



# Director's Digest

February 6, 2009

*"Immaturity is the incapacity to use one's intelligence without the guidance of another."* - Immanuel Kant

## FRCS Guidance Counselors Continue to Develop Comprehensive Program to Support Student Needs

Our guidance counselors, Dave Elsner and Phoenix Aiello, have provided tremendous leadership in developing a comprehensive academic and social program of offerings and supports. Students are provided an array of programs which directly and individually assist growth and success. Last month, our counselors presented several of the initiatives introduced and coordinated through the guidance office. Some of these include:

### High School

- Connect.edu – college application tracking and management system for students, parents, and guidance counselor
- Junior and Senior Advising – developed 30 lesson curriculum for each class
- Career Exploration – Expand use of Kuder Career Software and Job Shadow program
- Dual Enrollment – Plan for offering courses with combined college/high school credit

### Middle School

- Transition – 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition for retaining students in FRCS and supporting successful entry into high school
- Study Skills – Implement revised 7<sup>th</sup> grade program
- Test Anxiety – Provide small group and individual intervention year round
- College/Career – Explore and pilot College Ed program from College Board

### All grades 6-12

- Academic Support – Help improve process for identifying and responding to students struggling globally
- Communication – Improve/develop use of web based information and host guidance information sessions periodically throughout Term 2 and Term 3
- School Spirit – support school spirit initiatives (ie student recognition, etc.)

We are very fortunate to have such proactive and dedicated guidance counselors who support our students across their entire school and educational experience. Mr. Elsner and Ms. Aiello have contributed significantly to the well-being and success of our school community and the needs of so many individual students.

If you would like more information on these or any other supports provide by our guidance counselors, please call or email them.

## Upper School Art Show Highlights Impressive Visual and Fine Art Projects

The Upper School Art Show is happening throughout the month of February at the Boyden Library. The Foxborough Art Association has graciously scheduled us in their gallery space! A reception honoring the students selected to be in the show will occur on February 23, 2009 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Works of art representing Ms. Moore's new middle school Fine Arts Curriculum will be featured. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are showcasing five different genres of art. Congratulations to:

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| Kayley Kilcoyne    | Je'Vonna McField   |
| Lauren Abdelahad   | Kelsey Wagner      |
| Ervin Tisdale      | Taryn Hojlo        |
| Nicole Nassif      | Nicole Steiner     |
| Johnathan Williams | Stacy Petit-Maitre |
| Dorothy Rogers     | Kellen Buckley     |
| Brenna Blenkhorn   | Rebecca Graves     |
| Emily Graves       | Mark Gartsbeyn     |
| Stephen Murphy     | Brittany Morgan    |
| Emily Corsaro      | Katrina Spiezio    |
| John Gigliodoro    | Megan Finn         |
| Anthony Casadonte  | Naomi Lubiner      |
| Taylor Stevens     | Rebecca Edwards    |
| Arlena Phillips    | Trea Blair         |
| Anya Wooten        | Meghan Roberts     |
| Kyle Rasmussen     |                    |

Mrs. Droste's High School Visual Art class has 15 pieces of art in the show. The works range from watercolors, lino block prints, chalk pastels, pencil sketch, digital graphics and collage assemblage. Mrs. Droste has two of her own works hung as well, a watercolor and an encaustic. Congratulations to:

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| Brenna Andrade   | Leah Barstow   |
| Lindsey Barstow  | Megan Bassick  |
| Edward Beatty    | Laura Boissy   |
| Leslie Butron    | Morgan Emanuel |
| Heather Jaber    | Jared Medeiros |
| Amanda Rouillard | Allyson Rudd   |
| Angela Servello  |                |

- Mark Logan