

## RECENT ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

**FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

*Thursday is a late day with assembly at 8:45 am.*

### **Announcements**

\*Chem Club: Meeting Wednesday at 7:45 am.

\**Review*: Regular meeting tomorrow at 7:45 am and meeting of editors tomorrow during seventh period lunch. Deadline for all submissions is March 1!

\*Temple Grandin: Several years ago Stella Dee '08, a recipient of the Newman Prize (which gives one junior the opportunity to meet with a famous American of his/her choice), met with Temple Grandin. Dr. Grandin is an animal scientist and autism expert. This month HBO is airing a movie about Dr. Grandin.

\*Yearbook: Meeting today from 3:00 to 5:30 pm.

### **Congratulations to...**

- ▶ The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who performed in last Thursday's instrumental concert
- ▶ Olga Russell (German) who became a U.S. citizen Friday
- ▶ All who helped with and attended Friday's Dance Marathon
- ▶ All those who played in or attended Saturday's varsity basketball games at Wash U
- ▶ The wrestling team which clinched the ABC League title over the weekend
- ▶ Mr. Nguyen (math) whose birthday is today!

**FEBRUARY 5, 2010 – NO SCHOOL**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

### **Announcements**

\*Charity at the Seams: Starting next week and running for several weeks there will be a children's winter clothing drive; collected items will go to the Goodwill (which will accept lightly used clothing) and Coat A Kid (which will only accept new clothes). Cash contributions are also welcome; please direct to Ms. Madigan.

\*Dance Marathon: Before showing a promotional DM video, the Dance Marathon organizers reminded everyone to dress up – rogue or in keeping with the event theme of dancing around the world – and to sign up for video play in the commons.

\*Science Olympiad: Bake sale today!

### **Animal Adoption**

Donya Allison added a footnote to the assembly presentation on puppy mills. She encouraged those who are planning to get a cat or dog to consider adopting from a shelter. Even pure breeds are available there. She said three million cats and dogs are euthanized every year and that “there’s something very special about adopting from a shelter, knowing you’ve saved a life.”

## **FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

### **Announcements**

\*Court: Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 am in the college conference room.

\*Dance Marathon: Mr. Abbott and student body president John Stillman did a tongue-in-cheek round up on Dance Marathon, reiterating the rules that were e-mailed to parents yesterday. John added that it is not too late to raise \$!

\**Mad Bomber*: Meeting tomorrow at 7:45 am in Mr. Roble’s classroom.

### **Kudos to...**

The ice hockey team which defeated Northwest last night.

### **You had to be there...**

As Mr. Abbott was reading announcements, music began to play, then seniors Ian Nightingale and Alex Petrullo began to sing an original Dance Marathon ballad from the back of assembly, then the stage curtains parted and Alex Prakken continued the ballad as a bunch of (pre-selected) middle schoolers joined him.

## **FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

### **Announcement**

\*Knits for Needs: Meeting tomorrow at 7:45 am in the classics lounge.

## **Puppy Mills**

A spokesperson for animal rights talked to assembly and showed a video about puppy mills in Missouri. She encouraged all registered voters to sign a petition for a ballot initiative to regulate mass production of puppies and improve puppy care in large scale production facilities. See "Assembly Presentations" later today.

**FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

*Welcome back to our THIMUN delegation!*

*Hello from Dr. Shahan in Chicago. (Mr. Abbott was in Chicago last week for an ISACS conference for heads of school.)*

## **Announcements**

\*Lost & Found: No more give-back days. From now on, items (other than textbooks) left in the Lost & Found for more than 30 days will be donated to Potpourri or trashed. February 5 will be the first "disposal" day - so check out the L&F before then!

\*Outdoor Ed: Three trips planned in February. All students eligible but only 12 students per outing. One-day rock climbing on February 14, overnight to Drey Land on February 12, and one-day caving on February 27. See Mr. Dee or Mark Troianovski if you are interested.

\*Seniors: If you want to be a counselor for Bio Drey Land, you must submit a paragraph to Ms. Bahe by February 3.

\*Teddy MUN: Members of our THIMUN delegation presented a stuffed bear to Mr. Abbott. The Burroughs group won the bear at THIMUN in a raffle which was held to benefit Haiti. See <http://www.jburroughs.org/news-and-events/campus-candids/the-hague-day-7>.

## **Head's Reading**

In memory and honor of J.D. Salinger, Mr. Abbott (former English teacher who taught Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* for twenty years) read an excerpt, sharing Holden Caulfield's feelings about his brother.

## **Multiple Sclerosis**

A factual and personal presentation on MS by a father and son team was given during assembly. See "Assembly Presentations" later today.