

Schram Honored for His Smooth Sax Appeal

It is no surprise to many that Lake Zurich High School Junior **Jim Schram** has strong sax appeal. In fact, his expertise on the saxophone is so outstanding that he was chosen as the Outstanding Jazz Musician on Saturday, November 13, at the IMEA District VII Jazz Festival at Highland Park, IL.

Each year at the festival, the director of the first jazz ensemble selects one student as the outstanding jazz musician in the band, which is composed of some of the best student musicians in the state of Illinois. This year, director **Rob Parton** (director of the Jazz Tech Big Band in Chicago,

Roosevelt University's big band) chose Schram for the prestigious award.



Award-winning saxophone player **Jim Schram** demonstrates his smooth sax style.

Schram was originally chosen as the top tenor sax player in all of District VII, a district that include 52 schools auditioning for spots in all-district ensembles. District VII is highly competitive, featuring powerhouse schools such as Libertyville, Warren, Stevenson, New Trier, Hersey, Buffalo Grove, Downers Grove and Lake Zurich, among many others.

According to Lake Zurich High School Band Director **Joshua Thompson**, this is the first time that he has had a student at Lake Zurich High School receive this top honor.

Buy a Tree, Help a Child

In cooperation with The National Arbor Day Foundation, the Lake Zurich High School Business Department, working to benefit the Lake Zurich

Bears Charity Bash '04, is sponsoring a Colorado Blue Spruce Sale to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

To help, you can buy a tree for only \$5 or order several for your friends, family, relatives, and neighbors.

The trees may be given as gifts or donated back to the school to create a lasting legacy. Gift tags/labels are available. The trees are small enough to fit on a desk and can be kept refrigerated and then planted in the spring.

The pick-up day for the trees is December 10. All trees will be located in the cafeteria from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. You will need your receipt to pick-up your tree(s), which is the bottom half of your order form. For more information, contact **Darren Rothermel** at (847) 540-4301, or email him at darren.rothermel@lz95.org.



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Far right: **Sister Margaret Mary** (center) of Mt. St. Joseph, **Elizabeth Kauffman**, a resident at Mt. St. Joseph, and third grader **Owen Zwu** (left), make a turkey craft together.

Hands of Friendship

Third graders at Spencer Loomis Elementary School and residents of Mt. St. Joseph last week made turkey craft projects to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Spencer Loomis School began



this community service project with Mt. St. Joseph last year, called *Hands of Friendship*.

Mt. St. Joseph is a residential facility which houses 128 developmentally disabled women. The ultimate goal of the program is for Spencer Loomis students to learn to respect and to accept those who may be different from themselves. The concept of "giving back" to the community is also another goal.

As the program evolves each year, it is the PTO's hope that continuing relationships will be nurtured between the students and the women of Mt. St. Joseph.

Left to right: Casey Karmell, Brian Batten, Lexi Burkley and Kelsey Imai.

MSS Students Experience the Power of Teaching



Students in **Kristen Wilmot's** seventh grade Algebra class at Middle School South recently got a taste of what it would be like to be teachers.

After spending time working on lesson plans and teaching strategies, the students worked with **Karen Willsie's** Isaac Fox Elementary School class to reinforce their math skills. The seventh graders were split into five different teaching groups and each individual student created a different math lesson.

According to Willsie, her elementary school students really enjoyed the peer teaching and their new seventh grade *teachers*.

Later in the school year, Mrs. Willsie's students will reciprocate by teaching Mrs. Wilmot's class their favorite game.

Staff Members Urged to get *Techie* with IT

Every two to three years, the Information Technology (IT) staff completes a formal vendor evaluation to select a single source vendor for desktop and laptop computer purchases. This allows the school district the flexibility of determining the best value for computer purchases, while maintaining consistency and standards to keep support costs as low as possible.

This year, IT is extending the vendor evaluation process to include all staff who would like to participate. The IT department has made arrangements with the four vendors being reviewed (HP, Dell, IBM and MPC) to have a demonstration laptop and desktop unit available.

The Tech Staff will host an **Open House** at the PDC on Wednesday, **December 1**, from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Staff members are invited to stop by, try the equipment and look at the specs in order to cast your "vote" and complete a comment form to be included as a part of the evaluation. IT staff will be available to answer questions, but vendors will not be present in order to make this a non-threatening, friendly environment for staff to review the latest technology.

A final decision based upon staff feedback, along with other criteria (cost, service, reliability, features), will be made by the IT department.

Only the Shadow Knows...About Good Career Choices

Juniors and seniors at Lake Zurich High School now have a chance to "shadow" various professionals in business, education and various trades through the Lake Zurich High School Career Mentoring Program. However, the application deadline (Dec. 17) is quickly approaching.

Led by Mentoring Career Coordinator **Lisa Covelli**, the program offers students the chance to shadow pharmacists, biologists, nurses, teachers, politicians, media broadcasters, actors/actresses, chemists, doctors, psychiatrists, archeologists, interior designers, photographers, and many others in interesting careers.

"I am hoping that through this experience, the students will 'learn the ropes' of what a particular job might be like," said Covelli. "They will also learn how to present themselves positively and how to remain mentally sharp within their surroundings."

According to Covelli, this is Lake Zurich High School's first year to formally offer the program, although in the past, students have been able to job shadow professionals on an informal basis.

In order to apply, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Junior or Senior
- 2.5 or higher GPA
- Arrange their own transportation to the job site
- Turn in a one-page statement of interest (typed and double-spaced) to Covelli, along with the application by December 17

Covelli suggests the following for the student statement of interest:

- **Be specific** as to what job site you would like to visit and why that particular site is necessary for your related interests.
- **Explain** what you already know about your field of interest, and include questions about the things you don't know.
- **Focus** on the ways in which you can gain as much information as possible about the job you are shadowing.

For more information, contact Lisa Covelli, (847) 540-4410, or email her at lisa.covelli@lz95.org.

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