

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Running Start Information

Valley Home Educators will be having an informational meeting about Running Start in the next few weeks. We are still finalizing the date and location. There have been important improvements in the process for **Home-based Instruction students** who want to access Running Start. Up to date and current information can be found on the WHO web site

www.WashHomeschool.org. - click on Running Start on the left of the page. Please read it carefully. For those of you who have used Running Start in the past, the main difference will be in a welcome change. A single page form has been developed to establish Junior/Senior academic standing **eliminating the need to show a transcript** to the high school counselor and add up credits for work done at home. This form is available at the Superintendents office where you get your letter of intent to Homeschool each fall. Keeping good records is a wise thing to do as your students progress through high school. So please keep on doing that. This new law now means you don't have to show them to the high school to prove they are of junior or senior standing.

Below is an excerpt from the WHO web site. Please visit the web site and read the entire page. And then watch for the meeting date. You can view the form on the WHO web page and also the bulletin sent to the school districts this fall.

Also check out the Wenatchee Valley College Web site for meetings hosted by the college. You must attend one of the college meetings this spring. The schedule so far is posted below. Both the parents and student must attend a meeting.

<http://www.wvc.edu/directory/departments/runningstart/>

Fall Quarter - 2006 - Orientations Held At High Schools

TBA		Brewster
TBA		Bridgeport
4/11/06	6:00 pm	Cascade/ H. S. Library
3/06/06	7:00 pm	Cashmere/ Choir Rm
TBA		Chelan/Manson
3/29/06	7:00 pm	Eastmont/ Auditorium
TBA		Entiat
4/26/06	6:00 pm	Liberty Bell/ Library
4/27/06	6:00 pm	Okanogan/ Library
4/11/06	6:00 pm	Omak/ Media Center
4/13/06	6:00 pm	Oroville/ The Commons
TBA		Pateros
3/16/06	3:00 pm	Quincy/ Performing Arts
4/25/06	6:00 pm	Tonasket/ Library
TBA		Waterville/Mansfield/ at Waterville H. S. Career Center
3/21/06	7:00 pm	Wenatchee/ Commons
5/01/06	6:00 pm	Wenatchee Valley College Omak/TBA
4/19/06	6:00 pm	Westside/ WVC Campus Wenatchee Van Tassell Lounge

**Homeschoolers and Running Start
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (September 2005)**

In June of 2004, members of WHO formed the Running Start Task Force (RSTF). This group was formed in response to calls and e-mails to our office from parents who were unable to access the Running Start program, due to federal reporting requirements of the "No Child Left Behind" mandate. Running Start is a public school program that allows high school 11th and 12th graders to attend community or technical college. Credits earned in the community or technical college will count as college credit as well as high school credit which may, but aren't required to, fulfill graduation requirements for a public high school diploma. The state pays the college tuition and parents are responsible for books, fees, and transportation. On July 24th, 2005, **Senate Bill 5289** was signed into law. This legislation clarifies that home-based instruction students accessing institutions of higher education are exempt from state and federal accountability reporting. Further, homeschoolers are not required to meet public school student learning goals, not obligated to obtain a certificate of academic achievement or to master the essential academic learning requirements. The RSTF began meetings with key players from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in February 2005. Discussions centered on a document that could be created to **simplify** the Running Start application process for homeschoolers. The document would also help school districts understand their role in administering Running Start statutes as they affected homeschoolers. After SB 5289 was adopted, the RSTF, along with Sherry Stacy of Christian Homeschoolers of Puget Sound and DiAnna Brannan of Christian Homeschoolers Network of Washington met with OSPI staff on June 7 th. A document was drafted that OSPI would later adopt for homeschoolers desiring to access Running Start. **The form was completed by OSPI and sent to all school district superintendents on September 9, 2005.** The bulletin is "Bulletin No. 086-05 Student Support and Operations". The form is titled: "Running Start Enrollment Request, Home-Based Instruction Students Only". The bulletin cites the obligations of the school district and the home-based instruction families and students:

Each local school district will:

Provide Declaration of Intent to Provide Home-based Instruction forms and Running Start Enrollment Request for Home-based Instruction Students forms in the office of the district superintendent.

Accept completed forms by an individual in the superintendent's office.

Maintain a record of all students enrolled for Running Start under the provisions of RCW 28A.600.310. Home-based Instruction families and students will:

File a Declaration of Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction [form](#) by the 15th of September for the year preceding the request for Running Start participation. Enrolling students must have received home-based instruction for the school year prior to enrollment in Running Start.

Complete the Running Start Enrollment Request for Home-based Instruction Students form and all related assurances. This form is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2005/B086-051600v2.doc> and on the WHO [website](#). A school official is required to sign it before it is retained in the district office. Remember to request a copy for your records.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

As many of you are aware Matt Turnbull's wife Christi has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is pregnant. She has started chemotherapy and has had surgery. Matt has chosen to stop teaching at this point and stay home and take care of his wife and family. Due to this there has been a fund set up at Cashmere Valley Bank to help support the family financially during this time.

READING IS THE TICKET

Its February and that means it Reading is the Ticket time. This is a recreational reading program to encourage kids to read for fun. Children in grades K-8th have the opportunity to read 600 min or 10 hrs of recreational reading. For their effort they earn a ticket into Silverwood Themepark which is located outside of Coeur- d'Alene, Idaho. The tickets are valid from June 10 to Oct. 8 excluding Saturdays in July and August. If you are interested in signing up your children please email me at shutterbrook@msn.com and I will send you a email w/ the information sheet and the tally sheet for u to copy for your children.

If you don't want to use email you need to send a self addressed stamped envelope to me at Vicki Seabrook, 270 12th PL NE, E. Wenatchee, WA 98802. I will then send you the copy of the tally sheet and instruction sheet. Please also include childs name and grade in either the email or the mailed letter. When your child has completed their reading I need their tally sheets mailed back to me with a self addressed stamped envelope so I can return the tickets when they arrive. The deadline for the tally sheets to mailed to me is **March 24, 2006**. Please feel free to email me with any questions you might have. Vicki Seabrook

Coming to North Central Washington

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Administered by Alice Wescott, Ph. D. and Beth Rosenzweig, M.Ed.

Omak - May 10 * Wenatchee - May 11

The administration of a standardized test to children receiving Home-based Instruction is governed by state law and publisher requirements. We administer the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed., Abbreviated, and our team members are qualified under the publisher's specifications for administration of this test.

Why Test With Us?

(1) We offer a convenient ONE-DAY schedule, which includes:

- * A half-day group standardized test (3 hours) for grades 3-12
- * On-site hand scoring
- * Same afternoon parent review - in order to see how each question was answered.
- * Only parents receive test scores – we keep no results

(2) The test is administered in a group setting, as required for valid standardized testing.

(3) There is no waiting for tests to arrive and then no second long wait for the test scores to be returned.

(4) In addition to the SAT group test for grades 3-12, we offer a more friendly test option for younger children in grades 1-2 and for Special Needs Children: an abbreviated assessment, which gives the parents a grade-level score for Reading, Spelling, and Math for the same fee that we charge for our group test. Parents are given these results immediately after the test.

FEE: (\$35.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked **21** days prior to test date, pay early registration fees: **1st and 2nd child: \$30 per test; 3rd child: \$25 per test; 4th (and subsequent children) \$15 per test**

QUESTIONS? REGISTRATION FORM? Phone: (425) 697- 4021 or E-mail: GreatExpect4HS@aol.com

For a complete list of testing dates or for online registration go to: www.EduGreat.com

Guitar For Sale/\$250.00 (or best offer)

"Only" used for 6 lessons, about 2001, except for being tuned, guitar has not been played.

Jasmine by Takamine - Model Number: S - 34 C (six string)/Serial Number: 2001040680

Comes with the following items:

Levy's Leather Limited - Canvas Soft side carrying case/Side handle and backpack straps

Alfred's Basic Guitar Method - Book #1 with CD

Matrix Quartz Guitar Tuner SR - 1000 (includes "almost" fresh 9V battery)

Call 665 - 3125 or leave a message at 662 - 8480

WANTED -

Answer Key or Solutions Manual for Saxon Math 7/6 1985 edition. Call Kim Bartel at 884-7635.