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Susan B. English School News



SBE Report by Rochelle Purpura

Teens and Politics

A politician thinks of the next election - a statesman, of the next generation.

~ James Freeman Clarke

Well, it has come around again. After another four years and it is coming down to the time when the nation elects a new leader. Today we live in nation that votes more for its next idol then its next president, and for the most part people are not concerned. America is a nation that is focused on the media and most of that media is directed at a large age group. The teenage population in America exceeds that of the adult, so some may wonder with this entire media flood that we have at our fingertips why can't we educate our future voters (?).

Yet, for the most part many adults still say that teenagers are far too young to understand politics. Teens should be able to talk about politics with adults without any restrictions and adults should want to listen. We aren't going to be able to learn any more then we already do about politics if the subject is not discussed. As for politics being taught in the school most students seem uninterested because perhaps their parents do not allow for them to become politically involved. The fact is simple that one day we will be old

SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

Back to Back Rivalry

The biggest thing to hit the SBE boys' basketball team has happened; the Sea Otter Boys beat the Ninilchik Wolverines on our home court! However, the girls had a more difficult time with the Lady Wolverines...

The girls' game was not exactly what the Sea Otters had hoped for. Though the team gave it their all, they were not prepared for what Ninilchik brought. They played various defenses that took the Otters by surprise. The Otters are a young team but are striving to improve each day and hope to gain a lot of experience over this next week's road trip.

The Sea Otter boys are a different story. After a narrow loss to Ninilchik on January 11th, the Otters prepared to take a stand. Both teams came out intense and hyped up. The Sea Otters pulled ahead in the first quarter, but then lost the lead towards the end of the quarter. After this small setback, the Otters got it together, pulling ahead to end the first half. The second half began the same way. The final score was 59-46, the first time in a very long time that the Sea Otters took victory away from Ninilchik.

The Sea Otters are traveling to the Nenana Invitational Tournament this weekend. Along the way we will be playing Nikolaevsk at

enough to vote, but we may not do so because we may see no need. Many decisions made by the president affect us. We might think that voting would do no good because we do not realize the consequences that politics has on us.

It has become clear that students are becoming more involved in politics due in part to teachers in their school taking the time to teach them. In the 2004 presidential election, the turnout for voters ages 18 to 24 was 11 percent higher than in the 2000 election, which shows that four years ago young people were beginning to gain more concern and curiosity towards their government. Even children too young to vote were taking a closer look at our political structure.

So what does this have to do with Susan B. English students? Most students attending our school have little political interest. Even fewer know anything about this year's election or any of its candidates. Those that are old enough to vote here are saying, "Why bother?" They seem to see it as a waste of time. With Primaries coming up on the 5th of February it seems that there will be little or no turnout of our eighteen-year-olds. Some parents, like their children, may be thinking that there is no reason for them to be concerned with politics. They may think that they won't make a difference. It is good to know that casting your vote *will* make what you wanted heard. It is *our* country and every vote helps to make it a better place to live. *If the government did not want us to pick a leader they would not let us vote!* Voting is not only a right but also a privilege and we should take advantage of it.

their home court on Tuesday, before driving to Anchorage. The NIT begins on Thursday. The Sea Otter boys will begin the tourney with a 9:30 a.m. game. The Sea Otter Girls will play later that day. The times of their next games will be determined by who wins and loses those games.

School Calendar	School Sports Schedule 2007-2008
<p><i>Scheduled at the school:</i></p> <p>SPORTS: *PARTICIPANTS must have a CURRENT PHYSICAL on file before they are eligible to start practice. PARTICPATION forms must be filled out and on file in the office. FORMS are available in the office and on Ed-line. SPORT SCHEDULES available on ED LINE.</p> <p>ATTACHMENT: Sports Schedule 2007-08 If you're in the area and we have a game/meet going on STOP IN. The players would love to see and have Seldovians cheer them on. Ed Line will have information on team travel and game/meets scheduled times. This information is available for anyone to view. Go to our district website: www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us To find the details on events, double click on the event. If you have questions, please call the school, 234-7616.</p> <p>If you are interested in helping out during home games (concessions, feeding teams, taking tickets, keeping score, clock, the list goes on and on), please call the school; 234-7616.</p> <p>HELP is always needed and you don't have to have kids in school or have them participating in an event to help out. We NEED more volunteers, there's no job to hard for a willing body to help fill a need.</p>	<p>High School Volleyball Borealis Tournaments <i>Coach: Lisa O'Leary</i> **NOTE: Schedule updates TBA Season: September 17, 2007 – December 8, 2007 Season over...</p> <p>High School Wrestling <i>Coach: Dan Blodgett</i> Season: October 1, 2007 – December 15, 2007 Season over...</p> <p>Jr. High Basketball <i>Coach: Alvin Swick</i> **NOTE: Schedule TBA Season: October 1, 2007 – December 8, 2007 Season over...</p> <p>High School Boys &</p>

Girls Basketball *Coach*

Russ Radliff

Season: November 26,
2007 – March 20, 2008

Jan 30- Feb 2 NIT
Tournament

February 15 Lumen
Christi

February 21-23 Seldovia
Tournament (Bristol Bay,
Lumen Christi,
Nikoleavsk)

February 29 CIA Varsity

March 1 CIA JV Boys

March 7-12 Region
Tourney Ila hosted by
CIA

March 18-20 State Ila

Jr. High Girls Volleyball

Coach: TBA

**NOTE: Schedule TBA

Season: January 7,
2008 – March 1, 2008

February 4 Competitive
play begins

Jr. High Wrestling

Coach: Coach Blodgett

**NOTE: Schedule TBA

Season: January 7,
2008 – March 1, 2008

High School Coed

Track *Coach: Tim*

Winters

**NOTE: Schedule TBA

Season: March 10, 2008
– May 24, 2008

March 10 Practice /

Season BEGINS {"ASAA
start date}

March 21 Competitive
play begins

May 3 Track & Field @
HH

Jr. High Coed Track

Coach: Tim Winters

Season: March 31,
2008 – May 10, 2008

March 31 Practice /
Season BEGINS

SBE Academics		
"A" Honor Roll	"B" Honor Roll	



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