

# Sturgis Charter Public School



An International Baccalaureate Diploma School

## Executive Director's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

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 if you have a question or concern.

Date of Professional Half Day Changed: Due to the availability of consultants, we have changed the date of our next Professional Half Day. The half day scheduled for April 4 has been changed to March 28. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. on March 28.

Waiting Lists for 2008-09: Sturgis now has significant waiting lists of students who are candidates for admission to grades 9 and 10 for the 2008-09 school year. We currently have 90 students on the waiting list for grade 9 and 25 students for grade 10. As open places in the grade 9 and 10 classes occur between now and August, students on the waiting lists will be contacted and offered admission.

Schools Continuing to Visit Sturgis: During the last week of February and the first week of March, several teachers, administrators, and board members from the Newman School (Boston), Gilford Schools (NH), and Beaverton Schools (OR) visited Sturgis to learn more about how to implement an "IB for All" program in their schools.

Sturgis 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Mark your calendar now! Sturgis is planning a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Friday, June 6 on the Barnstable Town Green. Alumni, former and current Board members, students, parents, Community Advisory Board members, and friends of Sturgis will all be invited to join the festivities. We plan to have speakers representing the groups noted above in addition to displays and performances of student work. This occasion should be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this significant point in our history. We hope that you can join us!

Prom 2008: As the new Junior/Senior Prom Advisor for 2008, I would like to introduce myself. I am Denise Hyer and I may have met some of you in the front office or spoken with you at some point over the phone. I am excited about the opportunity to assist the students in their effort to plan a successful prom event. I would like to invite any parent who is willing and able to volunteer to donate home-baked goods for the juniors and seniors to sell during break, or who has time to help with other fund raising and/or day of prom set-up or break down to please contact me at [dhyer@sturgischarterschool.com](mailto:dhyer@sturgischarterschool.com). The prom will be on Friday, May 30th at the New Seabury Country Club. The seniors are also working on their plans for a trip to 6 Flags the following week. Other events to raise money to help with the expenses of their prom are in the works and we hope you will give them your full support. Thank you and I hope to meet you soon.

MCAS English Language Arts for Grade 10: Sturgis 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the English Language Arts MCAS on March 25-27, so please put these dates on your calendar if you have a 10<sup>th</sup> grader. The grade 10 MCAS Math and History tests will be given on May 21-23. The grade 9 MCAS for Science will be given on June 3-4.

Graduation: Graduation is just around the corner and our seniors are looking forward to the momentous occasion!! This year, Sturgis Graduation will be on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Aselton Park adjacent to the Hyannis harbor. We look forward to seeing the Sturgis community join together to recognize the significant achievements of and the time of passage for the Class of 2008.

News from the Theater Department: Come enjoy an evening of One Act Comedies written by Christopher Durang and performed by the IB Theatre SL1 & HL1 class on Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th at The Four C's. Durang's dark comedies expose the pain and confusion of everyday life as he slices through hypocrisy and prejudice. Durang's work offers moments of truth through humor. Donations will be accepted to support the Sturgis Theatre Arts Program.

IB News: Sturgis has just been informed that our World Literature Papers and Theory of Knowledge Essays are headed to some fascinating locations. Examiners from Malaysia, Kenya, Columbia, Argentina, Switzerland and the United Kingdom will be reading the work of Sturgis students in the next few days.

Last week the Foreign Language Department conducted their Internal Assessments at the Baptist Church. Students were required to speak for 10 minutes in either Spanish or French on a topic of their choice. As with the English oral commentaries, the students were recorded on CD and Sturgis will be required to send these overseas within the month.

Having our work assessed by international examiners epitomizes the high stakes nature of the IB curriculum. It ensures accountability for all involved. The teachers and students who have recently submitted their work should be commended for their efforts.

If you would like further information about any of the events or activities described above, please call the Sturgis school office.

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