

Calendar

December 2009

- 2 Band Banquet Café A & B
6:30 p.m.
- 9 Progress Reports
- 9 Staff In-service Dismissal
11:55 a.m.
- 9 AP Information Night 7
p.m. Café B
- 10 Winter Concert I Theatre
7:30 p.m.
- 12 Winter Sports Pictures
- 15 Freshmen Class Elections
- 16 Freshmen Class Elections
- 16 Math League Café A & B
2:25 p.m.
- 17 Parent Advisory Meeting
Room 114 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Winter Concert II - Thea-
tre 7:30 p.m.
- 21 AP Scholars Recognition
Night Theatre 7 p.m.
- 23 Winter Break begins Dis-
missal 11:55 a.m.



Four students were recognized as Amazing Kids in Business by the Chamber of Commerce on November 12. Pictured: Laurie Pyner '11, Kathryn Frazier '10, Gifted and Talented Coordinator Carol Crawford-Jones, David Leonard '10, Bryan Angelo '10 and Mr. Hughes. Bryan Angelo won First Place in the competition.

Important School News

The Board of Education approved three new courses for the 2010-2011 school year at its November meeting. Computer Essentials and Organic Chemistry will be added to the curriculum guide for next year, and both courses will be half year courses worth 2.5 credits. Another approved course was Money Matters Financial Literacy, a half-year course worth 2.5 credits. Beginning with the freshmen class of the 2010-2011 school year, the financial

literacy course will be a requirement for graduation. This course has been mandated by the state of New Jersey. More information for all new courses will be available when scheduling begins for the 2010-2011 school year.

The district was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services to continue the Employment Transitions Solutions program run by Mary Beth Berry at North Hunterdon High School.

The district was awarded a \$15,000 safety grant from the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group. This grant was used to install additional exterior lighting at both high schools.

The district has received over \$100,000 from the estate of Dr. Beverly Bowns, a former Board of Education member. This endowment will be used to develop a lecture series highlighting women in science for North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools.

Holiday Health and Safety Tips

Give the gift of health and safety to yourself and others by following these holiday tips:

Wash your hands. Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product.

Get check-ups and vaccinations. Exams and screenings can help find problems before they start. They can also help find problems early, when the chances for treatment are better. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.

Handle and prepare food safely. As you prepare holiday meals, keep your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours. **To learn more, visit: www.cdc.gov/family/holiday**

From the Principal's Desk



Michael P. Hughes,
Principal

As the winter season and possible inclement weather approaches, the North Hunterdon-Voorhees

Regional High School District is working to make sure that our families are informed on a timely basis if we have a delayed opening, school closing or early dismissal.

Our main method of informing parents of a change in schedule due to inclement weather is School Messenger. This system will call the phone numbers you have provided to us and will also send the message to the email addresses we have in the system. If you have changed your phone number or email address since the beginning of the school year, please provide the new number to our regis-

trar, Susan Gutwillig at sgutwillig@nhvweb.net. Our goal is to send the message out to all families prior to 6:00 a.m.

In addition to School Messenger, we post the message to our district website, www.nhvweb.net, and you can also call our main number, 908-713-4199 and hit option #9, to retrieve the message. We also inform radio and TV stations regarding school

closings and delayed openings, including: *WODE - 99.9 (FM)*, *WCTO - 96.1 (FM)*, *WLEV - 100.7 (FM)*, *WEST - 1400 (AM)*, *WRNJ - 1510 (AM)*, *Comcast Cable: NHHS Channel 25*, *2 WCBS (New York)*, *4 WNBC (New York)*, *5 WNYW (New York)*, *7 WABC (New York)*, *69 WFMZ, News 12 NJ*.

Departmental Students of the Month

Social Studies: Samantha Kose '12 and Brendan Hollywood '12

Math: Melissa Jannuzzi '13 and Andrew Jenh '10

English: Diana Ke-

stenbaum '12 and Joseph Maimone '12

World Language: Kelsie Fleming '11 and Yang Li '12

Physical Education: Melanie Kreutel '10 and

William Marinelli '11

Practical Arts: Samantha Schaible '10 and Douglas Klein '10

Art: Leslie Roerig '10 and Christopher Murillo '10

Music: Lindsey Hudak '10 and Andrew Maggio '10

Science: Lori Anne Owusu-Dapaah '12 and Yang Li '12

Academic Updates

There are 21 fall inductees for **National Honor Society**. Congratulations to the following seniors: Kyle Christie, Nicole Clark, Camille Delavaux, Dylan Desaulniers, Madeline Desmaris, Chelsea Grau, Christopher Golon, Melissa Jackson, Julianna Jarvis, Kevin Kucharski, Ann Lauer, David Leonard, Kelly Loughney, Marissa Marzano, Joseph Mercurio, Serena Mueller, Victor Yamada Razuk, Michael Shirey, Emma Swanson, Nicole Vernarec, and Matthew Wright.

The following students have been inducted into the **World Language Honor Society**: Jacque-

lyn Arndt '11, Rachel Battaglia '11, Steven Bloodworth '11, Kelly Bocchino '11, Kathryn Brightly '12, Tatem Burns '12, Kristina Ceres '11, Monica Chamberlin '12, Sheena Chatterjee '11, Julia Cocchiola '11, Madeline Conn '11, Kelly Curci '11, Hope Detoro '12, Arielle Ditzel '11, Erin Dolan '12, Lisa Egemba '11, Samantha Falcucci '11, Owen Fallon '12, Kelsie Fleming '11, Lauren Folsom '12, Thomas Fuller '12, Amanda Galluzzo '12, Alexis Giannattasio '12, Sarah Gleicher '11, Sara Hachey '11, Dylan Highland '11, Madalyn Hunt '12, Karlina Juelch '12, Katherine Kirk '11, Cara Kramer '12, Cara Kubinak '10, Tim

Kurtiak '11, Alexander La Tournous '12, Zofia Lemise '12, Yang Li '12, Karen Lin '10, Taylor Londino '12, Christen Lorincz '12, Kevin Ma '12, Casey Maher '11, Joseph Maimone '12, Sarah Meo '12, Maureen McCaffrey '10, Kathryn McKean '12, Natalie Minicuci '12, Grace Montemurro '12, Haley Murphy '12, Kaitlin Newland '12, Shannon Noonan '11, Brian Oldakowski '11, Maribeth Ostrowski '11, Rebecca Ostrowski '11, Idil Ozturk '12, Nicholas Paiker '12, Jenna Pappas '11, Cathryn Piwinski '12, Alicia Popescu '11, Jacklyn Porter '11, Dannielle Rayhon '12, Alexander Romano '12, Rebecca Roth

'12, Julia Rugg '12, Robert Russillo '12, Joshua Schoch '12, Michael Scimeca '11, Joshua Sgroi '12, Kathryn Sinko '12, Lauren Smith '12, Jake Smolinsky '12, Stefani Spence '11, Stephanie Spies '12, Merrick Stein '11, Amanda Steitz '10, Kelley Steitz '11, Myriah Sujansky '12, Danielle Sumner '12, Michelle Sumner '12, Alyssa Supple '12, Pasquale Suriano '12, Alissa Tarsi '12, Sereena Tucker '12, Ryan Waskiewicz '12, Jessica Weeder '12, Andrew Westlin '11, Sarah Wiant '11, Alex Winter '11, Allison Wolf '11, and Nicholas Zalewski '12.

School Activities

Mr. John Simpson and his Advanced Placement Government classes conducted a school wide mock election for the governor's race in November. Results: Christie received 39.38%, Daggett 27.49% and Corzine 17.6%. 1,239 students voted. All classes discussed the election outcome and its bearing on the future of N.J. politics.

National French Week was celebrated by all students in the French department dur-

ing the week of November 9th-13th. Students competed to answer daily trivia questions. They submitted creative posters to express the benefits of learning French and prepared a variety of delicious desserts for the contest sponsored by the French Club. Additionally, students had the opportunity to hear contemporary French music each morning before school, thanks to Mr. Forte's assistance.

Music and Theatre

Congratulations to the Music Department's All-State Honors Ensembles members. All-State Choir: Bailey Mattison (Soprano), Nicole Rowe (Soprano), Alexandra Fontini (Alto), Colin Brown (Tenor), Andrew Maggio (Bass—1st Chair). All-State Jazz Ensemble: Landon Peer (Tenor Saxophone) and Erin Kreeger (Trombone).

Important dates: Concert on December 17, 7:30 p.m. in the Theater. There will be an assembly on January 8 at Clinton Public School and Clinton Township Middle School and an assembly on January 12 at Union Township School and Franklin Township School.

Activities Event: Milk Can Spirit Week

North Hunterdon celebrated Milk Can Spirit Week November 16-20. The event focused on building school spirit before the annual Milk Can game against rival Voorhees High School. The students celebrated by participating in Spirit Days. Monday was Comfy Day or Twin Day. Tuesday was Favorite Halloween Costume Day. Wednesday was Mismatch

Day. Thursday was Decade Day. Friday was Class Color Day.

On Thursday night, the Powder-puff football game took place on Singley Field. The senior girls defeated the junior girls, 13-12.

The pep rally took place on Friday. Coach Jeff Blair kicked off the rally with a

Guidance Office

In December, counselors will be distributing PSAT results to the sophomores and juniors who took that test.

Club News

Habitat for Humanity received recognition for the "golden hammer" level of sponsorship for their monetary support (\$1,000) and involvement to the Raritan Valley Chapter of Habitat. Their officers are: President Lucy Marie Bertocci '10, Vice President Camille Delavaux '10, Secretary James Kilyk '11, Treasurer Jessica Ward '10, Habitat Outreach Christopher Re-Scherer '10 and Youth Council Representatives Jessica Ward '10 and Peter Harper '10.

Club Corner

Gaming Night

The Technology Service Club is hosting *Gaming Night* on December 18 in the cafeterias from 5:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 with a console and \$6 without a console.

Teen Pep

Freshman Outreach December 14 & 15

Student Council

Key Club, Student Council, and FBLA are sponsoring a *Winter Coat Drive* from November 30th to December 11th. Drop off points will be the School Store and the Route 31 entrance.

Student Council is sponsoring *Stall Day* to benefit the Student Council State Charity, Family Reach Foundation. Please have your child bring in loose change on Wednesday, December 23.



Colin Brown '10 has served as Reggie the Lion mascot for the past three years. He was recognized in front of the student body at the pep rally on November 20.

Student Athletes of the Month

Erin Worbs is a senior captain of the cheerleading squad and has been a four-year varsity letter winner. Erin was named to the New Jersey All-State Cheerleading Team by the New Jersey Cheerleaders and Dance Coaches Association on November 15 at a banquet in Carteret, NJ. Erin was named to the Skyland All-Conference Team during her junior year and again her senior year on November 1. Erin ranked #2 at the Contest of Champions National Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, FL during her freshman year in the Youth Indi-

vidual Category. During her senior year, Erin lead the team to a win at the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex competition in the Small Varsity Division on November 15.

Matt McDonald is a junior and an outstanding cross country runner. Matt began the season by winning the junior race at the Bernie Magee Invitational, the Varsity A division of the Stewart Invitational, and the Petty Classic Fun Run. He scored a victory at the Skyland Conference Championship, and he took home the gold in the

snow at the Tri-County, Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Championship. Matt became the 2009 North 2 Group IV State Sectional Champion. He was named Athlete of the Week by *The Star-Ledger* and Runner of the Week by *The Express Times*. Matt placed 4th in the State Group IV Championship. With this performance, Matt has posted the fastest mark as a North Hunterdon cross country runner (16:08) since Brendan Heffernan competed for the state title seventeen years ago.

Athletic Accomplishments

The North Hunterdon Football team finished at 5-5 for the 2009 football season. It is the first time in 5 years that the football program finished at .500. The Lions completed the football season with three consecutive wins including a victory in the Milk Can Game against Voorhees 37-21. It was North's third win in a row over their rival. Kevin Haplea '10 was named the overall MVP. Shane Wilson

'10 was named Defensive player of the game and Korey Salvo '11 was named the Offensive player of the game.

Congratulations, Coach Stacy Ditze and the varsity field hockey team. This is the first time the team had a winning record since 1994 and it is the first time they made it to the state semi-finals since 1994. All-County honors went to Gretchen Haplea and Emily Capece.

Kelly Loughney was named as the Courier News First Team selection in Girl's Volleyball.

The varsity cheerleaders won the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Small Varsity Championship at Wallkill Valley H.S. on November 15.

Class of 2014 Information

Calendar of Guidance Department and related activities for the Class of 2014:

January 5-9 Curriculum Guide Distribution

January 7 Eighth Graders and Parents Night 6:30 p.m.

in the Theater (most schools)

January 13 Eighth Graders and Parents Night 6:30 p.m. in the Theater (Clinton Township School)

January 12, 14, 20 Eighth Graders and Parents Appoint-

ments 3:30-6:30 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.

January 19 Course request forms due to Guidance

August 18 Freshmen and Parents event (tentative)

Booster Club

The first PTSA/Booster Club/Music Association Super 50/50 raffle started in August and was awarded on November 6:

1st Place: Lisa Severino, Hampton \$1,667.20

2nd Place: Beth Hucke, Annandale \$1,250.70

3rd Place: Betty Sliker, Hampton \$833.80 (A student's Grandmother)

4th Place: Patty Kowalchuck, Pittstown \$416.90

It was the first joint fund raiser the groups had attempted and it was very successful. Each group will earn approximately \$1,000 to add to their scholarship, banquet or project graduation accounts.

Congratulations to Bryan Angelo '10 for his winning Milk Can T-shirt design for the 2009 North vs. Voorhees Milk Can game. The shirts were printed by Destination Athlete.

The Booster Club will open the indoor Snack Bar, located across from the new gym; for Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Wrestling.

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