



# INDIAN *Info*

June

2010

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation  
Practice  
12 PM - 2 PM

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Senior  
Yearbook Night  
6:00 PM

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation  
Practice  
12 PM - 2 PM

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Top Ten Scholars  
Luncheon  
12:15 PM

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation  
6:30 PM  
WHS  
Gymnasium

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Last Day of  
School

August 30<sup>th</sup>  
2010-2011  
School Year  
Begins

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Overall the year has been an exciting one with many different activities that have transpired. Most recently, the Awards Ceremony and the Super Senior Night were successful in respect to their attendance and the message they were getting across. The Super Senior Night was for the seniors who work hard in academics, have stellar behavior, and show a strong sense of citizenship. This should be rewarded and celebrated.

For the first time, Project Graduation is being held at WHS. This program, which was created to keep seniors from getting into trouble after their graduation, is always enjoyed by the seniors and should be a fun night. It is jam packed with fun activities.

Mr. Geary believes that on the whole, the school year went very well. The construction went as smooth as possible, with only a few inconveniences. Also, he believes with the push on academics at WHS, we are definitely making alot of improvements.

The attribute of WHS that he believes needs to be readdressed is The Truth About Hate. The concept has to do with looking out for others and being kind to one another. With this being said, instant decisions are vital. He believes that the decisions we make in the spur of the moment could affect us greatly, and therefore, should be cautiously chosen.

Mr. Geary would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy summer and take advantage of this time off to recharge for school and continue to raise the bar.

## SCHOOL'S OUT FOREVER

Watertown High School would like to thank the five teachers retiring for their 170 years of dedicated teaching at the high school. These teachers are among the few remaining who were lead by Principal William P. Williams.

Mrs. Bloemker, the foods teacher has been teaching for 38 years. She plans on spending time with her family and hopefully working part time to keep her busy. Mrs. Cogliser, our librarian for 28 years, plans on vacationing in Colorado and Hawaii. She also plans to spend her down time reading novels. Mrs. Monti-Bovi, a 36 year WHS English and Publishing teacher, plans on living everyday to the fullest.

Living at the shore during September and October are also in her plans. Mrs. Rassis is also an English teacher, she but for 38 years, wants to learn Italian and go to Italy. She is also looking forward to not correct- ing any more papers. Mr. Zoni taught Graphic arts and Publishing at WHS for 30 years. He plans on really enjoying his much-earned time off and doing whatever he wants.

Again we would like to thank these teachers for their time and dedication to Watertown High School. Congratulations on your retirement.

## FOODS CONTEST

On Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the Creative Cuisine class and Ms. Bloemker held its annual Foods Contest. This year there were 24 contestants.

During the first two blocks of the school day, students had to prepare their meals. They then served the food during the lunch blocks. The theme of the contest this year is appetizers.

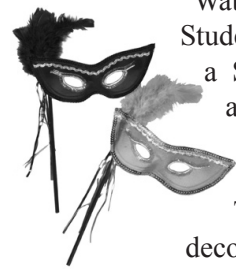
Due to Ms. Bloemker's recent room change, she made the contest more generalized because the students were not very familiar with the room. The students were graded on their product and its packaging, each were worth 50 points.

The third place winners were Boneless Buffalo Dip, Fruit Frenzy took second place, and the first place winners were The Chixettas.

Although this contest is about making food, it also involves consumerism, making enticing packages, selling the finished product.



## SENIOR CITIZEN MARDI GRAS



Watertown High School's Student Council hosted a Senior Citizen Prom at the Falls Avenue Senior Center on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The students set up decorations after school for the Mardi Gras theme. The attire for the evening was gowns, dresses, skirts, dress pants, button down collar shirts, and tuxedos.

This is the second year the Student Council has hosted this event and this year is expected to be just as great a success as last year. The event will run from 4 PM to 6 PM. Food and drinks were served for all who attended.

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

The Girls' Softball Team finished an outstanding season with a 9-11 record. On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the girls celebrated Senior Night by honoring the graduating seniors. The underclassmen decorated the field and had a party after they played a victorious game against Ansonia.

Their last game was on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> against Wolcott. Although they did not win, the girls still played with dedication and heart.

The first playoff game for the NVL Tournament was on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Naugatuck. The girls lost a close game of 3-2 against Woodland, but ended the season in high spirits.

## SERVING UP A STORM

The Watertown High School Boys' Tennis team finished the season with a 14-4 record, putting them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the NVL. The line up for the NVL Tournament features Mitch Valente and Steven Lewis, Rob Zaborowski and Ben Runge, playing doubles. Then in singles, Tom Baker and Connor Fenn. The NVL tournament took place on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Woodland Regional High School and the finals took place on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Wolcott High School. Everyone won their first match but was defeated in the second one.

The Boys' Tennis team has also qualified for the States, which took place on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Yale University tennis courts.

## SENIORS REWARDED FOR BEING ROLE MODELS

Students who have had a perfect record for conduct in their high school careers have been rewarded for their good behavior. The Super Senior Dinner was held on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at Watertown High School. About 120 students from the Senior Class were invited to the dinner. Teachers served students and their families ziti, meatballs, salad, bread, and cake. The event was a big hit, and the seniors enjoyed one of their last nights together as a class.

## SENIOR NIGHT AND STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Prepare your pens, class of 2010, because Senior Yearbook Night is June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. There will be food and ice cream served while the seniors receive and sign each other's yearbooks. There is a \$2 admission and will be a fun and memorable night for all. This will be a fun opportunity to reminisce on good memories together.

In Student Council news, the elections for next years 2010-2011 officers have finished. The open positions were President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, BOE Representative, PTO Representative, Historian, Activities Committee Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Community Chair. Anyone interested in running had to have been a member of student council for at least two years and submitted a letter of intent to Ms. Bellemare or Ms. Loughlin in Room 125 by Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## IT'S FINALLY HERE!

The date on every senior's mind, Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, is approaching fast. In order to prepare for Graduation, seniors will be required to attend the two Graduation rehearsals on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Each rehearsal will begin at 12 PM and last for about two hours.

The Commencement Exercise will begin at 6:30 PM in the WHS Gym on Friday. Each graduating student will be given five tickets, and anyone that cannot fit in the gym can watch a live feed of the ceremony in the auditorium. On the night of Graduation, there will be very limited parking at the high school, so you will be able to park at John Trumbull and catch a shuttle up to the high school. Students attending Graduation are encouraged to carpool. Following the ceremony, Project Graduation will begin at 9 PM and students will not be able to leave until 5 AM.

## SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

To become eligible, students may now have a 50 or better class average to attend summer school. The 2010 session will span five weeks beginning Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, and ending Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Each class will be an hour and thirty minutes in length and will be held at Swift Middle School. Students and parents can register at Swift on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> between 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

## AP ENGLISH GOES TO NEW YORK

On Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Kuegler's AP English students were given the opportunity to see an off Broadway production of "Our Town", by Thornton Wilder. The play was performed at the Barrow Street Theatre in New York City. The students took a train from Bridgeport to the city and enjoyed a meal at Grand Central. After a quick ride on the subway, they walked around the city and stopped in a comic book store and Strands Bookstore which is home to 18 miles of new, used, rare, and even out of print books. While trying to round up the students after a half an hour in the store, Mr. Kuegler joked, "I may have made a mistake turning a dozen of the school's most avid readers loose in here." From there they strolled through Washington Square Park and ate ice cream at Cones.

The performance of "Our Town" was powerful and emotional, and the audience included familiar faces such as the famous author and radio host Garrison Keillor.

The students appreciated and enjoyed the effect of seeing a play that they read in class performed live.



<b>Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Boys' Track and Field State Championship ..... TBA
	Senior Recital ..... 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Girls' Track and Field State Championship..... TBA
	Awards Night..... 6:30 PM
<b>Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Golf vs. Amity ..... 2:30 PM
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Golf State Tournament ..... TBA
	Boys' Track and Field State Opens ..... 1:30 PM
	Girls' Track and Field State Opens..... 1:30 PM
	Arthurian Fair ..... 6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Concert..... 5:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	PTO Meeting ..... 6:30 PM

<b>Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Super Senior Dinner ..... 6:00 PM
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	Project Graduation..... 9:00 PM
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer School Begins ..... 7:45 AM
<b>Monday, August, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	First Day of School..... 7:45AM

### BEHIND THE NEWSPAPER

On Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the Interdepartmental Publishing and Graphic Arts 3 Class ventured to the Waterbury Republican American newspaper office. Carol Ann Brown, a former WHS English teacher, was the tour guide and she informed the students of the history of the building which started out as a train station with 86 trains going through it each day.

In 1952 the Pape family converted the station to a newspaper office, and it was a buzzing hub of activity. The paper won a Pulitzer Prize in 1940 for its outstanding coverage of unraveling a Waterbury political scandal.

The students learned a great deal about the beginnings of the newspaper business and local history. They also learned about the clock tower, which was once set by hand, but now is electronic. The same process happened with the printing of the newspaper. All of the old methods of producing the newspaper are now computer generated.

After the tour the group had lunch at the Brass Mill Commons. They all agreed that the trip was educational and enjoyable.

### GATSBY GALA

The Junior Honors English class took a step back in time on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The annual Gatsby Gala, a day devoted to reenacting the 1920's as portrayed in F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, was held in the auditorium. Due to her upcoming retirement, Mrs. Monti-Bovi, gala creator, is enjoying this for the last year.

The Gala began with speeches, followed by the sharing of editorials that were put together by Gene Caouette, Jake Dorais, Conner McFadden, and Paula Silva. There was also a chance for the English students to show off their magnificent outfits with a fashion show, which was directed by Becky Ciullo, Emily Houghton, and Tom Woermer.

Dancing was the highlight of the show. The young men and women elegantly flowed across the stage to the choreography of Kayla Bingham, Liz Laskarzewski, and Alex Malfitano. Students and staff were invited to watch. After much moving, the students enjoyed a luncheon of ziti, salad, and bread. It was a great experience for everybody!

### EXAM SCHEDULE

- Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>- G or H Exam for classes with seniors only
- Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>- G or H Exam for classes with seniors only
- Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>-A Block 7:45-9:30  
B Block 10:15-12:00
- Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>- C Block - 7:45-9:30  
D Block 10:15-12:00
- Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>- E Block- 7:45-9:30  
F Block 10:15- 12:00
- Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>- G Block 7:45- 9:30  
H Block 10:15-12:00
- Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> Make Up Exams



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



June's senior Student of the Month is Andrew Elwell. He believes he was graced with this honor because of his discipline when it comes to his schoolwork and his respect for his fellow peers and teachers. He is a member of Tri-M, and band. Outside of school, he is also an officer in the Civil Air Patrol.

Andy said, "Work hard and respect your teachers." This is the advice he would like to give to his underclassmen and believes that it's the secret to success. His favorite subject in school is AP Government, which he is interested in because he enjoys politics and other governmental aspects.

As for his future endeavors, he plans to go to school to become an airplane mechanic and possibly enter the military service after he has mastered becoming a mechanic. Andy believes he has met all of his goals at WHS because he pushed himself beyond what he thought he could accomplish.



Elizabeth Laskarzewski is June's junior Student of the Month. She feels that she has received this award due to her dedication to her school and her desire to learn. Elizabeth's favorite class is English because Mrs. Monti-Bovi makes learning fun. Aside from her studies, she participates in DELTA, dancing, and skiing.

Liz's mom is her role model because she is always there for her and makes the best of every situation. She feels that she is ready to take on the world and will continue living by the words of Alex Gaskarth, "Life's greatest tragedy is not that it will someday end, but that most of us just live to follow directions, and many times we end up totally lost."

## ART STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Anna Perkins is June's Art Student of the Month. She feels that she was selected because she is active in so many classes, such as art, photography, sculpture, drawing, and even an independent film study. Her favorite mediums are film and photography.

Anna's work is influenced by George Lucas and Quentin Tarantino. She has wanted to make movies ever since she first saw *Star Wars* as a child. Pursuing filmmaking and production are in her future. Anna feels that her forty months of art classes has finally paid off and is more than honored to be Art Student of the Month.

## WATERTOWN IDOL CROWNED

On Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Freshmen class sponsored Watertown Idol, which was held in the Watertown High School Auditorium. The show had 12 contestants who sang their hearts out in front of four unforgiving judges. All 200 audience members were able to vote for their Watertown Idol via paper slips or texting the contestant's number on their phones.

After all the votes were tallied, sophomore Alaina Fusco proved to be dominant over the competition. Her first place prize was a \$50 gift card to the Brass Mills Center Mall. The silver medalist was Tom Baker, who received a \$20 gift card to Carvel. Once the two contestants made it to the final round, they individually sang "Time of My Life" by David Cook to give the audience a song for fair comparison. The final tally was a gripping, white-knuckle vote of 51 percent to 49 percent in Alaina's favor. Much thanks goes out to all of the contestants for their participation.

The Freshmen class would like to thank Ms. Baim, Ms. Bellemare, Ms. Loughlin, and Mr. Culbertson for acting as judges for the event. They also give thanks to Gabe Chabot and Adam Kuegler for being the hosts for the first ever Watertown Idol.

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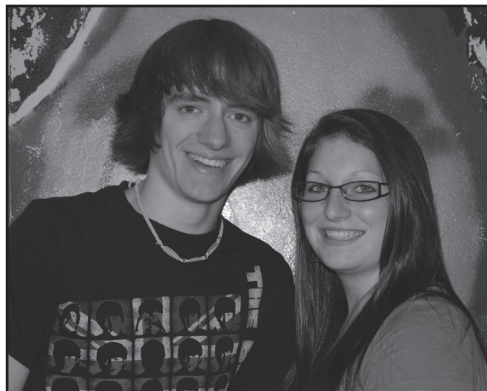


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## WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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