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Format Revealed For 8th Annual Tillotson Project

On Wednesday November 19, the seniors got their first look at the topic and format for this year's Tillotson Project. This annual scholarship competition is designed to strengthen students' practical researching, interviewing, and presentation skills while it gets them interested in getting out in the world. Part of this year's task is to create a 30 second video that addresses the topic "What Makes the Great North Woods So GREAT?" To accompany this, students will be required to create and deliver an 8-10 minute presentation that explains the factors behind it, focusing on a target audience and its needs. As part of the assignment to promote the Great North Woods, the presentation must also describe the region and how aspects of it would attract their target audience. The video itself must take the format of an 'elevator pitch,' a 30 second promotion designed to convince their target audience to follow their suggestion by showing how and why it will be beneficial.

In explaining this project to the seniors, Mr. Rick Tillotson, president of the Tillotson Foundation, urged them to create something that promoted their ideas in a way that was noticeable. He further explained that the format had been changed for this year's competition in order to try a new, fresh strategy.

Those participating in the competition will have 6-8 weeks to prepare, presenting first to a panel of judges at Colebrook Academy. If they are selected to continue, the next and final round will take place in front of a panel of judges at the Tillotson Center, where the community will also be invited to watch the teams compete for their share of \$4000 in scholarships.

Two Academy Students Selected For All-State Music Festival

-by Mackenzie Kenney

On Saturday, November 15th 2014, many students from Band and Chorus programs around the North Country traveled to Manchester Central High School to participate in auditions for the All-State Music Festival. These consist of rhythmic sight reading and other forms of music reading, singing and playing. Each participant's audition is judged on the qualities of how they hold themselves in front of an audience, the confidence they have during their performance and their ability to read and understand the music they are singing and playing. The two student that were accepted from Colebrook Academy Chorus are Erica Dagesse and Brianna Zavala. They will be sent on a weekend long festival to perform with the other talented high school students. They will be taking part in day long rehearsals in order to perform a concert at the end of the weekend. When asked about the experience, Erica she said "I am definitely excited to meet so many new and wonderful musicians, and experience music in new styles and languages." Brianna responded by saying, "I am so excited to be a part of All State this year. I love singing and to have so many different voices singing a piece of music is amazing." The main Festival will take place the weekend of April 16th in Concord NH.

CA Welcomes:



Stephen Jones, class of 2018

CA Bids A Fond Farewell To Mr. Purrington

-by Austin Prusik

The Colebrook School community was recently saddened when it learned of the departure of Mr. Timothy Purrington, the 7th and 8th Grade Science teacher at Colebrook Elementary School. Mr. Purrington will be accepting a position locally with TransCanada. Most of the students here at Colebrook Academy had and remember Mr. Purrington as one of their favorite teachers.

His career began 25 years ago, after graduating from Plymouth State University. He started at Colebrook Elementary in 1990 as a student teacher, and had a full teaching position by 1991. Mr. Purrington stated that he was never quite sure what he wanted to do growing up, but became fascinated with education, got his degree, and started teaching. All students and faculty who know him are well aware that Mr. Purrington holds a high standard for his students, which they come to appreciate as they grow and mature. Despite his strict demeanor, Mr. Purrington has grown to become a beloved teacher through his sense of humor, fun activities, the expectation of excellence, and an overall message to always take pride in one's work. He has stated that he loved meeting and working with fantastic people, watching kids grow up, and helping students to achieve a quality of excellence. Mr. Purrington said that his last day was Friday, November 21, 2014. We all wish him the best of luck in his newest career path.

HOT LUNCH

Nov.24 - Nov. 25

Mon.: Dress Your Own Burger

Tues.: Pasta w/ Meat, Marinara, or Cheese Sauce

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

New Opportunity For College-Bound Students: The New Hampshire Scholars Program

-by Elise Fuller

Two years ago, Colebrook Academy began participating in the New Hampshire Scholars Program (NHSP), a section of the State Scholars Initiative in New Hampshire. In this program, businesses work with schools to motivate students to prepare for college. Local businesses are encouraged to support local schools by providing job shadows and workshops.

To be a New Hampshire Scholar, students need to tell their Guidance Counselor that they are interested, after which a schedule will be created to include a certain number of core classes, which must be taken in order to qualify. Requirements include four English classes, three each Math and Laboratory Science classes, and two Foreign Language classes. The classes themselves are more challenging and are designed to help prepare students for their future.

Being part of this program allows students to prepare for college level work, and scholars receive further recognition at graduation by receiving a medal to wear with their robes. Their high school transcript will also designate them as a New Hampshire Scholar.

TSA's First Meeting

-by Ashley Nelson

The first Technology Student Association (TSA) meeting was on November 18th in Mr. March's room, as Mr. March is one of the advisors, along with Mr. Fiorentino. There are nine new members in the TSA as of last week. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 2nd in the Tech Building. Getting involved

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