

Mock trial presented at Middle School

Recently, Elisabeth Chee, a junior at the High School, coordinated the presentation of a self written Mock Trial concerning the Massachusetts Social Hosting drinking laws.

During the fictional Mock Trial the parents were being charged for not adequately supervising a teen party where some alcohol had been brought by guests. The presentation, for the eighth grade students, was created to demonstrate the possible negative monetary and criminal consequences illegal drinking can have on other people surrounding the teen who drinks. These effects are in addition to the ones that are physically felt by the individual themselves. The Mock Trial was videotaped so that future students can view this "eye opening reality".

This trial completes a two year process finalizing Chee's Gold Award which, according to Girl Scout databases, is the first time a girl from North Reading has earned this highest achievement in Girl Scouts. To earn this award, she completed various pre-requirements and more than sixty

hours were put directly into the final project, culminating in almost 200 hours on the award in total. This award has demonstrated Elisabeth's organizational, leadership and networking skills.

Many thanks to the high school students, eighth graders, and adult participants in the trial, as well as the Middle School and High School staff who helped make this event a success.

