

Out of the Blue

Any parents of juniors and seniors who would like to learn more about financial aid for college may attend a workshop on Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm. The snow date is Thursday, January 13.

First semester exams will begin on December 15 and will continue through December 17. Students will take two exams per day, the first from 8:40 to 10:40 and the second from 11:00 to 1:00. Students will be dismissed after their second exam. These exams will count for 20% of the student's semester grade in a course.

Students between the ages of 15 and 18 who are interested in serving as a Governor's Page for a month should visit www.governor.state.nc.us/govoffice/pageprogram/ or call Virginia Sharp at (919) 715-1345.

On Thursday, December 9, the band, orchestra, choral groups, and bell ringers from Christ United Methodist Church joined forces in a Musical Extravaganza to end the millennium. The concert began with appetizers served at various locations in the main building. At 7:15, several groups performed in the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. All of this was followed by dessert in the cafeteria and entertainment provided by the jazz band.

The PTSA has launched its Capital Campaign and hopes to raise at least half of the \$150,000 needed to install the telecommunications system. Grimsley parents are encouraged to donate money to the cause. Checks should be made payable to Grimsley Capital Campaign and sent to P.O. Box 10516, Greensboro, NC 27404-0516.

The All-District Band auditions will be held all day on Saturday, January 8 at Southern Guilford High School. All band members are encouraged to audition. The snow date is Saturday, January 15.

Veterans

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It is for this reason that the ceremony took place: to honor these men and to remember their sacrifices. Moving from the media center to the main hall, the crowd stood in silence as Reverend Harold Sherill gave an invocation, and then Emily Preyer unveiled the plaque. The plaque, which will be bronze in the near future, is a replica of the original that hangs in the field house. It bears the names of 99 men, all Grimsley students, who fought and fell for this country.

Mrs. Teague told these men and women, who graduated in the late thirties and early forties, that Grimsley has not changed too much since they were students. Though the name is different, "the tradition continues," said Mrs. Teague. Mr. Rucker, however, mentioned some dif-

ferences between the culture in which he grew up and the world in which today's Whirlies live. "In this age of cynicism, when patriotism is passé, morality suspect, and our chief executive our chief criminal, what different state of affairs existed over half a century ago which propelled this nation's youth to put their lives on the line?" said Mr. Rucker.

Now as students run through the main hall, rushing to arrive to class on time, they should take a moment to notice the plaque that honors the memory of fellow Whirlies. As the plaque reads, "Greater love hath no man than this--that a man lay down his life for his friends," St. John XV.13. These are the people who sacrificed their lives for ours. To paraphrase Mr. Rucker, they fought the fight, they kept the faith, what more can we ask of their generation?



Bill Moore and Walker Rucker stand in front of the plaque which honors the Grimsley students who died in World War II. The plaque contains 99 names and hangs in the main hall.

Block scheduling

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The exams for these higher level classes are not taken until the spring. If an IB or AP student takes the higher level class during the first semester, the student has to go through an entire half a school year without the class and then take the exam. "You don't want to have a class that you finish in December and are tested on in May. It's just not good," says Dr. Kee.

A similar problem is posed for classes such as foreign languages. Ms. Inscoc, a Spanish teacher at Grimsley, is upset with the lack of attention focused on the foreign language department. "You would think that foreign language would be taken into more consideration seeing how it's essential for acceptance to colleges to know another language," says Ms. Inscoc. She is upset with the fact that a student may take a foreign language the first semester of one year and then not receive an opportunity to take the next level of that language until the second semester of the next year. In that case, a student would go over a year without the language, which poses the obvious problem of retaining the information over such a long period of time without it.

It is inevitable that there will be high competition to take IB, AP, and foreign languages consecutively and not all students will be lucky enough to be able to. Venetta Johnson, a sophomore, says, "I don't think we should change to block scheduling because it limits the classes we can take such as AP and IB. Plus, I don't want to have to look at the same people for almost two hours."

Although many students are in no way excited about the possibility of the schedule, there are a lot of kids looking on the bright side. Daniel Warmath, a freshman said, "I feel like this [block] would make adjusting to high school harder, but it would also be more interesting and might be kind of fun."

The overall purpose of the system wide schedule is to provide more class opportunities, to create more chances for academic success, and to recognize the differing needs of different courses and different students.

If block is implemented, the first year of running on the modified

schedule will be used to determine staffing needs and scheduling conflicts. Until the schools begin the schedule, there is no real way to tell whether or not the block method will achieve what it's being established to do. There's no doubt that block will be a difficult change to make, but the Guilford County School System is trying to make the adjustment worth it. Block scheduling will help most students in the long run and create problems for some in the beginning.

Bond

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technology goes, this plan has proposed new computers, televisions, and upgraded telephone and alarm systems.

The high school projects will be very costly. In fact the school board members are estimating the cost to be around \$35 million. "This money will not come out of the pockets of taxpayers," says Mrs. Frye. This is one of the main reasons the school

board proposed this bond.

Students at Grimsley are enthusiastic about this new possibility. Andrea Crowch, a freshman says, "I think it will benefit the school greatly because we really do need more classroom seats." Joey Cooper, a sophomore says, "These new advancements are good because they could possibly be an opening for other changes in the future."



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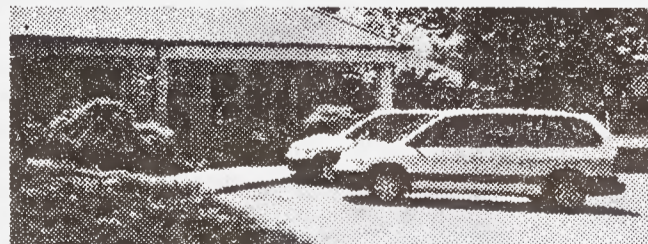
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