

# North Hunterdon High School

## February Calendar

- 1 Math Sat Review
- 2 Juniors and Parents Night I 7:00 pm, Theatre
- 6 English SAT Review
- 7 Math Competition, 7:45 am, Cafeteria A and B  
Music Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 123
- 8 Staff In-Service, 11:55 a.m. dismissal
- 9 Science League Competition
- 10 Science League Competition  
PTSA Winter Dance
- 13 English SAT Review  
Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., FDR  
PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Café B
- 15 Math League, 2:25 p.m., Café A and B  
Math SAT Review
- 16 Parent Advisory Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Room 114  
Blood Drive 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, New Gym
- 17 Presidents' Holiday, 11:55 a.m. dismissal
- 20 Presidents' Holiday, no school
- 22 Math SAT Review
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- 24 PTSA Spring Dance
- 27 English SAT Review
- 29 Math SAT Review

# Principal's Newsletter

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## February News



*Michael P. Hughes,  
Principal*

### Starting Second Semester

We are officially half-way through the school year. I would like to thank our North parents and students for a great start to the year and remind everyone about the many happenings at our school in the coming weeks.

### NAEP Assessment

North Hunterdon High School has been selected to represent schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

The results of the NAEP are released in The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public. The NAEP assessment will be given on March 1, 2012 in economics, mathematics, or reading.

### HSPA Information

The High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) will measure student achieve-

ment in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy on March 6, 7 and 8. This test is for the junior class. No backpacks, handbags, cell phones, any other electronic devices, food, or water bottles are allowed in the testing areas. Students should have nothing with them other than pencils and a calculator (for math).

During HSPA testing, we will be running two bus schedules. Students taking the HSPA get on their buses at their regular times. All other students will get on their usual buses two and a half hours later than their normal departure times. Students will get on their normal buses at the end of the school day.

Every student taking the HSPA test must present a North Hunterdon High School I.D. card or a driver's license each day of testing before they will be allowed to participate.

Anyone with questions may contact: Mr. John Hahola, Assistant Principal, at 713-4124. Click [here](#), after February 3, to view the full letter regarding HSPA testing.

### Spring Musical

Support our outstanding music department by attending Gypsy on March 1, March 2, or March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. Contact Mr. Perry Andrews for more information at 908-713-4160.

### Spring Sports

Many tryout dates for spring sports are in early March. If you are a candidate for a sports team, make sure all paperwork is turned in to Mr. Bill Jehl or Mrs. Karen Korbul in the Training office on time. For specific try out dates, click [here](#).

## Juniors & Parents Night



On Thursday, February 2, Guidance will hold a presentation on "Emerging Trends in College Admissions" by Mr. Christopher Hooker-Haring. Mr. Hooker-Haring is the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Muhlenberg College. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Theatre.

## NHHS Booster Blast Quarterly

Click [here](#), to read the Newsletter

## Departmental Students of the Month



**Fine Arts** Ashley Runyon '12 and Scott VanderVeen '12

**English** Julia Tanzler '15 and Sam Laying '15

**Mathematics** Grace Montemurro '12 and Thomas Steitz '14

**Music** Kathryn Cargill '12 and Tim Gallagher '14

**PE & Health** Lauren Kreutel '15 and John Paulmeno '12

**Practical Arts** Dana Barrett '12 and Stephen Mustillo '13

**Science** Hannah Gluckman '14 and Matthew Paulo '14

**Social Studies** Julia Khatibzadeh '13 and Niklas Sjoquist '13

**World Language** Shai Zimmerman '14 and Coady Moller '15

## Good Citizens of the Month



Each department nominates one male and female student each month for being a good citizen. These students reflect one or more of the following characteristics: **caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.**

Congratulations to the following students!

**Fine Arts** Sandra Mueller '13 and Andrew Wong '13

**English** Annie Girton '15 and Joseph Leonard '15

**Math** Paige Greenfield '14 and Rishi Singhal '14

**Music** Sarah Flaim '14 and Walter Roper '14

**PE & Health** Julia Bistis '14 and Joe Ragsdale '12

**Practical Arts** Krystal Cyphers '14 and Devlin Berry '13

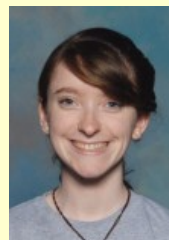
**Science** Anastasia Lasky '14, Jennifer Pelosi '14 and Michael Bazarnicki '12

**Social Studies** Kayla Reece '15 and Andrew Newman '15

**World Language** Margaret Wang '13 and Timothy Linzer '15

## January Students of the Month

**Congratulations to Kathryn Burns '12 and Christopher Okrasinski '12 for being named as the January Students of the Month!**



Kathryn Burns '12



Christopher Okrasinski '12

## Advanced Placement Tests



Preparations are beginning for the upcoming Advanced Placement Exams, which will be given in May. The deadline for ordering Advanced Placement tests is fast approaching. **Please order all AP Exams by Friday, March 16, 2012.**

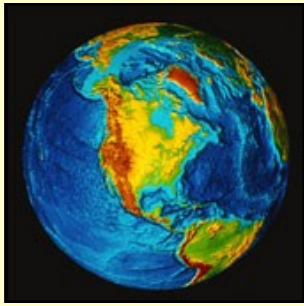
The cost is \$87.00 per test and must be paid at the time of ordering. Students need to bring their completed registration form and a check made payable to NHHS Activities Account to the main office. Please do not hand checks or registration forms to the classroom teacher. Mrs. Miller, in the Principal's office, will record and process all registrations and checks. Please write on the check the exams that your child will be taking, and please record the child's last name if different than that on the check.

A reminder to all students and parents is that course weighting is dependent upon participation in the AP Exams. Students who take the AP Exam for a course will receive the full AP.50 quality point for GPA calculations. Students who choose not to participate in an AP Exam for a course will receive Honors Weighting .35 quality point for GPA calculations. Weighting is not dependant upon the AP Exam Grade; only participation in the exam for that course is considered.

Copies of the 2011-2012 AP Students and Parents Bulletin are available in the Guidance office. Additional information on the Advanced Placement Program is available from their website at [www.collegeboard.com/apcentral](http://www.collegeboard.com/apcentral).

**Registration forms can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).**

# Global Literacies Challenge



Five freshmen at North Hunterdon High School have been named “global gurus” following the school’s Global Literacies Challenge on January 18.

Chris Provines and Jessica Teipel of Union Township, Alfonso Albuquerque and Eileen Holland of Bethlehem Township, and Ashley Bucher of Clinton Township were among

more than 230 students who completed the school’s Advanced Academic Literacies (AAL) course during the fall semester. AAL engages students in developing key literacy skills by working as teams to develop plans for a travel company and create all the materials associated with running a business and operating an international tour.

The winning students’ company, Adventures Below the Border, planned a 10-day trip to Peru, Brazil, and Argentina. Their work culminated in the January 18<sup>th</sup> Global Literacies Challenge, during which the top three AAL teams presented business plans

and travel itineraries to an assembly of students, 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.

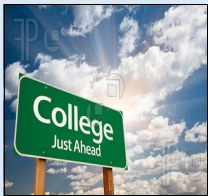
“Adventures Below the Border’s strength was their creativity,” says their teacher Lauren Sheldon. “They used a toucan as their team mascot and applied it to every aspect of their project – from their signage to their brochure to their web site. Alfonso even played the character of Toucan Tony during their presentation!”

Members of the other AAL finalist teams were:

Rising Sun Travel: Ella Collins, Paul Mosko, Zach Morano, Brianna Pierce, and Katie Tota

Running the Sahara: Taylor Dowd, Michael Sicola, Matthew Lee, Tiye’ Pulley, and Eve Glasergreen

# Gifted and Talented Information



Please be aware of how you may access the Gifted & Talented website to identify scholarships and other opportunities for all students in grades 9 – 12. The coordinator is: Megan Grilli-DeRobbio. She can be

contacted at: [mgrilli-derobbio@nhvweb.net](mailto:mgrilli-derobbio@nhvweb.net). School office hours of availability—Voorhees High School – 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; North Hunterdon High School – 11:30 a.m. – 3:10 p.m., located in the Guidance Office.

All students are welcome to utilize these resources. A dated message will be posted in the Announcement box on the main page of the website when updates are made and will specify where new postings have been placed in specific links. It is best to periodically check the website once every other week for routine updates to the Scholarship Opportunities, Current Programs and Opportunities, and Summer Programs and Opportunities links.

Click [here](#) for the direct link to the website.

If you are on North Hunterdon’s main page, click on the “Students” link and click on “Gifted & Talented” to access the Gifted & Talented website.

The website is composed of:

Scholarship Opportunities – to individual colleges, universities, and other organizations for students in grades 9 – 12; please be advised scholarship eligibility/criteria may be based upon age, grade,

- GPA, community service, potential majors/programs of interest, extracurricular activities, etc.
- Information on kinds of scholarships
- Conducting Your Own Scholarship Search – scholarship websites for students to do their own scholarship searching
- Current Programs and Opportunities—through various colleges, universities, organizations, and institutions
- Volunteer Opportunities – through nationally renowned organizations as well as county based organizations
- Summer Programs and Opportunities – through various colleges, universities, and organizations; including study abroad opportunities
- Career Resources
- Preparing for College—resources to aid students in preparing for the college admissions process
- Preparing for College—resources for parents
- Learning Disability Opportunities and Resources
- Resources for College Searches and Aid

Please note that if you have any questions regarding any postings, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Megan Grilli-DeRobbio at [mgrilli-derobbio@nhvweb.net](mailto:mgrilli-derobbio@nhvweb.net). Students are strongly encouraged to stop in the Guidance Office to setup individual appointments to discuss their interests, questions, and concerns for applying for scholarships and other opportunities.

## January Athlete of the Month—Juliana Lubbe



Juliana Lubbe has been fencing foil for six years and has been quite an asset to North's team. She has fenced at Clinton Fencing Club since she was 12, and has started on varsity since her sophomore year. Juliana has been a major influence and a strong leader for her teammates. She has been the foil squad leader for the past two years and is currently the team captain. One of Juliana's favorite competitions during the year is The Santelli Tournament- a highly competitive event in which all the girls fencing teams in New Jersey participate. As a foil squad, Juliana and her teammates placed 12<sup>th</sup> her sophomore year, 19<sup>th</sup> her junior year, and 11<sup>th</sup> her senior year amongst 46 other teams. Not only did the foil squad fence well overall, the team placed 9<sup>th</sup> at Santelli's on January 14, 2012. During her sophomore year, the foil squad placed 4<sup>th</sup> in District II qualifying them for The NJSIAA State Squad Championships. At the end of the season, Juliana is looking forward to leading her squad to States once again.

## January Athlete of the Month—Beau Vrancken



Beau has had an outstanding wrestling season during his senior year, so far. Beau has been a varsity wrestler for North since his freshman year. His commitment and contributions to the team have been outstanding. This year, Beau is currently 15-0. Throughout his North wrestling career, Beau's record is currently 98-29. He is a 2 time state qualifier, and in 2011, he was the Region 5 champion. Beau competed in both the 2010 and 2011 Hopatcong Tournament Championship. In 2011, he was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the competition. Beau also won the John Goles Tournament in 2010 and 2011. Beau plans on wrestling next year in college. His North teammates will surely miss his contributions to the team next year.

## Student Council News



Student Council is teaming up with Aeropostale stores in order to collect jeans for homeless children in the United States. One in three homeless persons in the United States is under 18

years of age. The student council will bring all Jeans to the store collection site after school on Feb 16. Bins are being placed around the school for collection.



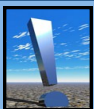
Student Council will be hosting a Dance Marathon during school on the half day, Feb 17. Students must pledge a minimum of \$25 to participate. Each additional \$25 in pledges will allow students extra sit down breaks, chances at door prizes and more. The top students collecting the most in pledge money will also be given a prize. Local vendors have graciously donated to this fundraising project. Proceeds are to benefit

the "GOOD GRIEF" charity located in Morristown, NJ. This agency provides free grief counseling to students who have lost a sibling or parent. They also provide workshops to schools by addressing issues of grief and loss. You can visit their site at [WWW.GOOD-GRIEF.ORG](http://WWW.GOOD-GRIEF.ORG)



Student Council is also participating in "Souper Bowl of Caring". Created to erase hunger in local communities. Students will be collecting Canned Food and bringing it to the Open Cupboard

Food Pantry. Canned food can be brought to the school store through 2/4/12. Canned soup is super but any canned food is great!!



Click on this [link](#) for information about Spring sports and Intramural paperwork deadlines.

# Model UN



North Hunterdon took part in the Model UN Conference in Hershey, PA January 6-8, 2012.

They participated in nearly every committee offered. James Li '12 was an officer this year and did an outstanding job in his role. James acted as Chair of the Security Council.

Ryan Pugliese '12 and Danielle Sumner '12 were named as delegates to the National Conference

and Emily Chen '13 was elected to be Chair of the Political and Security committee for next year. Ryan Pugliese was also the Premiere Delegate in his committee (Political and Security). Kelsey Scott '12 was recognized for her Outstanding Country Research Paper. Emma Roberts '14, Alexa Iannitelli '14 and Hayeon Chun '13 were three of the ten students who represented this year's Outstanding Country, Germany. Laura Zaugg '13 and Marissa Grillo '13 were selected as North's Youth Secretariat for 2013.

North had a talented group of new participants to accompany their returning students. Together, the 75 students earned Outstanding Delegation at this year's conference for their exceptional demonstration of the YMCA's four core

values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The ability to execute this program is a great collaboration between North Hunterdon and the YMCA. Special recognition goes to Social Studies teacher and Model UN Advisor, Ms. Anya Szlachtianchyn, for her exceptional leadership of this event. Social Studies teacher Mrs. Erin McGrory, Science teacher Ms. Lisa Yurgel, Science teacher Mr. Pete Arthmire, and YMCA Director Mr. Len Yacullo were outstanding collaborators as well.



# Math Students Will Participate in AMC 10/12 on February 7, 2012



The Mathematical Association of America  
AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

The American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) is dedicated to the goal of strengthening the mathematical capabilities of our nation's youth. One way to meet this goal is to identify, recognize and reward excellence in mathematics through a series of national contests called the:

- American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC 8),
- American Mathematics Contest 10 (AMC 10),
- American Mathematics Contest 12 (AMC 12),
- American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME), and

- United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO).

For over 50 years many excellent exams have been prepared by individuals throughout the mathematical community in the hope that all secondary students will have an opportunity to participate in these problem solving and enriching mathematics experiences. On Thursday, May 11, 1950 the first Mathematical Contest, sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Section of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA) took place. It was given in approximately 238 schools to around 6,000 students in the New York area only. The series of contests has grown and in 2011 over 413,000 students in over 5,100 schools participated in the AMC Con-

tests. Both the American Mathematics Contests 10 and 12 are 75 minute long examinations consisting of 25 multiple choice questions in secondary school mathematics containing problems. The difference between the two contests is that the AMC 12 is for students who are under the age of 19.5 years and the AMC 10 is for students who are under the age of 17.5 and not enrolled in grades 11 or 12.

More than 250 students at North Hunterdon will have the opportunity to participate in either the AMC 10 or AMC 12 on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Qualifying students will then have the opportunity to further their problem solving and enriching mathematics experiences even more by participating in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

## Junior Prom



The Junior Prom will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 6-10 p.m. at Razberry's in Flemington, NJ. Tickets for the dance are \$50 per person and will be sold on Wednesday,

February 22 and Thursday, February 23. Each day, the tickets will be sold during all lunch mods in Café B and after school in Room 153.

In order to be eligible to buy a ticket for the Junior Prom, a student must be in good academic standing and free from all outstanding obligations. If the student owes money for an obligation, it must be settled by February 17. Payments should be submitted to the Athletic Office during normal school hours.

Any student who earned less than 30 credits during the previous school year is not eligible to attend this dance based on the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education Policy 2430.

To purchase tickets, students must present their student ID cards as well as two forms: the signed permission form and the breathalyzer form.

**Permission forms and detailed information can be accessed by clicking [here](#).**

## Lion Pride Athletic Updates: Congratulations to some of our winter teams:

- The Varsity Cheerleading Squad for placing first in the Large Varsity Division at the Montville Township Cheerleading Competition on 1-28-12. They were also the Grand Champions of the day with the overall highest score.
- The Varsity Cheerleading Squad for winning the UCA American Spirit Award. Click [here](#) to view the award.
- The Cheer-Tech and Pom Dance team as both teams took 1st place in their divisions at the Lyndhurst High School Cheer and Dance competition on 1-28-12.
- The Boys Track & Field team as they placed 5th at the Skyland Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships on 1-28-12. Point scorers for the Lions were John Serian, Cody Wolferz, Jaimin Vekaria, David Folsom, David Mugavero, Nick Skelton and Ryan Potter.



### Ryan Potter commits to pole vault at The University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

- The Girl's Track & Field team as they placed 2nd at the Skyland Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships on 1-28-12. Point scorers for the Lions included Myriah Sujansky, Jillian Kennedy, Carly Pannella, Morgan Harvey, Cameron Harris-Browne, Caty Whalen, Cailyn Lavigne, Sereena Tucker, Carley Poceschi and Morgan Harvey for winning the 400 meter race.
- The Girls Swim team on their impressive performance at Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament. The girls placed 5th overall and broke 6 school records. Freshman Maddie Hynoski placed 1st in the 50 freestyle with a record breaking time of 25.42 and 2nd in the 100 free. Junior Tori Braun placed 4th in the 200IM and 2nd in the 100 backstroke, setting new school records in both events. The 200 and 400 free relays of Hynoski, Braun, Jessica Teipel and Ryan Hughes also broke the school records in both events and placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Personal bests Sarah Teklinski, Cayla Mabie and Nicole Kirk.

## Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month - February



For years, young people across the nation have organized to put a stop to dating violence. With their adult allies, they achieved a major+ victory in 2005 when the importance of addressing teen dating violence was highlighted in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. In 2010, Congress began dedicating the entire month of February to teen dating violence awareness and prevention.

North Hunterdon High School takes the issue of dating violence very seriously. Three years ago, we implemented the Safe Dates curriculum from Hazelden Publishing. This nine-day curriculum is taught in all

freshman health classes and aims at helping students understand issues surrounding dating violence and the help they can get.

Now in its third year, Teen Dating Violence Month is celebrated by leaders in government, schools, youth service providers, community-based organizations, parents and more.

During the week, as part of the announcements, a blurb will be read to boost awareness about dating violence. Please take a moment to open dialogue with your teenagers about this important issue. Helping young people to talk about their personal lives can help them have safe and healthy relationships.

# Media Center Names 34 Enthusiastic Readers

The NHHS Media Center has presented certificates to 34 students recognized as "Enthusiastic Readers." Each of these students has read at least three library books per month from September through December, with some reading more than one book per week. The Media Center will send the names of these students to the Hunterdon County Library Association as nominees for the county's Enthusiastic Reader award in the spring.



## 2011-2012 NHHS Enthusiastic Readers



**Seniors:** Nicholas Bussell, Phillipa Colman, Carmellau Dennis, Christen Lorincz, Alyssa Supple

**Juniors:** David Booth, Erin Brooks, Mae Buehler, Robert Negoescu, Cassandra Reedy, William Roll, Christina Toms, Nicole Wagner, Kirstin Wu

**Sophomores:** Jessica Blanchard, Sarah Dagnall, Daniella Fodera, Devon Hummel, Lisa Infosino, Eyislent Jimenez, Riley McCarten, Cassandra Petricca, Ariana Rivera, Jacob Versprille, Angela Yang

**Freshmen:** Ella Collins, Anelisa Fergus, Thomas Fitzgerald, Sophia Fondell, Rachel Geiler, Gabriella Jacob, Katherine McElroy, Tiye' Pulley, Theresa Vitovitch

# Music News

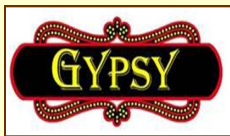


Congratulations to the following band members who successfully auditioned for the All State Band and Orchestra:

Tommy Vacca, trumpet, will perform with the All-State Symphonic Band. Tim Gallagher, trumpet, will perform with the All-State Symphonic Band and Orchestra.

Congratulations again on this significant achievement!

## Gypsy



March 1, March 2, and March 3 at 7:00 p.m., in the Theatre. Reserved seating advanced ticket sales only. \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00

Students/Children.

General Admission tickets will be available at the door 45 minutes before curtain.

For tickets and/or any additional information, please call Perry Andrews at 908-713-4160.

## Blood Drive



The Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, February 16 in the New Gym from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All donors should drink plenty of water and eat regular meals on donation day. All donors must show some official form of identification, such as a picture ID or driver's license.