

# Green Run High School

## *Faculty Insider*

January 5-9, 2009

*“To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun?”*

- Katherine Graham, Washington Post

Staff Birthdays: **Ray Brogan** (1/5), **Billy Torbush** (1/6), **Marc Dyer** (1/7), **Matthew Fike** (1/10), **Teri O’Meara** (1/10), **Garland Barnard** (1/12), **Gail Barr** (1/13), **Jessamyn Viado** (1/15)

### Principal’s Corner

**Welcome Back, Faculty** – I hope that each of you had a holiday full of joy, rest and good cheer. As we start the first school week of 2009, let us reflect on our personal and professional goals for the 2008-2009 school-year. Best selling author Stephen Covey refers to improving oneself as “Sharpening the Saw”. I wish you the best of luck this year as you continue to seek new challenges and better ways to serve our students. Begin to “*Sharpen your Saw*” today.

**Welcome Aboard** – Please welcome the following new or re-assigned staff members to our staff: **Crystal Parker**, Social Studies; **Walter Basnight**, In-school suspension; and **Allen Hackman**, Special Education.

### Electronic Devices

Possession of electronic devices by students during the instructional school day is prohibited. **Teachers should never allow students to use personal electronic devices as a reward or classroom management tool without administrator approval.** Devices today are very expensive and may carry felony charges if stolen by other students. We ask all staff to encourage students to leave expensive devices at home. In the event an item is confiscated, keep the item in a secure (locked) area until you are able to turn the item in to the main office.

### Faculty SOL Training

Training for all staff members involved in testing will take place on Monday and Tuesday, January 5-6, 2009 in the library. Training will begin promptly at 2:10 p.m.

### Copier Paper Usage

Copier paper usage since October 2007 has exceeded 90 cases of paper a month. **We ask that all staff consider ways to decrease paper consumption.** The following suggestions were provided by concerned staff members:

- 1) **Minimize the number of extra copies of worksheets.**
- 2) **Use double sided copies of classwork sheets when appropriate.**
- 3) **Use class-sets of tests and quizzes when possible.**
- 4) **Avoid copying from textbooks. Encourage students to bring books to class or home.**
- 5) **Use two-column note-taking instead of fill-in note sheets.**
- 6) **Avoid copy waste by running one copy prior to multiple copies.**
- 7) **Monitor student printing in computer labs or classrooms. Students often print unnecessarily when not monitored.**
- 8) **Utilize email to minimize paper memos.**
- 9) **Purchase software such as Quizdom which allows for electronic quizzes/tests.**
- 10) **Use zip-drives to store electronic articles and correspondence rather than printing hard copies.**

## 2008 Teacher of the Year

Nominations for the 2010 Teacher of the Year were collected on December 19, 2008. As of Monday, January 5, 2009, all teachers who received nominations for 2010 Teacher of the Year have been contacted and provided a copy of the Teacher of the Year application. Good luck to all candidates. **The Teacher of the Year Committee will meet briefly on Monday, January 12, 2009 in room 400. Committee members will receive further information via email.**

## Department Chair Meeting

The department chair meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009. All department chair meetings are held at 12:40 p.m. in room 400.

## Adjusted Block Schedule

The following adjusted block schedule will be used on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 to accommodate Algebra 1X SOL testing.

	<b>BLOCK</b>		<b>TIMES</b>			
	<b>BLOCK 0</b>			<b>7:10 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.</b>		
	<b>BLOCK 1B</b>			<b>7:25 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. ALGEBRA 1 SOL TEST</b>		
	<b>BLOCK 2B</b>			<b>9:35 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.</b>		
		<b>BLOCK 2.1</b>			<b>9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. study block</b>	
		<b>BLOCK 2.2</b>			<b>10:20 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1st Lunch)</b>	
	<b>BLOCK 3B</b>			<b>11:05 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>		
		<b>BLOCK 3.1</b>			<b>11:05 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (2nd Lunch)</b>	
		<b>BLOCK 3.2</b>			<b>11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (3rd Lunch)</b>	
	<b>BLOCK 4B</b>			<b>12:35 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b>		
		<b>BLOCK 4.1</b>			<b>12:35 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. (4th lunch)</b>	
		<b>BLOCK 4.2</b>			<b>1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. study block</b>	

## Important Dates:

Please visit <http://www.highschoolsports.net> for all Green Run High School sports and extra-curricular events. Go to "State Search", "Virginia", and then select "Green Run High School"

January	5-6	SOL Faculty Training (Library)
	7-15	SOL Testing Window
	9	GMAC Mtg. (1:00 p.m., Auditorium)
	12	Teacher of Year Committee (2:10 p.m., Rm 400)
	12	School Planning Council (6:30 p.m. Rm. 400)
	13	Department Chair Mtg. (12:40 p.m., Rm. 400)
	14	<i>Adjusted Block Schedule</i> (Algebra 1X Testing)
	14	Principal's Advisory Committee(2:10p.m.,Rm. 400)
	15	PTSA Executive Committee (6:30 p.m., Rm. 400)
	15	Safe Schools Team Mtg. (2:10 p.m., Firm Conf. Rm.)
	19	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday (School Closed)</b>
	21	Literacy Team Meeting (Rm. 400, time tbd.)