

School career program wins national honor

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And the idea will grow as the district continues to review and update its curriculum, Parrott said. "As curriculum is re-written, they will include career development and career awareness. It makes the infusion more permanent."

"We don't think you should take a lot of time (out of the classroom) on careers," she added. "It should be infused into the everyday."

Parrott said career development in all schools should also stress that today's student needs to be flexible. "Flexible is one of the top things kids need to be," she said. "Flexible in learning how to learn."

The Farmington program was started in 1979, when director of career and vocational education, Earl Baumunk, wanted a program "for every student," Parrott said.

A Career Development Steering Committee was formed and still meets today to discuss the program and its policies.

IN THE future, Parrott believes computers will play a bigger role in the Farmington program in the future. Two high schools currently have computers in the counseling offices as a pilot program. She also believes the business/school relationships will grow.

Receiving awards this month, in addition to Farmington, are:

- Detroit Public Schools for its Motivational Program, which links high school students to community leaders and the world of work, and

- The Lewis Cass Intermediate School District's collaborative effort with Southwestern Michigan College.

Farmington High works to improve reputation

The writer is a Farmington High School student.

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special writer

"Let's face it, Farmington High School has a bad rep." That's the way an anonymous column that appeared in the school's monthly publication began.

And it's true, of the three Farmington high schools, FHS is often labeled the "bad" school. Complaints relate to such things as the appearance of both the interior and exterior of the building and the percentage of graduates who do not enroll in college.

Measures are finally being taken to rectify these problems and clean up Farmington High's image.

The School Effectiveness Committee states its objectives in a flyer distributed to students, parents and the faculty.

It reads, "Farmington High School shall provide an atmosphere in which all students and staff develop a love of learning, a pride in themselves, and respect for each other so that maximum learning takes place in a positive educational environment."

"However, the school improvement plan is an ongoing process that will be in the experimental stages for the next 3-5 years."

To be successful, the improvement plan requires feedback from a parent advisory panel, a student advisory

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THE FOLLOWING goals are only the beginning of what the team hopes to accomplish:

- To establish a safe and orderly environment that ensures maximum learning.
- To establish high expectations for student learning and staff teaching.
- To establish and maintain effective instructional leadership at FHS.

dent," says committee member Dick Culp.

To deal with goals number two and three, another subcommittee will strive to improve the performance of both teachers and staff, and a third subcommittee will work on goal number four.

"We will try to improve enthusiasm by telling people what we are doing and publicizing it," says committee member Art Zaleski.

ALREADY, THE School Effectiveness Committee has eliminated all study hall and senior excused hours for the next semester and upcoming years. They have also begun to address the problem of students smoking inside and outside of the building.

Farmington High committee members are confident and enthused about the program and its ability to succeed with the cooperation of the faculty, students and parents.

Leukemia claims a scrappy fighter

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dren's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he had what proved to be an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant.

As the pain and hurt worsened after a relapse in July, Frank found solace in religion. "In Sunday School on Aug. 21, he received Christ as his personal savior," his father said. "It was this reliance and trust that helped him cope."

As he became more bed-ridden, Frank became "more loving. He also became sensitive to the fact so many people were taking care of him. I remember him saying he wished he could do something for someone else," his father said.

BY ASKING questions the week before, Frank knew he was going to die. "He was reconciled to that. But he knew he was going to heaven," his father said.

Before he was confined to home early this fall, a school assignment required Frank to do a project about a time when he was especially brave. "He drew a picture of himself

in a hospital bed in Milwaukee, with tubes and IVs. That was when he was afraid but also when he was especially brave," his mother said.

Southfield Christian Schools elementary principal Lucetta Pelton characterized Frank as "very positive. You'd always get a smile from him. Even when he didn't feel very well, he never complained," she said.

Pelton said he worked hard and was both well-behaved and well-liked. "We're going to miss him," she said. "He was a delightful little guy."

Two of Frank's best friends were his sister and his doctor, according to his father.

His sister, Sarah, a Southfield Christian Schools fifth grader, "treated him as if nothing was really wrong and he liked that. Everybody else treated him like he was real sick. But she treated him like a brother, which he found refreshing."

Dr. Sharon Tice of Novi, Frank's pediatrician, became a family friend and "came over to the house many times to help us out."

The family asks that memorials be made to the Southfield Christian Schools Scholarship Fund.

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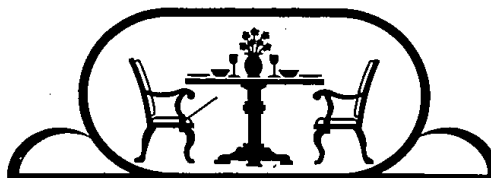
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