

## North Hunterdon High School

### Calendar

#### November

- 2 1<sup>st</sup> MP Ends
- 3 2<sup>nd</sup> MP Begins
- 5-6 No School
- 11 Staff In-Service  
Dismissal 11:55 a.m.
- 12 Financial Aid  
Night II Theatre 7 p.m.
- 18 Math League Café  
A & B 2:25 p.m.
- 19 Parent Advisory  
Meeting 9:30 a.m.  
Room 114
- 23 World Language  
Honor Societies Induc-  
tion Theatre 7 p.m.
- 24 Blood Drive 7:30  
a.m - 3:30 p.m. Teen  
Pep Family Night Café  
B 6:30p.m.
- 25 Early Dismissal  
11.55 a.m. Half Day
- 26-27 Thanksgiving  
No School



*Assistant Principal John Hahola receives Visionary Leadership Award from New Jersey Commissioner of Education Lucille Davy and New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti at an Awards Ceremony on October 21, 2009.*

# Principal's Newsletter

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## Important School News

The Board of Education has chosen to move its proposed referendum election from December 1, 2009, to April 20, 2010, to coincide with the annual school election.

This move will save the district from spending \$70,000 to hold a special election. The referendum will appear as a second question on the ballot along with the annual school budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Currently, the projects for North Hunterdon High School included in the referendum are: the replacement of a roof, the addition

of new elevator, the replacement of HVAC units, the renovation of four science classroom in the 1968 wing, and the renovation of boys/girls bathrooms by the main office.

All projects have been approved by the state for 40% funding. The district will provide more details on the referendum as we get closer to the election date. Please remember to vote on April 20, 2010. We need your support.

North Hunterdon High School is growing greener. Both high schools and the superintendent's office will now be sending

most letters and notices to parents via e-mail instead of postal mail.

About 93% of our students have at least one parent email address listed in their file. Eliminating almost all mailings will greatly reduce costs in postage, printing and stationery. Also, the district has conducted an energy audit that can be viewed on our website: [www.nhvweb.net](http://www.nhvweb.net). Based on the recommendations from this audit, the district will be implementing additional energy and money saving initiatives. More details to come!

## Health Corner

Students who experience flu-like symptoms should not return to school unless they have been free of fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as Tylenol.

In light of the current H1N1 flu pandemic, schools have been asked by the Hunterdon County Health Department to temporarily

amend their attendance/absence policy regarding the need for a doctor's note to allow the absence to be considered excused.

We will accept the approved Return to School note signed by a parent in lieu of a doctor's note only during this H1N1 flu pandemic and if your child is out of school due to flu-like symptoms (fever over

100 degrees, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and possibly vomiting and diarrhea). Students returning to school after flu-like symptoms must report directly to the attendance office before going to their first period class. The Return to School note is accessible via the district website.

# From the Principal's Desk



Michael P. Hughes,  
Principal

Welcome to North Hunterdon High School's first edition of the Principal's Newsletter. This newsletter has been developed in an effort to highlight the accomplishments of our students and staff and our continuing efforts to go green. Also, we plan to share information concerning the operations of North Hunterdon High School.

The first marking period has just concluded and I encourage you to be aware of the academic progress your child is making. At this time I want to remind you of several areas that are critical to student achievement and safety.

**Resource Center:** Each department has teachers available daily during the regular school day to tutor students who are having academic difficulty. Consult with your child's

teacher or counselor to arrange to take advantage of this student service. Schedules are posted in each department chairperson's office.

**Curriculum & Instruction:** Students can meet with their classroom teachers to complete make-up work or receive tutorial services on any Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 2:30-3:10. An activities bus is available on these days.

**Home Logic:** Available for parents to review student academic progress. Visit <https://logic.nhvweb.net/homelogicxe/>

**Visitors:** Visitors should enter the school at the Route 31 entrance or the theater entrance only. All visitors should sign in at the Attendance Office.

I hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of our electronic newsletter.

## Academic Updates

The National Merit Scholarship Program honored 29 seniors in this year's graduating class. Twenty-seven received the status of "commended" while two students, Jeffrey Chen and Michael Wu were honored as semi-finalists. The recognition

was based on last year's PSAT results. The following students were honored: Lucy Marie Bertocci, Megan Campbell, Karl Chamberlin, Jeffrey Chen, Amanda DeCarlo, Adam Freitag, Kelly Gavigan, Samuel Goodwin, Thomas Infosino, Julianna Jarvis,

Erich Junge, Daniel Kaplan, Cara Kubinak, Justine Langman, Gene Li, Breann Liebermann, Adrienne Liu, Timothy Meo, Michael Ronan, Amanda Steitz, Eric Tejada, Kristen Thorne, Daniel Wei, Ethan White, Shane Wilson, Matthew Wright, Mi-

chael Wu, William Zhang, Matthew Ziemer.

Recent scholarships were awarded to Carol VanDuynhoven '10 for the President's Volunteer Service Award and to Sarah Bennedsen '09 for the Robert C. Boyd Scholarship.

## Departmental Students of the Month

**September** Fine Arts: Bryan Angelo '10 and Morgan Wolven '10

Practical Arts: Evan Kelly '11 and Brittany Golday '10

English: Samuel Goodwin '10 and Tara Knapp '10

Math: Shane Davies '13 and Cynthia Vlad '12

Music: Timothy Meo '10 and Courtney Wilcox '10

PE & Health: Patrick Boyle '11 and Samantha Rayhon '10

Science: Daniel Wei '10 and Justine Langman '10

Social Studies: William Hale '11 and Alex Winter '11

World Language: Eric Norian '13 and Miranda Capezzuto '13

**October** Fine Arts:

Christopher Murillo '10 and Kirby Gallagher '10

Practical Arts: Stephen Miller '11 and Katya Tetzlaff '10

English: Christopher Condelli '11 and Lisa Egemba '11

Math: Andrew Wong '13 and Taylor Londino '12

Music: Tanner Dugan '10 and Bailey Mattison '10

PE & Health: John Scott '10 and Allison Korab '10

Science: Alexander Burns '11 and Isabelle Orrico '11

Social Studies: Grayson Librie '10 and Brennie Pepino '11

World Language: Timothy Abbott '11 and Alyssa Motter '12

## Activities Update

How can students get involved in clubs? Students are to listen to club announcements and attend meetings. They can also look on the NHHS Student Activities website for a list of meeting dates.

Tara Kraatz, Director of Student Activities, commented on the role activities play in the life of the North Hunterdon student. "Academics play a major role in shaping a young person's life, but the

clubs and activities students choose to be involved with are equally important. Club involvement helps students define who they are and what they would like from life. At NHHS, students can pick from 85 different clubs and activities. The vast majority of students are able to find clubs that fit their unique personalities."

Visit [nhvweb.net](http://nhvweb.net) for the Student Activities website

## Music and Theatre

The North Hunterdon "Golden Lions" Marching Band participated in the 65<sup>th</sup> annual New York City Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 12. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance of the band at this event. Previously, the band has captured 1<sup>st</sup> place (2005), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (2007) and honor-

able mention (2008) in the band competition at the parade.

Auditions for the winter musical, *Into the Woods*, are on Monday, Nov. 2; Tuesday, Nov. 3; and Wednesday, Nov. 4. See Mrs. Meo for details.

## Activities Event: Homecoming

The 2009-10 Homecoming Court was selected by the senior class, faculty and staff. The court performed an original dance to "You're the One that I Want" from the movie *Grease* at the Homecoming pep rally on Friday, October 16.

Homecoming Queen Emma Swanson was crowned on October 16 during halftime at

the football game against Linden. Her court consisted of First Runner-Up Lauren Borghard and Second Runner-Up Mary VanderVeen. Homecoming King Jeffrey Chen was crowned at the Homecoming dance on October 17. His court consisted of First Runner-Up Evan Reed Second Runner-Up Colin Brown.

## Guidance Office

Financial Aid Night Part II will take place on November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Theatre.

Are you applying to college? Turn in your applications 10 days prior to the college's due date. The next due date coming up is November 15.

## Club News

With New Jersey Blood Services, the National Honor Society is hosting its Annual Fall Blood Drive on November 24 from 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Each year, this club has managed to set new, single-day donation records. Please donate and give the gift of life.

## Club Corner

### Student Council

Student Council and Key Club will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Non-perishable food items will be accepted in homerooms the week of November 16-20.

Any freshmen running for office should attend a meeting on Monday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. in room 015.

### Teen Pep

Teen Pep Family Night is November 24 at 6:30 p.m. in café B.

### Spirit Committee

Milk Can Spirit Week will take place November 16-20 in honor of the traditional Milk Can game against Voorhees. The game is away this year on November 20.



Homecoming Queen Emma Swanson and Homecoming King Jeffrey Chen share the spotlight at the Homecoming Dance.

The nominees for Homecoming Queen were: Lauren Borghard, Danielle Dowd, Alexandra Fontini, Natalie Kudryk, Ann Lauer, Emma Swanson, Mary VanderVeen and Allyson Zimmerman.

The nominees for Homecoming King were: Colin Brown, Jeffrey Chen, Ryan Cusack, Kevin Haplea, Eric Maul, Brent Pinkerton, Evan Reed and Shane Wilson.

# Student Athletes of the Month

## September

September's Athletes of the Month are Zachary Haapaoja '10 and Blair Curzi '10.

During Zach's first three seasons on the Boys Varsity Soccer Team, he played defender or midfield helping the Lions boys' soccer teams to win two consecutive Hunterdon/Warren Championships. He was the MVP of the '09 Tri-County Championships.

Blair is a three-season athlete, playing tennis, basketball, and softball. She has played varsity tennis since entering North Hunterdon, and she currently plays first doubles with Nicole Yoon. They are undefeated.

## October

October's Athletes of the Month are Gretchen Haplea '10 and Korey Salvo '11.

Gretchen is Senior Field Hockey Center Midfielder. Gretchen has lead the field hockey team with 13 goals and 6 assists for a total of 19 points. She is listed in the top 20 scorers in the NJ Star Ledger.

Korey is the starting Running Back and Defensive Back for the football team. This season, Korey has 1,048 yards rushing on 136 carries and has scored 9 touchdowns.

## Athletic Accomplishments

Football player Korey Salvo '11 was named Player of the Week in the Courier News and Express Times. He was named State Player of the Week in the Star Ledger. Boys Soccer Player Zachary Haapaoja '10 was named Player of the Week by the Express Times. Field Hockey Player Gretchen Haplea '10 was named Express Times Player of the Week. Girls Soccer Player Taylor Votek '10 earned Honorable Mention as the Express Times Player

of the Week. Cross Country Runner Matt McDonald '11 won First Place in the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Meet, First Place in the Stewart Memorial and First Place in the Bernie Magee Junior Class Meet. Cheerleader Erin Worbs '10 was named to the NJ All State Team and All Conference Team. Cheerleader Hillary Dadouris '10 was named to the All Conference Team.

Team honors go to the Boys

Soccer Team for winning the Delaware West Divisional Co-Champion title with Ridge. They also won the Tri-County Championship. The Girls Tennis Team won the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Championships for the seventh year in a row. They were recognized by ESPN *Rise Magazine* October 2009 as "the team that demands attention." The Girls Cross Country Team placed second in the Stewart Memorial Meet.

## Sports Information

### All Winter sport and intramural paperwork is due November 15, 2009.

Swimming medical paperwork is due on November 1, 2009. All participants must complete the following information in order to be cleared medically for a sport or an intramural.

- New medical history pages A1-A3 must be completed within 60 days of the first day of athletic practice or intramurals.
- An up-to-date physical must be completed within 365 days of the first day of athletic practice or intramurals.
- Inhaler and epi-pen forms are required if necessary.
- Athletes must have taken the ImPACT Test along with appropriate drug-testing forms.

**Forms** and **start dates** are accessible in the health section of [nhvweb.net](http://nhvweb.net) or visit [www.nhvweb.net/NHHS/FormsPage.htm](http://www.nhvweb.net/NHHS/FormsPage.htm)

## Super 50/50

Get on board with the Music Association and PTSA Super 50/50 Raffle. The drawing for this fall raffle will be November 6, which is the last home football game. \$5,200 has been raised to date. Tickets can be purchased from the PTSA or Music Association. They are also available whenever the Snack Shack is open.

The Booster Club has a record number of memberships to date. They are currently exceeding 450 members!

## Operation Lion Pride

Through Operation Lion Pride, students are collecting small, easily portable items that will make our U.S. soldiers' lives more comfortable while overseas. Each package costs \$10 to ship. Monetary donations to cover postage and tangible items will be gratefully accepted in the Athletic Office. Contact Amy Dalgiewicz at:

[adalgewicz@nhvweb.net](mailto:adalgewicz@nhvweb.net)  
for more information.