

# Arthur Junior/Senior High School

Arthur Junior/Senior Newsletter



## Juniors and Seniors Participate in Special Olympics Family Festival

October 29, 2010

On Saturday, September 18, the following juniors and seniors volunteered their time at the Special Olympics Family Festival at Lakeland College:

Andrea Bernardi, Alex Binion, Megan Brough, Kanen Byard, Emily Conner, Michelle Chupp, Hannah Davis, Corrie Drum, Marchita Garza, Jake Hatten, Kodi Miller, Kati Poorman, Rebecca Rhodes, Zach Riley, Trevor Schrock, Eric Smith, Allison Tinnon, and Steven Hopkins. Each of these students were a friend-

for-the-day to a SOFF athlete. They spent the day playing games, singing songs, and forming friendships with special needs children and adults. These students should be commended for giving so selflessly of their time in order to make a difference in the life of someone else.

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ **Parent/Teacher Conference**  
November 4  
4 to 8p.m.  
(2:30 dismissal)
- November 5  
8 to Noon  
(No School)
- ✓ **Veterans' Day Assembly** 9 a.m.  
November 11
- ✓ **Thanksgiving Break** November 25 and 26
- ✓ **Finals** –  
December 15, 16, and 17
- ✓ **Winter Break** –  
December 20 to January 2.  
School resumes January 3.
- ✓ **Report Cards**  
January 6

## What is New in the Library?

Adopt-a-shelf is a newly "adopted" program at the Arthur Jr./Sr. High School. Students who have signed on to this project as "library caretakers," are in charge of keeping their assigned shelf free from dust and clutter, but the main task involves making sure all the books on that shelf are in alphabetical or numerical order. When asked about the

merits of such a program, district librarian/media specialist, Joan Sutherland commented, "Students who have volunteered for this program are learning responsibility in addition to taking ownership in their school's library facility." Sutherland hopes those involved will keep this community service in mind as they fill out college applications, as the

once a week job is quite a commitment. She also hopes the seventh grade participants will continue to adopt a shelf throughout their six years at the building, and adds, "Wouldn't that be quite a contribution of giving back to the community?"

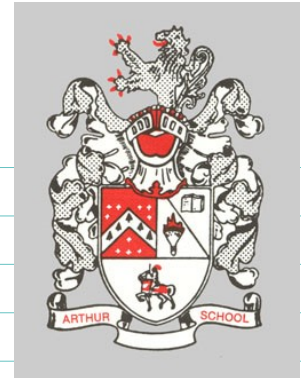
## Arthur High School Celebrates Homecoming!

Jesse Daily and Alicia Dickerson were elected 2010 King and Queen. The class of 1960 celebrated their 50 year class reunion. Mrs. Jurgens'

Commercial Foods class was instrumental in preparing refreshments for around 50 AHS alumni and guests for homecoming. The young Arthur

Knights were defeated by South Piatt in the homecoming game. Students enjoyed a great homecoming dance.

Did you know the class of 1960 designed the Arthur High School crest?



## FCCLA and Mrs. Jurgens' Classroom Highlights

Sixteen Jr. high students completed their foods and nutrition unit by preparing and serving a breakfast for their parents and guests. 44 people enjoyed breakfast while viewing a slide show edited by Mrs. Sutherland highlighting 1<sup>st</sup> quarter classroom activities. We've prepared elk sausage, squash pancakes, homemade biscuits, homemade pizza, fruit smoothies and more.

FCCLA has over 20 members this year. We entered a float in the homecoming parade and prepared for the Alumni Open House following the parade. Our three officers went to Springfield to attend Peer Ed Leadership training on Distracted Driving. We will be working with National Honor Society to spread the message.

## Mrs. Farris has College Information Available

Mrs. Farris will be having a financial aid workshop at 6:30 in the cafeteria during parent/teacher conferences. There will be a presentation on dual credit before that at

5:30. She will have several informational pamphlets available in her office for parents. Please stop by and pick them up during the conference or anytime during the school

day. Topics include preparing for college and financial aid.



## Life Skills class collecting coats.

Amy Hooten's Life Skills class is collecting coats, hats, gloves, and warm clothing in all sizes to donate to the Arthur Fire Department. Donation boxes are located throughout the building.



## Student Assistance Program



The Student Assistant Program (SAP) is a group consisting of Junior High and High School teachers, principal, and guidance counselor. They meet on Thursday mornings and use interventions for students who struggle in the following areas: health, social/emotional behavior and academic. Parents are encouraged to contact the office if they would like more information on SAP or would like help with their child in any of the four areas

**The goal of the Student Assistance Program is to identify and assist students whose behavior, attendance, health and /or academic performance indicate that they may have problems threatening their success in school.**

## IMEA District 5 Choral Festival

Chorus students participated in the Illinois Musical Educators Association tryouts in Effingham on October 11. The following students were successful with their auditions and will move to the next level of auditions:

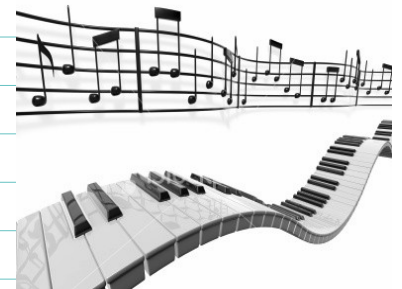
David Rosenbaum, and Emily Seegmiller

### High School

Alicia Dickerson, Steven Hopkins, Jake LaGrou, Blake Miller, Rebecca Rhodes, and Mike Rosenbaum

### Junior High

Kaylee Binion, Baylor Carper, Jessica Davis, Jordan Jent, Kayley LaGrou, Bradley Miller,

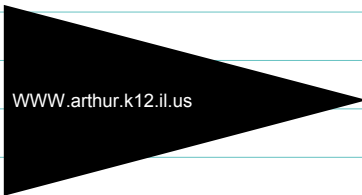




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I hope you enjoyed the newsletter. The district is trying to highlight some of the many great things that happen throughout the building. I am blessed with great students and staff. It has been a joy highlighting the great accomplishments that happen throughout the building. There are so many more events that I wish we could have highlighted. I would like to encourage parents to talk their child about their school day. Communication between home, student, and school is very important. If you have questions about one of your child's classes, please contact their teacher.

Gary M. Alexander, Principal

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### EAGER TO TEACH AND LEARN

## Industrial Tech Club displays Trebuchet

Industrial Tech Club members Daniel Allen, Zach Riley, Evan Seegmiller, Cody Gingerich, Roger Mast, Tyler Kerns, Trevor Watkins and sponsor Mike Reynolds participated in the Morton pumpkin throwing contest. The members placed third place with a throw of 405 feet. Many members have spent their weekend at The Great Pumpkin Patch displaying the throwing power of the trebuchet.

