

January 6, 2009

Dear Parent/guardian,

I am excited to announce that all Crown Point High School students will participate in the Grand Concours, a national French exam. If you wish to find out more about the contest, Le Grand Concours Web page is <http://aatf.utsa.edu/concours>. Local winners on each level are recognized and receive prizes at the spring brunch of the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

The exam will be administered at Crown Point High School on Saturday, March 14. A continental breakfast is available at 8:15 AM in the cafeteria and an on-time drawing will begin at 8:45 AM. This testing experience facilitates taking college placement exams such as the ACT, SAT, and local exams. This exam includes material learned throughout the entire year, and will be recorded as a test score, however, the scores will be curved, usually at 50%. If your child is unable to participate in the national contest, they will take the test in class the following Monday. Saturday testers may enjoy a free reading or homework day. National results and local scores will be posted in April.

My students received a study guide the first week of school and I have offered optional help sessions during zero hour or after school by request so that students will feel confident about what is expected on each level of the test. The computer room, D200, will be open zero hour when our class is schedules so that students can use the Grand Concours program. In addition, old tests are available for check out or use in the regular classroom.

Sincerely, Mme Atwood

Name of student: _____ Current year of French 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

___ I have additional French experience:

___ I will compete nationally **March 14th**

___ I have included \$1.50 for breakfast (optional)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

We have more students participating on Saturday than the number of French teachers available to give the test. Please consider giving us a helping hand.

___ I am able to volunteer for breakfast Saturday, March 14, 8:15 - 9:30 AM

___ I am able to volunteer to give the test Saturday, March 15, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Phone: _____ Address: _____

The returned form is an assignment due **Tuesday, January 13, 2009.** =)