

Out of the Blue

Registration

Counselors will be registering rising 12th through English 11 classes from Feb. 1-11. The counselors will also be registering rising 11th through English 10 classes from Feb. 14-24, as well as rising 10th through 9th grade English classes from Feb. 8 to March 11.

Curriculum Fair

The 9th Grade Curriculum Fair and Registration Preview Night will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Feb. 10.

Globeworks

Globeworks, hosted by the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival, will perform on Feb. 10 in the Grimsley auditorium during 5th period.

Early Dismissal

On Feb. 9, Grimsley students will be released from school at 1:30 p.m. for early dismissal.

Band Auditions

All-County Band Auditions will be held at Southwest Middle School on Feb. 9.

TWIRP

TWIRP will be held at Bryan Park, beginning at 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 12. The woman is required to pay.

Choral Coffee House

The Choral Department will be hosting a coffee house in the Music Building on Feb. 18. Time TBA.

Rising Freshmen

On Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center, a forum of parents belonging of rising freshmen concerning the Smaller Learning Communities will be held.

Tsunami inspires widespread, heartfelt student volunteerism

Students, teachers, and parents have come together in an effort to raise money for the tsunami disaster relief fund. A goal of \$8,000 was set and exceeded: Grimsley raised around \$12,000, earning students a special double lunch.

By Willie Gibson
Reporter

Members of the Inter-club Council, under the direction of Ms. Jenny Enright, coordinated efforts among school clubs to raise money for the American Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund. Principal Rob Gasparello supports the effort, promising a double lunch,

provided that students do their best to meet a goal of \$8,000.

Students on campus have been worrying about family and friends who were in locations affected by this natural disaster, including all countries between Thailand and East Africa. Junior Emily Farrar has been quite concerned about her friend and previous classmate, Alexandra Schatten, who currently lives in Bangkok, Thailand.

Farrar received a call on Jan. 10 from Schatten to assure Farrar that her family is safe; however, her father was involved in a bad car accident due to the tsunami. He is recovering from a rib fracture.

Unfortunately Schatten's teacher was not as fortunate; his wife was killed, and his

three-year-old twin sons are still missing.

"[This] hits close to home, but I am just glad my Alex is okay," said Farrar.

Senior Suzie Wright has been very involved with Inter-club Council's efforts to aid the tsunami victims.

"I was very pleased when Grimsley decided to have a collection for the tsunami victims," said Wright.

"It's very inspiring to see my peers donating money when probably they would rather spend it on CDs."

While Wright believed that many students contributed to the fund because of the principal's incentive for a double lunch period, "...simply the existence of the collection indicates that

teenagers really are capable of having humanitarian concerns and an awareness of the state of the world outside the United States."

The tsunami traveled at more than 350 miles per hour, hitting and moving the island of Sumatra, which currently holds the highest death toll of all the disaster-stricken places, 100 feet. The US is involved with the international effort by sending \$350 million and numerous helicopters for transporting people and provisions.

Australia has pledged to send \$764.5 million to help rebuild and restore homes of the tsunami victims, and Germany donated \$660 million. President Bush has personally donated over \$10,000 to the cause.

Meulaboh, Indonesia

Before

After



News from Around the World

Apple updates iPod

Apple has decided to release a new version of the iPod, known as the iPod Shuffle. This new model will cost only \$99, but it has less memory than either of the other two older models. Apple has will also ship the Mini Mac, a standalone external computer drive that allows the user to switch between either Windows or Mac.

US Representative dies

United States Representative Shirley Chisholm died on Jan. 11. She was the first black woman to run for president and a pioneer who inspired much of the black community to be involved in politics. Her body was taken to Buffalo, New York, where it was placed in the Birchwood Mausoleum. Many relatives and friends were present at the funeral.

Mad cow strikes back

Government officials found a new strain of mad cow disease in Canada on Jan. 11. The incident strikes researchers as odd since the cow was born under restrictions meant to prevent the disease. This is the second cow involved with the disease, spurring the United States and Canada to send technical teams to investigate the problem.

Questionable US tactics

A prisoner from Baghdad confessed to American officials that a US soldier beat him. He claimed they assaulted him while singing. They also forced him to eat pork and drink alcohol in violation of his Muslim faith. The soldiers, in defense of themselves, claimed that they were ordered to prepare the detainees for questioning.