



## November Calendar

- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Spirit Week
- 3 Powder Puff Football,  
5:30pm, Singley Field
- 5 Milk Can Pep Rally
- 6-7 NJEA Convention, school  
closed
- 7 Milk Can Game, 7:15pm,  
Singley Field
- 9 French Week
- 10 Booster Club Meeting, 7:00  
pm., Faculty Dining Room
- 11 Music Association Meeting,  
7:00pm, Room 123
- 12 Staff In-Service, delayed  
opening (students report @  
10:15am)  
8th Grade Orientation, 6:30  
pm, Main Gym
- 18 National Honor Society Induc-  
tion, 7:00 p.m., Theater
- 20 Parent Advisory Meeting,  
9:30 a.m., Room 114  
Superintendent Search-  
Community Input Session,  
7pm in Cafeteria B
- 25 NJ Blood Services Drive, 7:30  
a.m.—3:30 p.m., New Gym  
Teen Pep Family Night, 6:30  
p.m., Café B
- 26 Friendship Day  
Thanksgiving Recess, 11:55  
am dismissal
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

## November News



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Principal

### Celebrate National Education Week

At North Hunterdon High School, we are fortunate to have a community that strongly supports education. Our faculty, staff, Board of Education, parents and community members work together to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

The National Education Association's 93rd American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

National Education Week will take place November 17-21, 2014

### Milk Can Event



For the last three decades, North Hunterdon has followed in its tradition of playing football against its sister school, Voorhees High School, to win

the coveted milk can. The 39th Annual Milk Can Game will take place on November 7 at 7:15 p.m. at North Hunterdon High School.

### Lost and Found

Lost and Found has been relocated to the Attendance Office. Has your child lost an item of clothing or a lunch bag or sports bag? Please ask them to check the Attendance Office at any time during the day. The containers are overflowing with lost items.

### Chromebook Program

Chromebooks have been distributed to all students in grades 9-11. These devices are being used on a daily basis in the classrooms and as a tool for homework and student projects.

Our district participates in a program called Google Apps for Education, which provides all students and staff with access to the Google Apps suite of productivity tools. Google Apps include word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation tools that students use to create material, but also to work collaboratively. The ability to share documents and interactively work on them as a team

is an integral part of the Google Apps suite.

All of these documents are stored in an area called the Google Drive, which provides students with unlimited storage in the Google cloud. This allows students to be as creative as they want, without the need to worry about storage limitations, and they can access their information from any computer connected to the Internet.

Students are learning to use this technology in an appropriate and safe manner. Teachers continually reinforce the appropriate and safe use of technology. One measure that we have incorporated is a program called Go Guardian, which monitors and reports on student Internet activity anywhere the student uses the Chromebook. This is one tool being used to ensure a safe and appropriate experience, but I encourage parents to talk with their students on a regular basis about safe and appropriate Internet use. A great resource to use for parents can be found here... <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>



## Departmental Students of the Month—October



Congratulations to the following students!

**Fine Arts** Hayley Dadouris '15 and Thomas Fitzgerald '15

**English** Gianna Porfano '16 and William Carver '16

**Mathematics** Allison Lenert '17 and Hunter Simpson '16

**Music** Celine LaBelle '16 and Andrew Burden '15

**PE & Health** Kayla Boyle '18 and Marc Harris '18

**Practical Arts** Isabella Many '16 and Alex Garanzini '15

**Science** Kelly Adam '15 and Reed Montemurro '18

**Social Studies** Alexandra Anderson '16 and Hunter Vogel '16

**World Language** Isabelle Zerfas '16 and Rory Temple '18

## Good Citizen Students of the Month—October



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** Taylor Danson '16 and Ethan Coss '18

**English** Theodora Mavros '16 and Joshua McBriar '16

**Mathematics** Tayler Tarabokija '18 and Ryan McDonald '15

**Music** Brielle Popolla '15 and Eric Gaidos '16

**PE & Health** Courtney Tampone '16 and William Maroney '16

**Practical Arts** Lauren Kepenis '16 and Dylan Hartman '18

**Science** Fernanda Flynn '18 and Brandon Orevillo '18

**Social Studies** Janna Collins '15 and Stephen Burns '15

**World Language** Madison McGourty '18 and Jared McMahon '18

## October Students of the Month



**Samantha Palahnuik** is a senior who is actively involved in many extra-curricular activities at North. She is currently in National Honor Society, is treasurer of National Spanish Honor Society, treasurer of National Art Honor Society, and is on the varsity soccer team. Samantha has played for the Lions soccer team all

four years of high school. Outside of school, Samantha plays piano, plays club soccer for Go Soccer FC in Bridgewater, and is currently working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is an 80 hour service and leadership project. Samantha plans to major in Biological Sciences and would also like to study Studio Art. Her favorite classes at North have been Honors Precalculus and AP Biology. Currently, her favorite classes are BC Calculus and AP Studio Art. Both classes are challenging and demanding, but extremely rewarding at the same time.



**Jason Brovich**, Class of 2015, has had an excellent four years at North. Jason is a captain of the Varsity Winter and Spring Track team where he is a hurdler. He has been an Alto Saxophone in the NHHS Jazz Ensemble for the past four years. Jason is also secretary of National Honor Society, is a premier delegate in his committee in Model United Nations, is a Senior Leader in Teen PEP, an original member of the Ping Pong Club; is involved in the Green Dot Club, Spanish Honor Society, and Math Honor Society. Outside of North, Jason fills his time as a part-time tutor in Geometry, Chemistry, and Spanish. Over the summer, he volunteers time with America's Grow-a-Row and as a camp counselor. Jason's favorite class at North was AP English his junior year with Ms. Carr. He really enjoyed being able to voice his opinions and grow as both a person and a writer. His favorite memories at North are spending time with his Teen PEP friends and Jazz Band practices with Mr. Andrews. Next year, Jason would like to major in Psychology so he can become a lawyer.

## Student Athletes of the Month—October



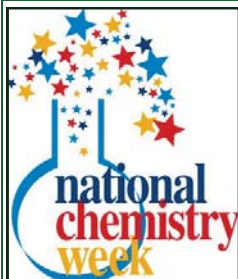
Captain of the cheerleading squad, **Kayla Sible** has been a varsity cheerleader all four years at North. She has helped North Hunterdon make it to Nationals where they have ranked in the top seven for the past three years.

Kayla previously held the position as a flyer but currently cheers as a side base. She has cheered for a total of 12 years, but has competed for the past eight. When she is not cheering for North, she is a junior coach for the Hunterdon Huskies Junior Midget Cheer Team. She plans on cheering in college both during school games and on the competition squad. Kayla is looking forward to Nationals in Orlando Florida in December along with competing in the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament. Good luck Kayla!



**Samuel Layding** has been running cross country since sophomore year. His strongest events are the mile, two mile, and cross country 5k. Samuel's best times in these events are 4:20 in the mile, 9:32 in the two mile, and 16.01 in the 5k. He hopes to help his team advance to Group 4 and the Meet of Champions. Samuel has also participated in track since freshman year and hopes to compete on the varsity level in college next year. He is member of WHAM, Math Honor Society, and German Honor Society. Next year Samuel will be going to college to study engineering. Samuel is an avid coffee drinker, a fan of classic rock, and can name all the presidents in order. Good luck with the rest of your season!

## National Chemistry Week—October 20-24, 2014



The Science Department celebrated National Chemistry Week with the following fun facts. This year's theme was "The Sweeter Side of Chemistry—Candy."

**Monday's** fun fact: Hard candy, like cherry "Life Savers," is technically glass made from sugar (sucrose).

**Tuesday:** Most candy is made from sugar from two kinds of plants, sugar cane and beets. The sugar is called sucrose and its chemical formula is  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ .

**Wednesday:** Sour candies contain ACID! Citric Acid, the same acid that makes lemons sour.

**Thursday:** Happy Mole Day!!!! A mole of plain M&Ms would cover the continental USA with a pile 55 miles high that would weigh  $4.6 \times 10^{17}$  tons.

**Friday:** All candies (and living things) are made up of mostly four elements Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen and Oxygen.

## Congratulations Andrew Plinio!



**Andrew Plinio '17** auditioned and was chosen for a lead role in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular National Tour! His journey began on October 28 with two weeks of rehearsals. The tour ends on December 28. The North community is very proud of Andrew's amazing accomplishment. We wish

him the best of luck, as Patrick, in all of his performances!

## News from the Media Center



Click [here](#) to read an informative article from the Media Center regarding research and databases.

## Advanced Placement Information



The Advanced Placement Information Night will take place on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria B. All students and their parents are invited!

### 2013-2014 Highlights

- 536 students enrolled, 474 tested, 88% participation
- 1,268 course selections, 1005 tests, 79% participation
- 77.8% of scores 3 or higher
- 19 National AP Scholars
- 71 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 35 AP Scholars with Honor
- 63 AP Scholars
- 17 courses accepted into Seton Hall's Project Acceleration
- 115 students, 198 course selections

### 2014-2015 Status

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1,355 course selections

## National Honor Society



The National Honor Society will have its Fall Induction on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre.

The **National Honor Society** (NHS) is one of the oldest and largest recognition programs for high school students in grades 10-12 in the United States of America. NHS honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The names of the current National Honor Society members and the new inductees will be published in December's newsletter.

## Patriotic Youth Club



In honor of Veterans Day, the Patriotic Youth Club will sponsor Jeans for Troops Day again this year! By donating to this cause, participating North employees can wear jeans to school on November 11, 2014. Last year, the club collected \$700 with the proceeds benefiting the GI Go Fund! Their goal this year is to collect \$1,000.

## North Hunterdon High School Marching Band



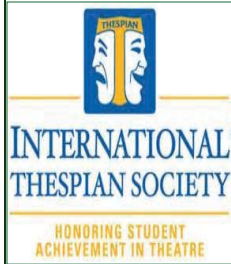
Congratulations to the members of the "Golden Lions" Marching Band on an outstanding performance at the New York City Columbus Day Parade on October 13, 2014. The band made its fourteenth consecutive march up Fifth Avenue in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd! Job well done!

## Week of Respect—October 6-10 and School Violence Awareness Week—October 20-24, 2014

In accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, the first week of October has been classified as the “Week of Respect.” The third week in October is designated as “School Violence Awareness Week”. These weeks are designed to ensure that all students in our school will be receiving age appropriate instruction on respecting themselves and others. The theme of respect is instrumental in reducing incidences of bullying and helping students to feel comfortable in our school. North Hunterdon High School observed both weeks in all departments with the following activities:

- Green Dot trainings took place with a group of freshmen. They created posters to hang in the building with concepts related to bystander intervention.
- In the Practical Arts department, all classes worked on creating a project (such as websites, pamphlets, etc.) that focused on respect in the school and the relationship between respect and violence.
- In all World Language classes, the students engaged in extensive discussions on respecting culture, differences, language, etc. Teachers provided the students with vocabulary in their respective languages that relate to respect.
- The English department provided all North Hunterdon High School students with a “North Hunterdon Respect Rep” business card as a tangible reminder of the integral part respect plays in the life of a North Hunterdon High School student. Teachers also discussed the theme of respect in relation to the role it plays in every person’s life as well as in the lives of the characters being studied in their literature classes.
- Science classes focused on respecting our school and the environment.
- The Math department focused on respecting those around us in the classroom, at extra-curricular activities, and the community.
- The Social Studies department focused on respecting society and how showing respect translates to lower incidences of bullying and harassment.
- The Friends of Rachel club posted “chain reaction links” around the school with messages of respect from Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine school shootings.

## International Thespian Society Inductees



The following North Hunterdon students were inducted into the International Thespian Society (ITS): Heather Birmingham ‘15, Julian Calv ‘17, Anna Carosi ‘16, Jahel Gomes ‘17, Lauren Medina ‘17, Emily Parker ‘14, Ariana Rivera ‘14, and Samuel Szych ‘17. In addition to the honor of induction, which represents at least one-hundred hours of quality work in theater, the society recognizes students for work beyond the initial requirement as well as for achievement in general academic course work. Congratulations North Thespians!

## North Hunterdon Special Education Parent Advisory Committee—SEPAC

On Thursday, October 16th, the first 2014-2015 meeting of the NHV Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, SEPAC, was held in the district administration building at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was productive with a collaborative discussion among the Director of Special Services, Special Education Supervisors and the district’s parents. Some of the topics discussed included the parental/ guardian survey’s results, recommended Special Services website updates, increasing students’ social activities, transmission of electronic communication, and the NHV parent handbook. The evening’s theme encompassed support in a secondary setting for a post-secondary environment. There was a presentation by Jaime McGeady, an Independent Living and Transition Specialist from the Progress Center for Independent Living. Her topic was “It’s All About Work.” Ms. McGeady afforded the audience an opportunity to reflect on current secondary practices and how to support students within both communities. She presented various programs for students who are about to transition to the post-secondary realm. The next SEPAC meeting will be held Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the district’s administration building.

If parents would like additional information, please contact either your child’s case manager or Mary Pat Publicover via email: [mpublicover@nhvweb.net](mailto:mpublicover@nhvweb.net) or via phone at (908)713-4169.

## Homecoming Court



The Homecoming Court was nominated by all members of the Senior class.

First row from left to right: Jasmine Sawaged, Taylor Cole, Sarah McDevitt, Eve Glasergreen and Ashley Holdaway.

Second row from left to right: Anthony Ragozine, Matthew Rotolo, Conor Farina, Samuel Layding and Matthew Rotolo.

The student body voted for Jasmine Sawaged as their Homecoming Queen and Matthew Rotolo as their Homecoming King.

## Homecoming Dance—October 25, 2014

(photos by Christmas City Studios)



## Student Council Update



### No Shave November

For the second year in a row, male staff members at NHHS are willing to go without applying a razor to their faces! Close to twenty staff members, including our Principal, Dr. Bergacs, have joined the NO SHAVE NOVEMBER challenge to raise awareness for Prostate Cancer and raise funds for Student Council's state charity [www.christineshope.org](http://www.christineshope.org). These fine gentlemen will not shave for the month of November while students will bring in money to "vote" for their favorite teacher. The teacher who collects the most money can select the teacher they want to NOT shave for another few weeks. We even have staff offering to dye their beard if we raise of \$1,000. Coin collecting will take place in classrooms as well as in the cafeteria. Various "awards" will be given to participating staff members.

### Food Drive

The NHHS Student Council and Key Club are sponsoring a food drive this month to help local families in need. Students can drop off non-perishable food items to their homeroom starting Monday, November 10 and ending Friday, November 14. The homeroom with the most donations will win a bagel breakfast.



## Blood Drive

**New York Blood Center**



Did you know that by donating **blood** and giving the "Gift of Life" you can help save three lives? During this holiday period, blood donors are needed more than ever.

North Hunterdon High School is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in the New Gym from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All students must have a signed permission form before donating blood. With parental permission, sixteen year olds can donate. In addition to filling out the permission form, 16 year olds must also fill out the New Jersey Blood Services permission form. Click [here](#) to access the letter and permission forms.

### Important reminders:

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.

## Guidance Update



Click [here](#) to read current information from the Guidance Office.

## News from the Nurses



The Nurse's Office has shared information from the NJDOH regarding the Enterovirus and frequently asked questions. Please click [here](#) to read the article and detailed information.



## 2015 Regis Yearbook

*Don't You Wish You Were Here?*

Preorders of the 2015 Regis yearbook are on sale now! This year we feature the fantastic theme "Don't you wish you were here?" The number of extra copies will be reduced this year, so don't wait until they come in May to purchase one. Order your yearbook today to guarantee a copy is waiting for you at the end of the year. The general order deadline is **November 15, 2014**. Click [here](#) to visit the Regis Yearbook order page.

**Senior parents:** You are able to create and customize the layout, pictures, and message for the ad of your senior son or daughter. The senior ads for the yearbook are due by **November 15, 2014**. This is an excellent opportunity to express your love and how proud you are to your graduating senior. Click [here](#) to visit the Senior Ad order page.

All this information is posted on the yearbook website: [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/yearbook](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/yearbook)

If you have any questions please contact Yearbook Advisor, Lauren Mallia ([lmallia@nhvweb.net](mailto:lmallia@nhvweb.net)).



PARENT  
TEACHER  
STUDENT  
ASSOCIATION

# PTSA

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the PTSA Pasta Dinner on Friday, October 24! The event was a huge success and we are grateful to all of the restaurants who donated food for our sumptuous pasta feast! Please click [here](#) for the listing of our sponsors.

The Holidays are just around the corner so why not take advantage of our current fundraisers. The **Mixed Bag Fundraiser** runs until November 24. Please [click here](#) for more details and ordering.

You can also support PTSA while shopping for everyone on your list at AMAZON! [Click here](#) for more information.

We are always welcoming new members to PTSA. Please come join us out at our next meeting: Monday, November 3rd at 7pm in Café B. [Click here](#) for more information and to fill out a membership form.

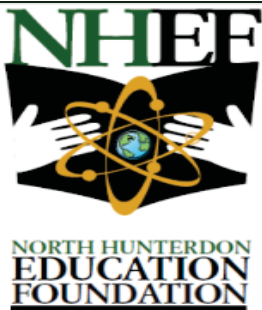
### Upcoming PTSA events:

SAT Boot Camp: January 10, 2014 @ Voorhees High School

Battle of the Bands: January 30, 2015

Staff Appreciation Breakfast: February 6, 2015

## North Hunterdon Education Foundation



North Hunterdon Education Foundation held the first annual Running of the Lions and raised \$14,000!!! A group of very hard working parents and an amazing community helped make this event a success.

[Click here](#) to read more about the event.

The Mission of the North Hunterdon High School Education Foundation is to enhance the quality of education at North Hunterdon High School by attracting and allocating funding for innovative programs not otherwise included in the school budget.

## Music Association



We are thrilled that our membership is still growing. If you're not yet part of us, please join! We are here to support the music endeavors of our high school students. Click [HERE](#) to register online or to download a membership form.

**Thank you to all our volunteers!** You are the best! From football games, to receptions, to fundraising...we have such dedicated parents and we appreciate you all.

**Thank you** to all who supported our raffle at the football game on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Let's Celebrate!** The past month, the marching band has performed at all of the football games and at the Phillipsburg Band Festival. The band marched in both the NYC Columbus Day Parade and the local Hunterdon Developmental Center Halloween Parade. Marching band families, please join us as we recognize the band's achievements at the Band Banquet on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM. For information, please contact Cathy Edelsberg at [acedels@gmail.com](mailto:acedels@gmail.com) or Michelle Smith at [MichelleLSmith123@hotmail.com](mailto:MichelleLSmith123@hotmail.com).

**Save the Date!** Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser is coming to Flemington on Saturday, December 20 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Music and food service will be provided by our very own NHHS music students. More info to come.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

**Website:** <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation>

**E-mail:** [nhmusicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:nhmusicassociation@gmail.com)

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

## Booster Club



Parents are encouraged to get involved in the NHHS Booster Club. The club's objective is to encourage and support all athletic teams through fundraising and volunteer efforts. Mrs. Tera Lunger is the President. The Booster Club's email address is [nhhsbc@gmail.com](mailto:nhhsbc@gmail.com). Please consider joining the Booster Club to support all NHHS student-athletes!

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