

January Calendar

- 2 Return to School
- 8 Staff In-service—11:55 a.m. dismissal for students
- 11 PTSA SAT Boot Camp
- 12 PTSA SAT Boot Camp
- 13 Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., FDR
- 14 Music Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 123
- 16 Parent Advisory Meeting, Room 114, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 PTSA Battle of the Bands
- 19 Course Request Entry due in Guidance
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr., school closed
- 21 Common Assessment—Mathematics, Practical Arts & World Language
- 22 Common Assessment—Science, PE & Health and Social Studies
- 23 Common Assessments—Language Arts, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, AAL and Financial Literacy
- 24 2nd Marking period ends, 11:55 a.m. dismissal
- 27 3rd marking period begins
- 28 Schedule Distribution
- 29 SAT Math Review
- 30 National German Exam
- 31 Community Service Fair

Principal's Newsletter

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January News - Happy New Year!



Richard A. Bergacs,
Ed.D., Principal

18 Week Assessments

The 18 week Common Assessments will be administered to all students during their regular class periods in January. The following is the schedule:

Tuesday, January 21— Mathematics, Practical Arts and World Language

Wednesday, January 22— Science, PE & Health and Social Studies

Thursday, January 23— Language Arts, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, AAL and Financial Literacy

All assessment days will be full days for students.

School Closing Reminder

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

New Marking Period

Monday, January 27, will be the first official day of the second semester.

Important test days to remember during the remainder of the school year are as follows:

PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) Exams

PARCC is on track to begin

assessments in the 2014-2015 school year. The PARCC assessments are being designed to replace current state assessments for English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades 3-11.

HSPA—March 5-7, 2013

HSPA –Math testing will be administered to juniors on March 5 and the Language Arts portion of the test will be administered on March 6 and 7. Math may be made up on March 12. Students who miss Language Arts portion make up day 1 of testing on March 13 and day 2 of Language Arts on March 14.

Inclement Weather

In the event of a school closure, delayed opening or early dismissal, School Messenger, our automated notification system, will call the phone numbers you have provided to us, as well as send a message by email and text. The School Messenger system will leave a voicemail if no one picks up the phone. Parents and students may also check the school's website or call the school's main number, 908-713-4199, and choose option 9 for the status of school for the day. You can also listen to local radio stations (92.7FM, 104.7FM, 100.7FM) or check Channel 29 on Comcast Cable.

If you have changed your phone number or email address since September 2013 provide the infor-

mation to our school's registrar, Ms. Susan Gutwillig at sgutwillig@nhvweb.net

Student Drop-Off

Doors are open for students at 7:00 a.m. Students may enter through the Route 31 or Regional Road entrance. Students who arrive prior to 7:30 a.m. must report to the new gym via the Regional Road entrance or the old gym at the Rt. 31 entrance. Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:00 a.m.

Being Healthy in Wintertime

Students should make wise choices when selecting their attire during the winter season. It is important to dress in layers for cold weather to keep yourself well. Make sure you wash your hands often and cover your mouth when you cough. It is important for all of us to be mindful of others by keeping ourselves healthy.



December Department Students of the Month



Fine Arts Amy Zenerovitz '14 and Benjamin Zinevich '15

English Tiffany Yang '16 and Michael Vitti '16

Mathematics Anne Fuhrman '17 and Thomas Steitz '14

Music Emily Mulhall '14 and Henry Paul '14

PE & Health Elizabeth Cancelliere '16 and Christopher Tywanick '16

Practical Arts Davina Francki '15 and Christopher Mead '16

Science Davina Francki '15 and Eric Bercaw '15

Social Studies Gianna Porfano '16 and Robert Marron '16

World Language Cheyenne Harrington '15 and Adam Bettelli '16

December Good Citizens of the Month



As a part of our discipline policy, 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 Lorra Barile '14 and Joseph Tampone '16

English Melanie Blew '16 and Evan Greenfield '16

Mathematics Claire Jarvis '16 and Devin Hesketh '14

Music Janna Collins '15 and Matthew Radican '14

PE & Health Alyssa Frey '16 and Glenn Smith '16

Practical Arts Cecelia Higgins '16 and Corey Sautner '15

Science Alayna Cotton '17 and Alexander Edelberg '17

Social Studies Gemma St. Louis '16 and Emil Alumootil '16

World Language Rebecca Breese '17 and Matthew Vantslot '15

December Students of the Month



Jacqueline Zuccarelli is one of North Hunterdon's outstanding members of the Class of 2014. Her favorite class at North was AP Biology with Mrs. Flynn. She said that Mrs. Flynn's interesting and entertaining teaching techniques sparked her interest in the subject while challenging her to work to her full potential. The class inspired her future endeavors, as she hopes to major in Biology or Health Sciences next year. At North, Jacqueline has held many leadership positions to support the school's extracurricular life. She is currently the treasurer of National Honor Society, and a peer leader. She is also a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and Interact. She has also been involved in many of the theatre productions. Outside of her academic life, Jacqueline devotes her time to volunteering at St. Luke's hospital throughout the week. She is a hospitality hostess and an assistant for physical and occupational therapy patients. She is also a mentor for the Big Brother/Big Sister program, and volunteers at the YMCA Child Learning Center. This year, Jacqueline applied to Boston College, Notre Dame, the College of William and Mary, Lehigh, and The College of New Jersey. She will continue to have great accomplishments throughout her next four years. Best of luck in your future endeavors, Jacqueline!



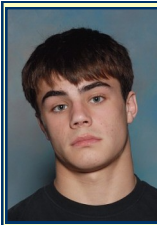
Riley McCarten has had four accomplished years at North. He is a member of the Varsity cross country team and winter/spring track team. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, Botany Club, and Asian Culture Club. He currently serves as the president of the Spanish Honor Society. Riley has been a 3-year team member for North at the Warren-Hunterdon Academic Meet (WHAM). This year, he was also recognized as an AP Scholar for his strong performances on last year's AP tests. Riley has also participated in Boy Scouts for many years. In 2011, he earned his Eagle Scout award, to which he devoted many hours of community service to complete. Riley also participated in the People to People Ambassadors Program in 2010, and earned the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Leadership in March 2013. Riley's favorite classes at North have been AP Physics C with Mrs. Flynn and AP English Language with Mrs. Radus. While Physics has always been his favorite subject, he has enjoyed his current English class because he has had the opportunity to read a variety of literary pieces such as *Hamlet* and *Beowulf*. Next year, Riley plans to double major in Physics and Economics. He has applied to Georgetown, Swarthmore, BC, BU, Wake Forest, Colgate, and American. Best of luck, Riley!

December Student Athlete of the Month — Mason Spichiger



Senior Mason Spichiger is off to a fantastic start in her fourth season competing for the varsity girls swim team. Mason has been such an asset to the team because she is a very versatile swimmer. Although she specializes in mid to long distance freestyle (200 yd. and 500 yd.), she is also a strong in the butterfly, backstroke, and individual medley events. In the first three meets of the season, Mason dropped 2 seconds in her 200 freestyle and 200 IM. She also placed first or second in all of her individual races, helping her team start off the season 3-0. The team will depend on Mason's speed and consistency in her events as they look to defend their Conference Championship title this year. Mason is a leader for her teammates. She works very hard in practice and is a role model for the younger swimmers on the team. Mason is also a talented pitcher for the Varsity softball team in the spring. Next year, she plans to play softball for the University of Pennsylvania. Outside of sports, Mason is also a member of S.A.D.D. club, National Honor Society, and German Honor Society. She is also a certified scuba diver and dual citizen of the US and Switzerland.

December Student Athlete of the Month—Michael Ciavarro



Mike Ciavarro is a senior on the varsity wrestling team. Mike is looking forward to a successful final season as a Lion. He excels in the ring with quick movements. He is also strong when he wrestles on his feet. Last year, Mike finished the season with an impressive personal record of 32-7. He hopes to do just as well in his senior year. Mike will look to add his first W's of the season in the first tournament of the season on December 21. Next year, Mike plans to continue his wrestling career in college. He is currently committed to wrestle for Virginia Tech next fall. Outside of wrestling, Mike is also involved in North Hunterdon student life. He is a member of Interact, and he is a student ambassador. Mike has been wrestling competitively since he was 6 years old. He also wrestles for a club called Scorpions Wrestling School.

Best of luck to Mike in his senior season!

World Language Society Induction



On November 25 the French, German, Latin and Spanish Honor Societies held their annual induction ceremony and welcomed new members. Each language's current members performed the induction ceremony and the new members recited an oath as part of their membership.

The **German Honor Society** welcomed 20 new members: Bethany Bonacorsi, Cameron Calv, Evan Finnerty, Ryan Garvey, Anton Gavva, Abby Grunden, Josh Grunden, Sydney Huff, Celine LaBelle, Andrew Langman, Kathleen Menezes, Erin Nolan, Evan Rys, Cyrus Sethna, Kyle Tranquilli, Michael Vitti, Isabelle Zerfas. A second ceremony was held on December 9 to welcome three additional members: Eric Bercaw, Sarah Russo, and Thomas Strupp. The ceremony was performed by Elizabeth Caronia, Camilla Brulinski, Megan Sergison, Jenna Nordstrom and Julie McCutcheon.

The **French Honor Society** welcomed 11 new members: Alexandra Anderson, Madeleine Andreas, Christina Chamberlin, David Fierst, Annie Girton, Eve Glasergreen, Emily Hazy, Andrew Kapetanakis, Alexander Marker, Katherine Tota and Phoebe Wiant. The ceremony was performed by Rishi Singhal, Evan Finnerty, Olivia Gustafson and BriAnna Puma.

The **Latin Honor Society** welcomed 21 new members: Jacob Battipaglia, Liliana Bellini, Adriana Burton, Elizabeth

Cancelliere, Thomas DeAngelis, Jeremy Decker, Gillian Evers, Kelsey Farbanish, Leigh Federici, Anelisa Fergus, Jamie Hahn, Cecelia Higgins, Madison Martino, Matthew McDevitt, Ryan Mulhall, Michelle Nguyen, Daniel Rust, Lydia Taylor, Sara Tumulty-Ollemar, Tiffany Yang and Erin Yu. The ceremony was performed by Jessica Teipel, Matthew Paulo, Kelcie Guns, Hannah Gluckman, Kellie Bancalari, Paige Greenfield, Nicole Tryon, Angela Yang, Jill Ashby, and Connor Farina.

The **Spanish Honor Society** welcomed 44 new members: Alyssa Bennett, Julia Berger, Jason Brovich, Courtney Bucher, Alexa Camano, Siena Chang, Caroline Coleman, Hayley Dadouris, Nelson Dong, Emily Edelsberg, Trevor Edwards, Kimberly Faust, Lily Fielding, Emily Fiorelli, Davina Francki, Tabitha Gawalis, Madeleine Hanley, Katherine Jeffries, Katelyn Kaniewski, Breana Kennedy, Samantha Kern, Hannah Kose, Kelli Liebermann, Brianna Lifshitz, Cecilia Luciano, Alyssa Ma, Sheridan Maybin, Sarah McDevitt, Samantha Palahnuik, Grace Plassche, Madison Polkowitz, Bianca Riello, Corey Sautner, Jasmine Sawaged, Gabriella Siefert, Isabel Stein, Nicole Steitz, Julia Tanzler, Lia Throckmorton, Mary Twaddle, Sarah VanDuynhoven, Madeline Verniero, Paige Wintermute and Kristian Wu. The ceremony was performed by Christina Linne, Kayleen Bonacorsi, Danielle Koubek, and Alexandra Haris.

SAT Prep Course Offering

Students who would like to improve their SAT scores are invited to attend a free SAT Review in Math, taught by certified Math teachers, and/or Critical Reading & Writing, taught by certified English teachers. They will be presented with specific test-taking strategies and given practice exercises for homework. It is expected that registered students will attend every workshop and complete homework assignments.

SAT Math Review:



The Math SAT review will be held on Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00pm in room 207 beginning on January 16 running through February 20. Sign ups are being held now in the Matrix (room 215). The first session ran from October 23 – November 26. There will be a third session running in the spring.

SAT Critical Reading & Writing Review:



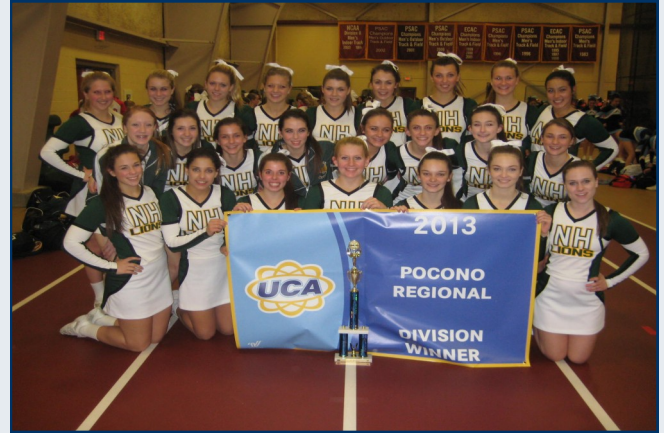
The Reading and Writing SAT will be meeting on Mondays from 3:00— 5:00 pm starting January 13th and ending March 3rd. There will be a total of six sessions; however, the class will run for eight weeks to accommodate the two national holidays that fall during that time period. Classes will be taught by Mr. Scot Ebner, and they will meet in room 014.

Scheduling Process



You will soon receive an e-mail from the Guidance Department with clear directions on how to enter your course requests online, including screen-shots of the views you will see in HomeLogic by clicking [here](#). For anyone who experiences difficulty, or even prefers to have the course requests entered for them by a counselor, we will be providing an after-school opportunity for assistance for three days during the second week of January.

North Cheer News



The North Hunterdon Varsity Cheerleaders took first place at the Universal Cheerleader's Association Pocono Regional Competition on December 8, 2013 at Kutztown University. They competed directly against 11 other Large Varsity teams to win the top spot and earn an automatic bid to the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, FL on February 8 and February 9, 2014. This is the second year in a row that the North Hunterdon team won first place at Regionals. The team is comprised of 24 girls, and is led by senior captain Krystal Cyphers. Coaches are: Lori Guida Schuetz and Jennifer Jordan.

Golden Lions Marching Band



The following students were recognized at the December 2013 "Golden Lions" Marching Band banquet:

Top Freshman Marchers—Olivia Adams and Julia Lombardo

Top Sophomore Marchers—Celine

LaBelle and Cameron Calv

Top Junior Marcher—Andrew Burden

Top Senior Marcher—Emma Roberts

Most Improved Band Member—Evan Greenfield '16

Spirit Award—Sarah Looney '14

Sabre Award—Camille Hoglund '14

Director's Award—Joseph Gaidos '14, Lindsay DeMarco '14 and Katherine Talian '14

Section of the Year Award—Low Brass, Benjamin Sharp, '15, Section Leader

Pride of the Lions Award—Taylor Knoble '14

Service Award—Lindsey Holt '14 and Paige Greenfield '14

Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Latin Teacher, Amy Mullay, Presents at National Conference



Pictured: Amy Mullay

This past November, three members of the North Hunterdon World Language Department attended the Annual Convention and Expo of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Over 6000 foreign language teachers from across the United States gathered in Orlando, FL to discuss the latest information and pedagogy in the field of foreign language study.

Mrs. Amy Mullay, a Latin teacher at North Hunterdon High School, was not only among the attendees, but also was selected by ACTFL to be a presenter. Last winter, she submitted a proposal and was one of 600 chosen from the thousands of submissions. Her presentation, "How Latin Supports the Common Core," focused on the ways in which the Latin language naturally supports and practices the skills that are part of the Common Core English-Language Arts standards. "With the introduction of the ELA standards as part of the

Common Core, it is essential that foreign language teachers reinforce these skills," she said. "Latin naturally lends itself to the practice of these standards because of its close relationship with the English language."

Mrs. Mullay presented her own materials to an audience of about 25 Latin teachers from across the country. She shared examples of assignments and in-class activities, as well as assessments. Her presentation is being shared with a national organization called "Promote Latin" and will be submitted as a new resource to a website created by the Department of Education for the State of New Jersey for world language teachers.

2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science



Pictured from left to right: John Moore, NJ PAEMST Coordinator, Arcelio Aponte, President NJ BOE, Carol Skidmore, Kathleen Carter, Richard Bergacs, Gerald Vernotica, Hunterdon County Superintendent, Christopher Cerf, Commissioner

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) program has been operating since 1983 through the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House. It is the most prestigious award offered by the federal government for teachers of mathematics and science. In alternate years, grades K-6 and 7-12 teachers are eligible to apply. Up to three state finalists are selected each year in mathematics and three in science. Finalists then compete for recognition as NJ Presidential Award winners in the subject area. Presidential award winners participate in a recognition program in Washington, D.C. and receive a \$10,000 grant from the NSF to be spent at their discretion. Both state finalists and national award winners are also honored at state ceremonies and are invited to participate in professional development and leadership activities. North Hunterdon High School Math Teacher, Kathleen Carter, is New Jersey's Math State Finalist.

Congratulations Kathleen and good luck!

Teenage Body Image—How To Improve Yours?

Information from our Student Assistance Counselor—

In contemporary American society, achieving the perfect body has become a major measure of self-worth for most adolescent and adult women. Alarming statistics reflect society's present-day preoccupation with physical appearance and self-image.

For Example:

- 53% of American 13-year-old girls are unhappy with their bodies
- 78% of 17-year-old-girls are dissatisfied with their appearance
- 85% of adult women wake up each day ready to do battle with their weight and size

More than \$35 million is spent on dieting and diet products each year. Thinness has become a symbol of power, moral superiority, and even a measure of fitness/wellness itself. Unfortunately, few of us have peace of mind when it comes to our bodies and our appearance.

Many women believe their lives will be magically transformed when their goal weight or dress size has been reached. This keeps females of all ages caught up in the relentless pursuit of thinness- a quest that all too often results in body-shame, body-loathing, low self-esteem, and body-image disturbance.

SIGNS OF BODY-IMAGE DISTURBANCE

Body image concerns occur along a continuum that ranges from mild-dissatisfaction to severe body-hate. Body-image disturbance is generally seen in conjunction with self-esteem issues, depression, eating disorders, or sexual abuse.

These warning signs may indicate that a problem exists:

- Unable to accept a compliment.
- Mood is affected by how she thinks she looks.
- Constantly compares herself to others.
- Calls herself disparaging names – “fat,” “gross,” “ugly,” “flabby.”
- Attempts to create a “perfect” image.
- Seeks constant reassurance from others that her looks are acceptable.
- Consistently overestimates the size of her body or body parts.
- Believes if she could attain her goal weight or size, she would accept herself.
- Allows her drive for thinness to supersede all of life's pleasures or goals.
- Equates thinness with beauty, success, perfection, happiness, confidence, and self-control.
- Compartmentalizes the body into parts – (thighs, stomach, buttocks, hips, etc.) rather than feeling connected to the whole body.
- Has the ever-present fear of being fat – even if she is slim.
- Has an overriding sense of shame about her self and her body.

HOW TO HELP

Women can learn to make peace with their bodies – no matter what their size or shape. In fact, it is self-love and acceptance that promote the self-care and self-nurturing necessary for high esteem.

Recent studies indicate that self-esteem and body-esteem are very closely linked and have little relation to actually physical attractiveness. Thus, the true indicator of a good body image is good self-esteem – as opposed to being able to fit into size 6 jeans.

The following suggestions can help promote better body-esteem for every body:

- Base compliments on attributes other than size, weight, or shape.
- Minimize “diet” and weight talk.
- Never joke about or shame anyone because of her weight or size.
- Examine your own attitudes and preferences about weight and size.
- Raise your own and others' consciousness about the cultural bias regarding thinness.
- Believe that the person's body distortion is real for her (not just attention-getting), and respond in an empathetic manner.
- Be knowledgeable about professional resources for help. These include dietitians, psychologists, body-image specialists, etc.
- Discourage dieting or weight-loss fads, and instead, encourage a wellness lifestyle.
- Don't equate thinness with happiness

Remember that there is no “ideal” body. Beautiful bodies come in all shapes and sizes.

TEN STEPS TO POSITIVE BODY IMAGE

1. Appreciate all that your body can do. Every day your body carries you closer to your dreams. Celebrate all of the amazing things your body does for you -- running, dancing, breathing, laughing, dreaming, etc.
2. Keep a top-10 list of things you like about yourself -- things that aren't related to how much you weigh or what you look like. Read your list often. Add to it as you become aware of more things to like about you.
3. Beauty is a state of mind, not a state of body. Remind yourself that true beauty goes beyond appearances. When you feel good about yourself and secure in who you are, you carry yourself with a sense of confidence, self-acceptance, and openness that makes you beautiful.
4. Look at yourself as a whole person. When you see yourself in the mirror or in your mind, choose not to focus on specific body parts. See yourself as you want others to see you--as a whole person.
5. Surround yourself with positive people. It is easier to feel good about yourself and your body when you are around others who recognize and support natural sizes and standards.
6. Shut down those voices in your head that tell you your body is not "right," or that you are a "bad" person. (*continued page 7*)

Teenage Body Image (continued)

You can overpower those negative thoughts with positive ones. The next time you start to tear yourself down, build yourself back up with a few quick affirmations that work for you.

7. Wear clothes that are comfortable and that make you feel good about your body. Work with your body, not against it

8. Become a critical viewer of social standards and media messages. Pay attention to images, slogans, or attitudes that make you feel bad about yourself or your body. Protest these messages and advocate for healthier body portraits by writing letters to advertisers, or visiting and contributing to advocacy websites, such as those listed on our resource list.

9. Do something nice for yourself. Take a bubble bath, read a book, make time for a nap, relax in a peaceful place outside.

10. Use the time and energy that you might have spent worrying about food, calories, and your weight to help others. Reach out to your community to make a positive difference in your world and the lives of others.

Source - <http://health.colostate.edu/resources/body-image-eating-disorders/>

Patriotic Youth Club

The Patriotic Youth Club held their 12th Annual Operation Little Soldier toy drive. The club collected over 100 toys and \$350 in gift cards. The toys benefited children of our troops who live in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



The club would like to thank staff, students and the North community, who participated in this fund drive, for bringing a little holiday cheer to families with troops serving our country.

Music Honors

Congratulations to Heather Birmingham '15, Sarah Blumenfeld '17, Brielle Burns '17, Cameron Calv '16, Jessica Dau '17, and Lauren Medina '17 for being accepted into the New Jersey Region 2 Chorus! Special congrats to Heather and Lauren, who are the 5th and 6th place Soprano 1s in the Region, respectively. These students have all distinguished themselves as some of the finest high school singers in the Central Jersey area.

Traffic Alert



Starting Thursday, January 2 through Thursday, January 30, there will be Ski Club drop-offs in the morning before school. There may be congestion on campus, particularly from the Route 31 entrance

so please plan accordingly. Reminder to all students there is no parking in the lower parking lot by the fieldhouse. All ski students must park in their designated area.

Stall Day Success



On Friday, December 20, students brought their spare change to school in order to "stall" class to assist the John R. Elliott Hero Campaign for Designated Drivers. Each teacher began class as usual and students brought

loose change to the teacher to count. Every time the teacher counted change, the class "stalled." A total of \$1401.17 was collected.

The following message was read to our students the week leading up to stall day during the morning announcements:

"The HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers®, seeks to end drunk driving tragedies nationwide by promoting the use of safe and sober designated drivers.

In 2000, John Elliott, a Graduate of the Naval Academy, was struck and killed by a drunken driver on his way home for his mother's birthday. The driver had been arrested on DUI charges and released only to get back in the car drunk, killing himself and John.

The HERO Campaign asks everyone to be or have a safe and sober designated driver whenever they are drinking alcoholic beverages to prevent drunk driving tragedies, which claim over 10,000 American lives annually, and injure tens of thousands more. In memory of John and all the victims of DUI, we ask you to Be a HERO. Be a Designated Driver®. Our goal is to end drunk driving by making the use of designated drivers be as automatic as wearing a seatbelt.

Just last week 3 High School Grads were killed by a 19 year old drunk driver."

To read more about the Hero Campaign go to: <http://herocampaign.org/>

Two Students Volunteer Time at Childhood Center



Pictured left to right: Kaelen Gallagher, one child with her Pillow Pet, and Natalie Phillips

Kaelen Gallagher and Natalie Phillips did a tremendous job at the Ames Early Childhood Center of Leake & Watts. They were wonderful Santa's helpers and the children, many of whom have developmental challenges and/or come from low-income families, were delighted to receive wonderful gifts from Santa early this year. The girls wrapped Pillow Pets (stuffed animals that double as pillows) for all of the children. Many of the kids immediately put their heads down on their new gifts and pretended to go to sleep. It was delightful! Most importantly, Kaelen and Natalie were able to witness the true delight that their gifts brought to their children. Presents and new toys are not something that the kids receive all too often. The Ames Early Childhood Center of Leake & Watts are grateful to Kaelen and Natalie for all of their efforts. George, age 4, from the Green Room summed it up best. His exact words were, "Best Christmas present ever!"

PTSA News



Happy New Year and Happy Savings! If you didn't get everything on your Christmas Wish List, you still can take advantage of our Amazon Fundraiser and support PTSA! Click [here](#) for more information.

The "Snowball Dance" is January 25th, Junior Prom is March 8th and Senior Prom is June 6th-- **Chaos** will donate 10% of Snowball Dance and Prom dress purchases to PTSA! Check out our flyer [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!

We Need Your Help! We are always welcoming new members to PTSA. Please come to check us out at our next meeting: Monday, January 6th at 7pm in Café B. Click [here](#) for more information and to fill out a membership form.

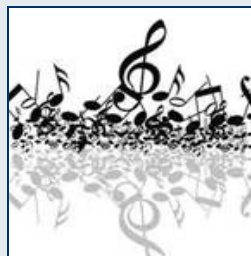
Upcoming Events:

Battle of the Bands 1/31/14

Staff Appreciation Breakfast 2/7/14

SENIORS MARK YOUR CALENDAR— Senior Banquet date has been changed to 4/16/14.

Music Association



The North Hunterdon Music Association would like to wish all families and faculty a happy and healthy New Year!

The association has had a wonderful first half of the year, with many new members and many enthusiastic volunteers. We are so grateful for your efforts and support!

It's never too late to become a member! Our membership dollars, along with fundraising efforts, help us provide programs, services and scholarships which encourage and enrich all of our music students. Find out more by attending one of our monthly meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Click [here](#) to visit our website, where you will find information on events, committee members, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

To read more about our organization and upcoming events, click [here](#) to read our Fall newsletter.

Our next meeting is Tuesday January 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Music Room 123.

Hope to see you there, and Happy New Year!

Booster Club News



The custodian luncheon was Friday, October 20th. Thank you to all the families that helped us make it possible!! We provided a lunch at 11am for the day shift and a dinner at 4pm for the evening shift. Each custodian also received a goody

bag filled with homemade cookies.

Thank you for purchasing our jungle t-shirts! We are hoping to create more school spirit and student participation at all of the winter sporting events.

Our indoor shack will be open for all 7pm games. We will have drinks, candy, hot dogs, popcorn and pretzels.