La Center High School
March 20, 2012

Curriculum - Mrs. Bound's U.S. History class invited parents and administrators to be part of the presentation of the WWII Preamble. Student groups presented each part of the Preamble with details of why our government chose to be specific in finding ways to help our nation prosper. The students did a great job of defending their reasons with specific answers to the questions from the audience.

HSPE Reading and Writing exams took place this past week. Students are required to take the HSPE as a sophomore and must pass the exam as part of their graduation requirements. The exams took three days to complete and results will arrive from the state sometime in August.

Athletics & Activities- Sam Wise was invited to the Washington All State Basketball Team.
Megan Van Soest received a partial scholarship to play soccer at Lower Columbia College.
Dance team travels to the state competition on March 24th in Yakima.
Baseball has started their season with a 1-2 record but is 1-1 in league games.
Boys soccer is 3-1 so far this year and shows promise to be one of the top 3 teams in league.
Fast Pitch has only been able to play the one game but won 28-1...promising young team.
Track has one of its largest turnouts that is has had in a long time. They have competed in two meets thus far.
Girls Golf won their first match of the year.

Equestrian:

- The team is having a very successful start to their season. Their first meet was held at the Clark County Fairgrounds (CCFG) were Tessa Littlefield placed 1st in Roping.

FBLA:

- The following students will be competing at the State Tournament in Spokane on April 13th and 14th:

Hannah McNeal – 1st place in Public Speaking and 4th in Client Services

Wyatt Tetz – 2nd place in Introduction to Business
Josh McNeal – 2nd place in Future Business Leader
Scott Barger – 4th place in Economics
Madison Johnson – 4th place in Business Communications

Team Events (top 5):
2nd place in Business Ethics: Justin Kempt and JC Mendez
4th place in Marketing: JC, Justin and Scott Barger
4th place in Emerging Business Issues: Tetz, Blane Blakeslee, Blake Johnston
2nd place in Entrepreneurship: Tetz, Blakeslee, Johnston

Knowledge Bowl

- Competed at the State Competition in Spokane on March 17th. They were 4 points from qualifying for the semi-finals

Music

- Is preparing for their next concert on March 26th at 7:00 pm in the high school commons

Teachers – As we continue to look at ways to bridge the gap between 8th grade to 9th grade, our Science teachers are stepping up to the plate by finding time before school to meet with the middle school science teachers to discuss curriculum, expectation at the 8th and 9th grade levels, ideas within the science program to expand on the Pathways opportunities and concerns within the programs. The time for collaborate is critical for the teachers to dialogue in finding ways to help bridge this gap with our freshman so they can be successful.

Don Landes-McCulough is in the final stages of writing and scoring a musical for our students. It is entitled "The Birds" and is a spoof off the old Alfred Hitchcock movie. He and the students are making dozens of different puppets to perform in this production. The show opens May 10 and runs through May 12. The puppets are spectacular! Students have shared their puppets with many of us and we have enjoyed watching them practice. I'm looking forward to this show and hope you can make it!

We would like to welcome Christa Rubadue to the high school staff as a new special education para-educator. She is helping our students during periods 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Christa spends the rest of her day at the middle school, where she has been working for several years. Many of our students already know her, which has helped in the transition. We thank her for her service.

Also, our athletic director, Aaron McCoy, has a great opportunity to help in the middle school for a couple of hours each day with David Cooke. Aaron is helping supervise during lunch time and building positive relationships with students as well as doing some

learning walks, helping with discipline issues and work with the middle school students in the classes and staff. This is a great learning opportunity for Aaron.

Students- Students were given the Curriculum Guide in Navigation and asked to begin registering for next year's classes. Students have had time to review their High School and Beyond plan including seeing how their classes are matching up with their Pathway selection. Scheduling runs from March 21st to the 28th. Students will register on-line and then after Spring Break we will begin to forecast classes that will be part of the master schedule based on student enrollment.

The Leadership class is organizing and hosting the game "Quarantine" for the second year. This fundraiser is a fun activity for high school students to participate in teams as they sneak pass zombies that try to stop them from making it to the safe antidote that will help mankind. It takes place Saturday, March 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come join the fun!

Respectfully submitted,

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