

Superintendent/Principal January 2009 Report

Superintendent Report

Music Department: During the month of January, I met with the staff from the music department to discuss this year's re-organization. It has been determined that the changes have been very positive. These staff members will continue to meet in the up-coming months to review the music program and to discuss additional changes.

Scholars Luncheon: On January 13, senior Ryan Normandin, received this year's Worcester County Superintendent's Association award. This award was given to Ryan based on his outstanding academic achievements and his contributions to the school community.

Meetings: Administrative meetings were held this month to discuss FY09 budget, FY10 budget, and plans for MCAS testing. Throughout the month, I have continuously met with students and parents on a regular basis to address programs and discipline. I have met with several staff members to discuss union related issues, sick bank requests, and personnel concerns. I continue to meet with the administrative staff in the high school to discuss school building concerns.

Principal Report

The Uxbridge Public Schools has been awarded a generous planning grant from the Massachusetts Partnership for Healthy Communities to begin developing a youth coalition. This group will enable community agencies, schools, state and local institutions, parents and students, to join together to build a healthier community! The Blackstone Valley Youth Coalition, through a multi-year plan, will meet monthly and look at ways of reducing high risk behaviors of our youth. Community assessment, collaboration and information sharing, and effective program planning, will ultimately provide positive opportunities and resources for the youth of Uxbridge. Alison Dwyer, our School Adjustment Counselor at the High School, is leading this program. I will update you periodically on the activities of this group.

Teacher, Don Geissler and senior Samantha Bedard have begun to implement a recycling program and a recycling club at the High School. The focus of the Recycle & Go Green Club is to heighten awareness at the UHS of the issues such as recycling and energy conservation as well as implementing programs that make UHS a Greener community. Objectives of the Club are to:

- Heighten awareness of UHS and town communities of the importance and frailness of our environment.
- Continue to implement programs at UHS that will improve the quality of our environment such as recycling bottles, cans, old computers, printer ink cartridges, copper and other reusable commodities.

- Continue to implement programs at UHS that will save energy and, at the same time, save money for the school and town.
- Assess, identify and address other areas of the school that use energy ineffectively, thereby reducing and/or eliminating waste and saving money.
- Join forces with the community at some point to expand the Club's goals, ideas, and activities into the Uxbridge community. Activities potentially include (but are not limited to) drop off/pick up recycle material.
- Become active with the building of the new school to ensure attention is paid to the environmental issues.

Finally, our first step will be to start the Go Green Club and begin to move UHS to a more Green environment by identifying and implementing more projects at the school.