

## Student Center

The Power of One began the formation of the Student Center in November 2000. The idea originated in student focus groups, led by Power of One members shortly after the new school opened. A grant was recently awarded to help get the center started. The Student Center's main purpose is to assist the students with their social and emotional needs, supporting their academic success. On December 4, 2002 four P1 members met with Superintendent Carmen Granto to discuss action steps needed to launch the Student Center.



**LATEST NEWS:** Several p1 students are completing their training to provide **PEER MEDIATION** through the Student Center, beginning on March 31st. Watch for announcements!

## Albany trip

**On March 4th**, Power of One members traveled to Albany, NY to network with state legislators and to educate others on the value of the programs, like the Power of One, made possible through the Extended School Day / School Violence Prevention grant. While in Albany, The team met with Giovanni Warren, Educational Legislative Analyst for Sheldon Silver to share personal stories on how their experience with Power of One has made a difference in their lives and the lives of other students at NFHS. Governor Pataki's current budget has eliminated ESD/SVP funding for the 2003 - 2004 school year.

**On March 5th**, we provided a workshop to participants at the New York State School Safety Summit at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany. Over 300 participants attended the conference where the Power of One's PR Team members' interactive workshop was entitled ***Student Leadership Teams Improving Schools***. Students, teachers, parents and administrators who attended the training gave it rave reviews.

## Project Get Ready's Summer Academy

During the Summer of 2002, Power of One launched its first Summer Academy as part of a bigger idea called Project Get Ready. The Summer Academy is a program to help incoming 9th graders feel comfortable about coming into the high school. During the training, we shared teambuilding activities and provided them with peers they can confide in when they begin 9th grade. Plans are underway to improve and offer the Summer Academy in the future.

## TeamBuilding continues

The Power of One has partaken in many training sessions and retreats during the past couple of years, many of which have had a positive influence on individual participants, the Power of One group, and also the school as a whole. Trainings cover leadership skills and teambuilding activities that help the group strive to work more closely to making our goals a reality. Currently, training in PEER MEDIATION is being completed for a number of members in preparation for offering their skills to others beginning this month. The picture below was taken on the second day of November 2002's retreat to Peek n' Peak in Clymer, NY.



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