

North Hunterdon

March Calendar

- 1 Spring Musical, Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Spring Musical, Theater, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 English SAT Review
- 5 HSPA Testing
- 6 HSPA Testing
Math SAT Review
- 7 HSPA Testing
3rd MP Progress Reports
Sophomores and Parents Night,
7:00 p.m., Theater
- 8 Lions Athletic Leadership Academy—Spring Athletes
- 9 Junior Prom, at Razberry's
SAT at North
- 11 English SAT Review
Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
FDR
PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Café B
- 12 HSPA Test Makeup
Music Association Meeting, 7:00
p.m., Room 123
- 13 HSPA Test Makeup
Staff In-Service, 11:55 a.m. dis-
missal
- 14 HSPA Test Makeup
Math SAT Review
National Latin Exam
Prism Concert, New Gym, 8:00
p.m.
Science League Competition
- 15 Spike for the Cure
- 18 National French Exam
English SAT Review
- 19 National Spanish Exam
- 20 Math League, 2:25 p.m., Café A
and B
Spring Sports Pictures
- 21 Common Assessment—World
Language & Music
Parent Advisory Meeting, Room
114, 9:30 a.m.
- 22 Common Assessment—English,
PE & Health
PTSA Mardi Gras
- 25 Common Assessment—Math,
Art, Family & Consumer Science
- 26 Common Assessment—Social
Studies, Business & AAL
- 27 Common Assessment—Science,
Financial Literacy & Technology
National Honor Society Trivia
Bowl, 6:00 p.m., Theater
- 28 ASVAB Test
- 29 Spring Recess—No School

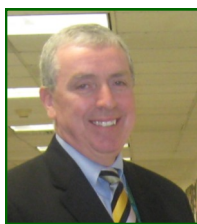
Principal's Newsletter

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March News



Michael P. Hughes,
Principal

HSPA In- formation

The High
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Assess-
ment

(HSPA) will measure student achievement in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy on March 5, 6 and 7. This test is for the junior class and senior retakes. 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. The senior a.m. Polytech students should arrive to school by

7:40 a.m. and take their normal bus to Polytech.

Every student 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 in HSPA testing.

Anyone with questions may contact: Mr. John Hahola, Assistant Principal, at 713-4124 or jhahola@nhvweb.net. Click [here](#) for further information.

Spring Musical

Support our outstanding music department by attending the spring musical, *Once Upon a Mattress* on March 1 and March 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the Theater. Contact Mr. Perry Andrews for more information at 908-713-4160.

Spring Sports

Many spring sports try out dates are in early March. If you are a candidate for a sports team, make sure all necessary paperwork is turned into Mrs. Korbul or Mr. Jehl in the Trainer's office by the deadline (click [here](#)).

27 Week Assessments

The following is the schedule for common assessments:

3/21—World Language and Music

3/22—English, PE and Health

3/25—Math, Art, Family and Consumer Science

3/26—Social Studies, Business and AAL

3/27—Science, Financial Literacy and Technology

ASVAB Test

The ASVAB test will be administered on Thursday, March 28. Please see page 5 for more details.

Spring Recess

Spring recess begins on Friday, March 29 through Friday, April 5, 2013. Classes resume on Monday, April 8.



February Departmental Students of the Month



Fine Arts Danielle Iwaskow '13 and Daniel Pepe '13

English Anelisa Fergus '15 and Jake Ferrang '15

Math Jenny Zhang '14 and Thomas Steitz '14

Music Catherine Melillo '13 and Matthew Radican '14

PE & Health Sarah Looney '14 and Sean Wood '16

Practical Arts Amanda Miller '13 and Zachary Kaminski '14

Science Kelsey Farbanish '16 and Samuel Layding '15

Social Studies Clara Swanson '14 and Andrew Burger '14

World Language Catherine Ronan '13 and Rishi Singhal '14

February 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.**

Fine Arts Danielle Cole '13 and Devlin Berry '13

English Lauren Kreutel '15 and Anthony Ragozine '15

Math Erin Kelly '16 and Jeffrey Snider '13

Music Paige Greenfield '14 and Andrew Burden '15

PE & Health Jillian Kennedy '14 and Joseph Meyer '14

Practical Arts Emily Filus '15 and Shane Fetzter '13

Science Audrey Chester '16 and Zachary Miller '14

Social Studies Alexa Lazzarotti '14 and Joseph Agro '14

World Language Claire Jarvis '16 and Matthew Vantslot '15

February Students of the Month



Rachael O'Dell, a senior at North Hunterdon High School, transferred here at the start of her junior year. Since then, she has had a very impressive tenure at North. Rachael has demonstrated her strength as a student in her History and English classes. Her favorite classes have been AP US History, AP English Language, and Honors College Writing.

She has learned so much in these classes, and plans to pursue these topics next year in college.

Next year, her top choices for schools are Amherst College and the College of William and Mary. She intends to major in History and Education, since she hopes to become a teacher after college. She also plans to fulfill pre-law requirements because she is also interested in law. At North, Rachael is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. Outside of school, she works part-time as a receptionist at a hair salon. Rachael also volunteers at her church once a week as a kindergarten CCD teacher. She has truly enjoyed this fulfilling experience. Rachael has enjoyed her classes, and she notes that the teachers and students with whom she has worked care very much about learning. She appreciates being in an atmosphere where learning is valued so highly. Best of luck to Rachael throughout the rest of her senior year and in her accomplishments after North Hunterdon!



Brandon J. Gallagher, a very accomplished senior, has had four prosperous years at North. In the classroom, Brandon has most enjoyed his math and science classes. His favorite class was AP Biology with Mrs. Smock. He learned new study habits, life lessons, and in-depth biology in this challenging and enjoyable class. He has also enjoyed his math classes with Mrs. Dickinson-Ross, Mr.

Cierech, and Mr. Forte. At North, he is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Mathematics Honor Society. Brandon is also the president of Model United Nations club, which currently has over 90 members, the largest membership in club history. Additionally, Brandon serves on the executive board of Interact, where he has helped lead over 20 volunteer activities, such as Friendship Day and Special Olympics. Outside of North, Brandon teaches CCD classes at Immaculate Conception Church. He and his friends have also founded an organization called "Cooking with Kindness," which supports the local soup kitchen. He has also participated in Destination Imagination for the last eight years, and will be a judge at this year's competition. He works as a camp counselor for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and as a manager at Smoothie King.

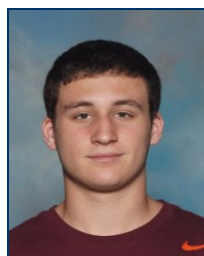
Next year, Brandon plans to attend the Carroll School of Management at Boston College to major in finance, economics, or accountancy. Some of his favorite memories at North include football games, Model UN trips, and Friendship Day. The North Hunterdon community wishes Brandon the best of luck for success in his future endeavors!

February Athlete of the Month—Victoria Braun



Tori Braun, a senior on the girls' swim team, had an excellent final season for the North Hunterdon Lions. Tori, a co-captain of her team, specializes in swimming the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley. She is also on the 200 medley relay, leading off with the backstroke leg, and is a member of the team's top 400 freestyle relay. Throughout the season, Tori consistently scored top points in these events. At the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Championship, she was part of the 3rd place medley relay and 2nd place 400 freestyle relay. She also placed 5th overall in the 100 backstroke. Tori's fast times in the water also helped the girls' swim team qualify for the state tournament this season for the first time in nearly 10 years. Next year, Tori plans to attend Michigan State, College of Charleston, or Florida Southern College. She plans to swim wherever she decides to go. Tori has been swimming competitively for about 8 years. In addition to swimming for the Lions, she also competes and trains year round with the Hunterdon County YMCA swim team.

February Athlete of the Month—Alexander Westlin



Alex Westlin is a senior on the varsity boys' basketball team, playing the position of point guard. Alex, a two year varsity starter for the Lions, also serves his teammates as captain. His status as captain is well earned, as he is a natural leader for the Lions. Alex has been invaluable to the team's success this season. Currently, the team is 15-9 (as of 2/21/13), and has been competing in the tri-county tournament. This season, Alex is averaging an impressive 9 points per game, and is a leader on the floor for his team. Offensively, his season high is 17 points in a game, which happened during a win against Notre Dame earlier in the season. Defensively, his maneuverability and ball hawking skills are invaluable to the team's performance. On the court, Alex is very smart with the ball. He can complete plays and score points, and he can also skillfully deliver the ball to open teammates on the court. The Lions' basketball team has thrived off of his proficiencies on the court. Aside from playing basketball, Alex is also an excellent student at North Hunterdon. Next year, Alex plans to attend Virginia Tech.

Athletic Accomplishments and News

- Congratulations to Track & Field athletes Dave Folsom, Nick Skelton, Erik Adamcik, Pete Dehkes, Josh Knaub, Trevor Knowles, and Dave Mugavero on medal-winning performances in the North II Sectional track meet.
- Congratulations to the following Girls' Track and Field athletes for qualifying for the Group IV State Championships in Toms River: Brette Wilson is the 2013 Sectional Champion in the Pole Vault, Cristina Walton placed 2nd in the Vault, Morgan Harvey finished 4th in the 400 meters and 3rd in the 55 high hurdles, Caty Whalen placed 5th in the Shot Put, and Megan Sergison placed 5th in the 3200 meters.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Fencing foil squad for placing third at the district tournament. They have qualified to compete at the state tournament later this month. The girls fencing épée squad finished fifth, sabre squad finished seventh, and foil squad finished ninth.
- Congratulations to Track & Field athletes Brette Wilson, Caty Whalen, and Morgan Harvey as they qualified for the New Jersey State Meet of Champions on 2/16/13. Morgan Harvey qualified in the 400 meters and was 2nd in the 55 high hurdles. Brette Wilson placed 4th in the Pole Vault, and Caty Whalen qualified in the Shot Put. The girls will compete on 2/23/13 in Toms River.
- Congratulations to Dave Folsom, Nick Skelton, Erik Adamcik, and Trevor Knowles on their medal-winning performances in the Group 4 track meet. These boys will be joined by Pete Dehkes as they move on to the Meet of Champions in Toms River on 2/23/13.
- Congratulations to Matt Jarvis who was named The Express-Times Basketball Player of the week for the week of 2/22/13.
- Congratulations to the North Boys Foil squad placing 4th out of 16 teams in the state on 2/24/13.
- Congratulations to the Lions Wrestling team for finishing 2nd in District 17 on 2/23/13. Liam Korbul recorded his 100th career victory.
- Congratulations to Morgan Harvey for finishing 4th in 55 Meter Hurdles at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions.
- Congratulations to the Tech Dance Team on their 2nd place finish in the Jazz category and the Pom Dance Team on their 4th place finish in the Hip Hop category at the NJCDCA State Championships on 2/24/13.
- The Athletics Department will be hosting a presentation by Dr. Jarrod Spencer, Psy.D. for all Spring athletes on Friday March 8, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. in the theater. Click [here](#) to read more about the Lions Leadership Academy curriculum.

Prism Concert



The Music Department's PRISM Concert will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Main Gym. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are on

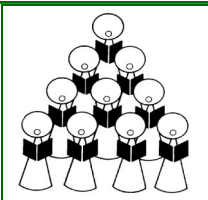
sale now. Students may purchase them from any Music teacher with cash or a check. Checks should be made out to "NHMA." They can also be purchased at the door on the night of the concert. Seating is general admission.

This March marks the 11th annual special showcase of student (and faculty) talent with an array of vocal, instrumental, large and small ensembles, and solo performances. Students have been preparing for months to produce a show worthy of the type that surrounds this spectacular event.

Unique in several ways from the four seasonal concerts also put on by the Music Department, the PRISM Concert has become many students' favorite performance. This special event boasts a much larger venue, several small group and solo pieces, a highly theatrical lighting display, a performance by a faculty member, and a Grand Finale, in which every single student in the department performs together, bringing down the house year after year in an outstanding show of family and community support.

Contact Ms. Katie Meo for information at 713-4199 ext. 4237 or kmeo@nhvweb.net.

Chamber Choir Concert

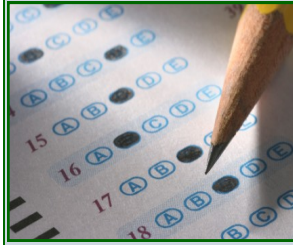


The North Hunterdon High School Chamber Choir and Madrigal Singers will be performing in a combined Concert with the Choirs of Lebanon Valley College. This unique event will be held at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, 2 Race Street, Pitts-town, NJ on **Friday, March 22 at 7:00pm.**

The Concert is free, but seating is limited so please reserve a seat by emailing Katie Meo at kmeo@nhvweb.net or calling 908-713-4160 ext. 4237.

The Concert is also posted as an event on Facebook so people can RSVP and invite their friends. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/205092402967645/?ref=22>

Advanced Placement Tests



Please order all AP Exams by Friday, March 22, 2013.

The cost is \$89 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. Sulla, 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.

Additional information on the Advanced Placement Program is available from their website at www.collegeboard.com/apcentral.

North Hunterdon Theater Organization



North Hunterdon Theater Organization will present *Once Upon a Mattress* on March 1 and March 2 at 7:00 p.m., in the Theater.

Tickets are \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students/Children. General admission tickets will be available at the door 45 minutes before curtain.

Guidance News Spring 2013

The Guidance Department is involved in a wide variety of activities during the months of March and April:

- Freshmen continue to be seen individually by their counselors to review their course requests and future planning.
- Sophomores and Parents Night on March 7: a presentation on testing that has also come to include more information on college search as families move to get an earlier start on this process.
- ASVAB testing for all Sophomores is being conducted on Thursday, March 28th.
- Juniors are meeting with their counselors to review their course requests and college planning. Counselors continue to be available to meet with families during regular school hours, by appointment, to review the college planning process.
- Seniors who are applying for Local Scholarships must make an appointment to meet with Ms. Jordan. The deadline is March 15th.

ASVAB



On Thursday, March 28, 2013, all Sophomores will take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test at 8:00AM in the New Gym. It is important to note that taking this

test does not imply that a student is interested in the military and is not obligated to any of the armed services for taking the test. This test is a key component of the North Hunterdon High School's Personalized Student Learning Plan.

The ASVAB test is a comprehensive career test that includes the most widely used multiple aptitude test battery in the world. The ASVAB program also offers an interest inventory and other activities designed to help students explore the world of work and gain confidence in making career decisions. The results of the aptitude test and interest inventory enable students to evaluate their skills, estimate their performance in academic and vocational endeavors, and identify potentially satisfying careers.

The ASVAB test consists of eight sections containing 200 items and requires three hours to complete. The sections include the following: general science, arithmetic reason-

ing, word knowledge, paragraph comprehension, mathematics knowledge, electronics information, auto/shop information, and mechanical comprehension. General goals of the test include having students learn more about themselves and the world of work, exploring occupations in line with their interests, and developing an effective strategy to realizing their career goals.

Please visit the ASVAB website, www.asvabprogram.com, which offers great information on the program.

The ASVAB test is designed to be helpful to virtually all students, whether they are planning on pursuing a four year college, two year college, vocational school or entering the workforce after high school. If you would rather not have your student take the ASVAB test on Thursday, March 28, 2013, please complete, sign and return the form online ([click here](#)) to the Guidance Office. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Vicki Kellum in the Guidance Office at her email vkellum@nhvweb.net.



Media Center Book Display Curated by NHHS Senior



Anyone who says today's teens hate to read hasn't met Kaitlyn Weiler. Among NHHS's most avid readers, Kaitlyn checked out 64 books from the Media Center between during the first 5 months of school. Her goal for 2013: Read 200 books.

"I read mainly for enjoyment," Kaitlyn says. "I like imagining the world that goes on inside a book. That's why I like science fiction so much."

Although always a book fan, Kaitlyn ramped up her reading after she joined Good Reads, a social-networking site where readers can track the books they have read, list the books they want to read, and post reviews. "I used to keep my thoughts about a book in my head," says Kaitlyn. "But writing reviews made reading more fun. I can't wait to finish a book and write about it."

Kaitlyn estimates that she reads roughly one book a day. She finds time for reading by keeping screens dark. "I'm not on the computer much, unless it's for school. I don't watch TV, unless it's a movie with my family," she says. "Sometimes I even get yelled at for reading at the dinner table."

And where does Kaitlyn get all those books? The Media Center, of course! "Coming to the Media Center at school is so much easier than going to the county library or a bookstore," says Kaitlyn. "Plus, the collection here has so many new and updated books."

Kaitlyn's reading performance has been so remarkable that the Media Center created a "Katie's Comments" display of some of her favorite books, annotated with excerpts from her reviews. "As soon as the display went up, students started checking out Kaitlyn's picks," says librarian Martha Hickson. "There's nothing better than a good reader recommending good books."

For a list of Kaitlyn's recommended titles, visit the [library catalog](#):

Click the catalog link for North Hunterdon High School, Click the Resource Lists link on the left, Click the Public Lists tab on the right, Scroll down and click on Katie's Comments

Health Office Information—Got the Flu?

You suddenly have a cough, headache, body aches, a fever...it could be the FLU. The flu sure can make a person feel miserable, but most people can be safely cared for at home. Getting a flu vaccine every year can help prevent the flu. But, if you do get infected, follow these helpful tips. Check with your child's school for their absence policy. For more information visit: www.nj.gov/flu.

Self Care Tips

- Drink plenty of liquids
- Eat
- Rest
- Use over-the-counter pain relievers such as Tylenol or Advil as needed. (Never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms, particularly fever.)
- Gargle with salt water for a sore throat

Protect Others

- Try to avoid close contact with other household members
- Wash hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues
- Throw used tissues away immediately and wash hands

Call a health care provider if you think you have the flu. They will tell you if you should come in for a visit. Some people are at greater risk of having severe complications from the flu. They may need to be seen by a health care provider. People at greater risk are: older people, pregnant women, young children, and people with chronic medical conditions.

When to Seek Medical Care Quickly

Children

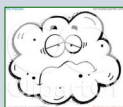
- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Blue color to the skin
- Not drinking enough liquids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Not wanting to be held
- Flu symptoms get better but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

Adults

- Difficulty breathing or short of breath
- Pain or pressure in chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe vomiting

When Should Children Stay Home from School?

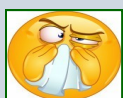
- Seems ill
- Looks pale
- Is not able to comfortably participate in school activities
- Coughs or sneezes more than usual
- Has pain in ears, throat, head or chest



- Is sweaty (when the weather is not hot)
- Has a fever



- Has thrown up in the past 12 hours
- Has had diarrhea two or more times in the past 24 hours



2013 Community Service Contacts and Volunteer Opportunities

As educators, we not only wish to develop our students' intellectual abilities, but also their sense of duty to the greater community of mankind. In our mission statement, we say to attest to our belief that students in our charge must become responsible citizens of the world.

During the 2012-2013 school year, our voluntary community service goal for Seniors and Juniors is to complete a minimum of 40 hours, for Sophomores to complete a minimum of 30 hours, and for Freshmen to complete a minimum of 20 hours. Community Service is defined as, but not limited to, "volunteering time to community, school organizations or groups, etc. for which you are not paid."

On January 25, 2013, we hosted our annual Community Service Fair. Twenty-two representatives from various organizations were available at booths. Students were allowed to pick up literature, ask questions, join organizations, or sign up for individual service projects.

Edmund Burke, the great 18th century writer and orator, once said, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." We are hoping that our students learn the lasting lesson that all of us doing even a little for others can change the world.

If your child was not able to attend the fair, please review the list of organizations and review the opportunities we have available on our Community Service Webpage <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/studentactivities/community-service-opportunities/browse-community-service-opportunities/> Please direct any questions to Ms. Amy Dalgewicz at adalgewicz@nhvweb.net or 908-713-4199, ext. 4474.

Student Council News



The Student Council participated in Aeropostale's Teens for Jeans Campaign. Three bins of jeans were collected and delivered to the store. One in three homeless people in the United States are teenagers; Aeropostale and NHHS are helping to make a difference.



Student Council participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Soup and other canned foods were collected during the days prior to the Super Bowl. The students knew the Open Cupboard Pantry in Clinton was receiving donations from other schools and wanted to reach outside of their community. Donations will be brought to a food pantry in Union Beach, Matawan or the surrounding area who suffered damage as a result of Super Storm Sandy. In addition to collecting food, the students are organizing a service trip to the area.

Please see page 8 to read about the Student Council Dance Marathon fundraiser for Hugs for Brady.

North Hunterdon Music Association

Click [here](#) to read the latest newsletter from the NHMA.

The NHMA is sponsoring a salsa fundraiser. There are many varieties to choose from! Click [here](#) to place your order and support the Music Association.

PTSA

The PTSA is excited to pre-announce our 1st Annual "Phantom Ball." You will be surprised at how fun and easy this fundraiser can be! Look for your invitation in an upcoming email.

Ongoing activities and fundraisers:

ACT Boot Camp will be hosted by the PTSA on March 23 and 24.

CHAOS

Purchase your prom dress at Chaos and 10% of the purchase price will be donated to the PTSA. Click [here](#).

Fuel Good Café

10% of your purchase will be donated to the PTSA. Just let them know you are from North! Click [here](#).

The next PTSA Meeting will be on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Café B.

Thank you all for your continued support!



Booster Club



The Booster Club celebrated Dave the Rave's 67th birthday on Tuesday, February 19th. The entire gym sang 'Happy Birthday' to him and cupcakes were passed out in the stands. We would like to thank each of our sports teams for helping us provide the cupcakes.

Dave made three baskets, which means the Booster Club will donate an additional \$150. A grand total of \$500 is being donated to the Hunterdon County Special Olympics in Dave the Rave's honor.

Our 50/50 raffle raised over \$300. Thank you to the Snider Family for donating their winnings back!

Thank you to everyone who participated!!

Student Council Dance Marathon

Student Council sponsored the NHHS 2nd annual mini dance marathon on Friday, February 15. There were 105 dancers who participated and helped raise \$2,267.13 for Hugs for Brady.

Nicole Meister started off the morning teaching country line dancing. Magda Santiago, a certified Zumba instructor, got their adrenalin going with an hour of Zumba. Monique Spicer kept it going with her hip hop lesson and Rachelle Kayal's NHHS Tech team taught their classmates a kick line.

Dan Torrone (Dr. D) kept the music pumping all morning. It was so rewarding to see kids of all groups and abilities come together for such a worthwhile cause.



North Cheerleaders Compete in Orlando, Florida



The North Hunterdon Varsity Cheerleaders competed at the 2013 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, FL on February 9 and 10. The Large Varsity Division I team of 20 girls were ranked #2 going into Finals after the first round on February 9.

On February 10, the girls cracked the top 5 by placing 5th out of 25 teams in their division for the final ranking. Only 3 points separated the 1st place team from the 5th place team.

The girls had flawless performances in both the semi-final and final rounds. They maxed out in both difficulty and execution for partner stunts and tumbling.

Senior captains Tori Bischoff and Molly Owens were interviewed by Shawn Johnson, Olympic Gold Medalist, who is a representative of UCA. The captains were interviewed immediately following their warm ups for the Final Round, where they were in contention for one of the Top Rankings in the country.

This was the first time in North Hunterdon history that the cheerleaders placed in the Top 5 at UCA Nationals. In 2012 and 2009, they ranked 7th in the Large Varsity division.

The Head Coach of this cheerleading squad is Lori Guida Schuetz, accompanied by Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Jennifer Jordan.

Coach Guida Schuetz commented, "This squad wanted to reach their goal of making the top 5 in the USA more than anything else in the world. They are an exceptionally focused group of young women. They possess a high level of talent and dedication, but more importantly, they truly care about each other and want to succeed as a unit. They are a family, and that shows when they perform on the mat. Their joy of cheerleading and being with one another is electric, which is how they broke into the top 5 ranking this year.

I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished, as it is a testament to them, their parents, the school community and to the former North Hunterdon cheerleaders who helped pave the way for this team's success."

The routine can be viewed on this website, by typing in 'North Hunterdon' in the search bar.

http://varsity.com/event/1701/2013_NHSCC

This particular team also won 1st place at the Skyland Conference Championship and 1st place at the UCA Pocono Regional competition this season.

