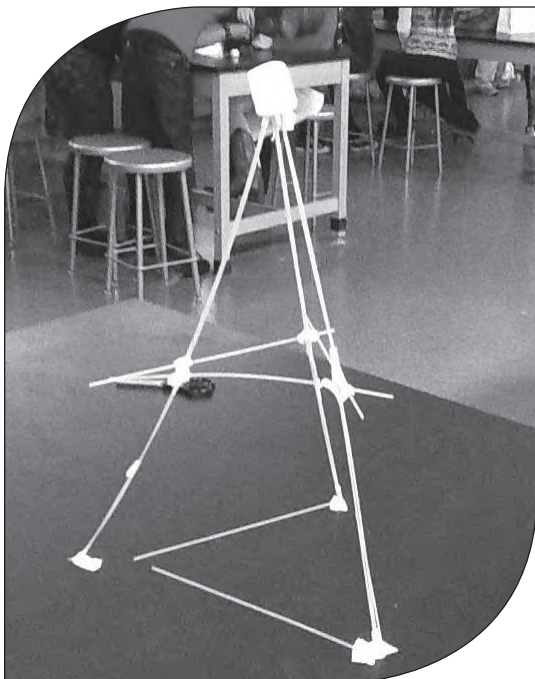
The Respiratory Club recently sponsored "Respiratory Care Week". This is a nationally celebrated week designed to bring awareness to the profession and to educate students through demonstrations of various activities, such as suturing, CPR, vital signs, and the hazards of smoking. The activities were very popular with the student body.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

The 11th grade Respiratory Therapy students recently completed health science activities with SWCTA's P.O.S.T students. Students were measured for height, weight, and blood pressure. The respiratory students also taught the P.O.S.T. students proper hand washing techniques. Each P.O.S.T student used the "glow germs", a chemical that makes germs glow-in-the-dark. Then their hands were checked with a glow light, both before they washed hands and after, to show how successful they were with effectively washing their hands. It was great to see the interaction of all the students working together.

MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE

On December 15th and 16th, the science department held the "Marshmallow Challenge". The challenge required teams of students to plan, prototype, then build a tower made of pasta and tape. The goal was for this tower to hold a marshmallow at the top, without breaking or falling over. Many student teams were able to construct a tower that was able to support the weight of the marshmallow. Both the students and the teachers enjoyed the challenge.



A completed tower for the Marshmallow Challenge.

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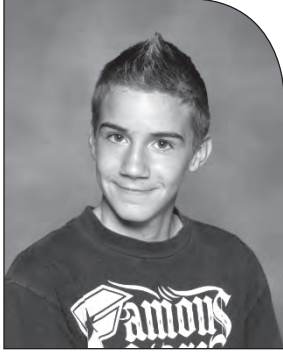
FBLA MEMBERS HAD A BUSY MONTH IN DECEMBER. SEVERAL MEMBERS TRAVELED TO THE THREE SQUARE WAREHOUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "BACKPACK FOR KIDS" PROGRAM. FBLA MEMBERS JOINED FORCES WITH OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PACKAGE OVER 2500 BAGS OF FOOD FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. ALSO DURING DECEMBER, FBLA SPONSORED A SCHOOL-WIDE FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION BETWEEN SEVERAL SWCTA SCHOOL-SPONSORED CLUBS. THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF THE STUDENTS AT SOUTHWEST CTA, THE FBLA FOOD DRIVE COLLECTED OVER 2000 FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO THREE SQUARE. FBLA MEMBERS DELIVERED THE FOOD TO THE X107.5 FOOD DRIVE FOR THREE SQUARE AND FILLED UP TWO PALLETS WITH THE ITEMS COLLECTED. WAY TO GO COYOTES!

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October

Professional Service Academy



Austin Seger
Grade 9



Kevin To-ong
Grade 10



Vivian Sam
Grade 11



Tazia Statucki
Grade 12

Design Academy

Congratulations Coyotes!!!



Zhe Zhang
Grade 9



Nicholas Johnson
Grade 10



Reegan Gunter
Grade 11



Nathalie Saligumba
Grade 12

November

Professional Service Academy



Rachel Kimmich
Grade 9



Purna Patel
Grade 10



Judy Chau
Grade 11



Jobely Alvarez
Grade 12

Design Academy



Ronn Quijada
Grade 9



Brandon Belchar
Grade 10



Flora Shi
Grade 11



Nathan Emmons-Farrell
Grade 12

October



Kurt Bargy
Program Teacher



Josh Locklear
Core Teacher



Vicki Smith
Program Teacher



Krista Boivie
Core Teacher



Maureen Clark
Program Teacher



Mike Lane
Core Teacher



JD Fraser
Elective/PE/Itinerant Teacher



Diana McAllister
Support Staff



Laura Penrod
Elective/PE/Itinerant Teacher



Karen Valerio
Support Staff



Tom Rizzo
Elective/PE/Itinerant Teacher



Brad Burton
Support Staff

November

December

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

STAFF OF THE MONTH

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COUNSELOR News

PSAT Results

10th and 11th grade students received their PSAT score results on January 4, 2012 . These results are intended to help students evaluate their skill levels in academics, prepare for the SAT and to compare their readiness for college. Please review these results with your student by utilizing the PSAT Score Explanation video located on our school website @ www.swcta.net/counseling.

Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year!

Materials for registration next year will be distributed in February. Students will begin selecting their classes for next school year in the month of February. Please review these decisions with your student carefully, as we encourage all students to challenge themselves with their class selections.

Junior/Sophomore College Night - Thursday, February 2nd 6:00-7:30 - Coyote Ballroom

Everett Jackson, from CollegeBoard will present on college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and Advanced Placement classes. This meeting will address all of your questions and concerns about how to get started on the college path and prepare for life after high school. All 10th and 11th grade students are invited to attend this informational meeting. The presentation will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the Coyote Ballroom and a question and answer session will follow from 7:00-7:30.

REMINDER TO ALL JUNIORS

College entrance exams should be completed by the end of your junior year. Do not wait until your senior year to do this!

Register online for April, May, June ACT/SAT exams. The SWCTA school code is 290213.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SAT TEST DATE

sat.collegeboard.org/register April 6, 2012

May 5, 2012

May 8, 2012

June 2, 2012

REGISTRATION DEADLINE ACT TEST DATE

www.actstudent.org March 9, 2012

April 14, 2012

May 4, 2012

June 9, 2012

Upcoming Events

February 8	10 th Grade Professional Service Academy Class Ring Presentation, Advisory Period
February 8	Class Ring Ordering, Both Lunches
February 15	Class Ring Ordering, Both Lunches
February 15	PAC Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Coyote Ballroom
February 15-16	Culinary ProStart Competition
February 20	President's Day, NO SCHOOL
February 21	Staff Development Day, NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
March 5-9	Proficiency Testing
March 14	Graduation Announcement Delivery
March 21	PAC Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Principal's Conference Room



COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE!!!



HOSA

During December, HOSA participated in the Three Square food drive and collected cat and dog food for the MSPCA. Students also sponsored a successful coat, jacket, and sweater drive for Nevada Partners, a program for homeless teens. Over 10 large boxes of gently used clothing were collected at a value of \$800. Students also collected nine boxes of gently new and used books of all genres to stock their bookshelves at Nevada Partners.

Each year in January, HOSA sponsors a toiletry drive for the homeless CCSD teens. Small bottles (travel size) of shampoos, soap, lotion, toothpaste, etc. are collected to stock backpacks, so students whom are displaced will have access to these items on a daily basis. Parents are encouraged to donate any of these items to assist this program. Last year, HOSA collected over 1400 bottles for donation and this year the students would like to break that record. Parents can donate these items via a student or drop them off in the designated donation box in the front office.

HOSA competition events are in full swing. Students must have been members by October 31st to compete in various health science events at the State Leadership Conference Mar 22-24, 2012 at the Palace Station and the College of Southern Nevada. Students will begin testing for the various events on January 30 to earn a spot in the competition. For each event, the top three winners will be invited to attend the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, from June 23rd -26th, 2012.

