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Operational Report – March 2010
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UHS Activities/Recognition

- Thank you to seniors Sarah Zeis, Katelyn O'Neil, Max Leary, Kelly Cotter and Kym Kerr and to juniors Dan Tessier and Katie Larrivee for speaking to their classmates about their Advance Placement experience(s) at the program of studies assembly.
- Thank you to seniors Jeff Copland, Kelly Cotter, Katelyn O'Neil, Sarah Zeis and Domenico Favaro for speaking about the UHS program of studies to the 8th graders at Whitin.
- Congratulations to juniors Emily Drywa and Tara Feeley for being chosen as The Girls State Citizens from UHS. They will attend the Annual Massachusetts Girls State session in June.
- The following students attended the YouLEAD leadership/drug awareness conference in Franklin at the MIAA office: Tim Beaudette, Emily Cahill, Steve Derderian, Mark DeVries, Taurie Gniadek, Allison Graham, Brandon Hetherington, Meryl Hoffman, Nick Maloney and Brianna Perry. They were chaperoned by math teacher Georgette Knapp and Special Education teacher Justin Pominville.
- Congratulations to Andrea Hession and Wesley Gabree on being recognized as the *February* Senior of the Month.
- Congratulations to Jacquelyn Gianetti and Joshua Poole on being recognized as the *March* Senior of the Month.

Subject Overview:

Foreign Language

- March 1 & 2-- Mrs. Brooks' Honors Spanish 2 class and Mrs. Plasse's Cultural Foods class worked together to create a Spanish meal. Mrs. Brooks' students did research on the eating habits of the Spanish culture and their most popular dishes and ingredients then prepared a PowerPoint with the information. They presented the information to the Foods class. The foods class prepared a Spanish meal for all. It was very fun!

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- March 5--Mrs. Brooks' Spanish 1 class Skyped with the class they have been emailing from Jalapa, Mexico. The students asked and answered questions for more than 30 minutes. The dialogue was in English so that the Mexican students could practice. The instructor from Mexico and Mrs. Brooks are planning on continuing this exchange and hopefully, the Uxbridge students will have enough language to practice their Spanish next time!

Social Studies

- Selectman Michael Potaski gave an interesting presentation to Mrs. Puckett's and Mr. Hutchings' classes. He has been conducting research into the history of slavery and the abolitionist movement in Uxbridge. Some of the areas he discussed were:
 1. Background of Slavery in Massachusetts Bay Colony
 2. Slavery in colonial Uxbridge
 3. Uxbridge Freedmen and other minorities in the early Republic
 4. Case study of the Willard family
 5. The Abolitionist movement in Uxbridge & Massachusetts
 6. Blacks and other minorities in early industrialized Uxbridge
- Senator Moore visited Uxbridge High. He answered questions from students in Mr. Hutchings' Government class and members of the Student Council Executive Board. The students were interested in the Senator's views on health care reform, and the school building situation. The UHS Food Service department prepared a delicious luncheon for the Senator and the students.

Family and Consumer Science

- Rebecca Plasse attended a workshop on Italian Cuisine where she prepared Sweet Potato Gnocchi and enjoyed an Italian dinner.
- The innovative Study Buddies Program came to an end with the conclusion of second trimester. An average of twenty second graders came to school early on Tuesdays and Fridays to meet with Child Development students from the high school for language and math tutoring. The pilot program was met with much enthusiasm. It is hoped that the program can be repeated next year.
- Sue Priore was a member of a NEASC accreditation team for Turners Falls High School. She served on the School Resources standard.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

- SADD is currently hosting a shoe drive for Soles4Souls. There are collection boxes located at the Town Hall, Uxbridge Public Library and Uxbridge High School. We have collected over 50 pairs of gently used shoes that will be donated to people all over the world. The shoe drive last thru April 15, 2010.

- SADD is excited to have Sober Thoughts on April 28, 2010. This presentation on substance abuse will provide a mock car crash scene in collaboration with the Uxbridge Police Department and Uxbridge Fire Department.

Student Council

- Attended the annual MASC (Massachusetts Association of Student Councils) Spring Conference. The council was awarded a **Gold Council of Excellence** for the submission of their Excellence Award. This is the highest level of Excellency a council can be awarded. In addition, the council was awarded a Top Ten Project Award for its CMASS Idol Project.
- Held its annual Iflirtz fundraiser. Students filled out surveys and were allowed to purchase the results for \$2. The council sold about 50 surveys.
- Continued its “pie a teacher” in the face contest by donated food into designated staff boxes. The council collected almost 300 cans, and the lucky winners were Mr. Arnold and Ms. Bennett who were “pied” at half-time of the student-faculty basketball game.
- Sold MD Shamrocks to help with the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.
- Is collecting used prom and semi-formal dresses for a local company, Body Utopia. In April, Body Utopia will hold a dress sale where all proceeds will be donated back to the school.
- Is collecting recipes to create a Haiti Cookbook. The recipes will be organized and sold with proceeds from the sale of the book to be sent to a Haiti relief effort.

Visual Arts

- On March 9, 2010 the following high school artists were recognized for their outstanding talent at the UPS Celebrating the Arts Night (listed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention order):
 - Drawing: Krista Perry, Cody Tourville, Dana Renault, Kayla Meidema
 - Collage: Victoria Basiner, Kaylee Lavalley, Hannah Ferris, Tony Petrillo
 - Sculpture/Ceramics: Emily Drywa, Rachel Lozeau, Libbi Richardson, Zach Chauvin
 - Painting: Nicole Venditti, Harley Bison, Tatianna Schauer, Bradley Couture

Performing Arts

- On March 9, 2010 the UHS Jazz Band and Rock Blues Band performed as part of Celebrate the Arts night at Whitin Middle School. Wonderful performances both high school groups were done and enjoyed by a packed cafeteria of friends and family.

Drama Club

- An outstanding job was done by the cast and crew of Grease! Kuddos to *cast members*: Dan Penza, Tara Feeley, Andre Caron, Brandon Hetherington, David Roxo, Billy Ferrara, Jacquelyn Gianetti, Lauren Robinson, Cassey Harrington, Tatiana Schauer, Abby White, Rachel Boatman, Ben Wright, Callen Gardner, Felicia Dion, Stephen Shenouda, Hannah Cohen, Lauren Hammer, Fredrick Aldrich, Jamie St. Pierre and Dan Murray; to the *crew*:

Alex Brule, Kris MacNeill, Richard Lanoue, Kayla Miedema, Devin Doppler, Krista Perry, Barbara Emerick; to the *band*: Brett Penza, Doug Williamson, Greg Loell, Mark Mandeville, Chris Bill; to *choreographer*: Jessie DeYoung (G'05); and to *directors*: Nick LaPete and Mary Guilmette.

Interscholastic Sports:

On Tuesday March 16th, coaches presented Varsity Letters and certificates to all winter athletes. Coaches Awards, Sportsmanship Awards, and SWCL All Star certificates were also announced.

Coaches Award

Girls Basketball- Jaime McQuade
Boys Basketball– Daniel Tessier (Dennis Lynch Memorial)
Girls Track and Field- Samantha Copland and Sarah Zeis
Boys Track and Field- Jerome Drane
Cheerleading- Kym Kerr and Kayleigh Hodgdon

Sportsmanship Award

Girls Basketball- Stephanie Benoit
Boys Basketball- Kyle Tatum
Girls Track and field- Jen Rosa
Boys Track and field- Steve Derderian
Cheerleading- Kelly Cotter

Southern Worcester County League All Stars

First Team

Track and Field: Peter Mannka, Samantha Copland, Emily Cahill, Chelsey Peso, Sarah Zeis, Debra Lopes, Stephanie Seagrave, Jessica Drane
Boys Basketball: Dan Tessier, Corey Gomes


Second Team

Track and Field: Andrew Reardon, Jerome Drane, Matt O' Hara, Laura Sarrasin
Samantha Copland, Jen Rosa
Girls Basketball: Libbi Richardson
Boys Basketball: Mark DeVries

Upcoming Monthly Events

- Boston Symphony Orchestra Field Trip April 1
- Good Friday – No School April 2
- Monthly faculty meeting April 5
- Monthly UHS Crisis Team meeting April 5
- Administrative Meeting April 5
- School Council Meeting Monthly April 7
- Blackstone Valley Coalition Meeting on April 9
- Spring Music Concert April 13
- Empty Bowls Fundraiser April 14
- Monthly District Crisis Team meeting April 14
- Prom Fashion Show April 15

- Spring Vacation April 19 – 23
- Curriculum and Instructors Meeting April 26
- Mass Forum Training – Blackstone Valley Youth Coalition April 27
- EPP Testing April 27 - 29

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara B. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'B'.

Tara B. Bennett, UHS Principal