



School Authorities Keep A Closer Watch

By Jaryd Erkkila

Bank robbers, criminals, thieves: caught time and time again.

Robbers' identities revealed, car thefts caught on tape, and the new freshmen couple exposed making out in the locker bay?

You may have heard, what is confirmed by Mr. High, that the school was provided a grant to install a surveillance

Grigsby is



system in the school based on the results of last year's Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The grant itself totals \$60,000 of which only \$12,000 may be used for school

out a pass. The days of "it's not illegal unless you get caught" are coming to an abrupt end.

Some students, when told that the cameras are coming responded simply with "Really."

They further elaborated that if students want to break the rules, that's just what they're going to do.

The cameras are on their way, and the company has been told our budget for the new system.

All that's left is to wait.

Some teachers believe the new system will likely become a new game, as young men will delight in trying to fool the system, simply to see if it can be done.

safety equipment. Mr. High stated that the majority of the safety equipment budget is being allotted to new surveillance cameras.

He clarified, however, that a specific date for the installation of the cameras is not yet determined, but he hopes to see them by the end of September.

The cameras are supposed to focus primarily on bullying, a twelfth grade homeroom teacher announced, since bullying was pinpointed as an issue by the survey.

Other obvious hot spots would be public displays of affection, as well as sneaking around the halls with-

Upcoming Events

Tonight: Football: Chetek (7:00 P.M.)

**Monday: JV Football: Chetek (6:00 P.M.)
Girls Golf @ Hayward (4:00 P.M.)
NHS School Pictures**

**Tuesday: Volleyball: Ladysmith (7:00 P.M.)
Cross Country: NHS Invite @ Norwood (4:00 P.M.)
Junior Education Fair**

Wednesday: Girls Golf Conference Meet @ Barron (9:00 A.M.)

**Thursday: 9th grade Football: Barron (6:00 P.M.)
Volleyball: Barron (7:00 P.M.)**

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Options for Outdated Electronics

By Nathan Markon

Just get a new laptop for your birthday?

Pick up a cell phone for yourself?

Don't know what to do with the old one? Don't worry; there are lots of options.

The first, and most charitable thing you could do, is donate it.

One option is Cell Phones for Soldiers, which takes cell phones as well as money donations and distributes them to soldiers overseas.

This organization has teamed up with many other corporations, including AT&T, Bass Pro Shops, the Miami Dolphins, and Chevrolet.

Together these organizations have collected more than 7.5 million cell phones and 90 million talking minutes via calling cards.

There are more than 6,000 drop-off locations, a few local ones being the Duluth Police Department and local Wells Fargo banks.

The next option appeals to the many cash-strapped teens of today: sell it.

The quickest way is through eBay or Amazon, but another option is selling your electronics to an online source like Gazelle.

All you have to do is go on their website, www.gazelle.com, and click on the type of item you are selling.

That will be followed by a series of questions related to the manufacturer and model of your electronic.

You will then be asked to evaluate your item through a variety of questions on the overall condition, extent of water damage, and accessories that you still have.

My old LG Xenon, for example, in fair condition (out of poor, fair, good, and excellent) with the rechargeable battery and

original cables puts \$6 in my pocket.

Remember, this is just a cheap little mass-produced phone.

My outdated Super Smash Bros. Melee GameCube game goes for \$8.12 with original artwork and box.

If you are getting rid of your old system and 20 games, that could put a lot of money in your pocket.

And guess what? Shipping is FREE for qualified offers!

All you have to do is create an account and proceed to check-out. They will email you the shipping information, as well as let you choose your payment method, via a check or PayPal, a gift card to any major retailer, or in the form of a donation to charity. What if your electronic doesn't work anymore? The screen has a bunch of cracks, the software is messed up, or it just won't work.

Now what?

Well, lucky for you, there is one last option: recycle it!

In today's world, nearly everything can be recycled in some way, shape, or form, including your busted up electronics.

You can visit earth911's website, type in your recyclable item and location, and

it gives you a list of local drop-off points.

Typically these include Target, Home Depot, OfficeMax, and other such major retailers, but the website also gives you actual recycling facilities, like Afterlife Electronics Graveyard in Superior.

In today's world, there is no reason for you to be throwing out your old cell phone or iPod. Use it as a chance to do something productive, like making a soldier's day or putting some money in your pocket. And maybe, just maybe, you could use any of these methods to persuade your mom or dad to get you that new iPhone 4.

*Happy
Birthday!*

Today:

Sarah Stack

9/17:

Julia Burhans

9/19:

Abigail Talcott

9/20:

Michael Graves

Tesa Borg

Sarah Vanpuymbrouck

9/21:

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Seniors...

The Truth Behind the Most Random Assembly In Northwestern's History

By Charlotte Sauer

It's not every day that you see nearly forty full grown men and women dancing and lip-syncing to *Respect* in front of 400+ teenagers.

Yet this was an experience that the students of Northwestern were subjected to two weeks ago, the first day of school for upper-classmen.

The main thoughts going through heads as this took place was: "What is the point of this?", and "Why the pink plastic inflatable guitars?"

But as random as this assembly seemed at the time, there is actually a very good reason why it took place.

That reason is a \$60,000 grant that our school received in July from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (D.P.I.) because of the school's climate data, information that was gathered from surveys taken by students last year.

According to Mr. High, 20% of this money will be used for safety equipment throughout the school.

This includes security cameras, the now required locker locks,

and the walkie talkies you may have noticed

students will come to school and spend their

ers got together for twenty minutes on August 31st and rehearsed their dance moves with the *Respect* music video.

And thus, the strangely entertaining performance we witnessed was created.

As for the song choice, the



Teachers rock out to Aretha Franklin's "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."

some of the teachers carrying around.

The remaining D.P.I. grant money will go to weekly school assemblies, tutoring, guest speakers, and other programs aimed to positively influence our community.

The main goal is not only to make our school a better place, but to change the previous beliefs and attitudes of the students of Northwestern.

There are even plans to use some of the money to create an in-school suspension center, which will start operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays in October.

Instead of staying home when suspended,

whole day in the center.

Teachers hope this will be a good incentive for students to do better in school.

So why did this money lead to our teachers and staff dancing on stage?

They all wanted to prove that, contrary to popular belief, teachers are real people.

This was not the easiest thing for the teachers to do, but as we all observed, the staff members filled the stage with dancers.

It was also a very spur-of-the-moment event, with the performance having been organized only two days before.

All of the perform-

staff just wanted to show both vocally and visibly that R-E-S-P-E-C-T is what Northwestern is all about.

After the song ended, some of you may remember Mr. High asking if the seniors could top that performance.

This challenge has officially been confirmed.

Only time will tell if the senior class can match that epic performance.

And what about assemblies like this in the future?

Well, students can possibly expect this to become a new tradition for the first day back at Northwestern High School.

New 9/11 Memorial

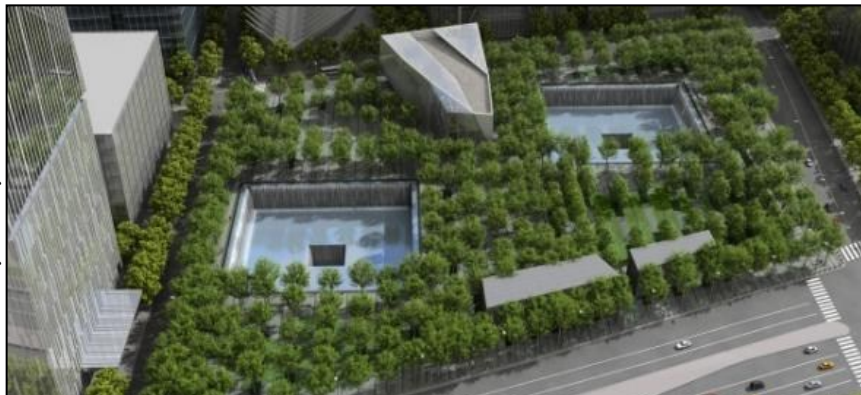
By Halie Makela

Sunday, September 11, 2011 marked the tenth anniversary of the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. After ten years of creating the memorial at Ground Zero it was dedicated on Sunday in a ceremony for the victims families.

On Monday, September 12, the memorial opened to the public.

The memorial holds two large twin reflecting pools built within inches of the Twin Towers site.

Each pool, nearly an acre in size is edged in bronze panels etched with the names of the



The 9/11 Memorial at Ground Zero in New York City.

nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania.

Six of the bronze panels are dedicated to the six people lost in the World Trade Center bombing of 1993. Cascading waterfalls make up the sides of

the reflecting pools, which are the largest in North America.

The rest of the memorial area is surrounded by oak trees and one callery pear. This pear tree is known as the Survivor Tree because it was the only tree left standing after the towers fell and was nursed back to health.

The museum is still under construction and is set to open on September 11, 2012.

Memorial ceremonies were also held at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

These memorials allow us never to forget all of the men and women we lost on the tragic day in 2001.

These memorials may or may not give America closure, but they will always remind us of that terrible day.

And it is important that we remember!

New Teacher Spotlight

By Chelsea Karna

Some of you may have seen some new faces walking around school. One in particular is new teacher, Julie Thormodsgard, who is in room 2067, or Ms. Stendahl's old room. Ms. Thormodsgard presently lives in Iron River, but she grew up in the Green Bay area. Apart from teaching she enjoys sewing, crocheting and, of course, having fun with her two dogs, Sadie (Golden Retriever) and Lucy (Malamute). This year,



Ms. Thormodsgard will be teaching Software Applications, Accounting 1 and 2, Web Design, and Work for Credit, along with being in charge of FBLA. While previously teaching at

South Shore she also taught Yearbook. She wanted to become a teacher in the first place because she loves working with a variety of students; helping them learn and succeed gives her a

joyful, satisfied feeling, which, she says, hopefully most teachers want in their careers. Having her students learn to operate computers and know what documents to use for certain materials is one of the many goals she hopes to reach with her students this year. She hopes to reach this goal via minimal lectures and maximum hands-on experiences, giving basic directions while providing opportunities for the students to ask questions if needed.