

Separate schools, separate classes

Antioch and Lakes High Schools to offer summer driver education

By Brynne Schweigel

Summer school driver education has now been expanded to both District 117 high school campuses, Antioch Community High School and Lakes Community High School. Since the opening of LCHS in 2004, summer school driver education has been held at only one campus, due to the small number of students enrolled in the program. Steve Scott, LCHS driver education instructor, explained that now since both schools have an equal amount of enrolled students, the extra expenses of holding it at both schools is worth it.

"Both campuses now have over 1,200 students," said Scott. "Both Lakes and Antioch have enough students where combining classes would present a scheduling problem and it would cost the district a lot of money."

Debbie Rummel, ACHS driver education

department head agrees with Scott's view on enrollment.

"There are enough students now to warrant two sections," said Rummel. "If we only had one school with summer school driver ed, we couldn't serve all the students who are eligible to take driver's ed now."

Some students do not agree with Rummel and Scott.

"I don't think that two sections is worth the time and money," said Emily Ortiz, ACHS freshman. "If we live so close to each other, why shouldn't we just have class together?"

Scott also explained that it would be almost impossible to find enough time to teach that many students in one location each day.

"If you were to combine 253 students at 32 students per class that would be eight hours a day for six teachers," said Scott.

According to Rummel, driver education fees will not increase and will remain at \$150, plus the \$20 driving permit fee. She also indicated that holding summer school at only one school would cause problems with class scheduling



Photo by Kara Knutson

Students will be entering Driver Education cars at both District 117 campuses, starting this summer.

for the regular school year.

"If we don't accommodate enough students in the summer, we get very backed up in the fall and spring semesters," said Rummel.

Rummel said that both campuses have about 120 students participating in the summer school session, and that the requirements have not changed, but the attendance policy has been tightened. Now, students who are absent for more than two days of that summer school course are immediately dropped from the class, with no chance to make up missed class time.

Holcomb, Savino go to state...

Tom Tom members bring home fourth place medals

By Maggie Bodanyi

The Tom Tom newspaper staff of Antioch Community High School traveled to the Illinois High School Association competition for the first time. Nine members of the Newspaper Journalism course traveled to Northern Illinois Uni-

versity to compete in the Sectional Tournament, and five students advanced to the State competition that took place at Eastern Illinois University on April 29.

At EIU, senior Donatella Savino, and senior Kelly Holcomb, combined to take fourth place in the Newspaper Page Design event.

When the competition was announced, the girls had different reasons for getting involved. "I wanted to prove that the Tom Tom is a

very competitive paper and the staff is what makes the paper the award winning paper that it is," said Holcomb.

Savino wanted to compete because of her love for the subject.

"I have a passion for journalism and I could reveal that through the competition," said Savino.

Michael Gordy, newspaper adviser, was also enthusiastic about the involvement in the competition.

"When you look at the competition [the format] was something that had never been done before. I wanted us to do it because I knew that we could [do well]," said Gordy.

After the girls placed fourth in the state, Savino was very proud of her accomplishments as a journalist.

"I felt like I went in there with a mission and I completed it," said Savino. "It was definitely some-

thing I wanted to accomplish and it was a great feeling."

This was the first year for the IHSA competition. The students felt that it was important for extra curricular activities like the newspaper to get the chance to compete.

"It gives you a chance to put what you have learned to use and to prove to other schools and yourself that you can do it," said Holcomb.

Savino and Holcomb had 90 minutes to complete two pages and scored a 138.3 when first place was only 2.7 points away at 142.

The top six places medal in the competition. Brynne Schweigel, ACHS junior, received seventh place in Newswriting with 129 points and missed medaling by only one point. Brittany Dunleavy, ACHS senior, took eighth place in copy editing with 92 points, missing a medal by two points.



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(From left) Kelly Holcomb and Donatella Savino work on the May issue center-spread page.

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