

# NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Parents,

There were thunderstorms earlier this week. It was raining steadily over the last couple days. Clearly it's December in Minnesota.

Aside from the obvious oddity of the unusual weather as of late, the *pace* of things certainly feels like December at Northfield High School. Fall sports seasons have all wrapped up (with a state championship swimmer – way to go Sophia! And a state runner up boys' soccer team!), and we are quickly headed toward winter concerts and competitions too numerous to count. Students and staff are working hard at what makes this place hum, and as I walk the halls, I can't help but be proud of both the students who arrive here each day and the staff that tirelessly works with them to help them discover their very best. This really is a good place.

But we'd love to hear from you about what you think is going well and what could be better. Superintendent Matt Hillmann recently sent an email asking for your contribution to the conversation. I strongly encourage and ask you to complete the ThoughtExchange form, that gives you a chance to share with us your perspective on this facility, our programs, anything about which you'd like to provide feedback. We would love to hear from you, because all of us are needed, in partnership, to make Northfield High School and RaiderNation all it can be.

I wish you a great December.

Joel Leer  
Principal

## HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES NEWS.....

**Winter Sports** are off to a great start with participation levels very high. Go Raiders!

**Fine Art Activities** including math team (Advisor, Rachel Hoffelt), speech (Advisor, Jody Saxton-West), knowledge bowl (Advisor, Michelle Sonnega), mock trial (Advisor, Stephen Cade), music listening (Advisor, Karen Madsen), one-act plays (Advisor, Ellen Mucha), Rock 'n Roll Revival (Director, Ray Coudret). One Act Play performances are February 10 & 11 (7:00 PM) and February 12 (2:00 PM) in the high school auditorium. RRR performances are March 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 at the middle school.

**Concerts:** Choir (Traditions) at Carleton Skinner Chapel on December 10 at 7:30 PM and December 11 at 2:00 PM (Director is Kyle Eastman). Orchestra (HS & MS) at Northfield Middle School on December 19 at 7:00 PM (Director is Paul Ousley). Band (High School Band concert with 8<sup>th</sup> grade) at Northfield Middle School on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (Director is Mary Williams).

**Raider Walk Bricks** are on sale. Bricks are available for \$150 each and can be engraved to honor or remember someone important in your life, to commemorate a team, to spotlight a coach or teacher you especially appreciate, or to recognize your personal support of Raider athletics. It's also a GREAT way for parents to honor their sons/daughters for high school graduation. For information please call the NHS Activities Office at 663-0632, or email: [tgraupmann@northfieldschools.org](mailto:tgraupmann@northfieldschools.org)

**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. All co-curricular schedules have been entered on the web. Parents/fans are 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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## DECA UPDATE!

DECA has been busy this fall with some students participating in a weekly Toastmasters meeting, volunteering at Used a Bit, and getting organized for our community-wide fundraiser for Haiti.



Also, we are in event preparation for our DECA district competition which will be Friday, January 13 in Owatonna. Here are some upcoming dates your DECA student should have on his/her calendar:

December 7, periods 1-3, in-school field trip to take the DECA district exam and get coaching on events  
December 7, 3:00-4:30 pm, event practice with parent and student judges  
December 12, 6-7:30 pm, event practice with parent judges  
January 13, District competition, 7:15 am-2:15 pm

Thank you for supporting your students in DECA! Questions can be directed to Advisor Julie Wolner ([jwolner@northfieldschools.org](mailto:jwolner@northfieldschools.org)) or President Dylan Roney ([dylan.roney@northfieldschools.org](mailto:dylan.roney@northfieldschools.org))

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## Come to the 2nd Annual TORCH Poetry Slam!!

The 2nd Annual TORCH Poetry Slam will be December 9 at 7 pm in the NHS Auditorium, open to any TORCH students, grades 9-12.

Judges:

Guante-National Poetry Slam Champion  
Bree Maki-Office of Sen. Al Franken  
Rachel Matney-Northfield Promise  
Betsy Spethmann-Northfield Hospital  
Katie Weitz-Weitz Family Foundation

Cash prizes for 1st - 4th place, winners announced that evening.

There were 250 people last year, and we hope to increase our numbers. If you didn't attend last year, it is a fun and rowdy event! We would appreciate it if you would consider attending and/or inviting a friend.

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## Prom Information...

**Juniors and Seniors,**

Save the date for prom, April 29, 2017!!!

**Juniors:** If you would like to be part of the committee that helps to plan prom, listen for announcements regarding the first meeting. Come help decide the theme, decorations and so much more!!

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## News From the Physical Education/Wellness Department...

The HS Physical Education/Wellness Department is thrilled to announce that we will be implementing a new physical educational technology and curriculum system called the IHT Spirit System at Northfield High School. This opportunity came about as a result of a collaborative effort between the Northfield School District and the Northfield Hospital. The new technology will engage your child, our students, in the latest heart rate monitor and assessment technology available today.



The Spirit System is a web-based assessment system that uses the Zone Monitors that your child will wear in PE class. The heart rate monitors are designed specifically for physical education to help student gain instant feedback on their effort. They will also engage and educate students on a variety of fitness activities that optimize cardiovascular endurance, stamina, flexibility, speed, core strength, power, coordination and self-confidence. In addition, you and your child will receive feedback as soon as class ends, through emailed reports.

The IHT Spirit System is designed to lend a hand to both teacher and student. Our department goals are to help your child better understand their own health and take ownership of their overall well-being for life. We also want to integrate tools like the Spirit System to assist our efforts in measuring the effectiveness and success of our physical education program.

We look forward to working with you and your child during the semester ahead.

The PE & Wellness Staff,  
Doug Davis, John Sand, Leah Sand & Kim Slegers

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## Yearbook Information

Our theme this year is *Raider Nation* and we hope to help tell the stories of this year at NHS.

### Senior portraits are due December 9, 2016!

Digital images (jpg) can be sent to [yearbook@northfieldschools.org](mailto:yearbook@northfieldschools.org), please save the photo as last name.first name.jpg and place the student's name and the words senior photo in the subject line of your email.

Print photos can be turned in to Mrs. Mucha in H120. Be sure your full name is on the back of the photo.

Vertical "head shot" photos work best. The yearbook is color, but a black and white photo can be used if you wish. No props or animals may be in the photo. This is to be a portrait.

### New this year – Senior Baby ads online!

Senior parents, you should have received a flyer in the mail explaining how to create your senior a baby ad on line. If you have any questions, or would like to submit an ad in person, contact Ellen Mucha at [emucha@northfieldschools.org](mailto:emucha@northfieldschools.org). Baby ads are due January 20th.

### Still need to order a yearbook?

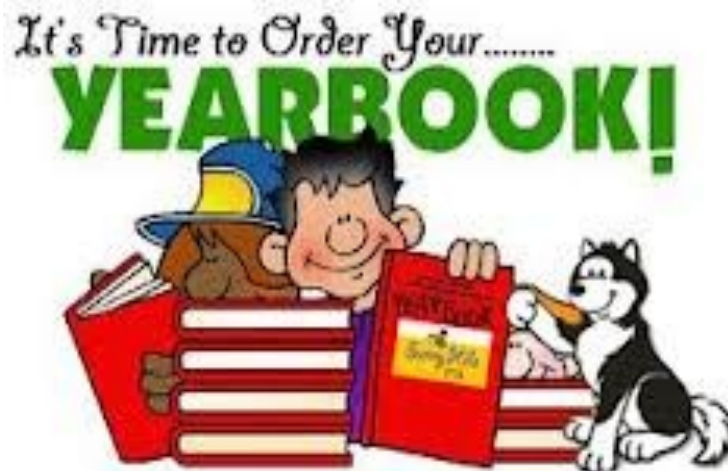
Order online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). The prices are at their lowest right now! We have sold out for the past few years, so get yours now to ensure you get a copy at the best price.

### Have photos to share?

Go to [replayit.com](http://replayit.com) and upload your photos for use in the yearbook. You can also see all the photos we've taken so far this year!

### Business Ads

Would your business like to advertise in the yearbook this year? Send an email to [yearbook@northfieldschools.org](mailto:yearbook@northfieldschools.org) if interested.



## A Reminder for School Bus Riders From Benjamin Bus.....

Due to capacity limits and safety concerns, students are not permitted to ride to/from anywhere other than their assigned school bus stop. District policy does not allow for students to “ride home with a friend”. If a student manages to board a bus that they are not listed to ride, that student will be kept on the bus to the end of the route and a parent will have to pick up the student at the bus garage at 32611 Northfield Blvd. Drivers are not able to accept notes for students to go to alternate destinations and we do not want students to ride school buses to go places without their parents’ knowledge.

If alternate transportation is needed due to a serious emergency such as a death in the family, parents should contact the school principal and arrangements will be made with the bus company as necessary. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

<b>1</b>	All District Jazz Band Concert	7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
<b>9</b>	Senior Photos due for Yearbook	
<b>10</b>	Traditions Concert	7:30 p.m. - Carleton Skinner Chapel
<b>11</b>	Traditions Concert	2:00 p.m. - Carleton Skinner Chapel
<b>19</b>	HS & MS Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m. - MS Auditorium
<b>23-30</b>	Winter Break	

### January

<b>2</b>	Winter Break	
<b>16</b>	No School - Staff Development day	
<b>20</b>	Senior Baby Ads due for Yearbook	
<b>23</b>	Cram Jam	6:00 - 7:30 pm - HS cafeterias
<b>24-26</b>	1st Semester Exams	
<b>27</b>	No school - Teacher Workshop	