

North Hunterdon High School

June Calendar 2016

- 1 Senior Athlete Awards Night, 6:30 p.m. at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
- 2 Senior Prom, 5 PM, at The Imperia
- 3 Half day of school—11:55 am dismissal
- 4 NO SCHOOL
- 5 SAT at North
- 6 NJ Biology Competency Test Make-ups
PTSA Meeting, 7:00 PM
Music Association Meeting, 7:00pm in room 131
- 7 NJ Biology Competency Test Make-ups
Senior Awards Night, 6:30 PM, Theater
- 9 Final Exams-12:25 Dismissal
- 10 Final Exams-12:25 Dismissal
- 13 Final Exams-12:25 Dismissal
- 14 Last day for students—11:55 a.m. dismissal
- 15 PTSA Senior Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
Senior Line Up, 5:30 p.m.
Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
PTSA Project Graduation

August Calendar 2016

- 24 Freshmen Orientation, 9:45 a.m.
Athletics/Activities Fair /Freshmen and Parents Event, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Staff and Students, First Day of School all students

September Calendar 2016

- 1 Meet the Teachers Night for last names A-K, 6:30—9:00 p.m.
- 7 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, and June 15th will be here just two weeks from today. The Class of 2016 is looking forward to the future and reminiscing about the 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, 2015-2016 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. 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 Hoops for Heart, and of course our incredibly successful blood drives and Relay for Life. 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. The culminating events coming up are Senior Prom, Senior Awards Night, and of course, Graduation for the Class of 2016!

I want to wish our seniors the best of luck

in all 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 Wednesday June 8.

The 3:10 p.m. bus will run on its normal Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday schedule through June 8.

All library books should be returned to the library by Thursday, June 2 and fines paid. The library will be open from June 9 to June 13 for quiet study only.

Wednesday, June 8 is the last day the cafeteria will serve students hot lunches. Soup, sandwiches and limited selections will be available for purchase June 9 through 14.

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. Cottrell, Assistant Principal, with any concerns regarding this topic.

Final exams are June 9, 10, and 13. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m. on these three days.

For the last day of school on Tuesday, June 14, students will be dismissed at 11:55 a.m.

Seniors must be sure to take care of all outstanding obligations by June 1 to ensure that they receive their diplomas on time.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CLASS OF 2016

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Department Students of the Month—May



English Jeremy Decker '16 and Madeleine Andreas '16

Fine Arts Kyle Lundeen '17 and Michaela Gardiner '16

Math Mark Monaco '19 and Faizah Holmes '18

Music Leonardo Gelato '16 and Sydney Kozakis '17

PE & Health Andrew Trapp '19 and Kadie Davis '18

Practical Arts Robert Brinker '17 and Erin Howard '17

Science Jordan Fernandes '18 and Caroline Petrie '19

Social Studies John Capezzuto '16 and Elizabeth Rotolo '16

World Language Ryan Ruscansky '18 and Emily Pomrinca '18

Department Citizens of the Month—May



English Kyle Bower '16 and Olivia Morris '16

Fine Arts Tyler Sicola '18 and Daniela Roman '18

Math Luke Hanlon '19 and Alexandra Anderson '16

Music Brady Bean '16 and Rebecca Canright '16

PE & Health Brinton Gibbons '18 and Jasmine Perez '16

Practical Arts Jacob Berg '17 and Taylor Brinker '16

Science Marc Harris '18 and Ella Fasciano '19

Social Studies Ryan Negoescu '16 and Sara Tumulty-Ollemar '19

World Language Nicholas Gurreri '16 and Courtney Tampone '16

May Students of the Month



Jacob Battipaglia, NHHS Senior, has had an excellent four years at North. Jacob holds leadership positions in a few clubs. He is Treasurer of National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Technology Service Club, and is Officer in Latin Club. Jacob is also a member of the National Latin Honor Society, Amnesty International, and plays the saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble. His favorite classes at North include AP

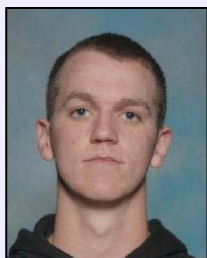
Chemistry with Dr. Wilhelm, Honors Geometry and Honors Pre-calculus with Mrs. Dickinson-Ross, and Latin I, III, and AP with Mrs. Mullay. All of these classes were challenging, but Jacob said the wonderful teachers are what made the classes interesting and rewarding. Jacob is currently a cashier at ShopRite and will be working in the Technology Department at North and Voorhees over the summer. He also volunteers with the Hunterdon County Library, Family Promise of Hunterdon County, and within his church. In the first three years at NHHS, Jacob was a member of the Golden Lions Marching Band, where he met many of his best friends at North. Some of his fondest memories have been performing at football games and parades, as well as at events such as Battle of the Bands and Mr. North with friends. Jacob will be attending Rutgers University in the fall where he will be studying Electrical and Computer Engineering, with a possible minor in Computer Science.



Senior, **Daria VanDoren** was described by Mrs. Morris as a rock start student. Daria is involved in National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and National English Honor Society. She has won awards for the National Spanish Exam, School Counts, Academic Achievement Society, Academic Excellence in both World Language and Mathematics, and in Community Service. Daria is an Irish dancer with the Curran School of Irish Dance. She competes in solo dances at the championship

level both locally and regionally. Daria is part of a team that competed and placed in the top 3 at Regionals, while also travelling nationally. Throughout the year, she assists in teaching beginners and younger dancers. She also volunteers for the Union Forge Heritage Association and Solitude Heritage Museum. Daria's favorite classes have been Spanish V Honors with Sra. Morris and English IV Honors with Ms. Smith. Sra. Morris has challenged and pushed her to expand her use of the language and to go outside of her comfort zone in class, inspiring her want to continue studying Spanish in the future. English with Ms. Smith was engaging and allowed her to grow and become a thinker and writer that she never imagined she could be. Both teachers have been very encouraging and helpful. One of Daria's favorite North Hunterdon memories was taking a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with Mrs. Niznik as part of the Ancient History class elective. Another favorite was doing a body casting project about your personality with Mrs. Lentine in Color and Design II. Daria will be attending Moravian College next year where she will be majoring in Nursing and minoring in Spanish. She then plans to continue her studies to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.

May Student Athletes of the Month

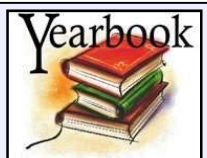


John Wilson is a four year starting varsity pitcher for the North Hunterdon Lions. He has been playing baseball competitively since he was six years old. When John isn't pitching, he plays first base. His best skills are the ability to keep his composure and attack hitters. Whenever he gets into trouble on the mound, John takes a deep breath and attacks the next hitter with no fear. He is able to keep his composure and stay positive when things go wrong. Last season, John struck out 55 batters with a 0.52 ERA, allowing only 4 earned runs in 54 innings. In 2015, the team won the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex baseball tournament and John was named the MVP. Both sophomore and junior year, he was named First-team: All-Area, All-County, All-Conference, and All-West Jersey. As a junior, John was named Third Team All State by nj.com and Second Team All State by MSG Varsity. Outside of baseball, he participates in Relay for Life, coaches the Special Olympics, and participates in Clinton Township Rec Basketball. John plans on continuing his baseball career next year at Old Dominion University.



Javelin and shot put thrower, **Lauren Herman** has been with the team all four years at North. Lauren has been throwing competitively for the past two years. She started off as a sprinter/jumper, then moved to mid distance for cross country, and now is a thrower. The team is looking forward to sectionals. Three individuals compete in each event, determining if you will move on to groups by your placement in the event. This year, Lauren has had an incredible season. She has beat every personal record in every throwing event with her personal best for throwing the javelin 98 feet. Lauren is hoping to break 100 feet by the end of the season. Outside of cross country and track & field, Lauren is involved in Student Ambassadors. Next year, she will be attending Raritan Valley Community College. After her two years at RVCC are completed, Lauren will be transferring to another school to finish her degree in Law and Criminal Justice. She would like to enter the field of Forensics or the FBI.

Yearbooks Are In



Yearbooks will be distributed to seniors at the conclusion of Senior Awards Night on June 7th in the cafeteria. Any student that has ordered a yearbook may pick it up during school on June 8th in the cafeteria. All students must have their ID to pick up their book.

Yearbooks may be purchased (if available) on June 8th in the cafeteria with a check made out to NHHS Activities in the amount of \$96.

Unsure if a yearbook has been purchased already? Go to www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/yearbook to find out.

To pick up a book after June 8th, the student must see Mr. Maurella in room 154 before or after school. To pick up a yearbook after June 15th, the student must go to the Athletics Office.

Contact Mr. Maurella (mmaurella@nhvweb.net) with any questions.

Rotary Club Scholarship Students

Each year, the North Hunterdon Rotary Club awards scholarships in memory of past members Norm Seeley, Richard Simpson, Dennis Huff and George Cregar. Four scholarships of \$2,000 were awarded to the following students:

Liliana Bellini - Dennis Huff Scholarship
Tyler Lardieri - Norman Seeley Scholarship
Jessica Maziarczyk - Richard Simpson Memorial Scholarship
Vincenzo Sciacca - George Cregar Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations!

Pictured left to right: Tyler Lardieri, Jessica Maziarczyk, Liliana Bellini, and Vincenzo Sciacca



Relay for Life—May 13, 2016

North Hunterdon's Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research through the American Cancer Society was held on May 13, 2016. Under ominous skies, we had over 1,000 participants and raised over \$100,000!

We would like to thank our Interact Chair members who helped make this such a successful event: Taylor Brinker, Caitlyn Downey, and Meghan Hoban.

Thank you to all the students, parents, staff and community members for supporting this worthy cause and helping to make this such an amazing event!



Math Summer Packets



This year, we are again providing a summer packet for all incoming freshmen and North students who are enrolled in either Algebra 1CP, Algebra 1 Advanced, Geometry CP, Geometry Advanced, Honors Geometry, Algebra 2 Advanced, Algebra 2/Trig and AP Calculus for the upcoming school year. New this year, we are providing summer packets for students enrolled in Calculus CP, and Precalculus Advanced.

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.

Blood Drive



At the latest blood drive on May 26, North Hunterdon High School collected 392 units of blood. This set another school record for the year with a total of 1386 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) and the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention (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.

2016 Final Exam Schedule

	<u>Thursday, June 9, 2016</u>	<u>Friday, June 10, 2016</u>	<u>Monday, June 13, 2016</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

Calculus League Competition



Congratulations to Nick Pittman for placing first in the NY/NJ region in this year's Calculus League competition!

Calculus League is the most advanced of all of the Continental Mathematics League competitions. The contest is designed to not only challenge the brightest of calculus students, but also help prepare them for the Advanced Placement examination. This yearly contest typically occurs between high schools across the nation that pride themselves in the calculus ability of their students. The competition consists of 4, 8-question, 10-point tests given over the course of the school year. This year, over 75 high schools participated in the contest with individual participants numbering over approximately 10,000 calculus students. Nick scored 39 out of a possible 40 points to lead North Hunterdon to a 2nd-place region finish, as well as a 9th place finish nationally. Nick is the first North Hunterdon student to win our region since Sarah Bennedsen in 2008. Way to go Nick!



Nick is pictured with Math Department Supervisor Carol Skidmore, and his teacher Phil Sorg.

Pennies for Produce



Help us make change.

The North Hunterdon High School Environmental Club recently held a fundraiser for the "Pennies for Produce" program and raised over \$634.00! The donation will

benefit programs such as Healthy Eating Lessons, Free Farm Markets, Grow-A-Row Healthy Kids, Farm Days, and help support volunteer days in the field, education lessons, and more.

If you are interested in volunteering to this great organization, please visit www.americagrowarow.org



LEGACY OF LEARNING: Calling all Seniors!!!

The NHEF is proud to sponsor the "Legacy of Learning" initiative again this year. Are you looking for a way to celebrate your senior at graduation? Consider leaving a "legacy of learning" by having your senior's name proudly displayed on the NHEF's 2016 graduation banner for \$25.00.

The Legacy of Learning initiative is in its third year and all three banners will be displayed at the 2016 graduation on June 15th. This is a great way to honor your hard-working grad as well as supporting the NHEF. All donations are tax deductible. To participate in the Legacy of Learning initiative, please visit <http://nhhsfoundation.org/donate/legacy-of-learning/>

SAVE THE DATE!

The 3rd annual Running of the Lions will take place on Sunday, October 9th 2016 at Spruce Run Reservoir. This is NHEF's biggest fundraiser of the year, so start training for this great 5K NOW!

Jeans for Troops

In it's fourth year at North Hunterdon, the Jeans for Troops fundraiser held around the Veteran and Memorial Day holidays raised close to \$500.00 this year to benefit the GI Go Fund.

Thank you to all who contributed and wore jeans on the "Jeans for Troops" day!



Marine Educators Week—Parris Island, SC

Each year, the Marine Corps invites high school educators to visit the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC. This May, Mr. Mark Gallo, mathematics teacher, had the opportunity to get a firsthand look at how U.S. Marines are made and to learn about the career opportunities available to students. The Marines also spoke about the many educational benefits available to not only the Marines themselves, but also their families. In addition to the presentations and question and answer sessions, the Marines also showed a very small part of the training a Marine recruit would experience while at Parris Island. Mr. Gallo participated in the confidence course, rappelling down a tower, shooting on the rifle range, and witnessing a graduation ceremony for Marine recruits. The experience showed there are a lot of benefits, training and experiences the Marine Corps can offer students that cannot be found elsewhere.



Every 15 Minutes

Every two years, the North Hunterdon High School SADD club presents the Every 15 Minutes Program. This year, the program was presented to the junior and senior classes on Tuesday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 1, 2016. The Every 15 Minutes Program is an important presentation designed to save lives, which is why it is held the week of Senior Prom. Juniors and seniors watched a mock car accident scene on May 31st, which included local first responders, see pictures below. On June 1st, the students watched the funeral of their classmate who "died" in the mock accident. This program is done in the hope of saving a life. Every 15 Minutes would not be possible without the support of the community. Thank you to everyone who donated items or their time to make this program possible, such as rescue workers, police, fire, EMS, attorneys, judges, videographers, sound system engineers, make-up artists, costumers, funeral directors, and florists just to name a few.





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 Wednesday, June 15 (immediately following graduation). It is a fun-filled night of food, games, rides, and other entertainment. [Click here](#) for flyer and permission slip. Forms can be returned to the Athletic Office.

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. **Please help keep the Graduates safe on Graduation night by volunteering for Project Graduation—[click here](#) to volunteer.**

The Senior Class & Staff Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 7:45 am in Cafe B. **Donations and volunteers are needed.** Please [click here](#) to sign up.

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.

Questions? Contact nhhsptsa@yahoo.com

Many thanks to all that have supported the NHHS PTSA this year. **Congratulations to the Class of 2016!**

Booster Club

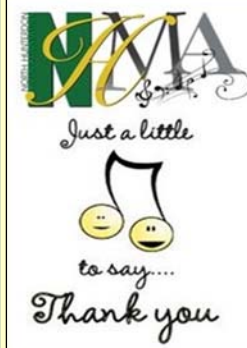


You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what difference you want to make. - Jane Goodall

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!!

THANK YOU to John, Sue, Karen, Tim, Maren, Rich, our coaches, our trainers - Bill and Karen, Dave 'The Rave' Robbins, and the North families for supporting our Booster Club and athletes! **THANK YOU** to all my parent volunteers that stepped up every time I asked for help! I appreciate you and the time you gave me. **THANK YOU** to our athletes! I hope that the **LION** inside you gives you strength when you need it most! Tera Lungler, President

Music Association



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

To our graduating senior parents ~ we will miss you. To our returning families ~ we hope joining the NHMA is on your "to do" list. **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 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 Monday, June 6, 2016. We meet at 7 PM in the choir room (Rm 131).

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation

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.