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## Flexible Learning.

We are going to take a shot at it this month when our juniors take the ACT and the seniors participate in Senior Capstone Idea Generation Day, all on February 28<sup>th</sup>. As you may have seen in the parent email update last week, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will not report to the high school that day, but will instead be participating in some learning activities directed by their teachers either digitally or otherwise, depending on the course and the nature of the learning.

Seniors will also have some learning responsibilities that day after their work with the senior capstone is complete. They will report to school for Idea Generation Day from 8:00 a.m until 11:00 a.m., and then will have the remainder of the day to work on digital learning and further their exploration of the ideas from the morning.

Juniors of course will participate in the ACT starting first thing in the morning and running until approximately 12:00 noon. We believe that will be plenty of cognitive activity for the school day for them, so additional flexible learning will not be expected of them.

As I mentioned previously, we will certainly have a place for students to study if they need to be here, but we think this model, which a number of nearby school districts have done with success, will give us a chance to examine non-traditional ways to deliver instruction and learning.

Lunch will also be available in our cafeteria for any students who choose to eat here that day.

We hope that the planning leading up to that day and the days afterward allow us as a learning community to engage in reflection and conversation about ways we could re-imagine teaching and learning in the coming years. We certainly have no interest in forcing things that don't feel natural, or fixing things that don't need fixing, but we do want to be open to evolution that makes us a better institution.

So off we go into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. It's been a great first half, and we are excited for more. As always, thanks for everything you do to partner with us for the benefit of your student!

Joel Leer  
Principal

Aprendizaje flexible.

Vamos a probar a ver cómo es cuando nuestros estudiantes juniors hagan el examen de ACT y los seniors participen en “Senior Capstone Idea Generation Day”, ambos el 28 de febrero. Como ya habrán visto en mi email de la semana pasada, los estudiantes de los grados 9 y 10 no vendrán a la escuela ese día y en lugar de venir a la escuela participarán en unas actividades de aprendizaje bajo la dirección de sus maestros ya sea en un formato digital o de otro modo, dependiendo del curso y de lo que estén aprendiendo.

Los seniors también tendrán ciertas responsabilidades en cuanto a aprender ese mismo día una vez que hayan terminado con su “senior capstone”. Tendrán que ir a la escuela para el día de “Idea Generation Day” de 8:00 a.m a 11:00 a.m., y van a tener el resto del día para trabajar en el aprendizaje digital y seguir expandiendo sus ideas de la mañana.

Los juniors participarán haciendo el ACT desde la primera hora de la mañana hasta aproximadamente las 12:00. Creemos que habrá cantidad de actividades de aprendizaje en ese día en la escuela, así que no tendrán que hacer aprendizaje flexible adicional.

Como mencioné anteriormente, vamos a tener lugares para que los estudiantes estudien si necesitan estar en la escuela, pero creemos que este modelo, que varias escuelas de distritos de la zona han hecho con éxito, nos va a permitir examinar modos no-tradicionales de realizar la enseñanza y el aprendizaje.

El almuerzo se servirá en la cafetería para todos aquellos estudiantes que elijan comer en la escuela ese día.

Esperamos que la planificación hasta ese día y los días posteriores nos permira, como una comunidad de aprendizaje, poder dedicarnos a reflexionar y a conversar sobre los modos en que podemos imaginar de nuevo la enseñanza y el aprendizaje en los próximos años. Claramente no queremos forzar el que hagan cosas que no se sientan como que son naturales, o arreglar cosas que no necesitan arreglarse, pero queremos estar abiertos a la evolución que nos hace ser una mejor institución.

Así que empezamos el 2º semestre. Ha sido una estupenda primera mitad, y tenemos muchas ganas de hacer más cosas. Como siempre, ¡gracias por todo lo que hacen para trabajar con nosotros en beneficio de su hija/o!

Joel Leer  
Director

## HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES NEWS.....



**Congratulations** to the Music Listening Team. Under the direction of Karen Madsen, the team won the Regional and is moving on to the State Competition!

The Student Directed One Act Plays will have one public performance on February 12 (a matinee at 2:00 PM). The advisor for the One Acts is Ellen Mucha.

Congratulations to all the students, who have competed with such dedication during the winter season, and good luck to all teams and individuals (both academic and athletic) as they advance to Sectional and State Competition

**NHS Band Concert with 8th Grade**: Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

**Rock 'n Roll Revival**: Please see Director, Ray Coudret's information within this Newsletter!

**The Spring Sports Season** is just around the corner, as most will start in mid to late March. Spring sports offered and starting dates are: Clay Target (March 7), Softball & Boys and Girls Track (March 13), Baseball & Boys and Girls Golf (March 20), Boys Tennis (March 27), and Boys & Girls Lacrosse (April 3).

**ONLINE Registration: Everyone must register for all Co-Curricular Activities online.** To access: Please log-on to the School District website ([www.northfieldschools.org](http://www.northfieldschools.org)). Please see the lower right hand corner of the homepage and click on "Activities Sign-up." Please follow the prompts and directions. **To log-in, (For First time users) -- use your child's Skyward log-in ID and your child's password (their lunch number). If you have registered previously for other sports/activities you have created your own log-in and your own password.** If you do not have access to a computer, you may come to the Northfield High School (Activities Office) from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM (Monday-Friday), to use an office computer. Also payment will be done online as well.

**To be eligible to practice Day One, online registration must be complete along with the fees paid. This includes athletic medical physicals, for those who haven't had one within the past three years. A HARD COPY of a medical athletic physical must be submitted to the High School Activities Office. The deadline to complete all registration is 3:30 PM the Friday before your season begins (at the latest). Parents and students are greatly encouraged to complete all registration well before this deadline.**

**Raider Activity Hotline** – 645-3456 is available for your use. Events and sites are updated daily. This is one way to find out if there have been postponements or cancellations due to inclement weather. Keep in mind that we delay weather related cancellations and changes as long as possible; but as soon as decisions have been made the activities line is updated. Additionally, the Northfield High School Activities Department continues to utilize a "**Web-based Scheduling Program.**" All co-curricular schedules have been entered on this website. Parents/fans have been able to access schedules and see exact sites, times (including bus times), updates, maps, etc. The program is linked to the Northfield High School website. The program address is: [www.big9.org](http://www.big9.org) -- click on "Member Schools," click on "Northfield High School." One of the many handy features of the program is that anyone can receive notification of changes/cancellations/etc. by clicking on "Notify me." and setting yourself up to be notified.

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## Juniors & Seniors....

Mark your calendars for prom on Saturday, April 29th!

Grand March - 3 p.m.

Dance 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the Northfield Ballroom.

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## AP Exam Information

Taking the Advanced Placement exams is an important part of all AP courses. Scoring well on an AP exam can often earn students college credit for their high school class, saving a significant amount on tuition.

For the 2017 AP exams, students at Northfield High School will be registering online. This registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer with internet access.

This year each AP exam costs \$60.00. Northfield High School desires that every student be able to take their AP exams. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Deb Rasmussen, [drasmussen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:drasmussen@northfieldschools.org), in the counseling office to learn more.

Online exam registration will begin on Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM and end on Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:00 PM. In order to register, students should click on the link provided on the school website or visit [www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/241855](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/241855). To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until students have printed the pdf of the confirmation page that is provided at the end.

Northfield High School is excited to offer families the convenience of paying exam fees online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a **credit card or debit card available before beginning registration**. Fees can also be paid by submitting both a copy of the registration confirmation page and \$60 to the counseling office.

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM - Registration Begins
- Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 11:00 PM - Registration Ends Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 11:00 PM

Registrations that have not been paid for will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered. **No orders** can be taken after the deadline. Please contact Deb Rasmussen [drasmussen@northfieldschools.org](mailto:drasmussen@northfieldschools.org) with questions.

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## ROCK & ROLL REVIVAL

NHS is excited to present Rock & Roll Revival XII—R-O-C-K in the USA. Show times are 7:30 p.m., March 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 5. All performances are at the middle school auditorium.

Tickets for all performances go on sale as follows:

February 11	General Public	NHS Lower Cafeteria 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
February 14-17	Student Selection	NHS Lower cafeteria during lunch hour
February 13	General Public	NHS Office 3-4 p.m.
February 17	Online Public Sales	District Website: <a href="http://northfieldschools.org">northfieldschools.org</a>



## Mark Your Calendars for Arts a la Carte!

Mark your calendars for April 21st!!

The 17th annual Arts a la Carte will be from 5:00-8:30 on Friday April 21st. This year will be full of great arts activities including visual arts and music and there will be 25 members of Honors Art ready to wow you in the hallways with their exciting booths. Come for fun, come for art and stay for the prizes at the end of the night.



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## Last call for Yearbooks!

February 24 is the last day for you to order your yearbook with personalization and get the lower price of \$73.00. After Feb. 24 the price will be \$78. Go to [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) to order yours today!

Unsure if you ordered? A list of those who have purchased is located in the H-wing, next to room H115.

## Parents of seniors!

If you have not yet placed a baby ad for your senior you can still do so, but only online at [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com). It is an easy process. Follow the links for Northfield High School and then Recognition Ads. The final deadline is Feb. 15. There are three pages of ad space remaining.

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## One Act Plays...

There will be a short performance of One Act plays on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year's two plays are directed by Hannah Pahs and Grace Muth.

There will be a free will donation taken at the door, with proceeds benefitting the Fine Arts Booster Club.



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## DECA Update

Northfield once again had a strong presence at our District competition on January 13! Forty-two students competed and 22 qualified for DECA State which is March 19-21! This year DECA joined the Big Nine district so our competition was in Owatonna and included Faribault, Mankato East and West, Waseca, and Pine Island.

DECA also has been raising money to purchase water for the Flint, MI residents. We held a fundraiser at school and had a couple of collection spots in the community, and raised \$195 so far. We hope to have one more event and then send the donation in February.

Julie Wolner  
DECA Advisor

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## Scholastic Visual Art Winners!

The Art Department is proud to announce the winners for the 2016-17 Minnesota Scholastic Visual Art competition. We had a lot of winners this year! Congratulations artists!

**Gold Winners:** Jonie Erickson, Keaton Garrity, Belles Gray (3 pieces), Christian Olsen (3 pieces), Hanna Schindlbeck, Noah Schomburg, Marissa Thornton and Bella Viola.

**Silver Winners:** Katie Brust, Belles Gray (3 pieces) and Marissa Thornton (2 pieces).

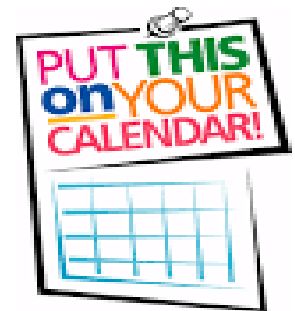
**Honorable Mention:** Elizabeth Acheson, Katie Brust, Anne France, Belles Gray (2 pieces), May Hayes (2 pieces), Christian Olsen and Noah Schomburg.

## Come to the Band Waffle Dinner



The rescheduled waffle dinner will be held on Friday, Feb. 24th from 4:30-7:30 PM. All previously sold tickets will be honored.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



### February

6	NHS Band Concert w/8th grade	7:00 p.m. - MS Auditorium
6 - 10	Snow week	
17	NHS Blood Drive	
24	Band Waffle Dinner	4:30-7:30 p.m. - HS Cafeteria
27	8th Grade Parent Night	
28	ACT for juniors	

### March

3-4	Rock & Roll Revival	7:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium
5	Rock & Roll Revival	3 p.m. - MS Auditorium
6	Conferences	4:30-8:30 p.m. - Cafeterias
9, 10, 11	Rock & Roll Revival	7:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium
13	Conferences	4:30-8:30 p.m. - Classrooms
13	All District Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m. - HS Gym
20-24	Spring Break	
27	Teacher Workshop	