

BOARD REPORT

to the Community



Jim Koch
President, Board of Education

Exciting new initiatives ahead

Welcome to the spring issue of the *Board Report to the Community*. As the new President of the Board of Education, I look forward to working with my colleagues to resolve a number of matters including the search for a new Superintendent, the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and the completion of the girls' locker room at the Winnetka Campus, as well as proposing a number of capitol projects.

I graduated from New Trier in 1970 with a minor in Breakfast Club and fond and enduring memories. My wife, a child psychiatrist, our two boys and I lived in Chicago until 1990, when we moved to Wilmette. After 20 years of practicing law, I took a sabbatical to earn a Master's in Education from Northwestern University School of Education and Social Policy where I now teach part-time. I also teach Trial Advocacy at Northwestern's law school and Economics at Latin High School in Chicago. In 2003, I joined the New Trier Board and have devoted time to serving on the North Suburban Special Education District's governing Board and Executive Committee.

Though a great deal has changed in 35 years, the core mission at New Trier has remained the same -- a rigorous academic environment and a commitment to community and service to

others. The Board shares these values and understands that to remain a first-rate academic institution and a valuable member of the community, we must continue to recruit and retain a first-rate faculty and staff.

This Board is committed to maintaining academic performance at the highest levels. Moreover, to maintain and continue the tradition of excellence at New Trier, this Board will not stray from practicing fiscal responsibility. We will maintain fund-balance reserves of at least four and a half months for at least five years to guarantee and respect previous and future generations of Trevians.

Educational funding remains a quagmire and to help our students lead successful and satisfying personal and professional lives, we need to connect on a shared goal. To that end, I hope you will engage with New Trier through its Educational Foundation or re-engage through its connections and events for alumni such as the second annual Foundation golf outing and dinner benefit on September 19 (see the article on page 4). The Foundation works for school improvement and support of students. As such, it needs your vital and continuing involvement.

In a series of recent articles on *Connections*, Dr. Sam Goldstein addressed the troubling rise in

adolescents' anxiety, depression and relationship problems. The Commission on Children at Risk wrote that communities are best prepared to address these challenges if they foster resilience, treat children as ends in themselves, are warm and nurturing, establish clear limits and expectations, are multi-generational, reflect and transmit a shared understanding of what it means to be a good person, and are oriented to the equal dignity of all persons. As a Board member, I have seen these characteristics demonstrated by the New Trier school community. This issue of the *Board Report* features a sampling of some of the many academic and co-curricular experiences for students that demonstrate clear expectations, goodness, dignity, and a multi-generational commitment.

I hope beyond the day-to-day tasks of overseeing the high school, we can constantly remind our children and ourselves to be resilient, reflective and thus reinforce an attitude of perseverance, caring and hope. I look forward to hearing your thoughts about New Trier or what this Board of Education can do to assist you this year.

Sincerely,

James B. Koch

Final year as Superintendent ahead



Henry S. Bangser
Superintendent

Several years ago, the Board of Education and I developed a schedule for my retirement from the superintendency of the New Trier Township High

School District. We determined that it would be most appropriate to formalize the announcement of my retirement in the spring preceding my final school year. To that end, on May 10, 2005, Board President Jim Koch and I met with the entire District staff. In that session, I announced that I will retire on June 30, 2006. At the May 16 Board of Education Meeting, which was televised to the community as are all Regular Board Meetings, I affirmed my comments to the staff.

As you would expect, I will reserve until next school year the opportunity to offer numerous extraordinarily heartfelt comments about New Trier and all that New Trier has meant to me since I came here in 1971. Suffice it to say today that I will work in any capacity that the members of the Board of Education identify as they lead the search for my successor. I am confident they will do an outstanding job in this endeavor.

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Mao and Then

Freshmen forgo trip to the opera for Chinese cultural immersion

For the past two years, the entire freshman class has taken a field trip to the Lyric Opera in Chicago to attend either *Madame Butterfly* or *La Traviata*. However, when the Lyric announced it was celebrating its anniversary and would not be available for the annual event, New Trier staff planned something different to educate and enrich the students.

In conjunction with a Northfield Campus goal to provide a performing arts experience during students' first year at New Trier, Performing Arts Coordinator Nina Lynn worked with Northfield Principal Jan Borja, students and staff members to create *Glimpses of China*, a play consisting of Chinese folk tales and real-life stories that represent Chinese history and beliefs.

Northfield Campus students and staff celebrated the event by attending or participating in the *Glimpses of China* performance, discussing relevant study material in classes, and enjoying an

Asian-infused lunch that featured a procession of Chinese drummers and a traditional Chinese parade dragon.

Bill Markle, adjunct professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology, hosted scholars from China during the play's dress rehearsal in early February. "Students expressed their wonder at the sets and costumes of *Glimpses of China*," he said. "The play will remain with me as a memorable experience because of the school's ability to lift students out of the mundane and into a new world. No one has asked me yet about staging the play in China, but who knows?" he said.

The Glimpses of China student production included:

- The Jade Stone by Caryn Yacowowite
- The Ch'i-in Purse by Linda Fang
- Six Short Pieces by Bai Xiao Yi
- The IQ Test by Zhao Da-nian
- The Red Scarf Girl by Ji Li Jang
- The Fatal Flower, a fairy tale



Board of Education welcomes three new members



CAROL DUCOMMUN



STEPHEN J. MALKIN



SUSAN B. NOYES



Board of Education members are (back row, from left): John S. (Buz) Graettinger, Jr., James B. Koch (President) and Stephen J. Malkin. Seated in the front row, from left, are: Charles C. Happ (Vice President), Carol F. Ducommun, Susan B. Noyes, and Peter Ullman.

The New Trier Board of Education includes seven individuals who serve three-year terms as volunteer leaders who represent the best interests of students and the community. At the April 11 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, newly-elected members Carol Ducommun, Stephen J. Malkin and Susan B. Noyes were seated and Board member Peter Ullman began his second elected term. Board members Jim Koch and Chuck Happ were elected President and Vice

President, respectively, and member John (Buz) Graettinger, Jr., continued his term.

Each Board of Education member assumes annual committee and/or liaison roles and serves on external committees or boards to ensure that New Trier has a voice in all areas that will affect the District. Examples include participation on inter-governmental committees comprised of leadership from the villages within the Township, as well as serving on the Board

of the North Suburban Special Education District, (NSSED).

Within New Trier, Board members serve on committees that represent strategic planning, technology and facilities, cost containment, professional associations and the New Trier Educational Foundation. Board members also participate in groups that include parents, students and staff such as the Booster Club, Fine Arts Association, Parents' Association and the All-School Forum.

Trevian Pride

National magazine recognizes athletic program as "best in state" and "12th in nation"

Sports Illustrated magazine recently named New Trier High School best in Illinois and 12th best in the U.S. based on the school's "all-around excellence during the last ten years" and the number of state championships won and college athletes produced.

New Trier has won more state titles (85), boys' championships (55) and girls' crowns (30) than any other high school program in Illinois.



And All That Jazz

Jim Warrick receives prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for Jazz Education



New Trier jazz musician and teacher, Jim Warrick

New Trier music teacher Jim Warrick has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for Jazz Education, sponsored by *Downbeat* magazine, as featured in its June issue. In the past, this award has been presented to such jazz luminaries as Stan Kenton and Woody Herman. Mr. Warrick is the only high school jazz educator to receive the award this year.

Mr. Warrick has said that the title "music teacher" should be spelled with a small "m" and a capital "T". He believes that what is best for the individual student is most important. A jazz enthusiast, he was inspired to teach and succeed in music

by his own high school music instructor, Jewell Tillson of Kingsport, Tennessee. "He was passionate about us and how we learned—how we achieved in and outside of his class," Mr. Warrick said, adding that he had struggled with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) in school. "Jewell saw that I had a passion for music and he helped me see that I could be successful as a musician at an early age." Mr. Warrick started playing as a professional drummer when he was 13 and taught private drum lessons to 25 people, including adults, by the age of 16.

What we play is life.

Louis Armstrong

"All students should know that there is at least one person in their life who is crazy about them," Mr. Warrick continued. "Sometimes that only person is a teacher." This belief guides his teaching philosophy. "If I were only concerned about a student's musical product, I wouldn't be interested in anything else about them or their growth as a future enjoyer of music," he added, stressing that this is why he does not enter the New Trier jazz ensembles in competitions with jazz bands from other schools.

After starting to teach 28 years ago in Lakewood, Ohio, Mr. Warrick still receives letters and e-mails from former students. "I've had students say, 'You

made an impact on me because you let us take chances and were happy with our best effort,'" he said. "Still, the most difficult aspect of teaching at New Trier is deciding each spring which students can enter and remain in the jazz program, which is limited to 100 students. If we took everyone who wanted to play in our four jazz ensembles, the bands would be so large that they would no longer be authentic big bands. It is tough selecting one student over another, and I lose a lot of sleep during the spring audition season."

For 22 years, New Trier has hosted a noncompetitive jazz festival under Mr. Warrick's leadership. Bands from 50 other high schools and junior high schools play along with professional musicians and college bands. This year's festival included Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band from Los Angeles, and the Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble. World famous jazz greats including Chick Corea, Dizzy Gillespie, and the Duke Ellington Orchestra also have visited New Trier to perform or play alongside students.

Mr. Warrick spends two weeks each summer teaching jazz at the Birch Creek Music Center in Fish Creek, Wisconsin, and he just completed his second year as director of the Wheaton College Symphonic Band in Wheaton, Illinois. He also maintains New Trier's popular jazz website, www.ntjazz.com, which features video recordings of all New Trier's band, orchestra and jazz concerts.

Did you know...?

- More than 90 guest jazz artists and big bands have performed with or for New Trier students since 1981 when Jim Warrick joined the staff. Musicians include Dizzy Gillespie, Chick Corea, Louie Bellson, Gary Burton, and Maynard Ferguson, among others. Big bands such as the Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Buddy Rich Big Band, the Bob Mintzer Big Band, and the Count Basie Orchestra also have performed at New Trier.
- Since the NTJAZZ.com website premiered in 1995, it has received more than 110,000 "hits" from computers all over the world on its archive concert pages.
- Jim Warrick's favorite jazz piece is *First Circle* by Pat Metheny. "It is generally regarded by college jazz educators as one of the most difficult pieces to perform. I have been fortunate enough to have two jazz ensembles in my time at New Trier that could play it and understand what they were playing."
- As a former member of the Disneyland All-American College Marching Band, Jim Warrick will travel to Anaheim, California, in July to perform in a special alumni band concert to celebrate Disney's 50th anniversary.

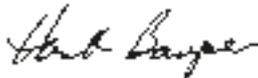
Coming Soon:

A BOARD REPORT FEATURE ON THE NEW TRIER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND ITS DIRECTOR PETER ROSHEGER, WHO EARNED THE 2005 BEST HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC ORCHESTRA AWARD, SPONSORED BY DOWNBEAT MAGAZINE.

Music is an expression of a young person's soul. It is the inner voice speaking.
Music is not something where there should be winners and losers.

New Trier teacher and musician Jim Warrick

This issue of the *Board Report to the Community* is the immediate forerunner of the first Annual Report of the New Trier Township High School District, which will be mailed to you in the fall of 2005. The timing of that document is poignant. On March 21, 2005, the Board approved the 2005-2010 Strategic Plan for New Trier. In the 2005 Annual Report, I will detail the action plans within the six planning strategies that our administrative team will address in the first two years of the Strategic Plan. Outstanding work of more than 120 staff and community members and the Board of Education from December 2003 through March 2005 produced the key components of the Strategic Plan presented here.


Hank Bangser, *Superintendent*

MISSION

(adopted by the Board of Education on December 13, 2004)

The mission of New Trier Township High School is to inspire students “to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity” by working in partnership with the community to provide innovative programs for all students, nurture their unique abilities, and encourage them to pursue excellence in their endeavors.

PARAMETERS

(standards which the District will not compromise – adopted by the Board of Education at its March 21, 2005 Meeting)

- We will maintain academic performance at the highest levels consistent with our tradition of excellence.
- We will maintain the 1-3 Enrollment Model: one school on two campuses.
- We will practice fiscal responsibility by honoring the commitment made to the community by the Board of Education in the construction of the April 1, 2003 referendum; specifically, the District will

maintain fund balance reserves of at least four and one-half months for at least five years, and there will be no new tax rate referendum for at least five years.

- We will maintain a safe and respectful environment conducive to learning.
- We will balance our quest for innovation with respect for our tradition.

STRATEGIES

(initiatives through which the District will deploy its resources toward the stated Mission – adopted by the Board of Education at its March 21, 2005 Meeting)

In partnership with the New Trier community...

CLIMATE OF EXPLORATION

we will develop an educational climate and structure that enable students to explore aspirations, talents, and interests across their high school years in order to set meaningful goals and confidently pursue their dreams.

CONNECTIONS AMONG EXPERIENCES

we will design and implement structures that will allow students to make meaningful

connections among academic, personal, social, and other life experiences.

ETHICAL CONDUCT AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

we will identify, communicate, model, and reinforce standards of ethical conduct and responsible global citizenship.

HEALTHY, BALANCED LIFE

we will identify those factors that place excessive demands on time and energy in the pursuit of excellence and develop plans to encourage a healthy, balanced life.

INTRINSIC VALUE OF LEARNING

we will design academic leveling and grade weighting systems which foster the intrinsic value of learning and achieve our mission and objectives.

OPTIMAL USE OF TIME

we will design a calendar and schedule for optimal use of time to help us achieve our mission and objectives.

Oh, what a night!

11th annual Winter Carnival surpasses goal; proceeds donated to charities

A biting February wind and a three-day weekend didn't stop more than 4,000 community residents and New Trier students from participating in the 11th annual Winter Carnival at the Winnetka Campus.

Activities and attractions appealed to all ages, with classic hits including Bozo Buckets and Pick a Ducky to modern picks such as Marriage Booth, Velcro Maze, and Karaoke Dance Party. Of course the gyms were filled with athletic competitions, including a rock climbing wall hosted by New Trier's climbing club and an activity that involved launching soccer balls at senior students, some of whom were dressed as clowns. The latter is always a hit with high school students and the younger children who stand on the safety wall and watch with mouths agape as a machine whips balls towards the students. “That looks like a lot of fun,” exclaimed Charlie, a visiting first grader who elected to play hockey shoot-out instead.

Scores of junior high students roamed the halls socializing or visiting various booths staged in classrooms while discussing their future at New Trier. “I love it here,” said Sara, who will be a freshman next year. “Winter Carnival is the best!”

Winter Carnival raised \$35,000 this year. The senior class donated 80% of the proceeds to Habitat for Humanity and the other 20% to New Trier's Tsunami Relief Fund, which raised nearly \$45,000 through various initiatives including a WNTH “radiothon.”



Sara Shook and Allison Cooney serve up fun for the community.



Winter Carnival attracts thousands of community members for a festive evening of games and merriment.

Special thanks to Winter Carnival 2005 Sponsors:

- Brandt, Coughlin and Jameson, Galvin, Kracum, Noyes, and Taslitz families**
- First Bank and Trust of Winnetka**
- Home Depot**
- New Trier Social Service**
- North Shore Community Bank**
- Prairie Shore Properties**
- Record-a-Hit Entertainment**
- Winnetka Hockey Association**



Amanda Bobrow, Julie Feldman and Kim Tolbert entice kids to visit their carnival attraction.

Students Griffin Fraser, Grant Harkins, Alex Ogione and the Winter Carnival clown anxiously await the onslaught of soccer balls that are launched annually at brave seniors. This Winter Carnival tradition is always a hit with spectators.



Spirit of humaNiTy Students plan “in-school field trip” to explore timely topics

With nearly 200 speakers in 70 workshops, students discussed issues such as gender, sexuality, teasing and bullying, religious differences, racism and many other topics at the all-school seminar, entitled humaNiTy, earlier this spring.

Described by Winnetka Campus Principal Debbie Stacey as “an in-house field trip planned completely by students,” humaNiTy featured noted clinical psychologist Dr. William Pollack, performance poet C.C. Carter, historian and author Joan Brumberg, and numerous sessions hosted by New Trier faculty. Students attended large group sessions as well as break-out conversations on topics relevant to them and today’s world. “The specific goal of humaNiTy was to create greater understanding of how gender issues, social hierarchy, self-image, race and religion affect everyday life at New Trier and beyond,” Dr. Stacey continued.

The campus organizations of Student Alliance and Peer Helping came together earlier this year to plan humaNiTy. “The students were passionate, dedicated and spent countless hours organizing the day,” said Peer Helping sponsor Tom Golebiewski, Social Work Department Chair. The experience advocated the district-wide theme to provide a safe and respectful learning environment for all staff and students.

Academy Award nominee and New Trier alumnus Virginia Madsen (’79), known most recently for her role in the movie *Sideways*, hosted a casual session on self-confidence and the challenges women face in the competitive and image-obsessed world of Hollywood. She interacted with students and staff, even reuniting with

several of her former teachers, including dance teacher Chris Bauer and retired drama teacher Toby Nicholson. Ms. Madsen also hosted smaller sessions where she compared her experience at New Trier with Hollywood. She spoke one-on-one with numerous students whom she encouraged to pursue their dreams after high school and develop “a strong sense of self.”

Students hosted a lunchtime cookout on the Winnetka Campus front lawn and participated in student-led small group sessions at the end of the day that encouraged reflection and feedback about the all-day seminar with the hope that “they would be encouraged to question the perceptions and stereotypes of modern American society,” said Student Alliance sponsor Colby Vargas, social studies teacher.

Below

New Trier junior Arielle Goodman (left) befriended actress Virginia Madsen (New Trier Class of ’79) while planning the all-school seminar. “She called me during a rehearsal to talk about her visit. I said to my friends, ‘Virginia Madsen is calling me on my cell phone,’” said Arielle, who was encouraged by the Oscar-nominated actress to pursue her dreams.



From left, Northfield Campus Principal Jan Borja, Virginia Madsen and Winnetka Campus Principal Debbie Stacey.



From left, junior Lizzie Potter and sophomore Courtney Park, participate in humaNiTy.



Guest speakers and New Trier staff led workshops for students at the Winnetka Campus during the all-school seminar, HumaNiTy, on April 19.



Ms. Madsen visited with her former teachers Toby Nicholson and Arlene Paul.

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Making chemistry “real”

Chemistry teacher Adam Held wants chemistry to come alive for his students. That’s why his students have participated in the annual Demo Day for the past two years.

“The premise of the day is simple,” Mr. Held said. “Students plan a chemistry demonstration and perform it in front of residents at local assisted living facilities in our area.”

Mr. Held believes students experience the joy of chemistry while sharing it with appreciative audiences who marvel at the unique way today’s students use chemistry.



His classes visited four retirement communities this year.

“The students did a fantastic job planning and performing their demonstration,” Mr. Held added. “The residents were so grateful for our visit and a great deal of learning took place.”



NEW TRIER AND KENWOOD ACADEMY HOST STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Each year, New Trier students participate in an exchange program with Hyde Park’s Kenwood Academy, whose population is largely African-American. Students visit with their counterparts, attend classes, and participate in a service project together. In April, the two schools shared a special evening at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on the University of Chicago campus. A total of 40 New Trier students joined the Kenwood Academy Choir for a joint concert celebrating music’s universal voice.



From left, Charles Anderson, Tiffany Brown, Amanda Bobrow, Nesbitt Wesonga and Emily Richmond spend lunch together at New Trier.



Daniel Toledo (left) and London Brown participate in a discussion about the Kenwood-New Trier exchange program.



Tanya Monahiem (left) and Vawnsheka Brown celebrate a successful day of classes together.



COWBOYS. INDIANS. TREVIAN. COME OUT AND PLAY!

The second annual New Trier Educational Foundation golf outing and dinner benefit is planned! All New Trier alumni and supporters are invited for a fantastic day on the course in support of New Trier High School at 11 a.m., Monday, September 19, at Westmoreland Country Club, Wilmette. For information, call (847) 784-2346. *Save the date!*

NEW TRIER LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

All New Trier alumni are invited to log onto the new online community at www.newtrieralumni.org. If you are a New Trier graduate, please call (847) 784-3407 for your user name and password to join this free, online community.



The local educational access cable television station for all public schools in New Trier Township premiered a new identity and updated format in early 2005.

The Education Channel, formerly called the Lyceum, boasted a new program line up beginning fall 2004, featuring student athletics, performing arts, and a weekly student produced news show. Together with the New Trier Parents Association, The Education Channel offered programs on a range of academic and social topics for parents.

Look for new programs to air in June including "A Spring Choral Concert" with New Trier and Kenwood Academy students, Washburne Graduation, "Navigating the New Trier Social Scene," and New Trier baseball games.

In addition to locally-oriented programs, The Education Channel offers programs of national interest including NASA, Classic Arts Showcase, the Illinois Channel, and Shamu TV. The schedule is updated weekly at www.theeducationalchannel.org

and is broadcast during program breaks each day. The station broadcasts on Comcast Cable on channel 18 in Glencoe, Kenilworth, and Winnetka, and on channel 16 in Northfield and Wilmette. More information on live concert broadcasts is available at ntjazz.com.

The Education Channel will pause programming during July in order to prepare for a new year of exciting new and continued programs beginning in August. The Educational Channel is managed by the New Trier Technology Educational Cooperative, which is comprised of the New Trier High School District and the Township's six public elementary school districts -- Avoca District 37 in Wilmette, Glencoe District 35, Kenilworth District 38, Sunset Ridge District 29 in Northfield, Wilmette District 39, and Winnetka District 36. Julianne Beck, the station manager, can be reached at (847) 784-2208.



Kristine Witherow's Introduction to Business students completed a business management project that yielded \$1,300 that students donated to two nonprofit organizations. Chicago Bear Rex Grossman surprised the students at their "shareholder's meeting" and accepted a donation on behalf of recipient Bears Care. Gale School in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood also received a donation from the students.

Chicago Bear Rex Grossman thanked students for their donation and complimented them on selling products successfully, making a profit and donating the profit to a great cause.



Students take a stand on genocide in Darfur

Congressman Mark Kirk (R-Illinois) visited New Trier in April to discuss the "genocide emergency" occurring in the Darfur region of Sudan. Students in Carolyn Muir's social studies classes had discussed the crisis and "students were horrified that this was taking place and that many of them had not heard about the conflict," Ms. Muir said. "They wanted to do something about it. They wanted to raise awareness of the issue."

Freshman Jessie Wall takes initiative

Jessie Wall, one of Ms. Muir's students, contacted Jerry Fowler, staff director of the United States Holocaust Museum's Committee on Conscience in Washington, DC, who came to the Chicago area and spoke to 400 New Trier freshmen. He discussed his trip to refugee camps in Chad, from where more than one million Sudanese have fled since massive killings began in Darfur. Mr. Fowler shared photos and testimonies of the refugees with whom he interacted, largely members of the Fur, Zaghawa and Masaalit ethnic groups, considered in Darfur to be Africans. He said the Committee on Conscience of the United States Holocaust Museum had declared

a "genocide emergency" in July 2004, emphasizing that genocide is imminent or is actually happening in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Students contact politicians

After hearing the presentation, students contacted local political leaders about the issue. Congressman Kirk responded quickly to students' e-mails and letters and came to New Trier to discuss the current U.S. government position on the crisis. "He told students that they were the only ones in his constituency who were speaking out against the crisis," Ms. Muir continued. "He asked students to continue to build awareness by encouraging people to write Illinois political leaders, including Senators Durbin and Obama and President Bush."



From left, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), New Trier freshman Britt Woodbury, U2 lead singer Bono, Congressman Mark Kirk (R-IL), and New Trier Social Studies teacher Carolyn Muir attend a reception before U2's sold-out concert in Chicago in May. The senator, congressman and Bono praised New Trier students' efforts in raising awareness about the crisis in Darfur.

Congressman Kirk and Musician Bono praise students' efforts

New Trier students circulated petitions protesting the genocide in the Darfur region. In May, freshman Britt Woodbury, Ms. Muir and Congressman Kirk presented the petitions to activist and musician Bono (Paul Hewson) of the rock band U2, attending a pre-concert meeting with Bono to discuss how New Trier students are taking a stand against genocide. Bono was supportive of New Trier's efforts and expressed hope that "we all work together to improve the situation in Africa."

A hope to create change

Students continue to write politicians expressing concern about the plight of the people of Darfur. They hope their activism will raise awareness and create change. Student organizers successfully planned Take A Stand, an event that joined 1,000 staff members and students outside of the Northfield Campus for a moment of silence for the 1,000 people killed or displaced each day in Sudan. Students also are planning a community and school-wide awareness event for the fall, with the hope that other local schools, churches, synagogues and nonprofit organizations will join forces to increase awareness and help save the people of Darfur from further persecution.

There is something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life. That is his living spirit to a service that is not easy, to resist counsels that are hard to resist, to stand against purposes that are difficult to stand against.

Woodrow Wilson

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New Trier Township High School District 203
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New Trier Township High School District 203 serves Chicago's North Shore suburban communities of Glencoe, Kenilworth, Wilmette and Winnetka, most of Northfield and parts of Glenview and Northbrook.

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District Mission

Incorporating the District motto, the following mission was approved by the Board of Education at the December 13 Regular Meeting. It is the first official mission of the School District and was a result of the 2003-2005 Strategic Plan.

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How to contact the Board of Education

If you have an issue you would like the Board of Education to address, you may:

- call (847) 784-6108, or
- attend a Board of Education meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month in Room C-234 at the Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, unless otherwise noted. For a meeting schedule, log onto www.newtrier.k12.il.us.

You may view the monthly Board meetings on the 24-hour New Trier Educational Channel, which is broadcast on cable television Channel 18 in Glencoe, Kenilworth and Winnetka, and on Channel 16 in Northfield and Wilmette.

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New Trier's Science Olympiad team wins State Tournament



Rachel Flynn, Gene Lee and Madeline Keleher celebrate their first place win at the National Science Olympiad.

For an unprecedented fourth straight year, New Trier's Science Olympiad team won the state tournament. They then advanced to the National Science Olympiad at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May, where the team captured the 6th place title.

The 21st annual National Science Olympiad holds great significance, as 2005 has been designated the World Year of Physics, a global celebration of physics and its importance in everyday life. In addition, the year 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of several groundbreaking papers by Albert Einstein.

The National Competition included 23 Division B (junior high) and 23 Division C (high school) events. New Trier students Rachel Flynn, Gene Lee and Madeline Keleher won first place in the Mission Possible event, which challenged competitors to create a Rube Goldberg-like device that demonstrated a series of energy transfers to accomplish a specific task. The awards included \$1,000 to each student and a full-ride to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, should they apply and be accepted.

"Winning the State Meet and attending the National Competition four years in a row has fostered unparalleled growth in our Science Olympiad team," said Jan Leonhardt, physics teacher and Science Olympiad coach. "Our team included 17 wonderful students who embraced the challenge of the engineering events and used their knowledge of science to challenge the best in the nation. Science Olympiad nurtures the process of scientific investigation, and our team reveled in its challenge."



Congratulations to the 2005 New Trier High School Science Olympiad team, which placed first in the state for the fourth year in a row and sixth overall at the National Science Olympiad in May. Team members include Shannon Keleher, Sasha Ladiik, Amar Keleher, Jeremy Slivnick, Michelle Moy, Madeline Keleher, Varun Kaushik, Adam Ruben, Elliot Rosenthal, Patrick Xia, Alex Gorodetsky, Elizabeth Weissberg, Rachel Flynn, Steven Gutzmer, Gene Lee, Jordan Gutterman and Mason Marshall.

The true scientist never loses the faculty of amazement.
It is the essence of his being.

Hans Selye