

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This final newsletter of the school year is intended to keep you apprised of the many end-of-year activities and to give you a look at the summer programs.

Final Exams

Exams will be held on the following days:

Wednesday, June 10th, Thursday, June 11th, Friday, June 12th

June 15th last day of School for students - 11:55 dismissal

Tuesday, June 16th SENIORS REPORT 8 a.m.

Exam days are regular school days and the following regulations will be in effect:

- * All students report to homeroom by **7:45 am**.
- * School is a half-day session to allow students to prepare for exams and to emphasize the importance of the tests. All students are required to be in school for the entire half-day.
- * All school policies and procedures are in effect during the examination period.
- * The exam schedule has been developed so that students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and ensure that all course responsibilities have been completed.
- * **Dismissal will be at 12:25 p.m.**

Times	<u>Wednesday</u> June 10	<u>Thursday</u> June 11	<u>Friday</u> June 12
7:45-7:51 a.m.	MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS IN FIRST EXAM CLASS		
7:55-9:15	Mods 5-6 Mods 4-5-6 Mods 5-6-7	Mods 3-4 Mods 1-2-3-4	Mods 1-2 Mods 1-2-3
9:30-10:50	Mods 11-12 Mods 11-12-13 Mods 10-11-12	Mods 9-10 Mods 7-8-9-10	Mods 7-8 Mods 6-7-8 Mods 7-8-9
11:05 - 12:25	Mods 17-18 Mods 16-17-18	Mods 15-16 Mods 14-15-16	Mods 13-14 Mods 13-14-15-16 Mods 13-14-15

SUMMER MATH HSPA PREP

All present sophomores will be given a **MATH HSPA PREPARATION PROBLEM SET** to be done over the summer and submitted to their math teacher in September. Please encourage your child to complete this task. Extra copies will be available in the Guidance Office.

GUIDANCE & SPECIAL SERVICES SUMMER HOURS

During the summer, the Guidance Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call with any questions or concerns you may have regarding course scheduling, college planning, or other issues that may affect the student. A counselor will be available by appointment each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning June 22nd. For further information, please call the main Guidance number or see the North Hunterdon Guidance Department website.

SUMMER SCHOOL – VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL

Students who have failed a course during the school year should consider making up the course in summer school. Students planning to participate in athletics and/or activities during the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year are reminded that they need to have earned 30 credits from the previous school year to be eligible. Summer school and credit restoration will be held at Voorhees High School according to the following schedule:

Monday, June 22, 2009 through Thursday, July 30, 2009

Hours - 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

No School on Fridays

Parents with concerns about summer school should contact their child's guidance counselor. **Note:** Students who have lost credit due to attendance issues will be able to participate in a credit restoration program. See the summer school brochure for details.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING PROGRAM – Each student must complete a summer reading requirement. For specific grade and level requirements, students should consult the Media Center's web site (www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/mediacenter) or stop in to ask one of the Media Specialists. Summer Reading Tests will be given in English classes on Friday, September 4th.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS - The Library will be open for summer hours every Tuesday from June 23rd to August 11th from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY/PHYSICALS

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School Board of Education has adopted an athletic eligibility policy that requires students to have passed 30 credits the previous school year to be eligible for fall and winter sports and 15 credits the previous semester to be eligible for spring sports. If you have any questions concerning your child's athletic eligibility, please call his or her guidance counselor.

For a place on a school athletic squad or team, each candidate must provide a written report of a medical examination by his or her family physician or nurse practitioner within the 365 days prior to the first practice session. In addition, an updated medical history and parent permission must be signed within 60 days of the first practice session for each sport. If your child is participating in a fall sport, state-mandated forms are available in the Health Office, Athletic Office and online at www.nhvweb.net/NHHS/athletics.

DRESS CODE

With the advent of warmer weather, many high schools experience difficulty with behavior, dress, and related problems. With warmer days approaching, a review of some basic rules and procedures is warranted to ensure a tranquil end of the year. The North Hunterdon High School Student Handbook clarifies rules for behavior and dress.

The following rules pertain to appropriate dress. School dress should be appropriately modest and neat so as not to distract from the learning process.

- 1. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be an acceptable length.**
- 2. Tops should not expose cleavage, backs, or stomachs.**
- 3. Underwear should not be visible.**
- 4. Clothing with inappropriate advertisements, logos, sayings, or pictures are not allowed.**

Finally, I encourage you to talk to your child about his/her daily school work and join me in reminding him/her that it is very important to keep working until the end of the year. Best wishes for a safe enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Hughes
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As a response to recent events, North Hunterdon High School continues our commitment to providing resources and information to assure that, as a school community, we address the mental health needs of our students. Our goal is to continue to build supports within our school and provide resources for all students.

1. On January 14, 2009, the North Hunterdon Voorhees High School District invited Maureen Underwood, LCSW, to provide an in-service to all staff, as well as a community program in the evening. Maureen is a licensed clinical social worker and certified group psychotherapist with over 30 years of experience in mental health and crisis intervention. With a practice specialty in suicide, grief, trauma, and crisis resolution for children and families, she has developed numerous programs and published extensively on these and other related topics. She is also the author of the National Association of Social Work's policy statement on adolescent suicide and serves on the New Jersey Governor's Council on Youth Suicide Prevention. Information from her presentation can be found on the district website: <http://www.nhvweb.net>.
2. The North Hunterdon Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) attended three days of training on crisis intervention to continue to provide a high standard of supportive services for students.
3. A licensed social worker, trained by Maureen Underwood, presents suicide prevention programs to all junior students twice a year. Students learn about the signs of suicide, strategies to increase awareness and find help, and how to assist in prevention efforts.
4. Professional staff continues to address any concern brought forth by students and faculty. Procedures are in place to address these situations and each student's safety. Professional staff works collectively in identifying youth who are at risk and referring them to appropriate resources.

Hazing During Out-of-District Camps

Board-sponsored camps are staffed by district employees, are conducted using district grounds and facilities, and are regulated and insured by the Board. In light of the Board's sponsorship, the Board retains the ability to impose standards of conduct and ensure adequate student supervision.

In contrast, certain "outside" camps are **not** affiliated with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education. While district personnel may be privately employed by these camps during the summer months, they are then acting as employees of the camp and not as district employees. The Board is not responsible for the cost or quality of these camps, nor is it responsible for the conduct of student attendees or staff. In the interest of safeguarding district students, the Board strongly cautions

parents against enrolling their children in any outside camp or activity without first researching the extent and manner in which those organizations provide supervision and ensure student safety and well-being.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call Mr. John Deutsch, Athletic Director at (908) 713-4152.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Maria Covino, Girls Tennis Coach of the Year
Dennis Haughey - Region V - Wrestling Hall of Fame
North 2 Group IV - Wrestling Sectional Champions 2008-09
Boys Fencing Foil Squad State Champions 2008-09
Jason Hawk - District 17 Wrestling Coach of the Year, plus 100th win
Tom Hank, Head Coach Girls Basketball 200th wins
Hunterdon/Warren Girls Basketball Champions

Mr. John Hahola, North Hunterdon High School Assistant Principal, has been named Assistant Principal of the Year by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association.

PTSA INFORMATION

The Senior Banquet will be held at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on April 23, 2009. Seniors and parents are invited to reflect on their last year in high school with skits and slide shows.

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 1 **Staff In-Service Day 11:55 a.m. dismissal (Half Day for Students)**
- 2 3rd Marking Period ends
- 3 4th Marking Period begins
- 8 **Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Small Gym**
- 10-17 Spring Break
- 21 ***School Elections - Remember to Vote***
- 23 ***Senior Banquet - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse 6 p.m.***
- 24 Junior Prom – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
- 28 AP Pre-Administration Session - Mods 16-18, Theatre

May

- 1 Mr. North - New Gym - 7 p.m.
- 4-15 AP Exams
- 6 Special Olympics 4 p.m., Singley Field
- 8-9 Booster Club Plant Sale
- 12-13 Alive at 25 - Parent Session - 7 p.m., Theatre
- 13 Progress Reports
- 14 Spring Concert I - 7:30 p.m., Theatre
- 15 North's Got Talent - 7 p.m., Theatre
- 18 End of Course Biology Test
- 18 National Honor Society Induction - 7 p.m., Theatre

May

- 20 **Staff In-Service-11:55 dismissal (Half Day for Students)**
21 End of Course Biology Test
21 Spring Concert II - 7:30 p.m., Theatre
21 Parent Advisory Meeting - 9:30 a.m., Room 114
25 **Memorial Day - No School**
26 Alive at 25 Parent Sessions for Juniors - 7 p.m., Theatre
28 World Language Awards Ceremony - 7 p.m., Theatre

June

- 2 Undergraduate Awards Night - 7 p.m., Theatre
3 Senior Athlete Awards Night - 6:30 p.m., Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
4 Senior Awards Night - 7 p.m., Theatre
5 Senior Prom - Early Dismissal - 11:55 a.m.
10-12 Final Exams - 12:25 p.m. dismissal
15 Last Day for Students - 11:55 a.m. dismissal
16 **All Seniors Report at 8 a.m. - Graduation 8 p.m.**

2009-2010 School Year

Freshman Discovery – August 17th - 19th
New Teacher Orientation August 19th - 20th
Freshmen & Parent Fall Fair August 19th
Staff Day/In-Service – August 24, 2009
Staff Day/In-Service – August 25, 2009
Staff and Freshman Report – August 26, 2009
Staff and All Students Report – August 27, 2009
Back-To-School Night – September 9, 2009 - A-L
Back-to-School Night - September 18, 2009- M-Z

Tentative Summer Camp Schedule - Price \$120 each

	<u>Time</u>
Cheerleading	
August 10-13	8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 3-8
Softball	
June 22 - 25	8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 4-9
Symphonic Summer Band	
June 22-25	1p.m.-4p.m. - Grades 7-12
Field Hockey	
July 20-23	8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 2-10
Basketball Boys	
July 13-16	8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 7-9
Basketball Girls	
July 6-9	8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 3-9
Tennis	
June 22-25	**Girls 8a.m.-12p.m.- Grades 4-8, Boys 1p.m.-5p.m.- Grades 4-9

Tentative Summer Camp Schedule -

Tennis Girls

June 29 - July 2 8a.m.-12p.m. - **Grades 9 only

Fencing B/G

June 22-25 8a.m.-12 p.m. - Grades 4-12

Track B/G

June 29-July 2 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 8-9,
1p.m.-5p.m. - Grades 5-7

Lacrosse Boys

July 6-July 9 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 4-9

Lacrosse Girls

June 22-25 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 3-9

Soccer B/G

Aug 10-13 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 6-9

Wrestling

June 22-25 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 2-9

Volleyball Girls

Aug 3-Aug 6 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 4-12

Gymnastics Girls

Aug 10-13 8a.m.-12p.m. - Grades 3-8

Football Camp is being run through North Hunterdon Football Club (NHFC)
You must **Email:** NHfootballclub@aol.com for information & registration forms.

Note: Summer Camps may be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment.

****LIMIT OF 35 PARTICIPANTS FOR GIRLS TENNIS**

The grade is the grade the student will be entering in the fall.