

## SERVICE LEARNING

On Tuesday the 27th we visited Superior Middle School to give our presentation to the eighth graders about being in high school. We did this for a project in our English class, and we chose this project because we wanted the freshman to be more relaxed about coming to Superior High School next year. We remembered when we were younger and how scared and nervous we were to go to high school. We figured that if we were that scared that they would be too, and they needed to know that others have felt that way and as seniors were coming out alive. After attending the high school for about a week all of your fears disappear and you get to realize that high school is fun and that you learn so many new things along with new experiences. We wanted the eighth graders be well informed as to what is coming to them, and that its all-in-all an awesome experience.

Since the middle school now has block scheduling we could only visit two classes. Among these classes was a good number of concerned students with questions about the high school. We covered main topics such as; respect, supplies needed, policies, attendance, and also good things about the high school. Within these five topics we discussed classes, punishments, and activities that would be available to them at the high school. Most of the kids seemed rather excited to be coming into the high school next year, others slightly worried and shocked by some of the rules. They asked questions about study halls, what credits are, how they earn the credits, and different electives we have, and about homework and projects. Not only did these eighth graders learn a lot from our presentation, but their teacher Mr. Willie was also impressed on how much information we gave, and how mature we were as we went about it and said he'd recommend us to present again.

This project impacted us in many ways. It gave us an overall great feeling for being helpful and understanding to these students and their concerns. We felt that we had a lot of great information for these eighth graders about coming to the high school and about the experiences and the also more difficult things. We both have had our troubles within high school and have managed to overcome them and move on to bigger, better things that led us to a brighter future. We've come so far along

and we couldn't have done it without all the teachers at the high school, so we also let the eighth graders know that teachers are friends too. We think we chose a great project for our community and would advise any other seniors to take the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with the eighth grade students. It was an amazing experience and fully worth it.

We believe our project is similar to The Three Doctors' Foundation because George, Sam, and Rameck try their best to help and calm children about life and what its about. They try to change the way children grow. We encouraged eighth graders to not be afraid of all the people that are in the high school and to not give in to peer pressure or bullies. We gave them a general idea of what high school is like and also what is neither tolerable nor acceptable. This links to what the three doctor's do because they try to create supportive environments as it states on their website about their foundation, and by being supportive to the eighth graders we are supporting them and helping out the environment. The Three Doctors' Foundation also states that they try to get youth involved to help and we were youth helping out the youth. We believe that what the three doctors have accomplished and also what we have done has helped out community and also many other communities around the world, and we should get more people involved.