



# School District of New London

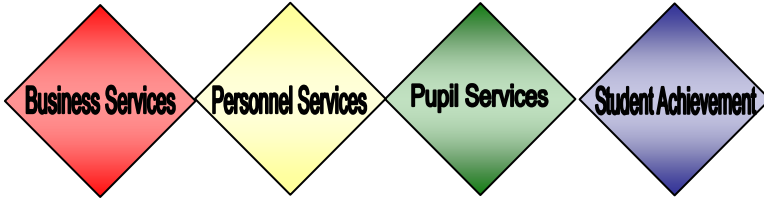
**DIVISION**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

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## Donation



The area Knights of Columbus Council #1797 presented a check to the school district for \$517.40. These monies are always earmarked for children with cognitive disabilities with dollars raised through their Tootsie Roll drive. This year those funds will pay

for a handicapped swing for the play set used by the Early Childhood: Special Education students and elementary CD-S population. The swing will afford some medically fragile, wheelchair-bound students freedom to “play” in a mode similar to their peers.

- Not allowing my child(ren) or their friends to possess or consume alcohol, tobacco, or drugs on my property.
- Discouraging my child(ren) from attending unsupervised parties.

BADD is hoping to post these names of pledge participants prominently in our schools.

A similar initiative took place before Prom. Notices about underage behaviors will also appear next year prior to Homecoming week.

## B.A.D.D. Initiative

New London High School's BADD (Bulldogs Against Destructive Decisions) organization continue to support Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco free event. Prior to graduation, letters were sent home to remind parents of the need for positive, healthy choices for our New London families and students. The letter sent home expresses the need to uphold the tenants of the Bulldogs of Character Program, which include responsibility, respect, and self-discipline. By promoting good choices during the graduation activities, we begin to build a foundation for positive lives as adults. Letters include data regarding underage drinking data for the state of Wisconsin and offers suggestions in how parents can help teens have a safe and fun graduation time. Included with the letters were two pledge cards – one to keep, one to sign and return. The pledge states, “I pledge to encourage youth to be substance-free by:



- Hosting only alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-free parties for them.

## Rural WI Pre-College Program

This year, seven of our English Language Learners have been accepted to participate in the Rural Wisconsin Pre-College Program at the University of WI – Oshkosh. Emanuel Padilla, Juan Patiño, Marielos Granadeno, Jennifer Campos, Fernando Castillo, Leonel Rivera, and Marco Martinez met eligibility and have been invited to attend the program from June 27 – July 3, 2010. (This will be Marco's second year participating.) Each summer only 15 -20 students are selected and invited to participate. Having seven of our own high school students participating is an honor and a testament to their hard work to be included.



Students stay in residence halls and eat meals in the campus dining hall. Each year the theme of the program differs, but the academic content remains the same – college preparatory studies focusing on Science, Mathematics, and Language Arts. The theme of the 2010 session is the study of culture, personal culture and the culture of others. They will also study Aviation this summer and take daily trips to the EAA grounds. It is a weeklong adventure in introduction to college life.