

# North Hunterdon High School

## June Calendar 2015

- Latin Club End of Year Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Café B  
Undergraduate Awards Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Senior Athlete Awards Night, 6:30 p.m. at Razberry's
- Senior Awards Night, 6:30 p.m., Theater
- Senior Prom at the Imperia,  
Half day of school—11:55 a.m. dismissal
- SAT at North
- NHHS Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- NHHS Music Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Final Exams—12:25 p.m. dismissal
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Music Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,  
Room 123
- Final Exams—12:25 p.m. dismissal
- Last day for students—11:55 a.m. dismissal
- PTSA Senior Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.  
Senior Line Up, 5:30 p.m.  
Graduation, 7:00 p.m.  
PTSA Project Graduation

## August Calendar 2015

- Freshman Orientation, 9:45 a.m.  
Athletics/Activities Fair /Freshman and  
Parents Event, 3:30 p.m.
- Staff and Students, Full Day of School  
Academic Achievement Society, School  
Counts and Community Service Awards  
Night

## September Calendar 2015

- Meet the Teachers Night for last names  
A-K, 6:30—9:00 p.m.
- Meet the Teachers Night for last names  
L-Z, 6:30—9:00 p.m.



If you have any questions about the graduation ceremony, please contact Senior Advisors: Mrs. Debbie

Oliver (doliver@nhvweb.net) or Ms. Rachel Wander (rwander@nhvweb.net). Please click [here](#) for the schedule of events and senior information.

# Principal's Newsletter

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Richard A. Bergacs, Ed.D.  
Principal

### End of Year Message

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us, but June 16th will be here just two weeks from today. The Class of 2015 is looking forward to the future and reminiscing about he past four years here at North. I know all of our other students are looking forward to moving one step closer to that graduation ceremony as well. For me, 2014-2015 has been a great year and I know that has been the case for many our students, faculty, and parents as well. North Hunterdon students continue to excel academically, which is evident in our state reports, national rankings, and the impressive list of colleges to which our students have been accepted. We were able to enjoy the newly created North Hunterdon Live program, as well as some of the same traditions like Mr. North. Our theater program produced three very impressive productions this year that I know many of us enjoyed. The music department continues to amaze me with the performances they put on each year and the incredible talent of our students. Our student athletes once again impressed us with many individual and team accomplishments. In addition we had so many successful programs like Spike for the Cure, our Good-will clothing drive, and of course our incredibly successful blood drives. I am continually impressed with our students and their talents, whether it is academics, music, athletics, theater or just plain good citizenship. Our students impress in every way. That will be very evident this week as we host a series of award ceremonies for our students. The culminating event this week will be our Senior Prom, and I know our seniors are looking

forward to that event. I want to wish our seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors, and encourage them to keep us informed on their many successes after North Hunterdon. I wish everyone a happy, safe and successful summer!!

### Important Information

Last day for Polytech bus is Tuesday, June 9.

All library books should be returned to the library by Friday, June 5 and fines paid. The library will be open from June 8 to June 12 for quiet study only.

Tuesday, June 9, is the last day the cafeteria will serve students hot lunches. Soup and sandwiches will be served from June 10-15. Limited snacks will be available for purchase on June 15.

A thorough review of all students' attendance referrals will be conducted by the staff. After review of all relevant information, a loss of credit determination will be made. Students should see Mr. Hahola, Assistant Principal for Instruction, with any concerns regarding this topic.

Final exams are June 10, 11 and 12. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m. on these three days.

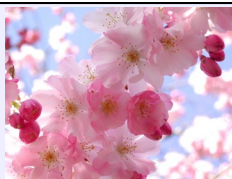
For the last day of school on Monday, June 15, students will be dismissed at 11:55 a.m.

**Seniors must be sure to take care of all outstanding obligations by June 5 to ensure that they receive their diplomas on time.**

The 3:10 p.m. bus will run on its normal Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday schedule through June 4.



## Department Students of the Month—May



**English** Hannah Duerr '15 and Jacob Whittle '15

**Fine Arts** Amanda Neal '15 and Alex Marker '16

**Math** Annie Girton '15 and Brendan Feeley '17

**Music** Nichole Bataille '15 and Anthony Vacca '16

**PE & Health** Abby Grunden '15 and Andrew Burden '15

**Practical Arts** Allison Nardi '18 and Elliot Schneier '17

**Science** Amanda Riccitelli '17 and Nicholas Pittman '17

**Social Studies** Kadie Davis '18 and Mike Zakhary '18

**World Language** Emily Bucher '17 and Gabriel Lipp-Martin '18

## Department Citizens of the Month—May



**English** Mira Reece '15 and Warren Watkins '15

**Fine Arts** Kayley Muench '17 and Thomas McGourty '16

**Math** Victoria Siefert '18 and Jacob Whittle '15

**Music** Alexa McCarthy '15 and Thomas Fitzgerald '15

**PE & Health** Carlie Zandanel '18 and Kyle Cannillo '18

**Practical Arts** Alexandra Anderson '16 and Austin Arndt '15

**Science** Caroline Morris '18 and Evan Acocella '17

**Social Studies** Nicolette Taylor '18 and Luke Ingento '18

**World Language** Emily Bardecker '16 and John Anderson '18

## May Students of the Month



**Katie Jeffries**, a senior at NHHS, says she has been very fortunate to take such great classes and have such wonderful teachers. This year specifically, she has really enjoyed her English and Human Geography classes. Her history classes throughout the years at North have created a passion in her. Katie is involved in

Interact, Spanish Honor Society, Future Teachers, and National Honor Society. She really enjoyed working as a Job Coach at North where she was able to meet such amazing people. Working at Miss Janet's Sunshine Schoolhouse has been a great experience for Katie. She loves working with young children and can't imagine pursuing anything else as a job. Katie's past four years at North have provided her with so many unforgettable experiences. She loved being in the Jungle at football games and walking at Relay for Life. The great people she has met during her four years at North have helped her make memories she will never forget. Katie is thrilled to be studying at Penn State next year. She will be studying Secondary History Education, with plans to become a guidance counselor in the future.



**Nelson Dong** has had a very impressive four years at North. Nelson played on the varsity tennis team all four years and has been first singles for the past two years. He was named the male Hunterdon Warren Scholar Athlete. Nelson is involved in Amnesty International, Habitat for Humanity, Student Council, and Interact and Able, among other clubs. He has been previously involved with marching band and fencing

for a brief period of time. Nelson was a scholar in the Yale Young Global Scholars program in Grand Strategy last summer, as well as the New Jersey Governor's School of Engineering and Technology. He had the opportunity to volunteer in Peru and also interned at the local Rotolo Law Firm while coaching tennis at North and at Courtside Racquet Club. Nelson became a National AP Scholar last year and is currently a National Merit Scholar. He won a Silver Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for Humor. Nelson's favorite classes at North are AP English Language with Ms. Carr and AP English with Ms. Fedorko. Both of these teachers contributed greatly to the development of Nelson's literacy voice as well as making the classroom experience unique and personal. Nelson's favorite memory at North was his last day of sophomore year. It was a rough time, and he was glad to have gotten the year over with. Nelson will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and will be majoring in Economics and possibly Political Science or Finance.

## May Student Athletes of the Month



Senior, **Kelsey Shelofsky** has been playing lacrosse competitively for eight years. Some of Kelsey's strongest skills are her ability to see the field, her communication with her teammates, and her non-stop hustle during the game. Kelsey had 35 draw controls and 36 ground balls this season. She was the recipient of Hunterdon Warren Scholar Athlete Award and North's Irons Award.

Her teammates call her the Wizard ever since an article on NJ.com came out commenting on her ability to intercept passes. Kelsey also played travel lacrosse for T3 Elite for the duration of her high school career. When Kelsey is not playing lacrosse, she keeps herself busy as the President of National Honor Society, a senior leader in Teen Pep, a peer leader, a member in French Honor Society, and Show Choir. Kelsey plans on playing lacrosse on the club level at Duke University and also hopes to run either recreationally or on the club level.



**Liam Pearson**, NHHS Senior has played Lacrosse all four years at North while running cross country and winter track. Liam is a two way versatile midfielder and has the ability to create offensive opportunities for himself and his teammates. This season, Liam had 17 goals and 14 assists. His true value as a well-rounded and reliable player were unquestionable. Liam was one of the team's most reliable players both offensively and defensively over the last two seasons.

The team won the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament for the first time last year. Liam has been playing lacrosse for ten years and has participated on the Green and Gold Select Lacrosse team for the past four summers. Outside of sports, Liam is involved with National Honor Society, peer leadership, Model UN, FBLA, Spanish Club, Interact Club, and the weight lifting program. He will be attending Wheaton College in Massachusetts where he will be majoring in mathematics and economics and will be playing on the varsity lacrosse team. Liam would like to thank his family, coaches, and teammates for their support and confidence over the last four years. As the last Pearson to walk off the field, he is proud to have played for North Hunterdon.

## Spike for A Cure

On May 1, the Spike for a Cure volleyball tournament took place at North Hunterdon High School. A total of \$27,500 was raised. The funds will benefit the Jason P. Schaible Memorial Fund, which provides money for area families with children affected by cancer.



## Goodwill Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped promote the North vs. Voorhees Clothing Drive for Goodwill. After two weeks of collecting, our high school district collected over 38,500 lbs. of donations for Goodwill - an amazing job by both schools for such a worthy cause!

## Jeans for Troops

On Thursday, May 21, North employees supported the Jeans for Troops fundraiser. The GI Go Fund will receive a check for approximately \$200. Thank you to everyone who donated and wore jeans on that day!

## Congratulations Bree Zhang!



**Bree Zhang**, a current freshman at North Hunterdon High School, won the grand prize for the Showcase Competition from the National League of Performing Arts which involved many instruments, including, Piano, Strings, Brass, Winds, Percussion. She was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall the past Saturday, May 2, 2015. The instrument Bree played is called the Guzheng, also known as the Chinese Zither, with more than 2500 years of history. It possesses twenty-one strings, and it is played with finger picks, creating a very beautiful sound similar to a harp. Bree has learned to play Guzheng from a famous Guzheng Master, Yang Yi, for 6 years. Bree has won multiple prizes in different competitions in the past, ranging from regional to international. This was her third time performing in Carnegie Hall.

# Rotary Club Scholarships Students



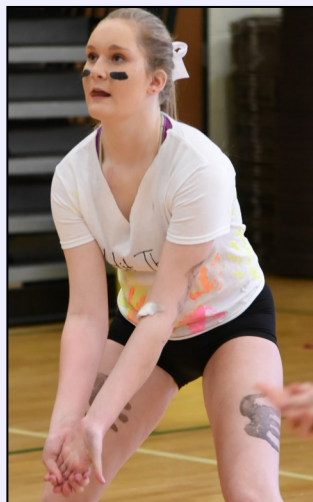
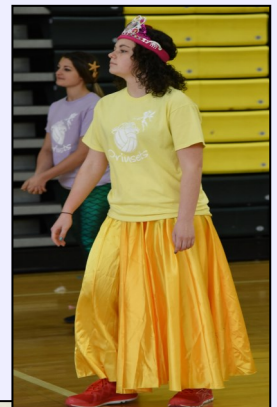
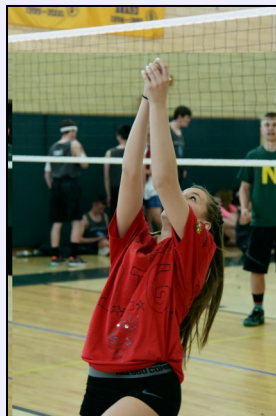
The following students are scholarship recipients and were honored at the Rotary Club luncheon on May 29:

- Anelisa Fergus – Norman Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- Alfonso Alberguerque – Dennis Huff Memorial Scholarship
- Kimberly Faust – Richard Simpson Memorial Scholarship
- Kelli Lieberman – George Cregar Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to all!

*Pictured left to right: Alfonso Alburquerque, Anelisa Fergus, Kimberly Faust, Kelli Liebermann*

# Spike for a Cure (photos by Christmas City Studios)



## Math Summer Packets



This year, we are providing a summer packet for all incoming freshmen and North students who will be taking Algebra 1, Algebra 1 CP, Geometry CP,

Honors Geometry, Algebra 2, and Algebra 2/Trig next school year. These packets will be distributed to all current students and sent to districts prior to the end of school and available for download from the math department website. The students need to be sure to complete the correct packet since each is different and students will be tested on this summer review during the first week of school. If students complete the packet early in the summer, we suggest that they review it prior to the opening of the new school year so that they will be able to discuss any problems they may have in class.

Any student entering any level Algebra, Geometry or Algebra 2 who is interested in additional summer support may sign up for a free on-line summer program through TenMarks. Go to <https://www.tenmarks.com/> and click on the green tab that says "Math Summer Program 2015".

## Blood Drive



At the latest blood drive on May 29, North Hunterdon High School collected 448 units of blood. This set another school record for the year with a total of 1380 units collected from four blood drives! Congratulations to all and thank you for taking the time to donate!

## Sun Safety 101



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Spending time outdoors is part of a healthy active life. But whether you enjoy tennis, hiking, gardening, or walking, take some precautions when you're out in the sun.

More than 2 million skin cancers are diagnosed each year in the US. Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays. Much of this exposure comes from the sun, but some may come from tanning beds.

The American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) and the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention ([www.skincancerprevention.org](http://www.skincancerprevention.org)) recommend the following practical steps to help protect your skin from the sun's UV rays.

**Cover up** – wear lightweight clothing to protect your skin.  
**Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.** For best results, reapply every 2 hours and remember to use lip balm too.

**Wear a hat**

**Wear sunglasses that block UV rays**

**Limit direct sun exposure during midday** – usually between 10 am and 4 pm.

**Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps** – tanning lamps give out UVA and UVB rays which can cause serious long-term skin damage. ACS advise: try a bronzing lotion or self-tanning cream.

Protect your health and enjoy the summer.

## 2015 Final Exam Schedule

	<u>Wednesday, June 10, 2015</u>	<u>Thursday, June 11, 2015</u>	<u>Friday, June 12, 2015</u>
7:45—7:51 a.m.	AM announcements in first exam class		
7:51—9:11 a.m.	Mods 1-2 Mods 1-2-3	Mods 3-4 Mods 1-2-3-4	Mods 5-6 Mods 4-5-6 Mods 5-6-7
9:26—10:46 a.m.	Mods 7-8 Mods 6-7-8 Mods 7-8-9	Mods 9-10 Mods 7-8-9-10	Mods 11-12 Mods 11-12-13 Mods 10-11-12
11:10—12:25 p.m.	Mods 13-14 Mods 13-14-15-16 Mods 13-14-15	Mods 15-16 Mods 14-15-16	Mods 17-18 Mods 16-17-18

## Prison Field Trip

As part of our Criminal Justice Courses, students who are 18 years of age had the opportunity to take part in an educational tour of Northern State Prison in Newark, NJ.

Students had to have background checks performed on their identity to attend.

During the tour, guided by an officer and our guide, students walked through the entire Medium Security facility. They were able to enter one of the units where approximately 160 inmates are housed. They had opportunities to speak with officers along the way as well as any other professionals. Students then took a tour of the "hole" or AD SG Unit. This is the unit where inmates who have committed offenses while in prison are housed. The tour then goes to the Mental Health facility to explore the many different disabilities and treatments of incarcerated people in the New Jersey Prison System.

On most occasions, students may tour the Infirmary Unit to see the health professionals and services provided to inmates.

The final stop is in the Law Library to meet with the Speakers Forum. This is a group of inmates who meet with tour groups to speak of their experiences in the prison system. Most of these inmates have been incarcerated for over 20 years. Students have the opportunity to ask questions of the crimes and time spent in the prisons.

## North Hunterdon Live

On May 6, the Class of 2017 hosted *North Hunterdon Live!* The show was an entirely student written, directed, and produced production in the style of "Saturday Night Live". Isabel Stein, Heather Birmingham, Andrew Plinio, and Julianne Grillo came up the original idea and a cast of amazing student actors and writers helped bring it to life. Proceeds benefitted the Class of 2017 and over \$1500 was raised to donate to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



### Calling all SENIORS!

The NHEF is proud to sponsor the "Legacy of Learning" initiative again this year. Consider having your name on the banner that will be prominently displayed at 2015's graduation ceremony. Your \$25.00 donation to NHEF ensures that you will be a part of the Legacy at North for years to come. The deadline for getting your name included is June 9<sup>th</sup>!

Please visit the NHEF website at <http://nhhsfoundation.org/donate/legacy-of-learning/> to **pay online** or print out a registration form and mail a check.

### College Application Essay Workshop

A Common Application essay workshop is being targeted to take place this summer. The NHEF plans to offer the workshop, which is intended to help kick-start the essay writing process for current juniors as they prepare for college application submissions. The workshop will focus on idea generation, appropriate project timelines, as well as tips and techniques for successful college essays.

# New Summer Reading Program for All NHHS Students

## Get set for summer reading



As you make your summer vacation plans, don't forget about your student's summer reading assignment. All NHHS students, including incoming freshmen, are responsible for keeping their skills sharp over the summer by completing the reading assignment for their grade and level of English class.

Students can check out summer reading books in the Media Center through June 12. For the best selection and availability of titles, students should get their summer reading books before the end of school.

In September, all students must submit a written analysis to demonstrate their understanding of the books. Students should be sure to read carefully and actively, taking notes to help them remember important elements of plot, setting, and character.

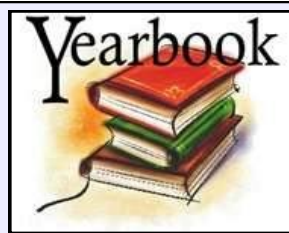
The [Summer Reading web site](#) contains the assignments for each grade and level of English, lists of suggested titles for the free-choice portion of the assignment, and organizers for taking notes.

### Most popular books at the NHHS Library (based on 2014-2015 circulations)

<i>Looking for Alaska</i> (Green)	<i>Eleanor &amp; Park</i> (Rowell)
<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> (Green)	<i>Hush, Hush saga</i> (Fitzpatrick)
<i>An Abundance of Katherines</i> (Green)	<i>Legend series</i> (Lu)
<i>Paper Towns</i> (Green)	<i>If I Stay series</i> (Forman)
<i>Divergent series</i> (Roth)	<i>Article 5 series</i> (Simmons)



## Yearbooks are In



Yearbooks will be distributed to Seniors on June 4 at the conclusion of Senior Awards Night. For underclassmen, yearbooks will be distributed in Café B Annex on Friday, June 5 from 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

All students must have their student ID to receive books.

There will also be a limited number of yearbooks available for sale. The cost is \$95.

If you miss the yearbook distribution in Café B, please see Mr. Matt Maurella in Room 154.

## CLASS D15 MISSED! SENIORS 2015

Calling all Seniors! If you haven't already signed up for Project Graduation, please do so immediately. The cost is \$45 per student and includes bus transportation to FunPlex in Mt. Laurel, NJ on Tuesday, June 16. It is a fun-filled night of food, games, rides, and other entertainment. [Project Graduation Flyer & Permission Form](#). Deadline for permission form is June 11!

Freshman, Sophomore & Junior Parents!! Many volunteers are needed for Project Graduation. It is a long standing tradition for the underclassmen parents to volunteer at this event. Help us keep the Graduates safe and volunteer for Project Graduation.

The Senior Class & Staff Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 7:45 am in Cafe B. Donations and volunteers are needed. [Sign-up](#) to volunteer and/or donate.

Graduation Flowers will be available for purchase at graduation. These bouquets will be sold right on the field before and after the graduation ceremony. Proceeds will benefit PTSA Project Graduation.



NHHS PTSA needs Board Members and Volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year. [Check us out](#) and consider joining PTSA.

## Music Association

# WE ♥ MUSIC

Thank you to the many hands and hearts dedicated to our music efforts this past year. *We can only do what we do because of you – and we did a lot!*

To our graduating senior parents ~ we will miss you. To families returning this fall ~ we hope joining the NHMA is on your "to do" list. We do amazing things (and we have fun!).

**Become a member over the summer.** Check for membership information in the summer Principal's Newsletter and get connected right away with next year's music department events. We anticipate a very exciting year. We are only as strong as our membership and there is so much we wish to accomplish!

It was a great year and we can't wait to do it all again in the fall! Have a fantastic summer.

Join us for our final NHMA meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. We will be welcoming our new committee members for the 2015-2016 school year. We meet at 7 PM in the choir room (Rm 131).

[www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation)

## Booster Club



The Booster Club would like to THANK all of the athletic families for their support this year. We will be giving scholarships to 31 students at our banquet on Wednesday, June 3rd at Razberry's on Rt. 12 in Flemington.

ton.

The snack shack will be open for Graduation on Tuesday, June 16th. We look forward to working with many of you again next year.

**Best of luck in your future endeavors Class of 2015!!!**

## Thank You!



Many thanks to the Booster Club, Music Association, Education Foundation, and PTSA parents and volunteers!

Through their hard work and personal sacrifice, they enhanced the quality of life for our students and community.

We are fortunate to have such supportive parents and volunteers in our community.