

North Star Charter

February 14th,
2008

Attendance Report

Kindergarten	– 98.1%
1 st Grade	– 96.6%
2 nd Grade	– 96.0%
3 rd Grade	– 83.7%
4 th Grade	– 100%
5 th Grade	– 98.4%
6 th Grade	– 93.1%
7 th Grade	– 95.3%
8 th Grade	– 92.3%
9th Grade	- 93.2%
School %	- 94.7%

Remember: we receive full funding for our school when we are at 96% average daily attendance or above.

****High School News****

We are excited to announce that we are working on a contract with Eagle Nazarene Church to host our high school for next year. This site has large classrooms, a commons area for eating lunch and hanging out, huge outdoor fields, a performing arts room with stage and 'space', and a gymnasium.

Our high school course requirements and IB information are on the website under the high school section.

- ◆ School hours: 7:45-2:15
- ◆ Busing available
- ◆ Laptop lab
- ◆ Band, guitar, jazz band, piano lab
- ◆ Extracurricular activities: Key Club, National Honor Society, girls and boys basketball, volleyball, Challenge Days/Be the Change
- ◆ Monthly grade level "out-to-lunch" days
- ◆ Votes on school mascot and colors soon to be announced.

Land At last!

We have found the perfect spot for the future home of North Star Charter K-12. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that North Star will be relocating to Linder Road on a 15 acre parcel that is contiguous with the new Legacy subdivision. You may remember recent discussions about a spot on Park Lane that was 10 acres. This new spot on Linder is less money and more land. We remain committed and are on schedule with our opening date Fall 2009! More news to come and a sign will be up soon! Special thanks to Galan Merrill, Joe DeVera, and Phyllis Smith for their patience and fortitude over this two year process. Their diligence has led us to the best option for our school.

Sallie Herrold, Trustee

North Star Open House!

Many parents have questions about next year's off-site campus for 8th ,9th, and 10th as well as questions about our high school on our new Linder site. Please plan on attending this event to get your questions answered. Topics to be discussed:

- ◆ Foreign Language (Spanish/ Japanese)
- ◆ IB and service trips
- ◆ High school course offerings
- ◆ Business/Econ classes
- ◆ Satellite Site
- ◆ Music Classes
- ◆ PTO presentation
- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ New Building/ Land updates
- ◆ International Showcase Event
- ◆ Extracurricular high school activities
- ◆ Meet some of our new high school teachers.

**NSCS Student Ranks High
In Math Competition**

On February 9th, **Andrew Butler** represented North Star Charter School at the regional middle school *Mathcounts* competition. Andrew ranked 17th out of 90+ participants. Congratulations Andrew! We can't wait to see what North Star students can accomplish at next year's event!

Save the Dates!

March 13, 2008: College Night for all 9th graders and their parents.

April 10, 2008: North Star's first annual International Showcase at Eagle High Cafeteria. All North Star students will be performing at this event.

Job Opening

We are currently looking for part - time Para-Professionals to work at North Star. If you are interested, please send your resume to Diana Wold or Phyllis Smith.

Turn in Those Box Tops!

It's time to gather all the Box Tops you've been saving and send them to school. The PTO's goal is to raise \$500.00 with the Box Top program this year. Please trim your Box Tops and send them to school in bundles or bags of 50. Please mark each bag with the number of Box Tops it contains. If you don't have enough to complete a bundle, send in the extras and we'll add it to another bundle. (If you don't have time to trim and bundle them, send them in anyway!) Our submission has to be postmarked by the end of the month, so **please bring in all Box Tops by Monday, February 25th**. There will be envelopes or boxes in each of the classrooms, or they can be turned in at the front desk. Thanks for clipping and saving and making money for your school. Then remember to keep collecting Box Tops for next year. Ask family, friends and neighbors to save them as well!

"Dear Jenny/Dear Johnny"

The Yearbook Club, *LaJeNnY*, has started up again! And with it has come the new advice column, "Dear Jenny/Dear Johnny." North Star students will be able to ask advice on any subject. A few questions will be answered in the North Star Weekly Newspaper by anonymous *LaJeNnY* members.

From questions on progress in our school to how to handle a sticky situation, "Jenny" and/or "Johnny" can answer. Place your question in the box located in the front hallway of the school to the left of the computer room entrance.

LaJeNnY is an all inclusive club hoping to recruit a few more 5th - 9th grade students. Please come if you can. We hope this new column will benefit the students of North Star.

Tori Milburn,
LaJeNnY member

On Friday, February 8th, the middle-school students rode the bus to Idaho Ice World, which is in Boise, for 30 minutes, to go ice skating. For many students it was the first time on the ice. "I had the best time ever. I totally want to do that again later this year," said anonymous student after the field trip. While some others were racing around the rink, some were just excited to be out there and with friends. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries other than a student who fell and hurt her head although she is fine now. We left the school at 2:30, skated, and took a total of an hour long bus trip and got back at 5:45. We took pictures, many of which will be featured in the 2007-2008 yearbooks. This is just one of the many middle-school field trips that will be happening this year.

Lindsey Fillmore, Student Journalist

