

## Northfield High School

**APRIL 2018** 

Main Office

Joel Leer, Principal 507.663.0630 jleer@northfieldschools.org

> Lori Christophersen, Principal's Secretary 507.663.0630

Jeff Eckhoff, Assistant Principal 507.663.0635

Marnie Thompson, Assistant Principal 507.663.0635

Lynn Fossum, Attendance Secretary 507.663.0635

Kathy Wiertsema-Miller, Guidance Counselor A-G 507.663.0636

Mark Ensrud Guidance Counselor H-O 507.663.0636

Deborah Rasmussen, Guidance Counselor P-Z 507.663.0636

Kathy Clark, Guidance Office Secretary 507.663.0636

Tania Will Activities Director 507.663.0632

Sheryl Docken, Activities Secretary 507.663-0632

Activities Hotline 507.645.3456

A snow day on April 3<sup>rd</sup> doesn't fit the "Now I've seen everything" mold, but it's getting close. It can almost make you forget that we have "only one quarter left of the school year." I would propose, however, that we allow the weather to help us look at this differently: instead of thinking about having *only* one quarter left, I prefer to focus on *still* having a quarter left. We've got 46 days to put our best foot forward, to close a gap, to make a difference, to accelerate, to *excel*.

So many great things happen in the spring here at NHS: the activities calendar takes us back outside, awards are distributed, recognitions are given, and there is a sense of closure to numerous things that gives us a sense of calm, a chance to exhale, and a chance to begin again.

The last two months can be a whirlwind (and can obviously include large snowfalls as well!), but within that whirlwind is a land of opportunity. I encourage you to encourage your students to really take advantage of each of the remaining 46 days. Every one of them holds potential, promise, and a chance for profit. They are no different than the first 46 days for the value they hold.

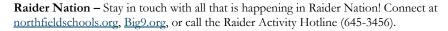
Thank you for all you do in supporting your students and the staff at NHS.

Joel Leer Principal





#### NEWS FROM ACTIVITIES.....





Congratulations – Winter sports concluded with a lot of celebration. Some academic activities are still involved in post-season play. Below are a few current highlights among the many:

- The Girls Basketball Team finished second in the State 3AAA Tournament.
- The Boys Basketball Team finished second in the Section.
- Speech continues to perform well and will host the Section tournament on April 12th.
- Knowledge Bowl qualified two teams to compete in the State Tournament.

Spring Sports – All Spring sports have begun. Unfortunately, Spring weather has not. Teams are often practicing indoors with hopes of warmer weather in the future. Continue to check Big9.org for postponements and cancellations.

## Big 9 Music Festival, April 27

The music ensembles will again be participating in the annual Big 9 Music Festival. For over 80 years, the schools of our conference have been rotating as hosts of this all-day performance opportunity. The top choirs, bands and orchestras from each of the schools perform for and listen to one another. We are critiqued by special judges in each area. This is a great opportunity for students, parents and administration to hear what each school has accomplished during the year and get feedback from a neutral expert. Following the performances throughout the day, a small group of students from each school gather to form "Select" ensembles in each area. They are conducted by the clinician who heard them earlier in the day. To cap off the evening, the groups join forces for a giant massed ensemble.

This year's festival will be held at Winona High School on April 27th. Tickets for the evening "select" and massed ensemble performance will be available the week before the concert.

If you have the time and inclination, the daytime performances are great to hear. It gives a chance to hear our groups and one or two before or after. Although it is not a competition, comparisons are inevitable, and Northfield promises to make a great showing.





## Congratulations to the yearbook staff for completing this year's yearbook!

Online yearbook orders are finished. We ordered 100 extra copies of the book which can be purchased through school. A completed order form and payment is due to Mrs. Mucha in order to reserve your copy. Order forms are available in the main office and on the door of the yearbook room, H115. A list of those who purchased a book is posted outside of H115. We have sold out for the past three years, so get your copy soon!

## Arts ala Carte is coming!

Join us at the 18th annual Arts a la Carté Evening of the Arts on Friday, April 20th. The event will run from 5:30-8:30 and will conclude with a special awards ceremony immediately following the event from 8:30-9:00. The event highlights NHS students sharing their creative talents with the public and also provides numerous opportunities for visitors to make their own creations all night long. There will be fun for all ages and dinner available for purchase at the event. Door admission is \$3.00 per person with a family cap of \$10.00. We can't wait to see you on the 20th



## Spanish 2019 Summer Trip Meeting

The Spanish Department instructors and travel professionals Profe Martens and Sr. Cade are proud to announce the forthcoming trip to Southern Spain for June 2019. We will be studying Spanish Language and Culture. As a class group, we will travel to Madrid and then to the South of Spain. The cities of interest that will be visited are Toledo, Madrid, Segovia, Granada (Home of Garcia Lorca and the Alhambra), Sevilla and other points of interest.. The highlight of the trip will include a seven day home stay where the students will have an opportunity to live and learn with a Spanish Family.



We will be having a student informational meeting Wednesday April 11th 2018 in D-106 both before and after school! Please plan to attend! Parents are also welcome to come. Meeting times will be 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. or 2:45 to 3:10 p.m.



## Junior/ Senior Prom May 12, 2018

#### The Grand March - Northfield High School Gymnasium

The Grand March will begin at 3 p.m. Couples and guests can begin arriving at 2:15 p.m.

An admission fee of \$3 will be collected at the door. This year entrance fees will benefit the Angel Fund, which gives financial aid to Northfield High School students for field trip fees and other school-related expenses.

#### The Dance - Northfield Ballroom

Guests can arrive at the dance beginning at 8 p.m. and must be there before 9 p.m. (Band starts at 8:30 p.m.) Guests cannot leave the dance until 11:30 p.m.

All school rules apply for the entire day.

#### Who can attend?

- \*Northfield High School and ALC juniors and seniors
- \*Guests from other high schools, including Arcadia, who are juniors or seniors and have filled out a guest application and have been approved.
- \*Northfield High School graduates under 21 years of age who have filled out a guest application and been given approval
- \*All guests must go through the approval process. Students will be notified when/if approval has been given.

#### Ticket Sales/Guest Applications:

April 16-20 at all lunch periods: \$50 per ticket April 23- May 10 in the office: \$55 per ticket

Guest applications are available in the main office and at ticket sales. Guest applications are due in the office by April 20.

### Senior Lock-in: Volunteers and Donations Needed!

The last school day for our 2018 Seniors at NHS is May 31st. The Senior Lock-in will take place that night from 10:30pm - 4:30am. Adult family members are invited to join the festivities by serving for an hour or more as volunteers to help with games, activities, and food.

Many generous local businesses have provided donations to the Senior Lock-in for many years. If you are connected to a local business that would like to congratulate this year's seniors by supporting the lock-in with monetary, prize or gift-card donations, we would be happy to thank you at the lock-in.

Join us as we celebrate the Class of 2018!

Please contact Katie Casson at kcasson@northfieldschools.org.



## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**



Aprii		
2	No school/Teacher Work Day	
16	NHS Spring Band Concert	7:20 p.m NMS / Auditorium
20	Arts ala Carte	5:30-8:30 p.m HS
25	Academic Awards/Scholarship Program	6:30 p.m HS Auditorium
27	Big 9 Music Festival - at Winona	

May

3-5	Spring Play	7:30 p.m HS Auditorium
11	Jazz Band Swing Dance	7:30-10:30 p.m Northfield Ballroom
12	Prom	3:00 Grand March - HS/8:00 Nfld. Ballroom
19	Choir Spring Finale	7:30 p.m MS Auditorium
22	Orchestra Concert	7:30 p.m MS Auditorium
23	Maroon & Gold Banquet	6:00 p.m MS Auditoirum
31	Senior Lock-In	10:30 p.m4:30 a.m HS
June		

3 Graduation 2:00 p.m. - Memorial Field

## Attention Parents! Got Information? Report It!

Help keep kids safe by anonymously reporting any unhealthy and unsafe activities you may hear about.

Text "RICECO" + YOUR TIP to TIP411

The tip goes to local law enforcement after your message is stripped of identifying information. For situations that need immediate assistance, always call 911.

For more information: <a href="http://ricecountychc.org/initiatives/#">http://ricecountychc.org/initiatives/#</a> 411





# Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Invites You to a Presentation on

# Students with Disabilities, Executive Functioning And Transitioning to Life after High School

## And

# **SEAC Meeting:**

What is SEAC and how you can be involved in providing input to special services

# 6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, April 10, 2018 Northfield High School Media Center

Intended Audience: Parents of students with disabilities, Middle and High School Students and Staff. Open to the Public.

Presentation Presented by: Sara Pratt, Assistant Director of Special Services

Lori Warner, Occupational Therapist/Assistive Technology Specialist

Contact Jordan Streiff in the Special Services Office for any accommodations or questions; 507-645-3410 jstreiff@northfieldschools.org