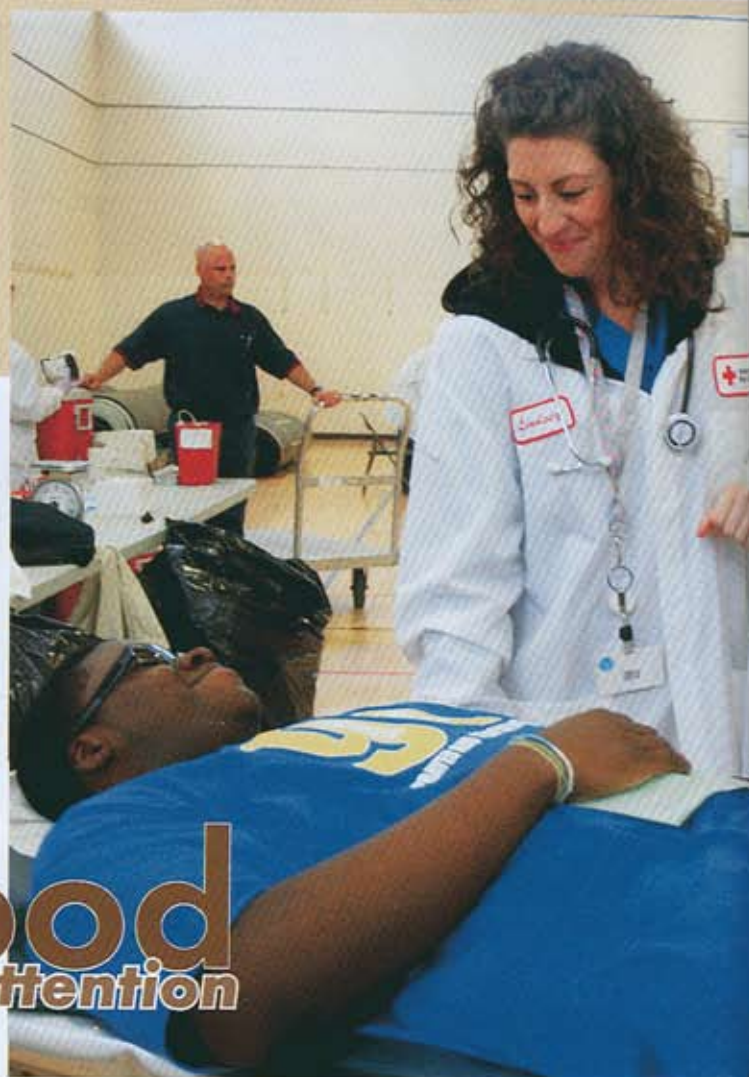




Above. At the Canteen, **Liam Heeks**, left, **Lisa Cottle**, **Katherine Werner** and **Brittany Krisel** prepare the food and snacks for students who have given blood and are ready to return to class. Right. With light conversation, American Red Cross nurse **Judith Wolffer** helps **Matthew Christman** relax while his blood is being drawn.



Draws blood

And attracts attention

Ninety minutes of time can save someone's life. On Friday, May 7, the Red Cross Club hosted the annual Blood Drive in the Auxiliary Gym. Students and staff alike were able to donate their time and blood to help this worthy cause. More than 40 pints of blood were collected, which went to the blood bank of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross Association.

Volunteers included members of the THS club, as well as the Student Council. Some of their jobs included checking in students and staff to give blood, maintaining

order in the gym and making sure donors left in good condition.

Students who worked at the drive received service hours; however, many would not accept service hours for their hard work, because they simply felt it was a good cause.

Klevisa Kovaci, president of the club, said, "I got involved in Red Cross because when I lived in Albania, the blood banks weren't as full. When there was a medical emergency, it was harder to get blood. But here in America, if you can save a life with one donation, you should.

These people are heroes."



Above. Nurse **Lindsey Galipault** speaks with student **Gregory Ambrose** as he gives blood in the Auxiliary Gym. Volunteer nurses chatted with students to pass the time during the 20-minute blood draw. Nurse **Cindy Bennet** swabs the arm of **Laura Baxter** with Betadine in preparation for her donation of life. Standard practice was a swab to ensure hygiene. Right. Krisel, left, and blood drive organizer **Nancy Conroy**, adviser to the Red Cross Club, check in senior **Cottle** after her blood donation.



Puts pennies to use

Clink! Clunk! As pennies dropped into coffee cans in homerooms around the school in March, the Key Club discovered the value in students' spare change. After success last year, students, like sophomore Prakriti Kumar, participated in the nationwide Pennies for Patients drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

This year, with a little help from a lot of students, the club was able to raise \$500. Adviser Kathleen Gibson supported the drive again this year by taking charge, because, as she said, "It's an easy way for students to show they care. Every penny helps. With more than 2,000 students in the school, if every student gave five cents, it would be awesome."