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There are 26 graduates who plan to attend UCONN in the fall.

Please check our website at www.nwr7.com for update policies, special announcements and the 2011-12 school calendar

Regional School District No. 7 serves the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Norfolk. Our total enrollment is 1165; 834 students attending high school and 331 in the middle school.

Members include: Molly Sexton Read, Chairperson, Janice Dorazio, Vice-Chairperson, Donald Tarrant, Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Lanctot, Theresa Kenneson, Robert Jerram, Tara Yard and Noel Gauthier.

Charter Cable has been filming Northwestern events for broadcast on their TV channel. These broadcasts are also available online.

To access and to check on other available local programming, go to www.ctv14.com

- select "Watch" on lower left
- scroll down "All Folders"
- select "Winsted's CTV13"

On April 27, 2011, Kara Noe 2007 graduate of NWR7, was one of two Central Connecticut State University graduates to be honored for outstanding student achievement by the Connecticut General Assembly. She received her award in the House Chamber at the State Capitol.

Class Officers Elected:

Class of 2012:

President: TJ Williams
Vice President: Melanie Collins
Secretary: Bianca Beland
Treasurer: Katie Blouin

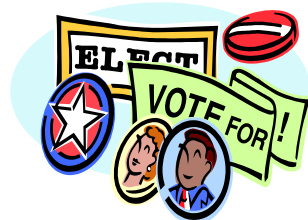
Class of 2013:

President: Nicholas Zelasko
Vice President: Emma Wieduwilt
Secretary: Emma Cunningham
Treasurer: Katie Yetter

Class of 2014:

President: Matthew Mona
Vice President: Amanda Binghi
Secretary: DJ Sherman
Treasurer: Meagan Pulica
Congratulations to our student leaders!

**Class of 2015 elections will take place at a later date.*



2011 Top Ten Graduates

- Catherine Beaudoin~ Barkhamsted
- Lindsay Dezi~ New Hartford
- Samuel Hess~ New Hartford
- Amanda Lee~ Barkhamsted
- Kelly Morrissey~ New Hartford
- Lauren Silverio~ New Hartford
- Kyle Smith~ Barkhamsted
- Emily Tassinari~ New Hartford
- Melissa Traub~ New Hartford
- Olivia Vitali~ New Hartford

Regional School District No. 7

"The Pride of the Northwest Corner"

Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Norfolk

June, 2011



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Roger Newbury, Director of Finance

Ken Chichester, High School Principal

Candy Perez, Middle School Principal

Jeff Dudek, Housemaster

Claudia Mossman, Housemaster

Northwestern Middle School Teams Restored



Special Point of Interest

The class of 2011 will graduate at the Warner Theater on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

There are 190 seventh grade students entering the Middle School in the fall. They will join the 180 eighth graders for a total school enrollment of 370, the largest class in the past ten years.

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Thanks to the support of the Board of Education and the communities, the recently approved 2011-2012 budget provides funds for reinstating the middle school teams. Thankfully, the reinstatement of these full-time positions comes just in time to meet the needs of the largest Middle School enrollment in recent history.

Last year, reductions in staff were necessary to keep expenditures as low as possible. This greatly effected the middle school staff because 5 full-time positions were reduced to part-time.

The 2011-2012 school year will begin with full-time teachers in the areas of Social Studies,

Math, Science, English, and Reading. Restoring these positions will keep class sizes comfortable and allow all teams of teachers to meet on a regular basis.

Team meeting time is used to discuss curriculum, student achievement data and plan instructional strategies.

2011 Valedictorian and Salutatorians Named

Olivia Vitali has earned the top honor as class Valedictorian.

tial Scholar Award which provides full tuition and is renewable for four years.

students.

Lauren Silverio and Melissa Traub have each earned the honor as Salutatorians.

These bright young ladies are enrolled in the Honors Program and are expected to take advanced classes. Our administrators, teachers and staff are very proud of these talented

Olivia, Lauren and Melissa will be joined by many of their classmates who are also attending UCONN in the fall. We look forward to their many future successes.



Connecticut State Department of Education Visits Vo-Ag Program for Compliance Review

On May 26, 2011, Harold Mackin, Associate Consultant from the [Agricultural Science & Technology Education Division of the Connecticut State Department of Education](#), visited with a team of Vo-Ag instructors and CSDE consultants to review our program. The consultants reviewed all facets of our educational program

from curriculum and instruction to teaching schedules. They reviewed our Program of Studies, the Grant Facilities inventory, and the students' FFA/SAEP (Supervised Agriculture Experience Program) binders. The Compliance Review Committee also interviewed our Guidance Counselors, officials from sending schools, area businessmen/SAEP supervisors, FFA officers, Ag-Ed students, Ag-Ed parents and in-

structors. They also toured the facility. After spending the day with our staff, students and parents we are happy to report that our Vo-Ag program received high praise, with Harold stating, "It was the best visit we have had all year." The next compliance review will be during the 2015-16 school year. Congratulations to everyone involved.

For more information about the FFA, please go to www.ffa.org or www.ctffa.org

Highlander Education Fund Grant Awarded to Garage Band

The Highlander Fund was created to collect donations for programs, services, and materials not ordinarily funded through the local school budget. These funds enhance and enrich the education of students at Regional School District No. 7 Middle and High Schools. Applications for funding can be submitted by students, teachers, parents or community members who have an idea or can identify a need for funding.

Most recently, and with great pleasure, the Highlander Fund awarded the Garage Band a **\$600** grant to support the purchase of a PA system. The application was reviewed by board members with the assistance of both Bruce Miller, School Counselor and Quentin Rueckert, School Psychologist. The Garage Band is viewed as an invaluable program. Participation in the band engages students who otherwise may not have a strong connection to our school community.

Visit www.highlanderfund.org for more information on the Highlander Educational Fund. You may also contact Keith Blanchard or Greg Cantwell if you would like to get more involved, or know of any alumni who would be interested in supporting this worthy cause. Keith can be reached at keithblanchard@charter.net



Proactive Drug, Tobacco, and Alcohol Program

Our school district's counselors, teachers and administrators take prevention programs seriously. Rachel's Challenge continues to eliminate bullying and prejudices in our schools. The [Substance Abuse Action Council](#) will be working with administrators to offer drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention programs for our students.

With the help of school staff and law enforcement officials, SAAC assesses the needs of the communities. They also develop and coordinates prevention, treatment and recovery services for those in need. SAAC will provide in-service workshops for our staff and hold assemblies for our students. They also provide presentations and discussion groups for our parents.

Some topics include; access to

pharmaceutical drugs, inhalants, anti-drug, anti-smoking, and gambling problems. They will respond to any need administrators bring forward, so if you feel there is a need for a parent group discussion, please contact me at jpalmernwr7.org For more information on SAAC, visit www.saacct.org or call 1-860-826-1358

Wind Turbine Update

Wind turbines have gotten a lot of press throughout the month of June. [The Connecticut Siting Council](#), which is responsible for ruling on sites used for power facilities, transmission lines and hazardous waste facilities recently supported the construction of 3 wind turbines in Colebrook, as proposed by [BNE Energy](#).

It is important to note that there are substantial differences between the Colebrook turbines, which are over 1,000kW in size and the one that will be built for our school which is 300kW in size.

The turbine that will be built

on the hill behind the field hockey field is much smaller, more compact, quieter and less expensive than a wind farm turbine. Although much smaller than the Colebrook turbines, this type of wind turbine is a powerful generator of electricity, producing 500,000 kilowatts of electricity every year.

Visit www.optiwind.com and watch video of the Klug Farm turbine, which is similar to the one that will be installed just off campus in December, 2012.



This is an illustration of the wind turbine that will be built for our school. Once operational, our district will generate between 1/2 and 2/3 of its electricity from green energy sources.