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Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 pm
PTSA Meeting, 7:00 pm
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- 15 Staff In-service, 7:30 am—10:15 am
- 16 Parent Advisory, Meeting 9:30 am
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Dance, 7pm
- 20 PARCC End of Year Test-Math
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Principal's Newsletter



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April News



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Spring Recess

Because of weather related school closures, please be reminded that Spring Recess has been changed to recapture lost days. Spring Recess will occur Friday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 8. School **will** be in session on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Behavior

Students should be reminded that as the spring weather approaches, all school rules will be strictly enforced.

Dress Code

Dressing appropriately is imperative as the weather gets warmer. Click [here](#) to read details about the dress code.

2015-2016 Budget

On March 17th, the Board of Education approved the tentative 2015-2016 school budget, which has no increase to the local tax levy and a \$400,000 reduction to the debt service tax levy. The budget will now go to the County Superintendent for approval. The public hearing for the budget will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00pm in the district administration office.

End of Year PARCC Testing in April

The administration of the Performance Based Assessment PARCC was a success at North Hunterdon. The end of year PARCC tests will take place on April 20-23 using a 2 1/2 hour delayed opening schedule. Make up tests will take place on April 27-30.

Upcoming Concerts

North Hunterdon High School presents Spring Concert I on May 7, 2015 featuring the Concert Choir, Madrigals, Freshman Women's Choir, Wind Ensemble and Concert Band.

On May 14, 2015, the Spring Concert II will feature the String Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Jazz Ensemble and

Thespian Honors

On Sunday, March 29, Mrs. Mary Meo and Mrs. Ann Semanchik accompanied 22 students who competed in workshops at the New Jersey Thespian Festival at Robbinsville High School.

Five students won medals, ranking as "Accomplished" (the highest ranking possible): Fred Darcy and Brielle Burns won for a Comedic Acting Duet, and Isabel Stein, Janna Collins, and Heather Birmingham won for a Group Musical Theater presentation. Their performances were stellar, and the judges loved them.



The following students are pictured:

Bottom Row: Heather Birmingham, Sammie Dolloff, Skyler Hamilton, Anna Carosi, Isabel Stein.

Second Row: Leah Gaidos, Emily Decker, Brielle Burns, Laura DelPiano, Janna Collins

Top Rows: Julian Calv, Jeremy Decker, Jahel Gomes, Glenn Smith, Sam Szych, Lauren Medina, Gianna Porfano, Annika Gustafsson, Fred Darcy, Cameron Calv, Adriana Burton, Caitlin Meyer.

March Department Students of the Month



Fine Arts Marcella Kaplan '15 and Michael Soloway '15

English Samantha Magda '17 and Nicholas Pittman '17

Math Zoe Chang '17 and Glen Farbanish '18

Music Janna Collins '15 and Ethan Anidjar '15

PE & Health Alyssa Frey '16 and Robert Marron '16

Practical Arts Alexandra Wood '17 and Ryan Negoescu '16

Science Alyssa Cardenas '16 and John Follansbee '16

Social Studies Taylor Polkowitz '18 and Bryden Yarnell '18

World Language Zoe Chang '17 and William Carver '16

March Department 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.

Fine Arts Carolyn Stoner '17 and Vincenzo Sciacca '16

English Katherine Robinson '17 and Jonathan Sosidka '17

Math Laurel Weiss '17 and Matthew Chavez '18

Music Emmaline DiPace '15 and Andrew Kapetanakis '15

PE & Health Madison Riley '16 and Stephen Joswick '16

Practical Arts Katherine Hermann '18 and Anthony Tersigni '15

Science Hannah Zundel '16 and John Lukens '16

Social Studies Kathleen Hoban '18 and Jacob Snyder '18

World Language Sarah Khan '18 and Hunter Schumann '17

March Students of the Month



Nicole Steitz four years at North have been very accomplished and impressive. Currently, Nicole's favorite class is BC Calculus with Mr. Sorg. She has always loved math, and Calculus is the most demanding but enjoyable math class she has taken so far. Last year, her favorite class was AP Language and Composition. Ms. Carr helped Nicole open her practical math mind to the importance of critical reading and

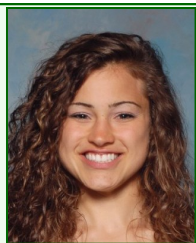
writing. She also developed persuasive skills and a person writing style. Nicole is a member of Model UN, where she has received Outstanding Country Awards and an Outstanding Country Research Paper Award. Through Interact and Able, she has participated in various community service events, such as Relay for Life and Friendship Day, so that she could earn three Community Service Awards. Nicole is also the secretary of Spanish Honor Society, treasurer of Math Honor Society, and a member of the National Honor and English Honor Societies. Outside of school, Nicole plays on her town's co-ed recreational soccer team. As an assistant coach and captain to this team, she has helped the coach (her dad) organize practices and games. Aside from soccer, Nicole also skis at Camelback in her town's ski club. On the weekends, she helps neighborhood families by babysitting. Next year, Nicole plans on attending Rutgers University and majoring in mathematics. She may also either major or minor in English or Spanish. Over the four years at North, Nicole has had a good time making new friends and spending her free time with them. This year, she especially enjoyed running after school in local trails with her friends.



NHHS Senior, **Benjamin Zinevich** is a very talented artist. Benjamin is currently the President of the National Art Honor Society, which he has proudly dedicated more than half of his time to this year. He has been involved in Model United Nations since freshman year and is the current Vice President. Benjamin is very grateful for having it be a constant part of his high school career, and will most likely return to the conference

in Hershey as a college advisor. Last year, he joined Youth and Government, where he is currently a senior advisor. Benjamin's favorite classes at North include Ms. Niznik née Szlachtianchyn's Honors World History class, Mr. Sorg's Algebra II class, and Ms. Kirby's née Tredennick's photo classes. Regarding all of these classes, Benjamin exited with a greater appreciation and understanding for the subject. Ms. Niznik's class played a large part in his interest in world history and international politics, something he wishes to pursue in the future. Outside of school, Benjamin keeps himself busy working at the Riverview Restaurant and the Harvest Café. He is proud of his good work ethic, something he gets from his mother. Benjamin's favorite memories from North are reopening the dark room junior year, learning a more difficult and demanding form of art, and the conference trips spent with friends for Model United Nations and Youth and Government. Benjamin has been accepted to New York University where he will be pursuing a major in International Relations, possibly specializing in the region of South/Latin America.

March Athlete of the Month— Abby Grunden



Senior **Abby Grunden** has been competing in shot put on the varsity level at North since her freshman year. She has also been competing in pole vault since junior year. Abby's strongest skills are her leadership skills, her desire to push herself to achieve her goals, and her ability to help her teammates. In Winter Track, Abby advanced for both shot put and pole vault in the group meet and qualified for the Eastern Conference Championships in shot put. Her personal record for the season was 34'9" for shot put. Abby is hoping to do well enough this season to allow her to walk onto the varsity college team at the school of her choice. She plans on participating in Rugby or Crew as well as Track while studying Pre-Med or Pre-Law. Abby played Varsity Basketball her sophomore and junior year at North. She also participates in Winter Weight Room, Peer Leaders, National Honor Society, German Honor Society, Interact and Able, Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and volunteers with the Hunterdon Lions Track Club.

March Athlete of the Month— Nelson Dong



Nelson Dong is one of North Hunterdon's Varsity Tennis players. Nelson achieved varsity all four years playing second doubles freshman year, second singles sophomore year, and first singles junior year. His strongest skills are serving, a backhand approach shot, and a lob. In the Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Tournament, Nelson placed first his freshman year and second both sophomore and junior years. Nelson has been playing tennis since the fifth grade. He started competing in USTA tournaments in seventh grade. Outside of tennis, Nelson keeps himself busy in many clubs and organizations. Some of those consist of Habitat for Humanity, Amnesty International, Student Council, and Interact and Able. Some of his interests lie in dancing, singing, and all things musical. Nelson plans on playing intramural tennis in college next year where he is planning on studying Corporate Law with a Political Science Major and a juris doctor.

Tom Hank Retires as Girls Basketball Head Coach



Coach Tom Hank has decided to retire as the girls head basketball coach.

Coach Hank became the eighth known girls' basketball coach in the history of The Express-Times region to win 300 career games, which occurred on January 28, 2014 against Voorhees HS.

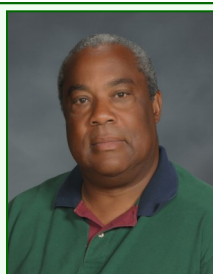
Coach Hank achieved an overall record of (320 wins-118 losses) and is the third fastest coach to reach 300 victories behind coaching legends Mike Kopp and Phil Armstrong.

North Hunterdon has won five Skyland Conference division titles and was declared co-champion three times since Hank took over in the 1997-98 season. The Lions reached the county title game in 10 of Hank's 16 previous seasons with five championships.

Coach Hank guided the Lady Lions to NJSIAA sectional titles in 2001 and 2012, won a Group IV State Championship in 2010 and reached the Group 4 final in 2012 before falling 50-47 to Jackson.

We would all like to wish Tom a hearty congratulations on a magnificent coaching career and thank him for all of his contributions to North Athletics!

Perry Andrews Retires from Marching Band



Perry Andrews has been associated with the North Hunterdon High School "Golden Lions" Marching Band for the past 28 years. After serving appointments as Head Director and as the primary Assistant Director, he has decided to retire from marching band.

During this long tenure, Mr. Andrews prepared and directed the band at over 300 football game performances, more than 100 competition and parade performances and spent countless hours conducting rehearsals with the band.

In honor of his outstanding achievements in educating young musicians, Mr. Andrews was selected as North Hunterdon's Teacher of the Year in 2012. His dedication to the "Golden Lions" Marching Band has been a driving force in bringing this ensemble to ever greater levels of performing excellence.

Perry marched in his last parade in the Clinton St. Patrick's Parade on March 15. We would like to thank Perry for his tireless efforts on a wonderful career and for all of his contributions to North Hunterdon's Music program.

Freshmen Hear Personal Account from WWII and Korean War Veteran, James N. Phinney

On March 19, Mr. James N. Finney, a resident of Bethlehem Township, spoke to freshmen classes about his experience fighting in the army during World War II and the Korean War. He described D-Day, being only 17 years old at the time, and the Battle of the Bulge, during which he was captured and tortured by the Nazi SS. He also assisted in the liberation of captives from Nazi death camps. He was in special forces during the Korean War. Following his military service, he suffered from post traumatic stress and did not talk about his experiences. It wasn't until he saw *Saving Private Ryan* that he wanted to share his experiences with others, which he has found to be therapeutic.

Mr. Finney has a genuine concern for the younger generation to better understand his generation.

Although he is not looking for any publicity or press, the Social Studies classes, supervisor, teachers and administration thank Mr. Phinney for his service and for sharing his life experiences with us.



Trivia Bowl



The annual Trivia Bowl, a jeopardy type contest between the faculty, students and parents, was held on March 17, 2015 in the North theater. The Trivia Bowl is an annual event organized by our National Honor Society to raise money for its charity.

Congratulations to Mrs. Amy Mullay, Mr. John Simpson, Mr. Dave Sosidka, Mr. Steve Halldorson, and Mr. Charles Hopta, as they retained their title as Trivia Bowl Champions!

Approximately \$3,900 will be donated to St. Jude's Research Hospital. The National Honor Society would like to thank everyone who participated!

Advanced Placement Tests

Pre-Administration Session

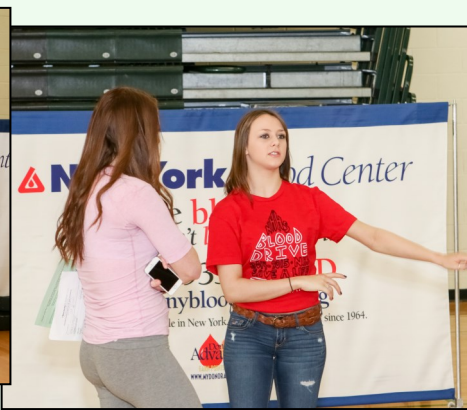
There will be a pre-administration session scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 during Mods 16-18 in the Theater. **All students taking one or more AP Exams must attend.** Any student missing this session may have his or her eligibility affected. Students will be dismissed upon completion. The purpose of this work session is to expedite testing and to guarantee a smooth testing situation.

Seniors Last Performance



A shot of some happy seniors their last time in PIT.

February 2015 Blood Drive Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)



School Parking Lot Safety



Spring sports season is upon us, which can mean hundreds of athletes and spectators on the North Hunterdon High School campus at any given time. Please read the following reminders regarding parking lot safety so that cars, buses and emergency vehicles can move through our parking lots without incident.

Parking Lot Safety

- Parking in undesignated areas in the Route 31 parking lot is prohibited.
- Do not park on the road next to the softball field, field hockey field and visitor bleachers.

This has caused major traffic issues and must be avoided.

- Parking in any fire lane is prohibited.
- Do not park on the side of the ramp leading down to the District Office parking lot. This has caused fender benders and has prevented buses from moving through to the bus lot.
- Parking on the ramp to the Lion's Den parking lot is prohibited. Parking in undesignated spots in the Lion's Den area prevents athletic buses from dropping off/picking up students.
- No cars should be idle around the circle on the Regional Road side or the Route 31 side. Buses pick up and drop off students at any given time and have priority.
- The speed limit is 5 mph.
- All vehicles on campus must yield to pedestrians and school buses.
- Be courteous to the buses parked, unloading and loading students and equipment, entering and leaving the campus.

Reminder: Pets on property: Dogs and other pets (except guide animals) are prohibited on school property. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our students, visitors and spectators safe while on campus.

North Hunterdon and Families Host German Exchange Students

Eleven students and their chaperone from Wesel, Germany arrived at North Hunterdon High School on March 26th and will be in the United States until April 14th, staying with families of North Hunterdon students during that time. The students from Germany will attend school with their North Hunterdon host student and also visit several sites during their stay, including Philadelphia, New York City, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and Six Flags Great Adventure. This is the 8th year that North Hunterdon has welcomed students from Germany. We welcome our friends from Germany and hope they enjoy their time in the states and at NHHS!



Oliver Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)



Spring Play

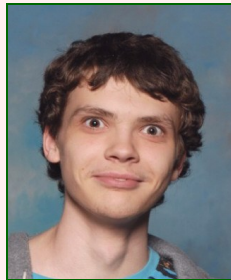


This year, the spring theatrical production is a cabaret which includes both musical and dramatic elements. It is aptly titled "A Scenes and Songs Cabaret," and will include about 15 scenes from various stage and/or televised productions, as well as about five songs of the musical theatre genre. Performances are Thursday, April 23, Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25 all at 7:00 p.m. in the NHHS Auditorium. The show is directed by Charlie Hopta, along with Assistant Director Ann Semanchik and Production Assistants Katie and Mary Meo.

Tickets will only be sold at the door. Adults are \$10, senior citizens and student tickets are \$8. Please mark your calendars and come out for a night of entertainment.

NHHS Sweeps County Enthusiastic Reader Awards

Four NHHS students will be honored by the Hunterdon County Library Association (HCLA) as the county's Enthusiastic Readers for 9th through 12th grade:



Gabriel Huntley '15



Sarah Lezak '16



Nicole Krok '17



Reed Montemurro '18

The Enthusiastic Reader award is presented annually by the HCLA to one student in each grade, K-12. In recognition of their dedication to reading, students are nominated for the award by their school librarians. The HCLA chose the county winners at its winter meeting in February, and for the second consecutive year NHHS made a clean sweep at the high school level.

"These students are proof positive that books and reading are alive and well even in the digital age," says NHHS librarian Martha Hickson. "Teens cannot live on screens alone. Our Enthusiastic Readers know that books will help them thrive."

Gabriel, Sarah, Nicole, and Reed will receive their awards at a ceremony hosted by the HCLA in May.



~THANK YOU~

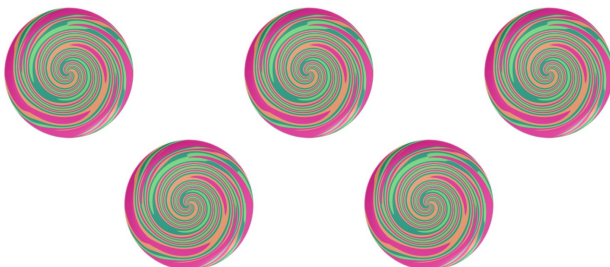
The NHEF would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Comedy Night and Silent Auction held on March 21st. Attendees enjoyed the comedians' show and were treated to the comedy of North's very own, junior Ethan Lyte.

The event was extremely well-attended and thanks to the generous North community, we raised thousands of dollars. As always, all proceeds will benefit North students - either through teacher grants or through our new **Career and College Resource Center**, which is in the planning stages right now.

LEGACY OF LEARNING

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 2015 graduation banner for \$25.00.

The banner will be displayed for all to see at graduation on June 16th. 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/>.





Freshman White Out Dance will take place on April 17th. Click [here](#) for additional information.

SAT Boot Camps hosted by PTSA: [SAT Boot Camp](#) on April 25 and 26.

The Senior Banquet will take place on April 29th. Click [here](#) for more information.

Party yourself into shape with Zumba Fitness, every Tuesday and Thursday 6-7pm at North!

Shop [Amazon.com](#) and help us raise money for PTSA & Project Graduation.

8th Grade "Move-up Dance" for incoming Freshman will be on May 8, from 7-10pm. Click [here](#) for flyer. Click [here](#) for the permission slip.

The next PTSA Meeting will be on April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Café B. Join us...all are welcome!

Thank you all for your continued support!

NH Music Association

The Golden Lions Marching Band marched in Clinton's 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Our choral and instrumental groups filled the gym with music at the 13th annual Prism Concert. Thanks to everyone who made these two events such a treat.

Two upcoming fundraisers: On **Saturday, May 16** look for us at ShopRite, bucket in hand to collect donations. And...our students will be at the Perryville Center with buckets in hand for our NHMA Car Wash. More info to come.

Mark your calendars!

Spring theater production - April 23, 24 & 25

Spring concerts - May 7 and 14

Music Department Awards Banquet - May 20

Marching Band in the Flemington Memorial

Day Parade - May 25

If you haven't viewed the spring edition of the NHMA Newsletter, click [here](#).

Join us for our next NHMA meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. We meet at 7 PM in the choir room (Room 131).

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation

Golden Lions Marching Band

The North Hunterdon 'Golden Lions' Marching Band participated in the 2nd annual Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15. The band will also march in the Flemington annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2015. Mark your calendars and come out and support the band!



Booster Club



The spring sports season has begun. Good luck to all of our teams! Our outdoor concession will be open on a limited basis.

If you are interested in becoming a team rep or another position in the Booster Club, please

contact us at nhhsbc@gmail.com. Shadowing in the position for a year or two makes for an easier transition.

Click [here](#) to read the Booster Club Quarterly Newsletter to learn more about the club's ongoing activities. The Booster Club supports all athletic teams through fundraising. We hope you will consider volunteering your time to support our student-athletes!