

2001 Illinois Directors of Student Activities Convention
“BEST OF THE BEST”
Survey Results

POM-POM/CHEERLEADERS – FOOTBALL PLAYERS; Proviso East; C. Sheehan; (773) 388-2446
Girls dress in football uniforms boys dress like cheerleaders & perform routine.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE BANNERS; James B. Conant; Shirley Pertinau; 755-3716
At the end of each season Student Council's Spirit Committee makes banners for all sports & major activities and displays them in the student cafeteria.

ODYSSEY FINE ARTS FESTIVAL; Stevenson; Janet Jesse; (847) 634-4000
All school fine arts festival.

STUDENT COUNCIL LOCK-IN; Deerfield; John Heerman/Heather McKenna; 405-8372
This activity is an overnight lock-in (6 pm-7am). Students are assigned to a hall and create a theme connected with our overall homecoming theme. Every hall is decorated in the entire school. The class executive boards also participate by decorating the cafeteria and "every" locker has a class decoration. This is a great way to unite the school for a great Homecoming.

VETS WEEK; Andrew; Terry TerHaar; 342-5853
Veterans week - ending with veterans luncheon. Mutual respect = speeches, some 70 people involved. 5 empty seats represent 5 service organizations.

“SOCK IT TO ‘EM”; St. Charles; Julie Harbecke; (630) 443-5700
Buy socks for the homeless w/ spare change during lunch hours. Hang socks around the room on clothesline 1 per \$1.00.

ALL SCHOOL MINI-GOLF; Notre Dame High School; Dan Tully; (847) 779-8646
The Notre Dame Open - indoor miniature golf for free or for just a dollar or two - bring students into the building for fun.

CO-CURRICULAR DAYS; Reavis; Tom Witting; (708) 599-7200 ext. 283
Ellis Island Day - Fine Arts Day - Techno-Magic Day.

POSTCARD POWER; Lake Park High School; Patrick Buchenot; (630) 295-5312
Save money promote your program É use postcards.

HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL; Proviso West High; Belinda Traywick; (708) 202-6323

Due to canceling of Halloween Trick-or-Treating we hosted over 900 children to trick-or-treat at the high school. Including Haunted basement, face painting, games, refreshments, fun & safety.

PROJECT X; Wheaton North; Kevin Williams; (630) 682-2140

About once a month, we have a surprise day where we welcome kids to school w/ free food (bagels, granola bars, etc.) balloons, signs, music (our own "garage" bands), etc. We choose random days and come up with a cheesy name! Happy Tuesday, Marvelous Monday, etc. Greeters are at each entrance.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB; St. Charles North; Brian Maloney; (630) 443-2734

For International Week the Global students dept. put together a "French café" out of one of the areas between the classrooms. Teachers could use the café for classes.

NEW HOMECOMING COURT GUIDELINES; Proviso East; Marcia LaPorte; (708) 202-1757

All homecoming court members are nominated by Clubs, Activities or Coaches & must be a Senior, (before they nominate themselves).

MENTOR; Beecher High School; Mary Burdick; (708) 946-2648

Student council member will talk to the eighth graders in both feeder schools. Discuss transition to high school - They will then become mentors to their group of students when they enter high school in the fall. They will serve as support to their group of freshman. Answer questions be there for new students. This gives incoming freshman someone to help them and to talk to.

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS; Conant High School; Larry Schroeder; (847) 755-3600

Our Student Council sponsors 4 breakfasts in Feb. for Seniors, March for Juniors; April for Sophomores and May for Freshman. Each dept. nominates one person for each breakfast. Student and nominating teacher attend the special breakfast before school. We take the students picture with a digital camera and put it on a Wheaties box. Each student receives a certificate and their own box of Wheaties with their name & picture on it. The nominating teacher talks briefly about the student at the breakfast. Our decorations are orange balloons, orange plates, cups, etc. A very well-received activity!

CHILI COOK-OFF; St. Charles North; Kristin Kulzer; (630) 443-5700

Faculty (each department)

“CRUSH ON YOU” FUNDRAISER; Niles North; Mike Tarjan; 568-4422

Purchase a "crush" can (\$1.00) and sent it to someone w/ an announcement letter. If the person wants to know who sent it to them they can pay .50 to find out.

SPORTS AWARD NITES; Joliet Township; 727-6720

We took all the yearbook "toss away" photos from the fall season & put them in a video loop to show in the auditorium for the 15-20 minutes prior to the sports award program start.

SECRET PAL; Reavis H. S.; Darlene Stengehe; (708) 599-7200

We pair NHS students with the staff. We make our own gifts for each major celebration - Halloween, Sweetest Day, etc. We also encourage contacts as often as possible, notes, happy faces, etc We have a picnic at the end of the year where we reveal the Secret Pals. Promotes good relationship between staff & students.

SUMO WRESTLING; St. Charles North H.S.; Debbie Kling; (630) 443-2776

Sumo wrestlers "beat" each other in class competition.

CLUB ORGANIZATION – TRAINING; Minooka Community H.S.; Michele Brown; 467-2140 ext. 123

Class officers and sponsors, August workshop & follow up sessions in the fall, Responsibility meeting in the Spring.

BLUE & WHITE DAY; Conant H.S.; Larry Schroeder; (847) 755-3600

Blue & white (school colors) - pass out donuts to 1st class spotted in all school colors on Spirit Day.

“IVY LEAGUE” OR WALL OF PRIDE; Conant H.S.; Karla Modelski; (847) 755-3600

Through out the year teacher recognize students who go above & beyond (ex.: help another student or improve grades) students are given a pin & their name is displayed on a paper "brick" in a display case, that is decorated a brick wall w/ ivy.

FRESHMAN LINK CREW; Fremd High School; Andrea Monahan; (847) 755-2600

Invite freshman class in before school starts for icebreakers, school scavenger hunt, dis cussion groups & ice cream social. It gets freshman to feel more comfortable with high school before classes start.

MEGAPHONE MADNESS; Prospect H.S.; Lyn Scolaro & Rudy Gomez; (847) 718-5220

We purchase a Megaphones with the homecoming theme on it. We put a coupon for free popcorn in each one. We gave 75 to students at the soccer game, 75 to alumni at the alumni tent & 150 at the football game.

SPIRIT WALK; Adlai E. Stevenson; Debbie Durham; (847) 634-4000 ext. 1303

In lieu of a Homecoming Parade, we annually hold a "Spirit Walk" which is a walk to raise money for a predetermined charity. The walk is 4.5 miles beginning & ending at school. A pancake breakfast kicks off the walk. We invited every student and staff member to participate. This year the walk generated \$12,000 for "Camp to Belony", a camp that reunites siblings separated through the foster care program. This walk is held the Sunday prior to Homecoming Week.