



# Lumberjack News

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## SENIOR PLAY IS FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

This year's Senior play, *Your Guests Are Ghosts* by John Vornholt, will be performed in the Deposit High School auditorium on Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28. The curtain goes-up at 7pm both nights.

A Flapper, a Shakespearean actor, a 1920's playboy, a silent movie star, a couple from the Titanic, a witch burned at the stakes, a rodeo cowboy, a poet and Lucy round out a cast of ghoulish characters trying to save their home from the likes of a Zeke Washington, a farmer, with mini-golf on his mind. With the help of a couple of mortals, Jim and Lin, will Lucy and the other ghosts be able to save their beloved Peaceful Rest Retirement Home from becoming a mini-golf course?

**Deposit Central  
Middle/High School**

### Special Points of

#### Interest:

- 2/6 - Winter Sports Pep Assembly (1 block)
- 2/7 - Post Super Bowl Bottle Drive Bus Garage 8:00-12:30
- 2/9 - Site Based mtg. 5:00 pm
- 2/9 - B.O.E. mtg. 7:00 pm
- 2/13 - Semi Formal Dance HS Gym

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NYS ASSESSMENTS

Middle School students will be continuing with the NYS Assessments this month. The Math Exams are scheduled during the week of March 9 - March 13, 2009. Please help your child be successful by encouraging him/her to have a positive attitude going into the test, make sure they have the materials they need (pencils, erasers, etc.), make sure they get a good nights sleep and have a good breakfast. Also, attendance is extremely important – if possible, please do not schedule appointments on these testing days. If any student misses any portion (all) of the test, they will be required to make it up.

## THE GREAT VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

### FEBRUARY 26, 2009

On Thursday February 26th the girls varsity volleyball will be challenging the boys volleyball team. Following the game there will be a 20 minute intermission where younger students will be chosen at random to have a chance to serve and win a prize. Then, the juniors will compete against the seniors 3 out of 5 games. Starting February 9th tickets will be on sale; \$2.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults. See a junior, senior or Mrs. Campo in the main office. Tickets will also be on sale the night of the event. Don't just sit home, come out and watch the challenge!



## 8th Graders

**Attention 8th Graders: If you still have magnets or magnet money, please turn it in to Mrs.**

## A MESSAGE FROM MS. PHILLIPS & MR. RICHARDS

Happy February!

We are hoping that this month will provide us with many warmer days and less snow! January certainly was a difficult weather month!

While the temperatures plunged and the snow fell, we stayed warm inside wrapping up the first half of the school year. Middle school students completed their New York State English Language Arts exams while many high school students ended semester classes and took regents exams. Congratulations to the teachers and students on their hard work preparing for these challenging assessments!

More good news! Deposit High School was awarded a bronze medal award as one of the best high schools in New York! See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. The students and staff are to be congratulated for winning such a prestigious award.

The end of the marking period was also a time for many middle school students to celebrate. If students had all of their assignments turned in on time, they were invited to participate in our second round of "incentive programs." Eighth grade students enjoyed a movie in the auditorium, while sixth and seventh graders watched a medieval knight presentation as a reward for their hard work. Apparently, these incentives are proving to be successes...eleven more students than last quarter were eligible to enjoy the sessions! A special thank you to our "knight," Mr. Bill McManus, for taking time out of his regular schedule to perform for our many middle school scholars!

As we look forward to the third quarter, we want to remind you and your children that this is the time of year for renewal. Many students will begin new courses and all will be given a "clean slate" in the grade books. We wish all Deposit students the best as they strive to achieve greatness in the new marking period and semester!

Finally, please note that there will be no school February 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> due to the mid-term recess. School will resume February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Have a great month!  
Miss Phillips and Mr. Richards

### New Scholarship Information

Below is list of the newest scholarships received by the guidance office:

- Best Buy @15 Scholarship Program
- LeMoyne College C.Y.O. Scholarships
- Johnson & Wales University Scholarship
- St. Lawrence University Scholarships
- BCC Presidential Honors Scholarship
- Sodexo Foundation Stop Hunger Scholarship

Stop in the guidance office for more information.

### WEATHER WATCH



For the past twenty years Deposit has had a Weather Watch team which consists of approximately 5-6 ninth graders. The team is up and running again, during the weeks of February 23rd – March 28th. The team members will be competing against other schools, they forecast highs and low temperatures and total liquid and frozen precipitation for each 24 hours, starting at midnight. Points are assessed for being off and like golf low score wins. This years Weather Watch team are: Kimberly Campo, Andrea Davis, Jade Falzon, Hannah Freyer and Will Krembs. Good luck team!

## **Deposit Central School has been awarded a bronze medal by *US News and World Report* as one of the nation's best high schools!**

Statewide, only 105 high schools (out of 987 total) were awarded gold, silver, or bronze distinction. Deposit is one of *only three* schools in Broome, Delaware, and Chenango Counties to receive the bronze distinction. The other two are Downsville and Greene. According to the *US News and World Report* website, the criteria used to rank schools was as follows:

**Step 1.** Attains performance levels that exceed statistical expectations given the school's relative level of student poverty, as measured by state accountability test scores for all the school's students in the core subjects of reading and math;

**Step 2.** Achieves proficiency rates on state tests for its least advantaged student groups (e.g., black, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged students) that exceed state averages; and

**Step 3.** Prepares its students for college as measured by student participation in and performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

Schools that received the bronze medal met the state test performance criteria but have not yet demonstrated high levels of measurable college readiness as gauged by significant participation in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams. Currently, dual enrollment courses are not factored into the US News and World Report's formula for determining college readiness. Deposit currently offers several dual enrollment courses through the University at Albany and Broome Community College. At this time, students are also given the opportunity to take Advanced Placement Biology, and the school is looking into expanding the number of Advanced Placement courses in the future.



### 9TH GRADERS

9th graders will be selling \$6.00 candy for their fundraising sale. The sale will be from now until Feb 22nd. Money and orders will be due on Monday Feb 23rd.



### YEARBOOK DEADLINE

Good news! The opportunity to order an Acorns Deposit HS yearbook has been extended! Forward a check for \$29 payable to Acorns to the HS. If you want to place a business ad or sponsor a "congrats" ad for a special senior that opportunity is still available too! Contact Mike Jansen at the HS for more details.

### EARLY YEARS PHOTOS NEEDED

Attention Seniors: The yearbook is in need of photos of your early school years, especially middle school. Group photos would be appreciated, as well. Please give them to Mrs. Evans **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 27TH!** Parents, you can help by bringing them in too. Just leave them in the main office in Mrs. Evans mailbox.



