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# 2009 Southern Regional Wall of Fame Induction

The Southern Regional Alumni Association recently inducted five members into City Rescue Mission reached new heights. the "Wall of Fame." This honor is bestowed on Southern Regional graduates who have established themselves in their fields and who have contributed to their community. We recognize this year's honorees: Scott Schneider (Class of 1986) Scott opened his own production company, FPS, Full Production Services. He has since traveled the world working with various artists and events. Scott gives back to the Southern community by working with the SR Theatre Department to provide the lighting for theatre productions. Ronald Kennedy (Class of 1971) Ronald is a Captain in the U.S. Navy. He is a decorated

officer and is currently a professor of naval science at the University of New Mexico. Isabelle Marks-Mosca (Class of 1979) Isabelle formed an autism support group known as "Faces" to help parents, families and educators. She recently held a conference on autism at Stockton State College.

Jim Hutchinson, Sr. (Class of 1961) Jim devoted his career to Southern as a supervisor, teacher and coach. He is a columnist for the local newspaper and a former host of his own show on Southern News Network.

Jim Hutchinson, Jr. (Class of 1985) Jim is the managing director for the Recreational Fishing Alliance, a national organization. He is a representative for recreational anglers. Chris Taylor (Class of 1982) Chris is a local business owner (Taylor Made Cabinets) and a very active member of the community. He currently serves as an elected representative to the Southern Regional Board of Education.

# **Holiday Charity Reaches New Heights**

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The annual food drive for the Atlantic Adele Berardi, a high school teacher, has been running this project for nine years. Mrs. Berardi stated, "Our goal has always been to collect one canned good or non-perishable food item to represent every man, woman and child who comes to Southern every day to learn and work. This year our goal was 2,297 items. Through the generosity of everyone at Southern, our actual collection was over 18,500 items." The items were presented to the A. C. Rescue Mission representatives at the SRHS Holiday Assembly in December. The Rescue Mission heavily relies on donations to service people from all counties in the state.

The High School and Middle School Student Councils also operated a coat drive. New and lightly used coats were donated to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission and to people in our own area.

The Student Council, working in conjunction with the Stafford Township Police Department, sponsored the annual Teen Gift Drive. While there are many toy and food drives for the holidays, teens are often forgotten. The Student Council's goal was to help make it a memorable holiday season for everyone. Students, faculty and staff donated unwrapped gifts for teens. Gifts were distributed to needy families in our community.

In addition, the Middle School Builder's Club collected over 2,000 food items before Thanksgiving. They were able to deliver boxes of food, including a turkey, to thirty-five Southern Regional families. The Builder's Club also donated food to a local food bank. As in

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During the holiday season, the department sold \$5 WaWa gift certificates to benefit the "Access for Joey" project. Joey Annarumma, a Southern student diagnosed with cerebral palsy, is confined to a wheelchair. The "Access for Joey" project is underway to help make his home wheelchair accessible. The SR Transportation Association was able to present a check for \$500 to Joey's family!





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past years, the Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island helped teachers deliver the food.

# The Wheels on the Bus Go 'Round and 'Round to Help the Community

The Southern Regional Transportation Department goes above and beyond their normal duties. Besides transporting students to and from school and to their many extracurricular activities safely, the department also extends a helping hand to the community. During the first two weeks of November, department members collected over \$200 worth of food and supplies for the Ocean County Animal Shelter and helped a family with five small children stay warm for the winter by collecting winter clothing.

Pictured with Joey Annarumma are his aide, Lydia Todd (left), and Linda Macomber, bus driver and President of the Southern Regional Transportation Association (right).

#### **Spring Theatre Production** The Southern Regional Theatre Company presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. Shows will be February 24 - 27, 2010 at 7pm. For more information, call (609) 597-9481 ext. 4454.



# Southern SPOTLIGHT



#### Boys' Soccer Team Gives Back

Each year, St. Peter's University "adopts" a NJ high school athletic conference to participate in their breast cancer education program. This year the Shore Conference was selected and St. Peter's sent nurses to speak with all female athletes about breast cancer.

The impact of the program did not stop there. The Southern Regional Boys' Soccer Team heard about this program and wanted to get involved. The team sprang into action and sold "12<sup>th</sup> man" t-shirts. The team donated \$362 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Kim Degraw-Cole, SR Athletic Director, received the donation check from boys' head soccer coach, Evan Brosniak and assistant coach Joe Radice. Student athletes **Sean Lockwood, Rob Solorzano, Philip Vitale, Damien Irons** and **Bayley Young** were on hand.

# **Celebration of Family Holiday Traditions at Middle School**

In December, the 7th grade Seahawks Team honored parents, grandparents and other relatives at a holiday breakfast program in the school's cafeteria. As a culmination to their interdisciplinary unit, students celebrated holiday traditions from around the world. Facets of the program included memoirs honoring family members (language arts), holiday placemats featuring holiday traditions from around the globe (social studies), origami gift boxes as favors (math) and gingerbread houses (science). The Seahawks team teachers who developed this interdisciplinary project were Claire Chapter, Beth Sicoli, Scott Cooper, Liz Calderwood, Ross Reynolds, Brad Balog and Jan Mazzerina.

#### Southern Regional Students Take Top Honors in Physics II at Science League Competition

Two Southern Regional seniors, **Neha Sahay** and **Katie Wymbs**, took top honors in round one of the Ocean County section of the NJ Science League's competition held on January 14. Their combined scores also gave

#### **Coach Snyder Earns 500th Win**

Mrs. Kathy Snyder earned her 500<sup>th</sup> career win as Southern Regional High School's girls' basketball coach on January 21, 2010, beating Toms River East 60-29.

Coach Snyder's career record is 500-260. She is only one of two coaches in Shore Conference girls' basketball history to reach the milestone. Coach Snyder is in her 31<sup>st</sup> season of coaching.

When asked about her accomplishment, Coach Snyder said, "I am proud to teach and coach at Southern. Everything I do is all about the kids. I have had the opportunity to coach with some wonderful people and coach terrific kids over the years."

The Lady Rams were nervous about the game, but Coach Snyder took it in stride. She commented that she would not have even known that she was approaching the milestone if her assistants were not keeping track.

#### Southern Regional Yearbook Wins National Award

*Southern Splendor*, the 2009 Southern Regional Ram High School Yearbook, won first place in the American Scholastic Press national competition. Over the past fourteen publications, Southern's yearbook has won twelve first place and two second place awards.

Serving as faculty advisor has been Mrs. Katherine Carr. The student Editor-in-Chief for the 2009 book was **Leah Barcelona**.

#### Advanced Auto Classes Restore a Classic Car

Car enthusiasts and fans of the popular TV show, *Overhaulin*, will want to watch the progress of a year-long project beginning in Morgan Mikuletzky's auto classes. The auto shop students will be working on restoring a 1952 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe. Mikuletzky stated, "Since the beginning of the school year, I have been looking for a project vehicle that I could have my Auto II and Auto III students restore/rebuild." He found the car on eBay and trailered it to Manahawkin where the restoration has already begun.

Students have disassembled much of the car including the interior and front sheet metal. They removed the body from the chassis and disassembled the suspension. Once the chassis is cleaned and rebuilt, the students will start on the bodywork stage of the project.

Mikuletzky and the students are very excited about the project. The students have not had the opportunity to complete a restoration of this type. Mikuletzky commented, "An initial goal is to have the car on the road by May. If we can do that, we are hoping to have a student raffle and the winner would be chauffeured to the senior prom in the car."

#### Art Students Help Animal Shelter in Manahawkin

When Joanne Rist's period 1 art students began discussing the various charity drives for this past holiday season, it occurred to them that they wanted to help care for animals in the shelter. With many people experiencing hard times, the need at shelters is even greater now than in the past. Financial problems have caused owners to give up their pets, thus, overwhelming the local shelter. The class collected over \$300! Student chairpersons for this event were **Megan Reed**, **Nick Patrick, Jeff Sledden, Dallas Ciardelli** and **Pat Seitz**.

Future donations can be dropped off at room 9-11 in the 9/10 high school building or at the S.O.C. Animal Shelter at 360 Haywood Road. Checks can be made payable to *Friends of SOCAS* (Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter). For more information visit their web site at <u>www.fosocas.org</u>.

# Southern Regional Middle School History Club Helps the Popcorn Park Zoo

Santa took time from his busy schedule one evening in December to visit the Middle School and pose for pictures with the children of staff members. All of the proceeds from the pictures and a subsequent soup sale were donated to the Popcorn Park Zoo. Attendees also donated toys for the Stafford Township Toy Drive. Teachers Matt Moore and Eric Fierro were in charge of the event.

# French Club Attends Event Sponsored by the NJ Devils

In December, the Southern Regional French Club attended French Student Night at the New Jersey Devils' stadium in Newark. Thirty-four students from Southern attended the event, where they saw the NJ Devils play the *Montréal Canadiens*.

The NJ Devils won the game (2-1) as goaltender Martin Brodeur broke the record for most starts as a goalie. The real highlight of the evening came after the game. Students met with one of the Devils' players, Pierre Leblond, who spoke to the group in French about his experiences playing hockey. One student from each school was allowed to ask a question in French. **Kayla Racanelli** represented Southern at the microphone and asked Pierre when he began playing hockey. He answered, "*Depuis l'age de quatre ans*." According to Leblond, he began playing

them the highest team score in Physics II.

The New Jersey Science League is a competitive science organization operating within the State of New Jersey. The League sponsors four competitions throughout the school year, one each month from January through April. All scores are cumulative and ultimately combine to determine individual and team places.

#### **Southern Regional Student Council Wins State Award**

The Southern Regional High School Student Council was awarded Honor School status by the New Jersey Association of Student Councils for the eleventh consecutive year. The award was given during the Association's business conference at The College of New Jersey on January 6. The 1952 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe that will be restored by Auto II and Auto III classes.



hockey at four years old. He went on to say everyone in Canada grows up playing hockey and that he was inspired by his older brother.

This was the first time that the NJ Devils have hosted such an event and the turnout was amazing. Over one thousand French students from all across New Jersey attended!

#### History Comes Alive at Southern Regional

In the fall, U.S. History I classes were treated to a step back in time. John Tichy's History classes learned about the Boston Massacre by re-enacting events from 1770's Colonial America. Students dressed in costumes of the time and role-played historical characters.

World War II came alive with a living history program presented by teacher, Jeff Brown. Dressed in an authentic uniform, Mr. Brown presented the life of a foot soldier from WW II. Authentic equipment, weapons and other items from the time period were also on display.



#### **Pennies for Peace Campaign**

Southern Regional High School students have joined hands with tens of thousands of other school children around the world who share the vision and dedication to empower communities in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan through education. Southern students are embarking on a *Pennies* for Peace campaign to broaden their cultural horizons and become members of a global family dedicated to peace. They will have an opportunity to study the cultures of Pakistan and Afghanistan, learn to work and share together in this campaign and come to understand their own capacity as philanthropists - one penny at a time.

To find out more about Southern's Pennies for Peace campaign, please contact Colleen Neil at cneil@srsd.net.

# **DECA Brings Home Regional Medals**

Approximately 750 DECA members from Ocean, Middlesex and Somerset counties participated in the DECA Regional Competition held at Middlesex County College in January. Students had over 30 competitive events from which to choose. The requirements for success vary by event; however, regional competitions require completion of a 100 question test and two role-plays. The goal for students in the impromptu role-plays is to solve a business problem.

Southern had several winners in the overall category and in specific events. Francisco Ramirez placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in the test and 3rd in role-play for Restaurant & Food Services Management. Robert Solorzano placed 1st overall, 2nd in the test and 1st in role-play for Principles of Marketing. Dan Agin was awarded a qualifying medal in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism. Max Schmid placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the test for Restaurant and Food Services Management.

Save the Date! The Southern Regional Alumni Association will sponsor a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on March 19. For more information, call John (609) 709-1651.



Southern Regional Home & School Association

## SR Home & School Association **Continues to Give**

The mission of the Southern Regional Home & School Association (H&SA) is to provide educational information about the schools to parents and community members, as well as to support related educational initiatives.

Since 2000, the H&SA has collected and distributed well over \$190,000 to augment the educational program of the Southern Regional School District. This has been accomplished through fundraising events and membership dues. The H&SA has been able to supply picture restoration for the 9/10 library, video editing equipment for SNN and defibrillators across the district. Mini-grants have been awarded to assist the ROTC, SR Golden Rams Marching Band, Mainsail, Key Club, Fishing Club, Turkey Trot, STYLE, FCCLA, SRMS Media Club, Buddy Club and the SRHS Yearbook.

Additionally, the H&SA annually donates funding to each of the six classes, Project Graduation and to a scholarship fund. In just one year, the Association was able to give 9pm at Calloway's Restaurant on Route 9 in \$11,500 in scholarships, \$3,500 in class funding (\$500 each to grades 7 – Adult School), \$1,300 to Project Graduation and \$1,200 in mini-grants. Unlike a typical PTA, the H&SA does not pay dues to any national office; all monies raised are invested in the students at Southern.

Membership in the H&SA is open to all at a cost of \$5 per family. Meetings are held the High School's National Honor Society (NHS) second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Southern Regional Administration Building, 90 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ. Contact information: homenschool@srsd.net or visit their section on Southern's website, www.srsd.net.

#### **Manufacturing Class** Contributes to the Community

At Southern Regional High School, Mainsail is one of two programs that serve students who benefit from a more nontraditional school structure. In the Mainsail Program, the manufacturing class helps students learn workshop skills, teamwork and production methods in order to produce a marketable product.

Recently, Darin Steadman, president of Stafford Little League, asked the class to make a Intergenerational Council bridges the gap picnic table for the little league park at Doc Cramer Park in Stafford. DeMarco Family Dental in Tuckerton donated the funds for the materials. The table was presented by the manufacturing class this past December at Doc Cramer Park. At the presentation to accept the table from the class were John DeMarco and Darin Steadman of the Stafford Little League and Dr. Will DeMarco who funded the project.

#### **21st Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

On February 21, from 3pm to 7pm at the Holiday Inn in Manahawkin, Southern Regional will proudly present its 21st Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The public and community are cordially invited to share in this gala affair honoring former Southern Regional athletes and coaches. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a full buffet dinner; a cash bar will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Sue Sharkey at ssharkey@srsd.net or call 597-9481, ext. 2287.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include Anthony Campanile (Class of 2004), Lauren Lewis (Class of 2004), Neil McCallum (Class of 1999), Stephanie Reiser (Class of 2001), Dan Rodman (Class of 1999), Tony Sermarini (Coach) and the 2002 NJSIAA Group IV Championship Golf Team.

#### Alumni Concert Planned

The SRSD Music Department is planning a band alumni concert for Thursday, May 27 at 7pm in the 11/12 gym. All band alumni are welcome to participate; present band members will also perform. A dress rehearsal in the SR High School band room will be held the night before the concert. A get-together is planned after the rehearsal at West Creek. If you are interested, contact Jennifer Hodgson at jhodgson@srsd.net.

# New Jersey Blood Bank Gets Some Much Needed Help

NJ Blood Services sent an urgent request out last month and Southern Regional stepped up. Because of the dire need across the state, NJ Blood Services asked the SR NHS to move up the scheduled date for their annual blood drive. Mrs. Ruth Tummey, advisor, said, "Naturally, being a Ram, I said yes." Normally held in the spring, the blood drive was moved to January 15. For the first time, this year sixteen year old students with parental consent were able to donate blood. Even on short notice, the results were astounding - 125 pints of blood were donated! For information on how members of the community can donate blood, check the NJ Blood Services website at www.nybloodcenter.org.

# **Intergenerational Council Continues to Bridge the Gap**

Southern Regional High School's between generations. In December, students and community members celebrated with a holiday gathering, having dinner and working together to make gingerbread houses to take home for the holidays. Irene Yash of Manahawkin said, "It keeps us in touch with their ideas and allows us to give the students input." Mary Lou Brindley of Barnegat Light said, "I love it. It keeps us feeling young." Activities are planned throughout the school year. Advisor to the group, Rosemarie Tamarato, reminds the community that the group welcomes new members at any time. Those interested can contact Mrs. Tamarato at 609-597-9481, ext. 4502.

# **SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE**

The 2010-2011 school budget vote will take place on Tuesday, April 20, from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. Registered voters who will be unable to come to the polls are encouraged to cast their vote via absentee ballot. An absentee ballot application can be obtained by logging onto the district website at www.srsd.net and clicking on the Student/Parent Resources link. Absentee ballot applications can also be downloaded from the Ocean County Clerk's website at www.oceancountyclerk.com/election/ frame.htm or by calling Election Services at (732) 929-2153.

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Program directors Don Graham and Joe Tomczuk emphasize the positive results of this student/community interaction.



Students Eric Mora, Gian Carlo Farano, Hunter Sprague and Ryan Reid with John DeMarco, Dr. Will DeMarco and Darin Steadman at the presentation of the picnic table to Stafford Little League.

Home & School Association **Chinese Auction Fundraiser** The annual H&SA Chinese Auction will be held Saturday, February 27, in the Middle School cafeteria beginning at 5pm. Admission is \$5 per person; this includes twenty-five tickets. No one under 18 years old will be admitted.

# Grants Awarded

• Southern Regional history teacher Jeff Brown was awarded a \$400 grant from the Antique Dealers Association of New Jersey. The grant was designed to provide teachers

with the ability to purchase artifacts to augment students' understanding of an era of American history. With the grant, Mr. Brown purchased rations from fall-out shelters



that were built during the Cold War. These shelters were stocked with supplies sufficient for a two week stay, including first aid kit, radiation detection kit, food rations, water storage barrels and sanitation kits.

Knowing the value of "hands-on history," the Southern Regional High School social studies department has been collecting and cataloging historical artifacts for many years. The recent acquisition of fall-out shelter supplies is a welcome addition to the collection.

• The following staff members received mini-grants from the **Southern Regional Home & School Association** with funds going to the area noted: Louise Kmosko-iPod microphones (MaxTap); Roslyn Brunner-a dress form (Southern Regional Theater Co. Costume Dept.); Robert MacMaster-GoPro camera for field trips (biology); Phyllis Klick-Spanish dictionaries (Spanish IV & Honors); Leslie Gardner-Longo-PAWS/BARK program; Kerry Beetel-Corner Cafe & Marketplace (autism program); Adele Berardi-The Vintage Hut ; Lori Sefcik-binoculars (7th grade science); MS Phys Ed.-fitness room equipment; Sam Fierra-Turkey Trot. Congratulations!

#### Middle School "Get Involved" Project Published

Eighth grade language arts teacher Mrs. Kendra Stefanski wanted to end her students' Holocaust study on a positive note. To encourage students to be active, positive voices for change, rather than be bystanders, Mrs. Stefanski challenged students to identify a social problem and its effects, identify a charitable organization striving to conquer the problem and determine how the organization makes a difference. Students were to apply their research to gain support for their cause.

One class developed a print campaign concept and created a mock-up of that concept. Design 446, a marketing company in Wall Township, took the project to the next level. The company's artists took the mock-ups and created a digital version of the artwork for production. Mr. Tom Villane, owner of Design 446, guided students on a tour of the design center, which included areas for digital and graphic design, interior design, web page development, production and printing. At the close of the tour, students were given poster-sized digital productions of their concepts produced by the professional artists, as well as a booklet containing the original student pieces and the artists' interpretations. Mrs. Stefanski's other classes chose to produce print, video or audio ads. Projects that were published include Hurricane Katrina Relief by Adrian Garcia and Carl Bjornberg; Deafness by Quinn Malone, Alissa McGraw, Walter Crappse and Dan Muha; Breast Cancer by Vincent Silkowitz and Alex Wildes; Drug and Alcohol Abuse/ Addiction by Jacob Smith, Dan Reiner, Cody Schmutz and Jesse Bauta; Tourette's Syndrome by Kelsey Bjornberg and Samantha Schreiber.

#### **Sports Center**

In December, the Varsity Girls' Basketball team participated in the KSA Tournament at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida. The girls took first place in their division. **Kristen Sharkey** was named MVP.

The team also participated in the WOBM Christmas Classic held at the Ritacco Center, taking second place. **Kristen Sharkey** and **Avery Hodgson** were named to the First Team All Tournament Team.

The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team also participated in the WOBM Christmas Classic. The team lost a hard fought semifinal game to Brick Memorial. Senior **Matt Vereb** and Junior **Ray Darnell** were named to the Second Team All Tournament Team. The JV Boys' Basketball Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Also in December, the Varsity Wrestling Team wrestled in the Mustang Classic at Brick Memorial High School. **Mike Case** at 189 pounds won the tournament for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and became the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked wrestler in New Jersey. **Kyle Casaletto** won his first title and moved from the number six to the number three ranked wrestler in the state; **Jeff McElwee** took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

The Middle School Boys' Basketball Team started its season at the Toms River Turkey Festival Tournament. The young Rams won in a climactic championship game at the Ritacco Center. **Mike Gesicki** was named the Tournament MVP. As the season progresses, standouts **Cody Schmutz, Richie Lyons, Grant Bissey** and **Mike Gesicki** lead the team in scoring, while **John Furlong** and **Logan Sheehan** continue to take care of the ball-handling responsibilities.

The Middle School Girls' Basketball Team is enjoying a great season. Standout players are **Virginia Kretschmer, Allison Spaschak, Katie Elasser** and **Emily Miglin**. Their first tournament was the St. Dominic Lady Blue Jay Winter Shootout on January 13.

For sports schedules, please visit *www.srsd.net*.

#### **Brown Bag SAT Prep Lunch**

Members of the senior class at Southern were given an extra boost to prepare for the SAT's. Humanities Supervisor, Robert Johnson, working with members of the English and math departments, put together a Brown Bag SAT Prep Lunch. This "cram course," designed to build students' confidence, concentrated on developing verbal and math skills, as well as test-taking strategies. This course was offered just in time for the SAT on December 5.

# Alumni Corner

**Clark Harris** (Class of 2002) has made his mark in the National Football League as a long snapper for the Cincinnati Bengals.

After graduating from Southern, he went on to graduate from Rutgers University. At Rutgers, he was named three times as an All Big East team member. Southern Regional High School football coach, Chuck Donahue said, "Clark is the first Southern player to make an NFL roster. Three other players: Cliff Walters, Jay Corle and Rich Beverly made NFL training camps, but Clark is the first to make an NFL roster. It was always a dream of Clark's to play in the NFL. While at Rutgers, he added about 50 pounds to his frame, which allowed him to be drafted as a tight end. Clark has not forgotten where he came from and returns often to talk to the students about goals."

**Clark Harris** on the side lines of a Cincinnati Bengals game.



#### South Jersey Band Auditions

More than 350 students from eighty schools participated in the auditions for South Jersey Junior High Band. The auditions were held at Southern Regional Middle School on Saturday, January 30.

From the audition, two bands of approximately 100 students were formed. The bands will have five rehearsals over the next month and will present a concert at Rowan University at 3pm on March 7.

Southern has hosted these auditions for twenty-four years; SR students have participated in this event every year for nearly thirty-five years. This year, fifteen Southern students auditioned and eleven were accepted into the bands.

Those accepted were Erin Ditmar, Brielle Jeffries and Alexandra Tamburro on trumpet; Chandler Isaksen on baritone sax; Matt Lewis on tuba; David Marino on bassoon; Taylor Rossi on trombone; Brett Laramee on timpani; Robert Connolly on keyboard percussion; and Tyler Shives and Angelica Mellomida on clarinet. Chandler, Brett, Matt and David were the highest scoring students on their respective instruments, and they, as well as Tyler, will hold the first seat position in their instrument section.

The Brown Bag SAT Prep Lunch was hosted in the library; another is being planned for the juniors before the May SAT test.

# Student Chosen for All-Shore Chorus

Congratulations to **Michelle Lombarski** for not only earning membership into All-Shore Chorus, but also for receiving the second highest score in her vocal group! The All-Shore Chorus, an auditioned choir, consists of 150 students from Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Student selection is based on vocal skills, tonal memory and part singing.



SRMS's All South Jersey Band participants.