

Executive Director's Newsletter

Sturgis Charter Public School– West Campus

Groundbreaking for Sturgis West

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new West Campus of Sturgis Charter Public School will take place on Friday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. on the new site at 125 West Main Street in Hyannis. Members of the Board of Trustees, Sturgis West students, and school leaders will be participating in the ceremony. We are excited to announce this next step in realizing our goal of doubling the opportunity for students to access the Sturgis IB experience.



Artist's image of the new building for Sturgis West.

Mark the Dates: The First Enrollment Period for 2012-13 is Dec. 1st through Jan. 10th.

Although siblings of current students have priority in the lottery, in order to gain the best possibility for admission, siblings and all other students interested in attending the school should complete and turn in their application to the Sturgis office at 427 Main Street in Hyannis by no later than Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

Parents may contact us to schedule a shadow visit for their 8th Grader. Students will be assigned a "Shadow Host" to take them to their classes. Call the main office at 508-771-2780 to arrange a visit.



December, 2011

We provide parents with this Newsletter as a means of helping you become better informed about events and activities at Sturgis. We hope that this type of communication is helpful.

Communication, of course, is a two-way street. Please do not hesitate in calling us with a question.

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

We are on the Web!
sturgischarterschool.org

Check out **StormWatch**, The student newspaper, by clicking on the link on homepage of our site!

We send a lot of information through our "School Reach" email system.

If you do not receive our emails, please contact the main office to verify your email address.



Sturgis Soundings Magazine: <http://www.sturgissoundings.net>

Check out the feature articles in our first issue ~

The Global Footprint of Sturgis Faculty

Alumni Adventures Abroad

Sturgis Alumni Come Home to Teach and Coach

Westward Ho! The Westward Expansion of Sturgis

Chinese Educators Visit Sturgis

The Path of Peter Steedman from Senegal to Sturgis

Sturgis Journalists Visit Harvard Crimson

Christmas Stroll a Success!

Sturgis East and West contributed significantly to the success of the Hyannis Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 3rd. Thanks to the dedication of SPA volunteers and many parent bakers, strollers enjoyed a delicious assortment of holiday cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. Several people commented that Sturgis had the best display of cookies on Main Street! In addition, several students from Sturgis East and West transformed into jolly elves and one student became a giant seagull to help with the scavenger hunt and the flipchix (make your own holiday flip books). Lily Haselton demonstrated her unique skills in face painting and kept the young ones happy with her holiday designs. Our Sturgis Carolers sang from 11-1:00 on Main Street with the help of Laurie Davis, Jim Krikava and Gordon Bellemer. We had a fantastic turn out who helped to bring the holiday spirit to Main Street.

Thanks to SPA: Sturgis Parents Association!

SPA has generously offered to frame the beautiful painted scroll entitled "Tree Peony" presented to Sturgis faculty by the Shenzhen Delegation of 23 Chinese teachers who visited Sturgis October 5, 2011. Brown University selected Sturgis as one of twelve host sites in New England for the delegation to visit. The Chinese teachers were exploring new and innovative teaching methods being developed in American K-12 schools.

Sturgis teachers were surprised and delighted to learn the scroll was painted by Zheng Zhiang, a fifteen-year-old middle school student. Once the scroll is framed within a shadowbox, it will be displayed in the Pearl Street entrance as part of an International Baccalaureate display.

We are very grateful to SPA for helping Sturgis honor this wonderful gift from the Shenzhen delegation.



STURGIS WEST ATHLETICS

Sturgis West Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team is off to a great start this season. Led by sophomores Deikani Cunningham and Mike Marsh, the team opened the season with wins over Sturgis East and Falmouth Academy. Their next game is January 6th at Cape Cod Academy.

Sturgis West Girls Basketball

The West girls basketball team is off to an exciting start with a 1-0 record! The girls have been working hard in practices and are looking forward to our coming games. Check the West calendar on the school website for game times & places and come show your support!



Sturgis West Cheerleading

Go - Fight - Win! These cheers are echoing through the corridors as West starts with their first cheerleading squad. Over twenty young women are becoming trailblazers by choosing uniforms, creating cheers and showing their coach the rigors of cheerleading. The cheerleaders will be cheering at all Boys and Girls Basketball home games starting in January. Come cheer on both the basketball teams and the cheerleaders!

FALL SPORTS AWARD WINNERS

GIRLS SOCCER

Brianna Kauranen—MIP
Shannon Hart—Coach's Award
Gabrielle Healy—Coach's Award
Michaela Ryder—MVP

CROSS COUNTRY

Andrew Munson—MVP
Danny O'Connell—MIP
Tobias Way— Coach's Award

BOYS SOCCER

Finn Swenson—MVP
Scott Glynn—MIP
Jacob Nelson—Coach's Award
Kristoffer Quinn—Student Athlete

THE CAPE COD ALL-STAR TEAM

Michaela Ryder
Brianna Connors
Mary McCormick
Gabrielle Healy

VOLLEYBALL

Hannah Sabens—MVP
Harrison West-Mather—Best Boy
Rebecca Rowe—Coach's Award
Marysa MacKoul—Most Improved
Mimi Crowley—Student Athlete

CAPE & ISLANDS ALL-STAR GAME

Carlo Tashjian
Wes Todoroff
Finn Swenson
Scott Glynn
Troy Wiper

FIRST STURGIS WEST DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS

Last Friday, December 9th, was the first Sturgis West school dance at the Federated Church of Hyannis from 7-10pm. The students involved in advisory council worked very hard to make the dance a great success and we should all be proud of them. All of the 140 students in attendance seemed to have a great time, the dance floor was full for the entire three hours! Thank you to you parents as well for your generosity in donating all of the drinks and snacks. A special thank you to those of you that helped with the organization, set-up, and clean-up of the event, and to Mr. Steedman.

LOVE 146: Ms. Nissen's advisory is continuing to raise money for Love 146, the non-profit organization that holds fundraisers and awareness campaigns to combat child sex trafficking and exploitation. We have a lot of multi-colored wristbands for sale and ALL proceeds will go straight to Love 146. Come check 'em out and do your part for this movement.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY "CLASSICS DAY"

On December 8, Mrs. Lee and 10 students traveled to Boston University for BU's annual "Classics Day." The theme of the day was "Powerful Women in the Ancient World," and students attended 2 lectures each given by college professors, graduate students, and Latin teachers. Topics ranged from Medea to Cleopatra, the Vestal Virgins, and the lost city of Atlantis. We then watched schools compete in the classically-themed skit competition. The top two skits were themed after the "Occupy" movement - with mortals occupying either Mount Olympus or Rome.

Report Cards are now being posted on iParent

Please call Maureen at 508-771-2780 if you have any questions.

WINTER CONCERT

The Sturgis East and West Music departments presented their winter concert on Dec. 13 with two packed house performances, the first in the morning for the student body and the second in the evening for parents, students, and friend. Under the direction of Mrs. Laurie Davis (Sturgis East), Mr. James Krikava (Sturgis West), and Mr. Bo Ericsson (Orchestra director), they featured 9th and 10th grade combined choirs, the Sturgis Singers (East), the Lunch Bunch (West), the orchestra, the West Jazz band, the East Jazz ensemble, and the East Jazz Improvisation Combo. We are very pleased with the hard work of our music students and wish them further success in their musical endeavors here at Sturgis and beyond.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to all of you who have donated to the Annual Appeal! If you have not donated, remember you can now make online donations using PayPal.

PayPal donation buttons for Sturgis can be found at:

SCPS Homepage: <http://www.sturgischarter-school.com>

Sturgis Soundings Magazine:

<http://www.sturgissoundings.net>

LIBRARY REQUEST

The Library at West is looking for books - especially pleasure reading books! We have a small selection of books that students are encouraged to read during their free time - and they would love some new additions. We are also welcoming of donations to our collection, especially in the history and art areas. Please note however, that any donation that we cannot use will be donated to the Hyannis Public Library for their book sale. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Depin at kdepin@comcast.net.

HEALTH OFFICE

Parents please remember to notify the school nurse if your child has been diagnosed with an illness, especially a highly contagious illness, or any new medical condition including changes to routine medications. Also, please be aware that per Massachusetts State Law all students need to have a physical exam within this school year or have had a physical within the six months prior to the start of the school year. A copy of the physical needs to be on file in the health office. Thank you for your cooperation, best wishes for a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

S.T.A.G.E.

presents

Neil Simon's

RUMORS



Directed by
Anna Botsford

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

7:00 pm

and

Sunday, December 18

2:00 pm

CapeRep Theatre 299 Main Street, Brewster

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Upcoming Events

S.T.A.G.E. Production of Neil Simon's Rumors: Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17 (See Poster Above)

Winter Recess: December 23 through January 2.

End of First Enrollment Period: January 10 (Lottery held on January 13)

Martin Luther King Day: January 16. No school.

Mid Term Exams: January 17-20, dismissal at 1:00.

Exams A & B on January 17, C & D on January 18, E & F on January 19, G on January 20 (dismissal at 10:30 that day)