

Executive Director's Newsletter

Sturgis Charter Public School – East Campus

U.S. News & World Report Ranks Sturgis #1 in MA

The U.S. News & World Report has just announced its 2012 rankings of the Best High Schools in the U.S., and Sturgis was ranked #1 in MA and #15 in the U.S.! The magazine uses a very complex formula to develop the rankings, one that includes student success on statewide testing (MCAS in MA), success on MCAS of students with special needs and high needs students in comparison to similar students at other schools in the state, and the participation and the achievement results of seniors on IB or AP exams. While Sturgis has received very high ranking on other lists in the past several years, this U.S. News ranking is the highest recognition that the school has achieved. We expect that the 2012 rankings of Newsweek and the Washington Post will also be announced in the coming weeks. As each organization that ranks schools uses different methodology to determine their rankings, it will be interesting to see where Sturgis is placed on the other two lists!

Sturgis West Modules Arriving This Week

The permanent modules that will be put together to form the new Sturgis West building at 105 West Main Street in Hyannis are starting to arrive this week, and the huge crane will start putting the modules into final placement in the next several days. You will be able to watch the progress by accessing a link on the Sturgis website. It is an exciting time for Sturgis West as they watch their new school being assembled very quickly before their eyes!

Congratulations

from SPA

to our Faculty and Staff for their ongoing excellence and commitment to our Sturgis Community. U.S. News & World Report has ranked Sturgis at #1 in MA and #15 in the U.S. among almost 22,000 U.S. High Schools.

As parents we are thrilled to be part of this outstanding community.

Year end SPA meeting: June 4

Hospitality events will be:

New Parent Breakfast, June 2 and

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Lunch June 12.

If you can help please call

Jean Brennan at 508-364-0329 or Tom Fink at 508-888-7870



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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 student, Sara Sweeten, elected as District Governor for New England Key Clubs.

Sturgis Charter Public School Junior Sara Sweeten of Pocasset was recently elected District Governor for New England Key Clubs. She is the first Cape Cod native to be elected to this position in the 65 years since its start. Elections took place at the annual district convention April 13-15, where Key Clubbers from across New England voted and chose the 2012-2013 district board (governor, secretary, treasurer, editor and 25 lieutenant governors). Sara had to campaign through speeches and question and answer sessions.

Key Club is an international student-led service and leadership organization with 260,000 Key Clubbers worldwide. There are 33 "districts," or regions, in the world, with one governor per district. There are about 8,000 New England Key Clubbers and Sara was elected the "New England District Governor". Sara has been in Key Club since her freshmen year, serving as club editor, club president, Lieutenant Governor for Cape Cod, and Kiwanis-Family Relations chair on the district board.

As Governor for 2012-2013, Sara will be traveling around New England visiting clubs, running district board meetings, and serving as a liaison between the New England Key Clubs and the Key Club International board of trustees. She will go to Washington D.C. next weekend for governor training, where she will meet with the other 32 district governors from around the world. She will also travel to Orlando, FL in July for the International Key Club convention.

For more information, please feel free to contact Megan Briggs, Sturgis Key Club Adviser
mbriggs@sturgischarterschool.org



< Sara Sweeten at the Key Club Convention.



Molly Brennan and
Diana Milkey >

Student Poets perform at Chatham Middle School

Poetry Out Loud Regional Finalists Diana Milkey (Grade 9, Sturgis West) and Molly Brennan (Grade 10, Sturgis East) were invited by Lisa Sjostrom, Principal of Chatham Middle School, to perform at their April 26th Poetry Out Loud Assembly. Diana and Molly did a wonderful job. You could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium when they were on stage – no easy feat for a room filled with 200+ middle school students!

The assembly included performances by Chatham Middle School students and teachers. Molly and Diana gave excellent performances at the end of the program as a grand finale. After their performance, Ms. Sjostrom said she could certainly see how they made it to the state finals of Poetry Out Loud.

Important Dates for Sturgis Seniors

Junior/Senior Prom: May 26th

Senior Trip: May 31

Graduation Rehearsal: June 1, 1:00

Graduation: June 3

Final Exam Schedule

June 7: Exams for "G" and "F"

June 8: Exams for "E" and "D"

June 11: Exams for "C" and "B"

Dismissal at 1:00 each day

June 12: Exams for "A" and make-up exams. *Dismissal at 10:35*

FIELD DAY

May 2th, 10:50-2:20

Students can be picked up at school at 2:20. Buses will pick up students at the regular time.



Upcoming Events

Math MCAS: May 15 and 16

Field Day: May 24th

Prom: May 26th, 6:30

B-WET Science field trips:

Grade 9– May 23, Grade 11– May 25

Awards Night: May 29, 7:00

SPA Meeting: June 4

Final Exams: June 7-12th

Sturgis SAT Prep Course: This Summer!

We are pleased to offer a **summer SAT prep course** led by Sturgis teachers Alicia Watts (critical reading and writing) and Sheila Gilligan (mathematics). The 6-week course offers study of SAT topics and strategies in test-taking. As **bonuses**, students may sit for **two full-length practice SATs**, learn about the **ACT**, and attend a **fall review session** before the October SAT. The core class meets **at Sturgis East** on Tuesdays in late June and July from **5:30-8:30p.m.**, with bonus sessions on most Thursdays, and includes a **make-up session** and one-on-one extra help.

The course fee is **\$375**, which includes all sessions and a SAT prep book. Please express interest in an email to awatts@sturgischarterchool.org.



Thank you to all the SPA members for such wonderful food contributions and help for a very successful Arts Festival. We raised \$831! Special thanks to Jean Brennan, Sharon Kaczmarczyk, and Tom Fink.

Relay for Life

The Sturgis East Relay For Life team has raised over \$3000 since the start of the school year to benefit American Cancer Society. The team will turn in all money raised and attend a 24-hour relay-style walk on June 15-16. The fundraising club and event count as Community, Action, and Service, and it's not too late to get involved! Interested students should contact awatts@sturgischarterchool.org to learn more.



Ninth grade students demonstrate function machine in Ms. Singer's algebra 1 class.