

iPods make way into classrooms—with school approval

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Don't be surprised if teachers start handing out iPod touches and iPod nanos

during class, but not just for the games. With a recent technology rollout, they are being used for educational purposes. For example,

Mandy Weaver's Wellness I students are starting to use them in class to calculate their running statistics.

At the beginning of the

school year, the departments generated ideas Dr. Stacy Erickson, Teacher Librarian, said, but in the end deciding what to buy was a group decision. The school went on to purchase class sets of iPod touches, iPod nanos and Nike Plus technology. It's the new iPod touches that are garnering the big reaction, though, according to Erickson. She has been working with teachers on the school's new pilot project.

Teachers checked out the devices in February so that they could experiment with them. Starting this month the iPods have been reserved as a class set so that a teacher from any department can use them. Once a teacher reserves the class set, they can then go on to request specific apps they would like installed for specific use.

Erickson in particular is excited because of the opportunities of all the new technology. Weaver is also excited to start using the

new technology in her own classroom, and hopes the technology will help those students who don't want to run.

Elise Brown, freshman, is one of the students enrolled in Eric Viuhkola's Wellness I class, who is also using the new technology. Brown is excited to start using the technology, but "questions why they're really needed when there's computers on nearly every porch you can go to for internet based information."

"I think the school chose these devices mainly to appear 'in touch' with the things our students like. Students like iPods. Students like technology. The school administration wants to appeal to our tastes in technology while providing education," Brown said.

Even though Weaver knows there is possibility for misuse, she thinks it will be a good experience for her students. "That's the way you learn," she said.

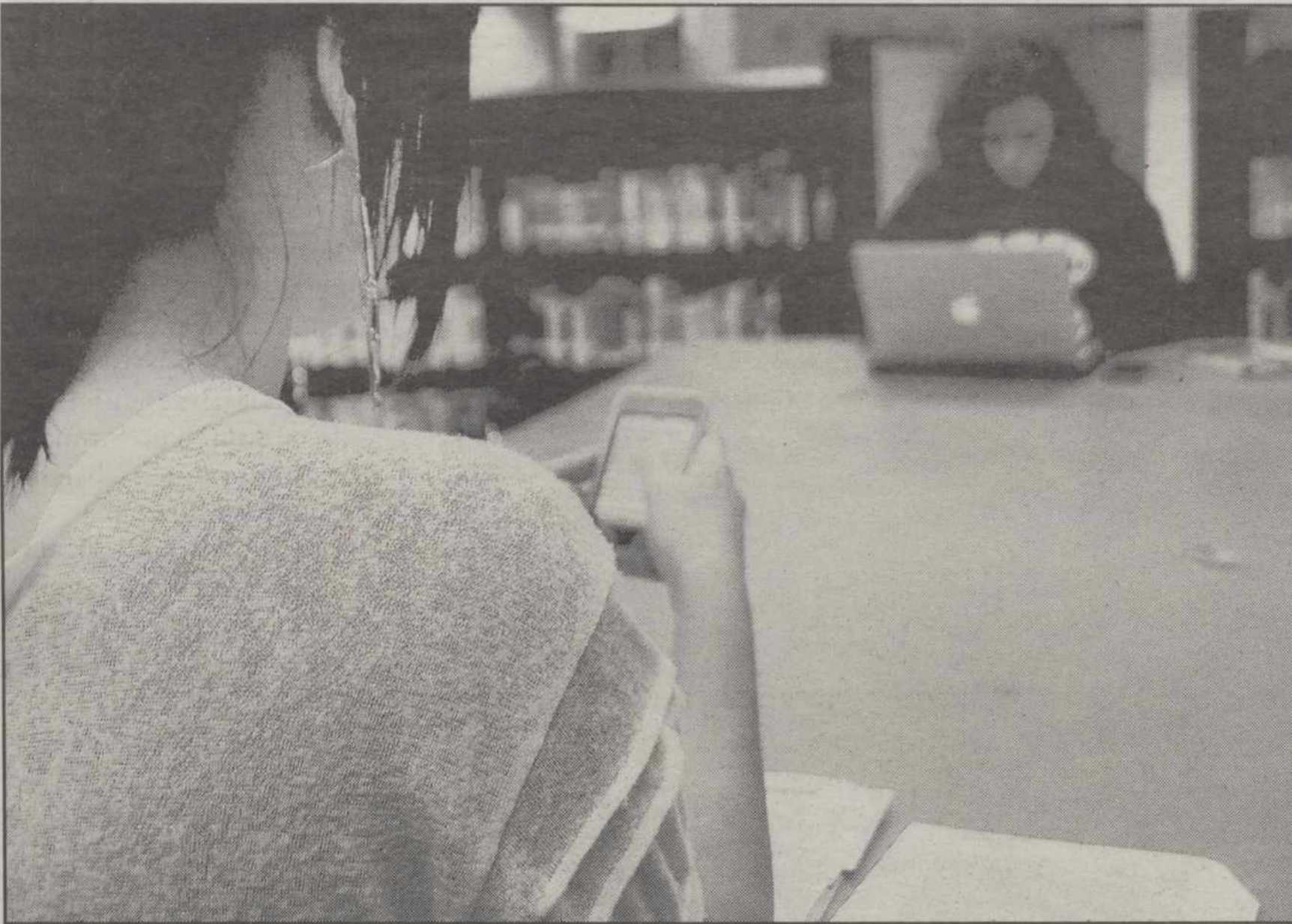


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Sydney Nelson, senior, works in the library on one of the new iPod touches purchased for use in classrooms. Also rolled out last month were iPod nanos and Nike Plus.

Students excel in competitions

DISTRICT SOLO CONTEST:

Mitchell Rivet - Bass, 2nd
Emma Davis - Soprano, 4th

CCC RESULTS:

1st Place

Eta Santoro - French 2
James Siderius - Math
Individual Level 6
Callie Attanasio - Math
Team Level 1
Kristin Nesbit - Math Team
Level 1
Michelle Virgin - Math
Team Level 1
Katherine Farnbach - Music

2nd Place

Dylan Hinrichs - Math
Team Level 2
Alexander Wise - Math
Team Level 2
Aaron Waller - Math Team
Level 2
Enzo Nutile - Music
Haley Arnone - Organic
Chemistry
Helen Farrell - Organic
Chemistry
Kristin Nesbit - Spelling Bee

3rd Place

Emma Kennard - Art Visual

SCIENCE BOWL:

4th place at State

ISEF:

Behavioral and Social Science
Anneli Tostar - 1st (tie)
Sabrina Levy - 1st (tie)
Daniel Rucker - Honorable
Mention

Environmental Sciences, Plant
and Animal Biology
Ann Bernert - 2nd

Engineering, Computer
Science and Mathematics

Daniel Blanc-Gonnet -
Honorable Mention
James Siderius - 3rd
Avilash Cramer - 1st

Medical Science and
Microbiology

Graham Frank and John-Paul
Savory - 3rd
Kristen Tremaine - 2nd
Spencer Change - 1st

Physics and Chemistry

Katherine Hill and Haley
Rivet - Honorable Mention
Andrea Barber and Katelin
Calderon - 3rd
Neelou Etesami - 2nd
Dylan Hinrichs, Alex Wise
and Aaron Waller - 1st

Best of Fair

Hinrichs, Wise and Waller -
Team Project
Cramer - Individual Project

MOCK TRIAL:

At Regionals, the senior team
placed first and the junior
team placed second. Both

proceeded to State, where the
seniors placed eighth and the
juniors placed tenth.

REGIONAL ACTING COMPETITION:

State Qualifiers (top 10%):

Emma Davis - Solo Musical
Lisa Wang - Solo Musical
Sammie Forsey - Solo Musical
Alyssa Johnston - Solo Acting
Lola Stanten - Solo Acting
Ashley Welp - Solo Acting, 1st
place novice
Michael Johnson & Anna
Stapleton - Duo Dramatic
(come see these two as Romeo
& Juliet)
Tyler Whitcomb & Sophie
Starks-Madsen - Duo Comedic

Regional Finalists (top 20%):

Alexandra Mink - Solo Acting
Ailish Duff - Solo Acting
Lucy Walker & AJ Benya -
Duo Comedic

THREE RIVERS LEAGUE SOLO COMPETITION:

Flute:



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The senior Mock Trial team celebrates its first place win at the Regional competition. The junior team, which placed second, joined the senior team in competing at the State competition, where they placed tenth and eighth, respectively.

Sarah Sonnenfeld, League
Champion
Sarah Lord, 2nd
Arianna Robin, 3rd

Bassoon:

Troy Cornelius, League
Champion
Helen Farrell, 4th

Clarinet:

Michelle Virgin, 3rd
Brian Liebeno, 5th

Alto sax:

Sean Campbell, 4th

Low sax:

Josh Grelewicz, League
Champion

Trumpet:

Carlos Splitstoser, 2nd

French horn:

Sierra Bangs, 2nd

Trombone:

Joonas Lemetyinen, League
Champion

Baritone Horn:

Riley King, 2nd
Keven Krause, 4th

Tuba:

Charlie Iwata, League
Champion

Orchestral Snare Drum:

Jonathan Macemon, 2nd
Cassidy Baskerville, 4th

Violin:

Samantha Ing, 2nd

String bass:

Georgia Muggli, 2nd

TRL SPEECH AND DEBATE COMPETITION:

Kristy Lanz - finalist,
Prose Reading
Peter Santoro - finalist,
Radio Commentary
Sierra Bangs - finalist,
Radio Commentary
Ben Mann - 3rd, Radio
Commentary; 4th Wilma
Hicks Award
Josh Grelewicz and Justin
Altemus - 1st, Public
Forum Debate

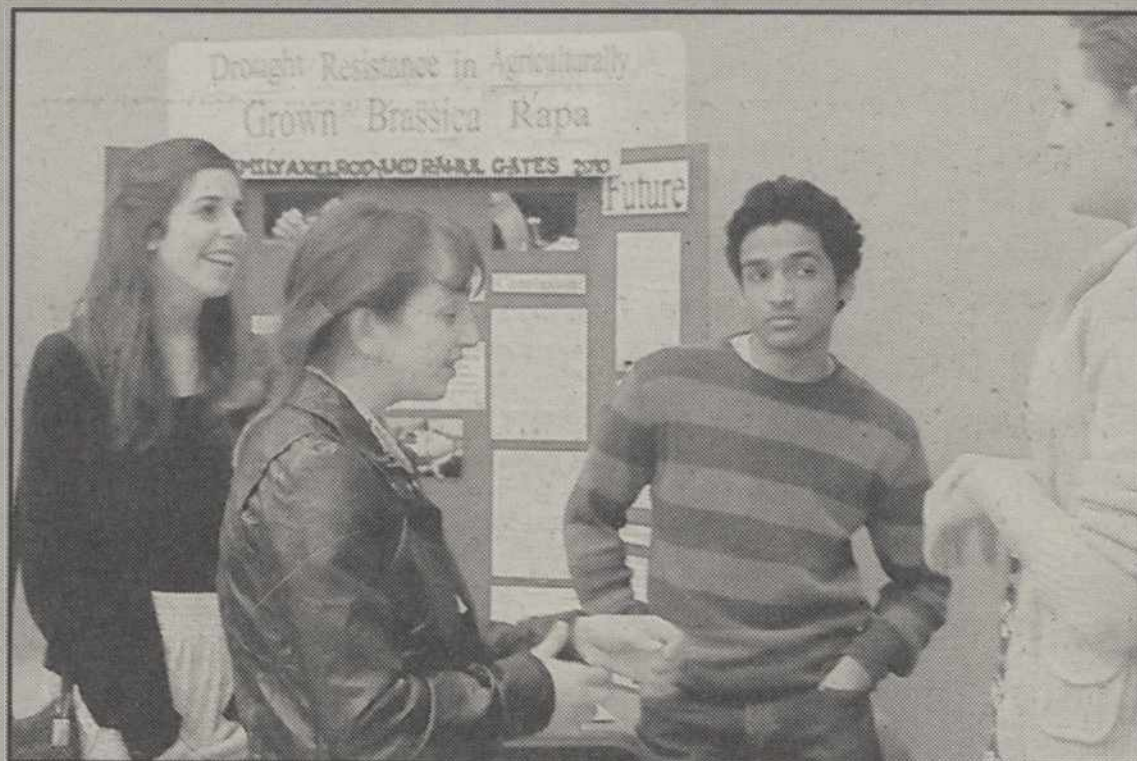


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Emily Axelrod and Rahul Gates, sophomores, present their ISEF project at the public viewing on March 12. The pair won a special CREST award for Best Local Sustainability Project. WLHS is sending five students to the International Fair in San Jose, Calif., four as competitors and one as an observer.