



Minnesota North Star Academy Star Academy

From the Executive Director's Desk

It's a wrap! As of May 27th, there are 9 school days left upon the completion of 2007-2008 school year! I cannot believe how fast time flies. It truly has been a positive year for North Star staff and students. I am proud of our North Star students. Thank you for sending your child to North Star. Each student enrolled at North Star truly makes the school a productive and learning environment. I am also grateful to North Star's dedicated staff members who have worked tirelessly throughout the school year educating your child.

I am excited to share that 34 students are currently enrolled for 2008-2009 school year. I am expecting several more students will enroll during the summer. Therefore, North Star is expecting approximately 35-40 students by the beginning of the school year.

North Star will have its first Extended School Year (ESY) this summer. ESY dates are from June 16th to July 3rd (Monday—Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Ronda Jo Miller and Cheri Piemeisl will be teaching ESY. If you have any questions about

ESY, please email me at kkause@mnnorthsstaracademy.org or call the school at 651-771-2000.

It was great seeing some of you at our annual Parent/Teacher Group meeting last Tuesday!

Information regarding 2008-2009 school year will be mailed to families in late July/early August.

Have a wonderful summer!

-Kim

New Hires!

I am very pleased to announce that two teaching positions have been filled for 2008-2009 school year. Mechelle Disch and Frank Germinaro are our two newest staff members of North Star! Mechelle brings 10 years of classroom experience teaching high school English. We are fortunate to have an

experienced teacher joining North Star staff. She will be making the move from Kentucky this summer.

Frank recently received his masters degree from Gallaudet University. He also previously received his bachelors degree in English and Drama from

Gallaudet University. Frank will be making the move from Wisconsin this summer as well. I am thrilled to have Mechelle and Frank as newest members of North Star teaching staff..

Please welcome Mechelle and Frank!

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Special points of interest:

- Awards Night— Thursday, May 29th 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Graduation— Thursday, June 5th 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- Last Day of School— Friday, June 6th
- Extended School Year— June 16th— July 3rd

North Star Graduation

North Star's graduation will take place on Thursday, June 5th starting at 7 p.m. Anita Buel will be North Star's commencement speaker. Anita Buel is a Deaf individual who is well-known for her work as an advocate for the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing community involving health care. Please join North Star in honoring these 4 seniors who are expected to receive their high school diploma/certificate next Thursday, June 5th.

Please join me in honoring these 4 seniors:

Lonnetta Janet Brooks
Cecilia Emma Hanhikoski
Kacey Lynn Kline
Samantha Jo Orman



Parent/Guardian Surveys



Each one of you should have received an email from Lange Consultants regarding filling out North Star climate survey. Thank you to those who have filled out the online survey. There are still some of you who have not filled out the survey. Please take a moment to complete the survey online. Inputs/feedback from parents/guardians are crucial to the success of North Star program.

North Star is always striving to improve different aspects of educational/extracurricular programming of the school. If you have not received an email from Lange Consultants, please send an email to Ginger at gthompson@mnnorthstaracademy.org

Thank you!

Valley Fair

North Star's last day of school is on Friday, June 6th. Student Council had a meeting last Friday to discuss plans for last day of school. Two options were presented to the students; Valley Fair or Brunswick Zone. Each student actually voted for Valley Fair. Permission slips will go home later on this week.

Please email Ginger at gthompson@mnnorthstaracademy.org if you have any additional questions about the field trip.



Parental Involvement/Inputs are greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to stop by my office, call or email me. My email address is kkause@mnnorthstaracademy.org

You can also call the front office at 651-771-2000.