

- 1 English SAT Review
- 3 Staff In-Service 11:55 a.m.
Dismissal
- 3 Juniors & Parents College
Night I Theatre 7:00 p.m.
- 9 American Math Competi-
tion Café A & B 7:45-10:00
a.m.
- 11 Math SAT Review
- 11 Science League Competi-
tion
- 11 Juniors & Parents College
Night II Theatre 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Presidents' Holiday 11:55
a.m. Dismissal
- 15 Presidents' Holiday No
School
- 17 Math League Café A & B
2:25 p.m.
- 18 Math SAT Review
- 18 Parent Advisory 9:30 a.m.
Room 114
- 19 Physicals due for spring
athletes & intramurals
- 22 English SAT Review
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pointments in Guidance
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Bird House Sale



The Habitat for Humanity club is taking orders for bluebird houses as part

of its spring fundraising effort. The bird houses are \$25 each and are constructed out of rot-resistant and insect-resistant cedar. All houses are inscribed with "NHHS Habitat for Humanity 2010" and can be personalized for an additional fee. Proceeds will benefit the Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity organization. Visit www.nhvweb.net to order. Orders will be taken until March 5.

Principal's Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



*Michael P. Hughes,
Principal*

Scheduling

Curriculum Guides and Course Request Forms were distributed on January 5. Students should have consulted with their teachers to verify course levels for next year, and obtained the required signatures. Electives should be selected according to student interest, keeping in mind the State requirement for five credits in the Fine & Performing Arts and five credits in the Practical Arts over the four years of high school. Students should be sure to list alternate choices for all elective courses. Completed Course Request Forms, with all signatures, were due in the Guidance Office January 19. Counselors will meet with students to review their re-

quests after the forms have been completed.

New Jersey State Testing

This year, students will still take the HSPA (High School Proficiency Assessment), which assesses proficiency in mathematics and language arts. The test will take place March 2, 3, 4. Students who sit for the HSPA test will be juniors and any seniors who did not take or did not pass the HSPA as juniors. Students will be required to pass these assessments in order to graduate.

Students currently taking Biology will take the end-of-course Biology test in May.

Students currently enrolled in Algebra I, no matter the age of the student, will take the Algebra I assessment later this year. Students currently taking Algebra I in middle

school will also be affected by this test.

Students who do not pass the HSPA will have the opportunity for remediation and will then retake the HSPA in October. They also will take the Alternative High School Assessment as seniors.

Students should get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast each morning before the test. The New Jersey Department of Education directives prohibit backpacks, handbags, cell phones, any other electronic devices, food and water bottles in the testing areas. Students must leave these items in their lockers during testing. Ignoring these directives will result in removal from the testing situation. You can access more information on the nhvweb.net/nhhs site.

Departmental Students of the Month

Fine Arts: Stephen Kielce '10 and Alyssa DeCerco '10

Practical Arts: Brandon Emery '12 and Stephanie Spies '12

English: Adam Freitag '10 and Cara Kubinak '10

Mathematics: Mathew Fogel '12 and Lori Anne Owusu-Dapaah '12

Music: Colin Brown '10 and Justine Langman '10

Physical Education & Health: Joseph Mercurio '10 and Alison Kucharski '12

Science: Matthew Sergison '13 and Emily Yula '13

Social Studies: Jacob Doddy '11 and Adrienne Liu '10

World Language: Steven Conway '11 and Jessica Balick '13

School Elections are Near

School Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Residents of our district will have the opportunity to vote on Board of Education members, the 2010-2011 School Budget and the Referendum. All items will be listed on one ballot as separate questions. Polls will be open to vote from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing of the 2010-2011 Budget and Referendum is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at a

location yet to be determined. Additional budget and referendum presentations will be scheduled. Presentation dates, information pertaining to the 2010-2011 budget, and the list of projects for our referendum will be posted to the district website as it becomes available. The website is nhvweb.net/budget. Parents will be emailed once final dates have been chosen for budget presentations.

Advanced Placement

Mr. John Hahola, Assistant Principal for Instruction, coordinates our successful NHHS Advanced Placement (AP) program.

2008-2009 Highlights

491 Students were enrolled in AP classes. 446 were tested, which accounted for 90.8% participation.

1,041 course selections were offered. 918 tests administered, which accounted for 88.2 % participation.

77.3% of the students scored 3 or higher.

11 students were recognized as National AP Scholars.

49 students were recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction, 34 were named AP

Scholars with Honor, and 62 AP were named Scholars.

18 AP courses were accepted into Seton Hall's Project Acceleration Program. 99 students enrolled in 149 course selections.

2009-2010 Status

509 students are enrolled in AP classes.

1,048 course selections are being offered.

19 courses have been accepted into Seton Hall's Project Acceleration Program.

106 students are participating in the program, choosing from 150 course selections.

Model United Nations



Anya Szlachtiachyn
Social Studies Teacher

Sixty students from North Hunterdon traveled to the YMCA Model United Nations Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on January 8, 2010. Social Studies teacher Anya Szlachtiachyn is the Model United Nations advisor at NHHS.

There were over 1,300 students involved in the Conference with several North Hunterdon students recognized for achievement.

Matthew Ziemer '10 and Shane DeStefano '11 served as officers this year, Matt as Chair of the Nation-building Committee and Shane as the Associate Justice of the International Criminal Court. They were elected last year and have worked hard with the other 50 officers to make the conference a success.

Three North Hunterdon students will be officers at the 2011 conference: Shane DeStefano as Chief Justice of the International Criminal Court, Richard Zhang '12 as Vice Chair of the Environment and Technology Committee and Yang (James) Li '12 as Vice Chair of the Security Council.

Of the hundreds of position papers written, only a dozen were recognized as outstanding. Two of those papers were written by North Hunterdon students, Andrew Ramos '11 and Emily Chen '13.

Each of the 25 committees named the outstanding student in that committee. Michael Ronan '10 was named the Premiere Diplomat award in the Organization of American States for representing the United States. Michael and the other students representing the United States were happy to hear that the United States was recognized as one of the two Outstanding Countries at this year's conference. Alyssa Meisner '10 won the award as the Outstanding Press Delegate.

Alyssa Meisner and Shane DeStefano were named as Alternates to the Conference on National Affairs, which annually brings together over 500 students to propose solutions to national issues. Phoebe Roth '13 was named as a Delegate to the Conference.

NHHS Library Sets Circulation Record

In this era of texting, Twitter, and other teen technology, parents often worry that kids are turning their backs on books whenever they turn on electronic devices. But recent statistics from the NHHS Media Center show that reading is all the rage.

From September through January, the library checked out 2,432 items, a 54 per-

cent increase in circulations over the same time period in 2008. "Books have been flying out of the library," says school librarian Martha Hickson. "In the five years that I've been at North, this is the busiest first semester we've had."

What's driving this traffic? Good books and creative marketing. "We work hard to

build a collection of fun, high-quality books with teen appeal," explains school librarian Ginny Konefal. "We regularly rotate our displays so students know what's available. We publish lists of award-winning books. And we share book recommendations with students ... anything to connect kids with a book that will light a spark."

Peer Leadership

The North Hunterdon Peer Leaders are a group of 11th and 12th grade students who go through a rigorous peer-selection process to help incoming freshmen adjust to various aspects of the high school. In addition, the Peer Leaders work with the Freshmen Discovery program, present general high school information at the 8th Grade Orientation in August, share their personal college application experience at the Junior Parent Night, and help with the Freshmen Advisor/Advisee program. Thank you to the current Peer Leaders for their hard work and dedication over the past school

year. They are: Veronica Belo '10, Jennifer Borowski '10, Joseph Brenner '10, Melissa Castrogiovanni '11, Samantha Fitzgerald '11, Alexandra Fontini '10, Adam Freitag '10, Natalie Gower '10, Chelsea Grau '10, Thomas Held '10, Brooke Kaufman '11, Natalie Kudryk '10, Ann Lauer '10, Adrienne Liu '10, Marissa Marzano '10, Allison Meyer '10, Stephen Miller '11, Melissa Monaghan '10, Clare Mooney '10, Edward Rauch '11, Evan Reed '10, Denise Schwabe '10, Jamie So '10, Ethan White '10, Hallie Yula '10.

Student Council

Student Council was given an Honor School Award for the fourth consecutive year at the Winter Business meeting at The College of New Jersey on January 6. World

Language teacher Rachelle Kayal was recognized for her seven years of service as an outstanding Student Council Advisor.

Most Popular Titles at North Hunterdon since September

- 1. The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
Dystopian sci-fi romance
- 2. Trickster's Choice** by Tamora Pierce
Teenage spy is captured by pirates and sold into slavery.
- 3. Trickster's Queen** by Tamora Pierce
Sequel to *Trickster's Choice*
- 4. The Angel Experiment** by James Patterson
Book 1 in the *Maximum Ride* adventure series
- 5. Catching Fire** by Suzanne Collins
Sequel to *The Hunger Games*
- 6. A Child Called It** by David Pelzer
Autobiographical account of triumph over child abuse
- 7. Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports** by James Patterson
Book 3 in the *Maximum Ride* adventure series
- 8. Just Listen** by Sarah Dessen
16-year-old Annabel learns to listen to her heart
- 9. Max** by James Patterson
Book 5 in the *Maximum Ride* adventure series
- 10. Plain Truth** by Jodi Picoult
Mystery set in Amish country

Guidance

Our evening college planning workshops, "**Juniors & Parents Nights I and II**" are scheduled for Wednesday, February 3 and Thursday, February 11. Juniors and their parents should plan to attend both presentations, which will be held in the Theater at 7:00 p.m.

Please welcome our newest addition to the Guidance department, Ms. Christal Rosenka. She comes to us with several years of experience at Morris Knolls High School.

Applause

The Music Department would like to recognize Erin Kreeger '11 who was selected for the All-State Symphonic Band on Trombone.

The North Hunterdon Theater Organization is holding final rehearsals for this year's musical, Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, to be presented on March 4, 5 & 6.

Music and Theatre

The Music Department presented a music assembly program to the faculty and student body on December 22 in the main gym. The hour-long program featured multiple performances by our seven large ensembles: the Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble, Madrigal Singers, Show Choir and Chamber Choir. Mr. Perry Andrews, Mr. Vince Angelina, Ms. Mary Meo and Mr. David Lockart conducted.

The Wind Ensemble performed at the 8th grade orientations on January 7 and January 13. Mr. Vince Angelina directed.

The Show Choir Ensemble performed at Clinton Public

School and Clinton Township Middle School on January 8. Mr. David Lockart and Mr. Perry Andrews directed the ensembles.

Ms. Melissa Wlodarczyk, NHHS alum and Union Township music teacher, brought members of the township's Jazz Ensemble to NHHS. They rehearsed on January 6 with members of the North Hunterdon Jazz Ensemble. They played music from the libraries of each school and performed with the North Hunterdon Jazz Ensemble during a concert on January 12 at Union Township School.

Health Corner

The nursing staff has an important message regarding over-the-counter (OTC) medications. The National Association of School Nurses urges you to check your medicine cabinets at home.

McNeil Consumer Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, is voluntarily recalling lots of OTC products. Consumers reported an unusual moldy, musty, or mildew-like odor that, in a small number of cases, was associated with temporary and non-serious gastrointestinal events: nausea, stomach pain, vomiting,

or diarrhea. This precautionary action is voluntary and has been taken in consultation with the Federal Drug Administration. Products included in the recall: Motrin, Junior Strength Motrin, Benadryl, Tylenol, Children's Tylenol, St. Joseph's Aspirin, Tylenol PM and Roloids.

Link to lot numbers: [fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM197813.pdf](https://www.fda.gov/downloads/Safety/Recalls/UCM197813.pdf)
Instructions for returns, disposal or reporting adverse reactions: [fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm197746.htm](https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm197746.htm)

AAL Winners

The Advanced Academic Literacies (AAL) course engages students in developing key literacy skills by working in teams to develop plans for a travel company and create all the materials associated with running a business and operating an international tour.

More than 230 freshmen completed the school's AAL course during the fall semester.

Their work culminated in the January 12 Global Literacies Challenge, during which the top three AAL teams presented business plans and travel itineraries to an assembly of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. The competing teams

were selected by a panel of North Hunterdon teachers based on the quality of the students' portfolios of work. The winning team was selected by audience vote.

The **First Place** prize was awarded to JELSCA Travel, including Jack Marchesini, Laura Meyer, Christopher Rasile and Elizabeth Witte. The other two finalist teams were Zebrafrica and Island Hoppers. Zebrafrica members included Veronica Bloink, Lucien Carpentier, Erin Moore, Joshua Rito and Brianna Torres. Island Hoppers' members included Cameron Harris-Browne, Audrey Kane, William Roll and Niklas Sjoquist.

Safe Homes in Hunterdon Co.

The Safe Communities Coalition is a community organization composed of members from our schools, community, and families. Their vision is to minimize alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse in our community that provides a healthier and safer environment.

The coalition's mission is to reduce youth abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs in Hunterdon County through widespread community collaboration, environmental change and community education.

Parents agree that we will cooperate with schools, law enforcement and young people to create a healthy atmosphere in which the use of alcohol and other drugs is no longer the norm. As a *SAFEHOMES* parent, you are taking a stand against the alarming increase in alcohol and drug use among our youth.

Anyone interested in joining or supporting the coalition, can email Lesley Gabel at lgabel@hunterdonprevention.com or call 908-782-3909.

Student Athletes of the Month

Sara Ketelsen

Sara Ketelsen '10 is a four-year letter winner in Girls Fencing. Freshman year, the Foil squad broke Columbia's eight-year winning streak at Santellis to place first. She also earned second place at the freshman/sophomore tournament. Sophomore year, Sara placed first in the conference at the freshman/sophomore tournament and finished ninth in the state individual tournament. Sara was injured for many of the tournaments her junior year

but still led her team to finish sixth at Districts. She came in fourth at District individuals while qualifying for the State individuals. Last year, Sara made the 2nd team All-Conference. This year, Sara and her foil squad finished 12th at Santellis. The Foil squad placed fourth at the Team Championships on January 30.

Kyle Malvasi

Kyle Malvasi '10 is a Senior Captain of the Boys Basketball team. He has developed

himself to be a strong all-around player this year. Kyle has the responsibility to defend the toughest guard on the opposing team and has unselfishly set up teammates for open shots. He is a high scorer for the team. Kyle earned 23 points against Watchung Hills and 20 points against JFK-Iselin. Kyle is consistently the first team member to arrive at practice and the last to leave the gym. His dedication and work ethic his senior year have been outstanding.

Spring Sports Information

Spring sports and intramural paperwork can now be turned into the Health Office. Forms can be downloaded from the school's website or picked up in Athletics, and will be available during the preseason informational meetings.

Check with your head coach and intramural director regarding preseason meeting

dates and the deadline that has been established for turning in the medical paperwork.

Spring Impact Testing Dates in the Media Center

February 16, 2010 3:00 p.m.
February 18, 2010 3:00 p.m.
February 22, 2010 3:00 p.m.
February 25, 2010 3:00 p.m.

The last testing date for spring sports clearance: March 3, 2010 3:00 p.m.

No tests will be given after this date. All testing times are approximately 45 minutes.

If you have questions please email Mrs. Korbul at kkorbul@nhvweb.net

Athletic News

Congratulations to Jack Delia '11 for winning the Wrestling Individual Heavyweight Title in the Hunterdon-Warren Sussex match.

The Boys Fencing team won the NJSIAA State District II Fencing Team District Championship. Brendan Cusack '11 and William Zhang '10 placed first and second respectively in Foil. John Niemiec '10 placed third in Epee.

The Girls Fencing Team placed fourth in Foil and tenth in the Team Champion-

ship. They also raised \$305 to donate to the Haiti Relief Effort.

The Boys Swim team had an outstanding performance at the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex meet where they placed third out of 13 teams.

The Boys Track team placed second at the Skyland Conference Team Championships at Lehigh University. Samuel Goodwin '10 took first in the 1600m run. Matt McDonald '11 placed second in the 3200m run. Derek

Goldman '11 placed third in the high jump. Joshua Suttmier '10 placed third in shot put. On the Girls Track team, Alexis Roper '11 placed third in the 400m run.

The Varsity cheerleaders placed second at the Roxbury competition on January 17.

North Hunterdon Girls Basketball forward Kelly Loughney '10 has elected to attend New York University to continue her basketball career for coach Stefano Trompeo.

SAT Dates

North Hunterdon will host the SATs on the following dates:

May 1, 2010

June 5, 2010

October 9, 2010

May 7, 2011

June 4, 2011

Merit Scholars

Congratulations to Jeffrey Chen '10 and Michael Wu '10, who have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists.

Calendar Link

The new 2010-11 district calendar is on the nhvweb.net front page in the top right corner. The link is: nhvweb.net/nhvweb/cal20102011.asp

Contact Info

If you have changed your phone number or email address since the beginning of the school year, please provide the information to our registrar, Susan Gutwillig at sgutwillig@nhvweb.net

