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DISCIPLINARY POLICY

New program focuses on community

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This spring, South will pilot a new disciplinary program, "Restorative Circles," which focuses on fostering discussion among community members after an incident occurs that has a negative impact on the school community. The program will have five to six pilot cases between now and May, and workshops to train at least 40 community members for participation in the program.

"This is the first time we've changed how we do discipline at South in decades," Prevention/Intervention counselor Rich Catrambone said.

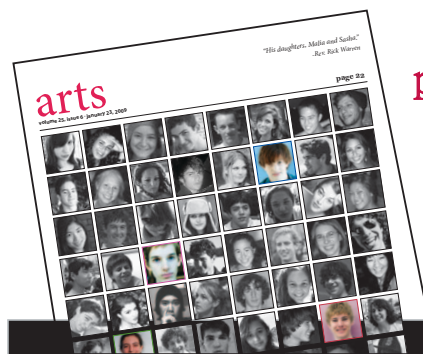
Catrambone has been interested in pursuing the program for years after he became familiar with the program in Concord and through a judge in the Newton district court for juvenile cases.

The program is starkly different from traditional suspensions and detentions usually doled out as punishment.

"What's the learning in that? It's a day off," Catrambone said of suspensions.

Although some offenses, such as drug use, physical violence and some forms of bullying, will still lead to automatic suspensions, housemasters can now deem students appropriate for the Restorative Circles program. The decision

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OBSERVING THE INAUGURATION

"This is history. I am history."

Students gathered to watch as 44th President Barack Obama was sworn in



photo by Olivia Kennis

Joseph Busaba watches Obama's inauguration live with his schoolmates in a packed cafeteria on Tuesday.

CAROLINE HASS
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A girl in a pink sweatshirt inches closer to the screen, through the crowd that has gathered in the South cafeteria to watch the swearing-in of the 44th President of the United States. She smiles when CBS anchor Katie Couric makes a comment about former Vice President Cheney being in a wheel chair. Slowly, she takes a seat on the stairs, twirling her hair and opening her cell phone.

Streams of faculty and students walk through the cafeteria, kicking chocolate milk bottles out of their way, and paying fleeting attention to the politicians assembling on the screen.

Students at a table on the side of the room scream about something completely unrelated to the inauguration, and a couple of fries fly through the air. A few kids cheer mockingly as former president George Bush enters; a boy in a red shirt pulls his chair

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MIAA regulations frustrate South fans

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For senior Kevin Boecke, a South athlete, avid fan and mascot, sports have always been about having fun.

"Games are only as fun as [the fans] can make them," he said.

Although South fans are not known for their outstanding attendance at sporting events or enthusiasm at games, Boecke and much of the

South community acknowledge that some fans' behaviors can at times "cross the line."

Still, the question of where exactly this line lies has spawned a bitter battle between South's fans and those saddled with enforcing administrative regulations.

Athletic Director Scott Perrin feels strongly that rules are necessary when it comes to occasionally inappropriate fan conduct.

"In a classy town like Newton," Perrin said, "you've got kids going on

to become doctors, lawyers and teachers. Acting like some kids do at these games just dumbs the whole thing down."

While Perrin admitted that basketball games are the most difficult to manage and are where the majority of the violations occur, he recognizes they do happen at other sporting events.

Boys' and girls' varsity volleyball head coach Todd Elwell said his teams and fans have been on both ends of rule

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Senior Willie Lyons is a fan-favorite at home games.