North Hunterdon High School

February Calendar

- 2 SAT English Review, 3:00 PTSA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Café B
- 3 American Mathematics Competition, Café A/B, 7:45—10:00 a.m.
- 4 Staff In-Service, 2.5 hr delayed opening for students
- 5 SAT Math Review, 3:00pm
- 6 PTSA Staff Appreciation Breakfast
 - Science League Competition
- 9 Booster Club Meeting,7:00 p.m., Faculty DiningRoom

SAT English Review

- 10 Music Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 123
- 11 Math League, 2:25 p.m., Café A & B
- 12 Science League Competition

SAT Math Review

- 13 Presidents' Weekend, 11:55 a.m. dismissal
- 16 Presidents' Day—School Closed
- 19 Parent Advisory Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

SAT Math Review

Juniors and Parents Night, 7:00 p.m. in theater

- 20 Sophomore Class Mardi Gras, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 SAT English Review
- 25 New Jersey Blood Services Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., large gym
- 26 3rd Marking Period Midpoint

Principal's Newsletter

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February News



Richard A. Bergacs, Principal

Starting
Second
Semester

We are officially halfway

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.

Driving and Safety



On any given day, morning and af-

ternoon drop offs/pick ups can be hectic. As the winter progresses, I would like to remind everyone about the safety of our students getting in and out of buses and vehicles in your neighborhoods and on campus. Parents, please be mindful

of students crossing the street, walking in the parking lot and your speed entering and exiting the campus. We appreciate your cooperation, understanding and assistance in keeping everyone safe.

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 on time to Mr. Bill Jehl or Mrs. Karen Korbul in the Trainers' office.

For more information regarding spring sports, please click here.

Junior Parents Night



On Thursday, February 19, Mr. Christopher

Hooker-Haring, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Muhlenberg

College will be speaking on "Trends in College Admissions." The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Theater.

Spring Musical.



North
Hunterdon
Theater organization's
presentation of the

musical, *Oliver*, will take place on March 5—March 7, 2015! Please come out and support all of our wonderful actors, actresses and musicians. The entire theater group has been working very hard to put on a great show for the community. Ticket sales information and show times will be announced at a later date.

January Departmental Students of the Month



English Natalie Desmaris '15 and Ben Zinevich '15

Fine Arts Emily Fiorelli '15 and Sam Layding '15

Mathematics Natalie Owchariw '17 and Max Mergentime '17

Music Mary Twaddle '15 and Cole Herudek '15

PE & Health Megan Stenberg '17 and Hunter Schumann '17

Practical Arts Katherine Teipel '17 and Mike Vantslot '18

Science Kaylee Motter '15 and Cyrus Sethna '15

Social Studies Hannah Palahnuk '17 and Matthew Kravetsky '17

World Language Courtney Nealon '17 and James Magnier '17

January 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!

English Cheyenne Harrington '15 and Anthony Tersigni '15

Fine Arts Kristen Connors '17 and Paul Sendro '15 **Mathematics** Rosa Castaldo '18 and Jeremy Decker '16

Music Isabella Helreigel '15 and Nicholas LaBelle '17 **PE & Health** Kathleen Hoban '18 and Steven Ruggiero '18

Practical Arts Rachel Tepper '17 and Robert Obermair '18

Science Wiktoria Moroz '15 and Anthony Tersigni '15 Social Studies Pauline Jaffe '17 and Emil Alummootil '16

World Language Isabella Paul '18 and Matthew Mohan '17

January Students of the Month



NHHS Senior, **Megan Conner** has had a very memorable four years at North. Megan is a part of Peer Leaders and is co-captain of the Girls Basketball Team. Last year, she helped the team make it to the finals of the Hunterdon -Warren-Sussex championship game. The

team hopes to win the championship this year. Megan keeps very busy outside of school. She has two part-time jobs working at Chelsea's Restaurant and Clinton Bagel as well as volunteering at the Oldwick Fire Company throughout the year. Megan's favorite classes at North were US History 1 with Mrs. McGrory because she was an awesome teacher who made the class fun and interesting. She also loved her sophomore physical education class because there were a lot of close friends in her class and they had a lot of fun. Some of Megan's favorite memories at North are all the fun things the basketball team does, attending football games, wrestling matches, meeting new friends in different classes, volleyball her freshman year, and pep rallies. Megan plans on attending Suffolk University in Boston next year.



Captain of the wrestling team, **Ryan Pomrinca** has had an impressive four years at North. Ryan has wrestled varsity all four years and achieved the 100 career wins milestone. He was the seventh person ever to win the John Goles Wrestling Tournament all four years of

high school. He has also placed seventh and third in the NJSISS tournament. Ryan's favorite subject has always been history because he finds it enjoyable to learn about our country's past. All of his teachers were able to find creative and engaging ways to make the class easy to understand and remember. His favorite memories from North Hunterdon are when the wrestling team got together during the season and when the team won matches at home. The feeling of having a second family that fights for me and has his back is incredible. Ryan is also a proud member of National Honor Society. He will be attending Lehigh University in the fall and plans on majoring in Business and Marketing.

January Student Athlete of the Month—Jessica Teipel



Jessica Teipel has been an important contributor to the Varsity Girls Swim Team the past three years. Jessica is a versatile swimmer who specializes in Freestyle and Butterfly events. She has won in every distance ranging from the sprint 50 yard freestyle all the way up to the grueling 500 yard freestyle events. During her freshman year,

Jessica helped the team break two long standing North Hunterdon relay records. She helped North earn the coveted gold varsity letter that represents conference champs during her sophomore and junior years. The team also went undefeated last year. Jessica's personal highlight was finishing sixth place in 100 Freestyle last year at the 2014 Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Swim Championships. Out of the pool, Jessica plays clarinet for the Golden Lions Marching Band, takes part in Drama Club and Stage Crew, is a member of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, and Math Honor Society. She also swims for Flemington Raritan Community Pool in the summer and plans to swim at college in the fall. Jessica's main focus at North has been academics. She was named a PSAT National Merit Semi-Finalist. Jessica plans to major in Chemical or Biomedical Engineering next year.

January Student Athlete of the Month—Michael Sicola



Michael Sicola, NHHS Senior has been wrestling since he was four years old. Mike has earned a varsity letter all four years at North. He was also District Champion last year and a state qualifier last season. He also wrestles in the offseason with a team

that competes at National Tournaments all over the United States. This year, the team participated in the John Goles tournament. Seven wrestlers made it into the finals and the team was able to win the tournament by over 60 points. Mike said he has high hopes for himself as an individual and for his team. He thinks the team will show everyone how great they are by going far and doing extremely well this season. In additional to wrestling, Mike is also involved in the Student Ambassadors Club. Mike plans on wrestling in college at a Division 1 level.

Congratulations Eve Glasergreen!



On January 8, 2015, The Gatorade Company announced their selection of the 2014-2015 Gatorade New Jersey Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year. Eve Glasergreen was chosen from North Hunterdon High School and also notable is that she is the first Gatorade New Jersey Girls Cross Country Runner of the year to be honored from our school.

This criteria for this award included significant success in the field of academics as well maintaining the highest standards of character in all aspects of her high school career.

Eve joins other New Jersey athletes since the award's inception in 2007.

Eve will be attending Cornell University in the fall. Everyone in the district is proud of her. We wish her all the best in her future academic and athletic endeavors!

Congratulations Julia Lombardo!



Julia Lombardo '17 has been accepted into the New Jersey All-State Symphonic Band. Julia successfully auditioned this past Thursday and is ranked as the number 7 bass clarinetist in the state. She will perform later this month with the All-State Symphonic Band at the New Jersey Music Educators Convention. Great work Julia!

Media Center Enthusiastic Readers

The NHHS Media Center has presented certificates to 26 students recognized as "Enthusiastic Readers." Each of these students has read at least two 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.

Seniors: Jessica Blanchard, Anelisa Fergus, Gabriel Huntley, Theresa Vitovitch

Juniors: Jacob Gladdis, Lena Klute-Maehler, Sarah Lezak, Kisaragi Ruben, Courtney Voorhees

Sophomores: Myahn Braunstein, Skyler Hamilton, Nicholas Helriegel, Gabrielle Jordan, Nicole Krok, Victoria Krok, Samantha Magda, Mugdha Sanglikar, Austin Spriggs, Destiny Thorne-Kovacs

Freshmen: Kayla Boyle, Grace Clifford, Peter Duttweiler, Marc Harris, Reed Montemurro, Aiyana Rivera-O'Daniels, Rebecca Xu

Advanced Placement Tests

CollegeBoard

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 13, 2015. The cost is \$91.00 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. Ms. Ellis, 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 dependent upon the AP Exam Grade; only participation in the exam for that course is considered.

Copies of the 2014-2015 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.

To read the Assistant Principal's AP letter and for registration form, click <u>here.</u>

Junior Prom



The Junior Prom will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2015 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 18th and Thursday, February 19th at all lunch

mods in Café B and in Room 153 after school.

In order to purchase tickets, students must present their student ID card as well as the signed permission form and the breathalyzer form. All tickets much be purchased separately, even if students plan to attend as a couple. Each individual student must buy his/her own ticket and present an ID card when purchasing that ticket along with separate forms and separate checks. Checks can be made payable to NHHS Student Activities. Cash will not be accepted.

Heath Office Update - Flu

Click <u>here</u> to read important information from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services regarding the flu.

North Hunterdon Freshmen Win Global Literacies Challenge

Five freshmen at North Hunterdon High School have been named "global gurus" following the school's 14th Bi-Annual Global Literacies Challenge on January 13, 2015. **Sonny Harris, Amrit Kumar, Kelly Mahaney, Jessica Mitchell, and Luke Wain** were the top team among more than 200 students who completed the school's Communication and Digital Literacies course during the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. The team's name was *RAD Expeditions*. Near the end of each semester, students enrolled in the required Communication and Digital Literacies (CDL) half-year course work together as teams to create a mock adventure tour company, complete with tour itinerary, list of activities, and possible hotel and dining options. The adventure tours are then described through a colorful brochure, presentation, mock website, and video, which was a new edition this year. A panel of North Hunterdon teachers chooses the top three team finalists based on the quality of the students' portfolios of work. The finalists present their ad-

venture tours to all CDL students during an assembly in the auditorium. Students, faculty members, and administrators in the audience vote on which team should be chosen as the winner of the Global Literacies Challenge.

Members of the two other team finalists were: *Destination Asia* - Casey Bertola, Grace DEhrmann, Luke Ingenito, Billy Pritchett, and Gabe Volpe; *Hop Away Travels*- Namarata Battula, Brianna Clemente, Emily Decker, Scott Lloyd, and Rachel Parilis

The Communication and Digital Literacies course trains students in a variety of literacy skills that they can apply throughout their academic and professional careers, including reading, writing, listening, speaking, research, science, economics, technology, mathematics, visual, global and multicultural studies. The culmination of the course is the development of the mock adventure tour companies.

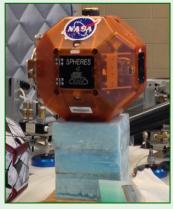


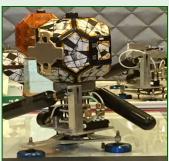
Zero Robotics Challenge











On January 16, 2015, Brady Bean '16 participated in The Zero Robotics challenge at MIT. This year's competition was titled CORONASPHERES. CORONA is an acronym for Conducting Optical Research on Nearby Asteroids, which is the objective of the challenge, and SPHERES is the name of the satellites used for the competition. The goal of the competition for each team was to take pictures of a simulated asteroid and upload them to Earth to earn points. There were also solar flares that occurred periodically throughout the game, which could damage the satellites and cause the team to lose points. This year's challenge was inspired by modern and future planned research missions to asteroids and other small objects in space. Brady's team, The Quark Charm, was paired with alliances Proxima Centauri from Italy and Herder-Berlin from Germany. Brady and his alliances won the first round of competition, but lost in the second round to the team that went on to win the finals. They also received a Mission Completion Award for strong performance in the simulated rounds, despite not winning in the real-world matches on the International Space Station.

The following pictures from the competition show the team members, the room at MIT where the finals were held, the astronauts onboard the ISS, and one of the SPHERES satellites being used at MIT.

Congratulations, Brady!

Pom Dance Team Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)





















Student Council News



Once again Student Council is teaming up with Aeropostale stores to collect gently used 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 on February 15. Collec-

tion bins are placed near the school's main entrances. We hope to add another 1000 pairs of jeans this year. Please send us your used jeans! Please ask all your neighbors and friends to join in this cause!



Student Council participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring again this year. Students were asked to bring canned food donations to their homeroom the through the first week of Feburary. All donations will be given to local families in need via the Open

Pantry Food Cupboard in Clinton. Thank you for your generosity.

Blood Drive



The next Blood Drive at North Hunterdon High School will take place on Wednesday, February 25 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.

Click <u>here</u> to access the principal's letter and click <u>here</u> to access the 16 yr. old permission form.

During the blood drive in November 2014, 428 pints of blood were collected. Please help make this drive the best ever and consider donating to this worthwhile cause!

Winter Concert Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)











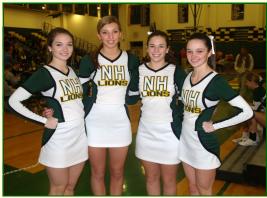








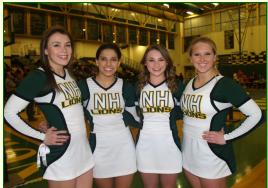
Congratulations North Cheerleaders!



Two senior stunt groups from the North Hunterdon Varsity Cheerleading Squad entered the 2015 Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National Partner Stunt Competition. The stunt groups submitted a 1-minute stunt routine, performed to music. There were approximately 30 teams from across the country who entered this national competition.

Kelsey Sible's Stunt Group (with Kayla Sible, Lauren Kreutel and Rachel Frey) **placed 2**nd, only bested behind one team who took the national title, from Greenup County, Kentucky.

Here is a video of their award-winning routine: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=hNkerUjxySE



Olivia Reiner's Stunt Group (with Kalliopi Anastasiou, Alana Healy, and Aubrey Bartholomew) placed 6th, which is also a major success.

Here is a video of their routine: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=r2irPvBkwJw

The Varsity Cheerleading Team will travel to Orlando, FL to compete in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championships on February 7-8.

Soccer Honors



Pictured from left to right: Michael Finer '15, Matt Ferraro '15, Sean Rooney '16 Jake Ferrang '15, Nick Eugenio '15 and Coach John Simpson The Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey held their annual All State banquet on January 12, 2015. The following soccer players were recognized for their accomplishments:

Michael Finer—2nd
Team All State (top 30
players in the state) as
well as 1st Team Central Jersey
Sean Rooney—2nd
Team Central Jersey
Nick Eugenio—2nd
Team Central Jersey
Jake Ferrang—3rd
Team Central Jersey
Matt Ferraro—
Honorable Mention
Central Jersey

Model United Nations Conference (Model UN)



North Model UN Delegation



North Model UN Seniors

North Hunterdon participated in the Model UN Conference in Hershey, PA on January 9, 10 and 11, 2015.

The following students were recognized: Fred Darcy in the Legal B Committee and Courtney Tampone in the Historical Security Council Committee won Outstanding First Year delegates. Matthew Rotolo in the Security Council and Tommy Fitzgerald in the Political Security A Committee won Outstanding Delegates. Ethan Leung, Joseph Rothstein and Nicole Steitz were among those recognized for Outstanding Country Research Papers and Emil Alummootil received a Secretariat Award. Pauline Jaffe was elected Chair of the International Criminal Court. Nicholas Labelle is the new Chair of the Council of Economic Advancement. Olivia Morris was elected Chair of the Historical Security Council. Kellie Bancalari and Pauline Jaffe were named a Delegate to the Conference on National Affairs.

The North Hunterdon delegation was recognized as one of the Outstanding Delegations.

Club officers Matt Rotolo, Benjamin Zinevich, Emil Alummootil, Bronwyn Woolhouse, and Joseph Rothstein worked hard before and during the conference to help make sure that the club was successful.

North had a talented group of new participants to accompany its returning students. Together, the students demonstrated 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 thanks goes out to Len Yacullo of the YMCA and North Hunterdon teachers Lisa Yurgel, Susan Toke, Catherine Gallo, Carol Wilhelm, Michael Owdij, Ronald Niznik and Model UN Advisor, Anya Niznik, for their exceptional leadership of this event.

Friendship Day-December 23, 2014 (photos by Christmas City)













Math Students Will Participate in AMC 10/12 February 3, 2015



The Mathematical Association of America AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

The American Mathematics Competition (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

forums 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 Contests. Both the American Mathematics Contests 10 and 12 are 75 minute long examinations consisting of 25 multiple choice questions in secondary school mathematics con-

taining problems which can be understood and solved with precalculus concepts. 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 3, 2015. 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.

Booster Club News



- Silver Oaks Learning Center, NH Booster Club and NH Music Association are sponsoring a free timed practice SAT or ACT for sophomores and juniors on February 7th. Silver Oaks will provide an all-inclusive college prep workshop for parents while students are taking the test.
- Our indoor shack is open for all 7pm games and Saturday and Sunday fencing meets. We will have drinks, candy, hot dogs, popcorn and pretzels.
- Dave the Rave's Birthday Celebration will be February 17th during the Boys Basketball game against Warren Hills. We will have a 50/50, we will accept donations for the Special Olympics, and we will have cupcakes. Dave will be shooting his famous half court shots during halftime. Come out and cheer him on!!
- The Booster Club is seeking individuals to help in all areas (open/close the shack, shopping, scheduling, officers, reps, etc) for the 2015-2016 school year. Please email nhhsbc@gmail.com to volunteer. We would like new volunteers to shadow the current volunteers. It makes the transition smoother.
- Our meetings are the second Monday of the month in the Faculty Dining Room at 7:00pm. All are welcome!





Huge Shout-Out to everyone that made the Battle of the Bands 2015 a success. Congratulations to Inteli-Gents for winning 1st place; a gift certificate for studio time at The House That Rock in Lebanon!

The annual Staff Appreciation

Appreciation

Breakfast will be held on Friday,
February 6, 2015. To volunteer/

donate please use this link. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0844ADA82BA20-staff3

Upcoming Dates:

<u>Senior Class</u> - Senior Banquet will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 29**, **2015**.

<u>Sophomore Class</u> - please mark your calendars for a <u>Mardi Gras Celebration on Friday</u>, February 20, 2015.

The PTSA offers scholarships to graduating <u>Seniors of PTSA members</u>. Please see the Guidance website under local scholarships for an application.

We are always welcoming new members to PTSA. Please come to check us out at our next meeting: Monday, February 2nd at 7pm in Café B. Click **here** for more information and to fill out a membership form.

Music Association News

Warm up with some music during these cold winter days. Mark your calendars!
Winter musical performance of Oliver! - March 5, 6 & 7
Marching band in the Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 15
13th annual Prism Concert - March 26

Look for *Oliver!* ticket information soon and look for the NHMA at each performance. We will be providing concessions, flowers, personalized Candygrams, and a 50/50 raffle! So, bring a little extra cash to support the programs and scholarships of the Music Association and, in turn, all of our music students!

Preparations have begun for the Prism concert. You won't want to miss this amazing event ~ a combined effort of choral and instrumental talents. Avoid waiting in line to buy tickets on the night of the show. Purchase tickets online! More info to come.

Join us for our next NHMA meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. We meet at 7pm in the choir room (Room 131). www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation