

North Hunterdon High School

December Calendar

- 2 Marching Band Banquet, 6:30pm Café B
- 3 ASVAB Test for Sophomores
- 5 SAT, not at North
- 8 2nd Marking Period Midpoint
- 9 Staff In-service, (delayed opening—students report at 10:15 a.m.)

AP Information Night, 7:00 pm, Café B
- 10 Winter Concert I, 7:00 pm, Theater
- 11 Lions Leadership Academy—winter athletes
- 14 NHHS Booster Club Meeting, 7:00 pm, Faculty Dining Room
- 17 Parent Advisory Meeting, 9:30 am, Media Center

Winter Concert II, 7:00 p.m., Theater
- 18 Stall Day
- 23 Winter Recess, 11:55 a.m. early dismissal

Winter Recess—School Closed

December 24, 2015 through
January 1, 2016
School Reopens on Monday,
January 4, 2016

Happy Holidays!

Principal's Newsletter

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December 2015



December News



*Richard A. Bergacs,
Ed.D., Principal*

This month is an exciting time at North Hunterdon. There are many events that make this time of year a special occasion at our school.

School Cancellation Procedures

We do our best to inform staff and parents of school closings or delayed openings prior to 6:00a.m. A decision is made by the Superintendent usually by 5:30 a.m., and notification to the school community through School Messenger (our automated phone, email and text message system) and other media outlets begins as soon as possible.

If you feel you may have missed the automated message and are unsure of the status of school for the day, the easiest way to check is to visit the school's website, call the school's main number (908-713-4199) and choose option 9, or visit the school's Facebook page. These three avenues are updated no later than 6:00am in the event of inclement weather.

We also notify some radio and TV stations if we are closed, having a delayed opening or dismissing early. Please [click here](#) for the list of media outlets.

2016- 2017 Calendar

The Board of Education has approved the calendar for next school year. For your planning purposes, the calendar has been posted to our website. Please [click](#) here.

Letters of Intent—2015

Click [here](#) to read about our talented

student-athletes who have signed letters of intent.

Congratulations Thomas B. Flynn!

Thomas won first prize in the Russian Music Festival Competition. Please [click](#) here to read more.



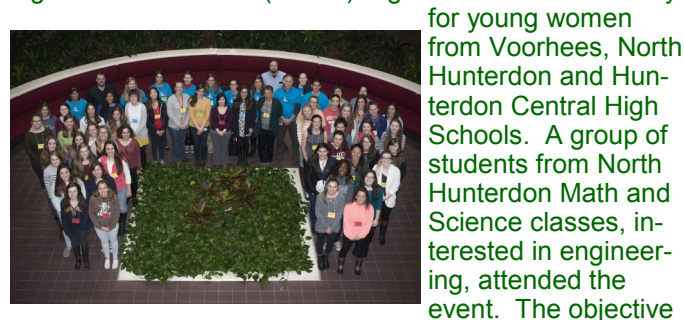
Alexander Braun—Rising Star!

Xander Braun started learning to play the violin at the age of four. He continues to share his talents and perform in various concert venues. Recently he was honored to share the stage with his teacher, Mialtin Zehzha. Xander studies at the YOUniversity of Music and Arts in Flemington.



ExxonMobil High School Outreach Day

On November 16, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company hosted a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) High School Outreach Day



for young women from Voorhees, North Hunterdon and Hunterdon Central High Schools. A group of students from North Hunterdon Math and Science classes, interested in engineering, attended the event. The objective

Evolution Partners North 360

Parents please remind your students that the North 360 required topic for December is Social Media: Think before you tweet. When students receive the e-mail, they should log in and make sure to complete all required activities before the end of the month. Any questions, please contact Steve Schultz (sschultz@nhvweb.net).

Evolution Partners program for parents will be available in January, 2016. Be on the lookout for a welcome email and additional information.



November Student of the Month—Alyssa Schwartz



NHHS Senior, Alyssa Schwartz's favorite classes at North have been guitar class with Mr. Andrews and Biology/Anatomy with Mr. Owdij. Mr. Andrews has always made Alyssa feel comfortable and is one of her favorite people in the world. Mr. Owdij pushes Alyssa to learn more about a subject she already loves. She thinks both are great teachers that make class fun and she has learned a lot from each of them. Alyssa is one of the Presidents

of Habitat for Humanity, is in National Honor Society, a member of marching band, is in S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Spanish Club, and Academic Achievement Society. She has previously been involved in the following clubs and activities; stage crew for the Fall show junior year, acted in the musical *Oliver!*, acted and sang in *Cabaret* junior year, *Girl Up*, *Powder Puff* junior year, and concert choir. Alyssa also attends Polytech, where she is in the Small Animals class. She loves learning about animals and the atmosphere at Polytech is great. Outside of North, Alyssa volunteers at the Common Sense for Animals animal shelter as well as the Hunterdon Art Museum. Her favorite memories at North were from marching band, where she met some amazing people and made some hilarious memories. Alyssa plans on becoming a veterinarian or pursuing a similar career in the animal field.

November Student of the Month—Carmine Ricciardi



Carmine Ricciardi has been a student athlete all four years at North. He played football his first three years and has wrestled all four. He is a varsity player and is one of the team leaders on the wrestling team. He has won many community service awards at North. The bronze award his freshman year, silver in his sophomore year, and the gold and Presidential Service Award in his junior year. Carmine has had many favorite classes at North. Biology

with Mr. Nick and Ms. Toke, Environmental Science with Mrs. Bourneuf, Algebra 2 with Mrs. Vida, US History 1 with Mr. Phillips and Mr. Blair, and US History 2 with Mr. Duerring. These classes are his favorites because all his teachers have made the classes challenging and fun to learn. Everyone was always available for extra help, which helped him be successful in these classes. Outside of school, Carmine spends his time in a lot of activities. He is a Junior Firefighter/EMT with Quakertown Fire Company, where Carmine is a Junior Secretary. He is the site coordinator for Raritan Headwater Association, a Junior Coach for the North Hunterdon Junior Wrestling Club, and is also a lifeguard at Health Quest. Carmine's favorite memories at North have been from being on the wrestling team, the football team pep rallies, his teachers, and events like Spike for the Cure. Next year, Carmine plans on majoring in Environmental Science while wrestling Division 3. He also plans to join the Naval ROTC and graduate college an officer in the Navy.

November Department Students of the Month



Fine Arts Drew Hummel '17 and Judson Graham '19

English Haley Marra '18 and Jordan Fernandes '18

Mathematics Jessica Maziarczyk '16 and John Macce '17

Music Marissa Mugnano '16 and Eric Gaidos '16

PE & Health Jasmine Horruitiner '18 and Peter Dutweiler '18

Practical Arts Taylor Brinker '16 and John Hanley '17

Science Sarah Sylvestre '17 and Matt Roskoski '17

Social Studies Faizah Holmes '18 and Jake Dalrymple '18

World Language Grace Clifford '18 and Shady Barsom '18

November Department Good Citizens



As a part of our discipline policy, each department nominates one male and female student each month for being a good citizen. These students reflect one or more of the following characteristics: **car-ing, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.**

Congratulations to the following students:

Fine Arts Jenna Ferreira '16 and Ryan Seals '17

English Caitlin Meyer '18 and Sonny Harris '18

Mathematics Olivia Adams '17 and Colin Gibney '16

Music Hannah Ferenci '16 and Glenn Smith '16

PE & Health Alexa Poniowski '18 and George Kapetanakis '19

Practical Arts Samantha Fegely '16 and Sean Sullivan '16

Science Emily Lundy '17 and William Q. Cleverly '17

Social Studies Catriona Ferguson '18 and Luke Fresolone '18

World Language Meghan Kelly '18 and Ryan Ruscan-sky '18

November Athlete of the Month— Samantha Santamaria



Captain of the soccer team, Samantha Santamaria, was just honored with first team all Skyland Conference recognition. Sam plays center midfield for North where she ended her season with 13 assists. This year, the team exceeded 10 wins, which they haven't done since 2009. The team missed the first place title in their conference title by a heartbreaking one point. The Lady Lions also reached the quarterfinals for sectionals in the state tournament. Sam attributes all of these accomplishments to the team's fluidity and heart on the field. She has been playing club since first grade and will continue to play in tournaments after the school season is over. Sam is also involved in clubs such as Spirit-Committee and Interact & Able, where she was a part of the planning committee for Relay for Life and other community service projects. She is currently involved in Peer Leadership and National Honor Society. Sam also participated in Spring Track as a freshman and Winter Track her first three years at North. She does stats for the wrestling team and has been involved in other programs such as Special Olympics and other various fundraisers. Sam plans on continuing to play club soccer in college next year where she will be applying for Sociology and Humanities.

November Athlete of the Month— Nicasio Gristina



Senior, Nicasio Gristina is co-captain of the cross country team. He is a great role model and leader for everyone on the team. This year, Nick helped lead the team to the Delaware Division title. He also earned honorable mention in the Skyland Conference this season. He placed tenth at the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Championship, which helped lead the team to a third place finish. Nick's personal records for a 5k is 16:47 and 2:04 in the 800 meter. In the off season, Nick stays in shape by competing in Winter Track and Spring Track. He has been running competitively for North Hunterdon all four years. Nick is also involved in the CYO basketball league as well as Rec basketball. He is undecided if he will continue to run in college but will be pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy.



Congratulations Matthew Shea!

Matthew Shea won the New Jersey State Championship for Cyclo-Cross (a bike race on a terrain course)! We are very proud of Matthew's achievement and wish him the best of luck as heads to the 2016 USA Cycling Cycle-Cross Nationals in Asheville, North Carolina this January!



"Project Little Soldier"

The Patriotic Youth Club and Future Teachers of America Club are joining together to collect toys for children of soldiers this holiday season. Items that are being collected include: Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Best Buy, Toys r Us, sporting goods stores), footballs, soccer balls, cars, trucks, trains, baby dolls, children's books, children's hats and gloves. Please consider donating items to Project Little Soldier between December 7 and 18. Collection boxes will be in the history classrooms or give to Mr. Phillips.



National Honor Society



On November 17, 2015, the North Hunterdon chapter of the **National Honor Society** held its fall induction ceremony.

The **National Honor Society** (NHS) is one of the oldest and largest recognition programs for high school students in grades 10-12 in the United States of America.

NHS honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The following are the names of the current National Honor Society members and the new inductees:

Emil Alummootil, Alexandra Anderson, Madeleine Andreas, Madison Aulson, Travis Bate, Jacob Battipaglia, Lilianna Bellini, Stephanie Braddock, Emily Brand, Sean Brennan, Taylor Brinker, Logan Brown, Adriana Burton, Kyle Busher, Elizabeth Cancelliere, Audrey Chester, Cameron Cobb, Taylor Danson, Fred Darcy, Thomas DeAngelis, Jeremy Decker, Sarah Dehkes, Connor DePalma, Caitlyn Downey, Emily Ehrhart, Gillian Evers, Kelsey Farbanish, Leigh Federici, Corey Feick, Hannah Ferenci, Amanda Ferrante, Jenna Ferreira, Sara Fetzer, Olivia Fitzpatrick, Katie Flegg, Sean Fluchel, Alyssa Frey, Ryan James Garvey, Marisa Gasalberti, Steven Gassaway, Paul Goral, Jessica Graham, Julianne Grillo, Nicasio Gristina, Jamie Hahn, Meghan Hoban, Blake Horun, Parker Hughes, Claire Jarvis, Abigail C. Johnson,

Rebecca Jones, Lexie Kassebaum, Lauren Kepenis, Ayla Kinnaird, Gregory J. Kortina, Celine LaBelle, Tyler Lardieri, Claire Lee, Grace Leffler, Lorenzo Lemise, John Lukens, Jenna Macri, Isabella Many, Alexander Marker, Will Maroney, Robert Marron, Theodora Mavros, Jessica Maziarczyk, Joshua McBriar, Matt McDevitt, Christopher Mead, Kathleen Menezes, Megan Mercurio, Griffin Middleton, Lilianna Mikitiuk, Ernest Monaco, Olivia Morris, Ryan Mulhall, Catrina Nelson, Nicholas Nelson, Michelle Nguyen, Alexandra Niebling, Erin Nolan, Joshua Obidike, Maggie O'Connell, Connor Oldakowski, Stephanie Ostrowski, Michelle Parkhurst, Jacob Pepe, Jasmine Perez, Joseph A. Perez, Gianna Porfano, Brandon Puc, Maddie Riley, Elizabeth Rotolo, Sarah Russo, Evan Rys, Tempe Salatiello, Samantha Santamaria, Alyssa Schwartz, Vincenzo Sciacca, Cara Shannon, Ellen Shelly, Samantha Slapa, Brian Smolinsky, Robert Spichiger, Amy Sroka, Gemma St. Louis, Devin Strange, Daniel Szalecki, Lydia Taylor, Rachel Thatcher, Heather Tostevin, Samantha Tracey, Sara Tumulty-Ollemar, Shannon Tyms, Chris Tywanick, Jena Ungarten, Anthony Vacca, Daria Van Doren, Abigail van Es-selstyn, Michael Vitti, Hunter Vogel, Courtney Voorhees, Julianna Walchuk, Courtney Wright, Matthew Wunder, Tiffany Yang, Benjamin York, Erin Yu, Luke Zengel, Isabelle Zerfas

Driving in the Library!

Are your teens getting ready to go behind the wheel? The NHHS Media Center can help them hit the road! We have just subscribed to **Driving-Tests.org**, a driver-education company that offers DMV practice tests. The service includes free tests, based on state DMV materials, and is the only site of its kind to include accessibility tools that allow users to hear selections read aloud, make them into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask sections of the screen for greater visibility on driving practice tests.

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North Hunterdon Theater Organization



The North Hunterdon Theater Organization will present its winter musical, **Sweeney Todd: School Edition**, on March 3 – March 5,

2016. Auditions were held on November 2 and 3. Please mark your calendars and come out and show your support for our wonderful actors, crew, tech, and orchestra! NHTO staff and students will be 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.

World Language Honor Societies Induct New Members— November 23, 2015

On November 23rd, the French, German, Latin, and Spanish Honor Societies held their annual induction ceremony and welcomed 83 new members. Each language's current members performed the induction ceremony and the new members recited an oath as part of their membership.

The **French Honor Society** welcomed 14 new members. Their ceremony was performed by Alexandra Anderson, Madeleine Andreas, Audrey Chester, and Zoe Countess. The new members are: Namarata Battula, Michelle Cecil, Brielle Cruz, Siddharth Datar, Emily Decker, Fernanda Flynn, Annika Gustafsson, Cassandra Lawler, Uriel Magana-Salgado, Courtney Nealon, Amber Pan, Cameron Puc, Steven Ruggiero, and Pranav Sharma.

The **German Honor Society** welcomed 25 new members. Performing the ceremony were Celine LaBelle, Isabelle Zurfas, and Ryan Garvey. The new members are: Kyle Alleborn, Kimberly Bieksha, Elizabeth Brown, Hayden Coyne, Erik Duerr, Peter Duttweiler, Carla Faust, Fernanda Flynn, Andrew Gapas, Jack Garanzini, Jacob Gartlgruber, Kevin Garvey, Michael Garvey, Clayton Jensen, Koha Mavraj, Brian McMahon, Chiagoziem Obidike, Michael Sabatella, Victoria Siefert, Sophia Schwarzmann, Rory Temple, Ryan Visicaro, Lauren Wagner, Thomas Westra, and Michael Zakhary.

The **Latin Honor Society** had 17 students inducted. Mugdha Sanglikar, Tiffany Yang, Cecelia Higgins, Jeremy Decker, Mary Grace Drwal, Jacob Battipaglia, Erin Yu, Liliana Bellini and Eizabeth Cancelliere performed the ceremony. The new members are: Shady Barsoom, Kayla Boyle, Emily Braddock, Ethan Button, Kimberly Cao, Mary Evers, Glen Farbanish, Joseph Gallo, Cameron Holt, Pauline Jaffe, Sarah Khan, Karrie Ma, Reed Montemurro, Caroline Morris, Fabiana Popolla, Alisha Vekaria, and Jessica Zalot.

The **Spanish Honor Society** inducted 27 new members. The officers, Theodora Mavros, Courtney Tampone, Claire Lee, and Hannah Ferenci performed the ceremony. The new members are: Emily Bucher, Brielle Burns, Alyssa Cardenas, Zoe Chang, Lauren Edelsberg, Finnbar Fielding, Elizabeth Fink, Blake Horun, Sarah Lara, Ethan Leung, Jenna Lifshitz, Emily Lundy, John Macce, Claudia Maira, Cole Marra, Kellen McCarten, Lauren Medina, Sarah Okner, Nicole Perez, Amanda Riccitelli, Matthew Roskoski, Daniel Shirey, Will Spencer, Joseph Steitz, Jacquelyn Twaddle, Rachel Wang, and Julia Witkowski.

The evening ended with another honorary note. To thank Mr. Hahola for all of his support and commitment to world languages at North Hunterdon, each honor society inducted him as an honorary member. He received a beret, a pin and pretzels, a laurel, and a Spanish flag pin.

Congratulations to all the students on their outstanding achievement!



Latin Honor Society



French Honor Society



John P. Hahola, Assistant Principal, receiving honor society awards.

North Hunterdon Celebrates Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, Army veteran Anthony Doran and Lance Corporal Joseph Faro spoke to U.S. History students about their military service.

Doran served for four years in the U.S. Army and was sent to Afghanistan from 2004-2005. He was part of the 2-35 Infantry. Lance Corporal Faro, a wounded warrior, served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps with a medical retirement.

Both veterans spoke highly of their time in the military as well as describing the sights, smells, devastation and cruelty they witnessed in other parts of the world. They explained that unless the students or anyone else experienced it personally, they would not understand what they've been through.

Doran and Faro risked their lives, and they would not think twice about doing it again. Both are proud to be Americans and are proud of what they have accomplished. They made a point of telling the students not to take anything in life for granted.

Mr. Doran is currently working with a veterans organization out of Rutgers University. Mr. Faro is pursuing a degree in Accounting at Rider University.

We are honored that Mr. Doran and Mr. Faro visited our school and shared their life stories with us. Everyone at North Hunterdon High School thanks them for their service and their commitment to our country.

Social Hosting Laws

With the impending holiday season, it is important to understand the dangers and consequences of hosting a teenage party at your house in which alcohol is present. "Under New Jersey state law, anyone who purposely or knowingly offers, serves or makes alcohol available to an underage person or entices or encourages that person to drink alcohol is a disorderly person. It is also violation of the law for a host to make their property available (including leaving the property in care of another person) for the consumption of alcohol by an underage person. There is an exception in the law for parents or guardians who provide alcohol to their child." If your child is hosting a party at your house, it is important to make yourself aware of who is coming to the party and what they are bringing with them. It is also important to frequently check on the party to ensure that alcohol and other drugs are not being used in your house. Many teens say that they would think twice about serving or allowing alcohol at parties in their house if they thought or knew their parents would find out. Have a conversation with your child about alcohol, parties and the social hosting laws.

If you have any questions for the Student Assistance Coordinator, please contact Tara Kraatz at tkraatz@nhvweb.net or 908-713-4167. The Student Assistance Office is here to provide support services for students.

Source: <http://socialhost.drugfree.org/state/new-jersey>

Naviance and Scholarships



Attention Seniors: Local Scholarships will be available on Naviance in December. These are scholarships specifically for students at North. I encourage everyone to take a look at the list and apply for any scholarships that they are eligible for. To find the complete list of Local

Scholarships

- ◆ Click on the "College" Tab in Naviance
- ◆ Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the link for "Scholarship List"
- ◆ Use the Browse by Category tab at the top of the page to select "Local Scholarships"

Please see Ms. Gorton in Guidance today if you have any questions about Local Scholarships. Best of luck!

Lost and Found



New items arrive daily! Lost and Found is located in the Attendance Office.

Parents, if your child has lost something, please encourage them to stop in the office anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The containers are overflowing with various items. Don't wait too long as unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Your child may find what they have been missing!

Lions Athletic Leadership Academy

Please click [here](#) to read the principal's letter about the upcoming Mind of the Athlete program for winter athletes.

Milk Can Game Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)

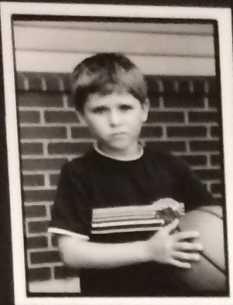


Pep Rally Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)



Art Department Highlights

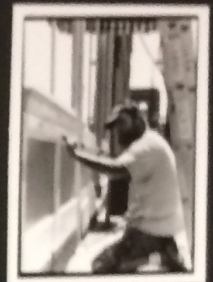
My name is Alara Murphy and I am currently a senior here at North Hunterdon High School. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go to a three week Pre-College program at Maine College of Art this summer. At the program, students had to pick a major and a minor, mine were photography and ceramics. My days were split between the ceramics studio, out in the city taking photographs and being in the darkroom developing film. That's right, film. No digital cameras! One of our assignments during the course was to take portraits of people in downtown Portland. For being a quiet person, it was hard to break out of my shell and talk to people about taking their photo. It didn't take long for me to enjoy the interactions with the people, along with the emotional connection. That connection was evident in their portraits. This Pre-College experience allowed me as a person and artist to grow and understand what I really love to do—photography. Portland in the summer and earning my first three college credits was pretty cool, too.



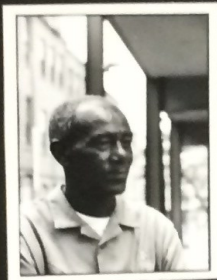
Paradise

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Alara Murphy



Laber



Yoseph



Good Life



Simple Happiness



Procrastination



My Mom

Art Department Highlights—Jake Lione

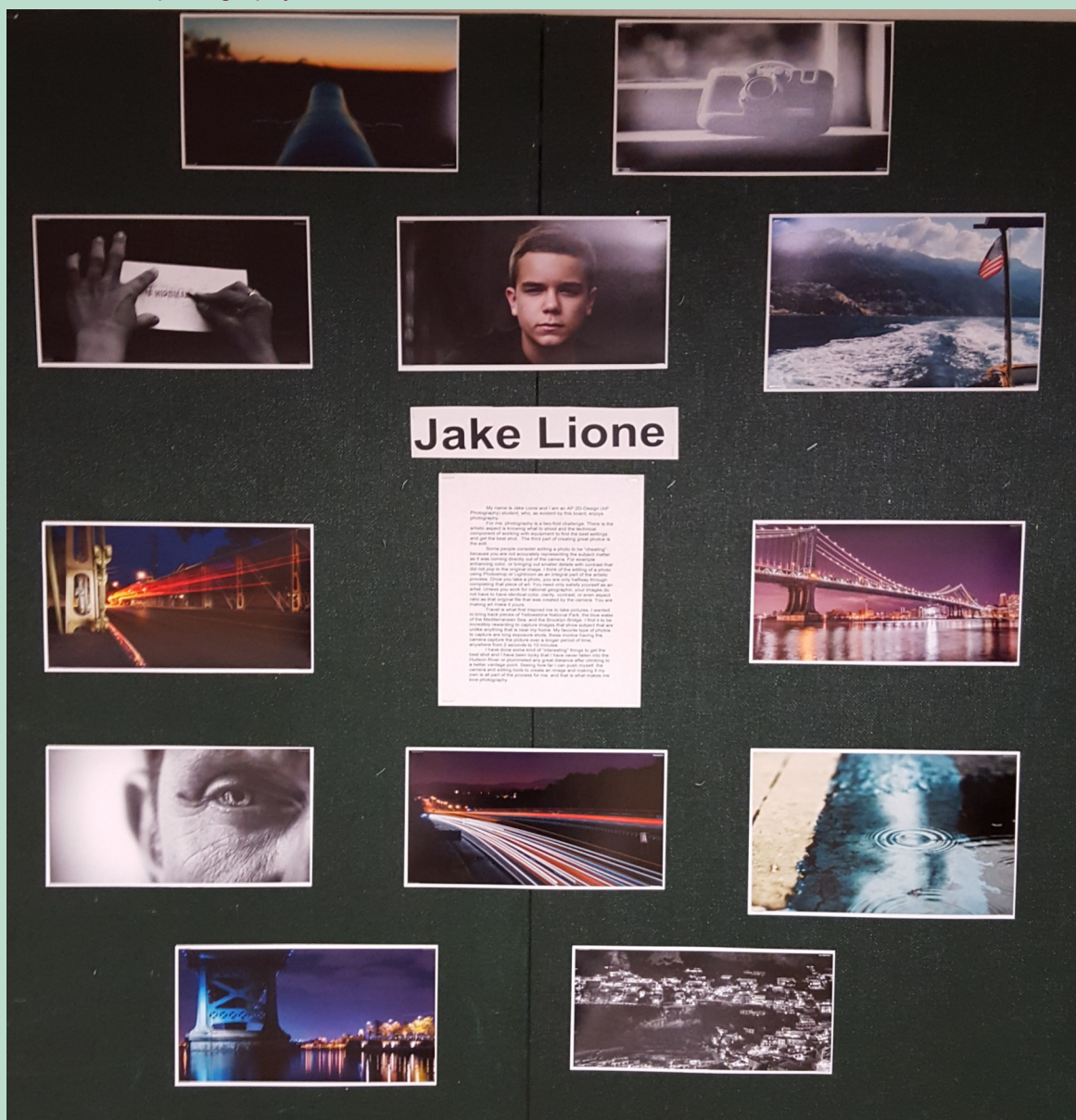
My name is Jake Lione and I am an AP 2D-Design (AP Photography) student, who, as evident by this board, enjoys photography.

For me, photography is a two-fold challenge. There is the artistic aspect of knowing what to shoot and the technical component of working with equipment to find the best settings and get the best shot. The third part of creating great photos is the edit.

Some people consider editing a photo to be “cheating” because you are not accurately representing the subject matter as it was coming directly out of the camera. For example enhancing color, or bringing out smaller details with contrast that did not *pop* in the original image. I think of the editing of a photo using Photoshop or Lightroom as an integral part of the artistic process. Once you take a photo, you are only halfway through completing that piece of art. You need only satisfy yourself as an artist. Unless you work for National Geographic, your images do not have to have identical color, clarity, contrast, or even aspect ratio as the original file that was created by the camera. You are making art make it yours.

Travel is what first inspired me to take pictures. I wanted to bring back pieces of Yellowstone National Park, the blue water of the Mediterranean Sea, and the Brooklyn Bridge. I find it to be incredibly rewarding to capture images that show subject that are unlike anything that is near my home. My favorite type of photos to capture are long exposure shots. These involve having the camera capture the picture over a longer piece of time anywhere from 2 seconds to 10 minutes.

I have done some kind of “intermingling” things to get the best shot and I have been lucky that I have never fallen into the Hudson River or plummeted any greater distance after climbing to a better vantage point. Seeing how far I can push myself, the camera and editing tools to create an image and making it my own is all part of the process for me, and that is what makes me love photography.



Art Department Highlights—Judson Graham

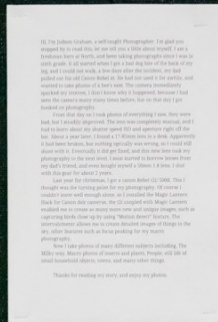
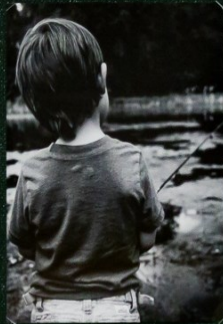
Hi, I'm Judson Graham, a self-taught Photographer. I'm glad you stopped by to read this, let me tell you a little about myself. I am a freshman here at North, and been taking photographs since I was in sixth grade. It all started when I got a bad dog bite of the back of my leg, and I could not walk, a few days after the incident, my dad pulled out his old Canon Rebel xt. He had not used it for awhile, and wanted to take photos of a bee's nest. The camera immediately sparked my interest, I don't know why it happened, because I had seen the camera many many times before, but on that day I got hooked on photography.

From that day on I took photos of everything I saw, they were bad, but I steadily improved. The lens was completely manual, and I had to learn about my shutter speed ISO and aperture right off the bat. About a year later, I found a 17-85mm lens in a desk. Apparently it had been broken, but nothing optically was wrong, so I could still shoot with it. Eventually it did get fixed, and this new lens took my photography to the next level. I soon started to borrow lenses from my dad's friend, and even bought myself a 50mm 1.8 lens. I shot with this gear for about 2 years.

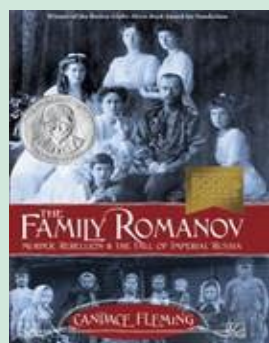
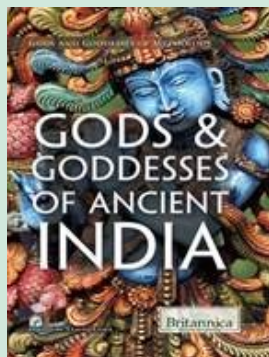
Last year for Christmas, I got a canon Rebel t2i/ 500d. This I thought was the turning point for my photography. Of course I couldn't leave well enough alone, so I installed the Magic Lantern Hack for Canon dslr cameras. the t2i coupled with Magic Lantern enabled me to create so many more new and unique images, such as capturing birds close up by using "Motion detect" feature, The intervalometer allows me to create detailed images of things in the sky, other features such as focus peaking for my macro photography.

Now I take photos of many different subjects including, The Milky way, Macro photos of insects and plants, People, still life of small household objects, towns, and many other things.

Thanks for reading my story, and enjoy my photos.



New E-Books are Here!



Thanks to a generous grant from the North Hunterdon Education Foundation, the Media Center has added **67 new e-book titles** to **FollettShelf**, including 36 that enable multiple simultaneous users to read the book. Subjects covered include:

- Mythology
- Ancient cultures
- World history
- Genocide and persecution
- Solar system
- Biology
- Award-winning fiction

For help using FollettShelf, see the [Getting Started Guide](#).

News from the Guidance Office



Guidance counselors will be providing scheduling information to students during their Physical Education and Health classes in January.

Also, seniors who are applying to colleges with a January 1st application deadline must have their transcript release forms in the hands of the counselor by December 8th.

Stall Day 2015

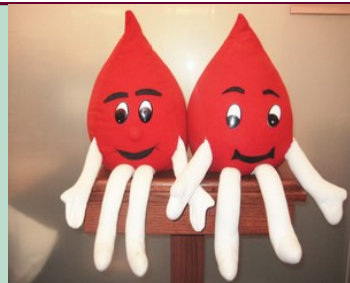
On Tuesday, December 23, students are encouraged to bring their spare change to school in order to "stall" class to raise money for Student Council's state designated charity, Hope Loves Company.

HLC is the only non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to the children of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) patients. Most funding for ALS goes to research and patient care — and that is important, but what about the children? It is estimated that 85% of ALS patients have children, so those children will witness a parent struggling with terminal illness. HLC is unique in its dedication to supporting the children of ALS patients and relatives.

The mission of Hope Loves Company is to provide emotional and educational support to children and young adults who have family members battling ALS.

Hope Loves Company is a non-profit organization founded in 2007. We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit. Our tax exempt number is 20-8418402.

Blood Drive Results



On Tuesday, November 24, the National Honor Society sponsored the fall Blood Drive. North Hunterdon set a high school record for a single day donation of **480** pints of blood.

Thank you to everyone who donated and support-

giving the "gift of life."

Patriotic Youth Club

The Patriotic Youth Club collected a five dollar donation from North Hunterdon staff members and students who participated in the third annual Jeans for Troops program. In exchange, participating employees wore jeans on November 11, 2015 in honor of Veterans Day. The proceeds, approximately \$351, went to the G.I. Go Fund, a not-for-profit organization that assists returning and homeless veterans. The organization helps veterans find jobs, go to college, get health care, and find housing.

The club is planning a bigger and better collection for Memorial Day!!



NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ART Raffle Fundraiser

The NHEF proudly presents a framed art fundraiser – courtesy of acclaimed local artist, Dan Campanelli. Three autographed and numbered prints are currently being raffled off as a fundraiser to directly support the NHEF. The three autographed prints are “Lilacs”, “Dickens Days”, and “Summer in the Valley”. Tickets are \$20.00 each. There are three chances to win: three pictures = three tickets drawn. The drawing is scheduled for December 8. Please visit the foundation’s website for ticket purchase information.

Parent Chats on Career and College Topics

Please be on the look out for more Parent Chats in the New Year focused on the college process.

Please check out emails from Maren Smagala as well as the NHEF website for the next chat session timing.

Update on College Admissions Officer Visits

Thank you to all students who participated in the College Admissions Officer visits. The NHEF hopes that students found these opportunities beneficial. Admissions personnel will be invited back to our campus again next fall to meet with interested students. We will continue to work to include more schools to the list of visits. Approximately 40 schools came to campus this year.

Grants Awarded

The NHEF has awarded the following grants:

Dissection Storage Refrigerator

Without refrigeration, Anatomy and Biology students are limited to working with dissecting organisms for just a single day. This project allows students to work with dissection materials over the course of several days, weeks or even months. They can dissect organisms by body system, enabling them to gain practical knowledge of each body system while they dissect it and make a more lasting impact for the student.

E-books for Media Center

The circulation for e-books at NHHS has been growing over recent years and the increase is expected to continue with the entire student body using Chromebooks since August 2015. This project will increase the number of downloadable e-books offered by the NHHS Media Center by an additional 71 titles, which comprise American Library Association award winners and non-fiction titles about science, history and health.

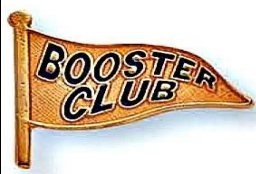
Poster Maker for Employment Orientation Program (EOP)

EOP runs a school wide business called “Lion Pride Production” and Special Education students are trained on various business machines to fulfill the business services they offer. This project will expand their offerings to include creation of large color posters for clients so EOP no longer has to miss this business opportunity.

Rutgers University Library Research Field Trip

Four English classes of juniors and seniors will pilot a trip to the Alexander Library at Rutgers University in December for the purpose of doing research in a university setting. The trip and research will be led by a Humanities Librarian at Rutgers University as the students are exposed to high quality sources and gain increased comfort for working in a university environment.

Booster Club News



Thank you to the teams that worked our shack for the Friday night home football games!! A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the Country Griddle for the food they donated and Silver Oaks Learning Center for their continued donation of water. Please support

these local businesses! We also THANK the families that donated baked goods.

The proceeds from the Shack go toward the teams that work, wish lists for all athletic needs, our senior athletic banquet and senior scholarships for every varsity sport. In June 2015, we were able to give new equipment to our athletic trainers through our fundraising efforts. We look forward to your support at our winter sports and the Indoor Shack!

Our online spirit wear store is still open. Please visit www.sneakersplus.com. We can be found under the school/team tab.

The Booster Club is seeking individuals to help in all areas (open/close the shack, shopping, scheduling, officers, reps, etc). Please email nhhsbc@gmail.com to volunteer. We would like new volunteers to shadow the current volunteers for one year. It makes the transition smoother.



Now that Black Friday is over, take advantage of our [Amazon Fundraiser](#) and do all your holiday shopping without leaving your house! You can use it for all of your Cyber Holiday purchases and support PTSA at the same time!



The Junior Class is looking for bands to compete in "NHHS's Battle of the Bands 2016" to be held on Friday, January 29, 2016. If interested, please contact a Jr. Class officer or one of the class advisors: John Mattes or Jessica Allora.

Upcoming Events:

Battle of the Bands—1/29/16

Staff Appreciation Breakfast—2/26/16

** The December PTSA meeting has been cancelled.*

Music Association News



Share the holidays with the NHHS Music Department and the NHMA

Marching Band Banquet – Wed., December 2 at 6:30 PM

Honor the band's achievements this season. For information: MichelleLSmith123@hotmail.com.

Holiday Bake Sale - Thursday, December 3 at 2:25 PM

Pick up a sweet snack in the mall at dismissal. YUM!

Clinton Christmas Parade – Friday, December 4 at 7:00 PM

Celebrate the season with the Golden Lions Marching Band as they lead Santa through the streets of Clinton.

Winter Concerts – Thursdays, Dec. 10 and 17 at 7:00 PM

Enjoy NHMA-sponsored dessert receptions in Cafe A. NHMA poinsettia sale in the theater lobby.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

We will not meet in December.

The NHMA wishes you a very joyous holiday.

North Hunterdon Music Association—Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser—December 19



Join us for a merry breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 19. Seasonal music and food service will be provided by our very own NHHS music students. Click [HERE](#) for information and tickets.

