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It's hard to believe that it is already November of this 2019-2020 school year. As you know, we have just completed the first quarter.

Each day, when students and staff members walk into Northfield High School, they find lots of excitement, exceptional teaching, cooperative and collaborative learning, and opportunities to form lasting relationships. For many students, the school day extends to homework, activities of all kinds, sports practices and contests, concerts, plays, community service and a host of other things connected to school.

The staff joins me in thanking the students at Northfield High School for all they do, for representing themselves positively at school and all around Northfield. Recently, a community member who volunteers at NHS stopped me and said, "The students at NHS are absolutely wonderful--they are kind and they say thank you!" Those of us who work at the high school know this because we are lucky enough to be in the building with students each day.

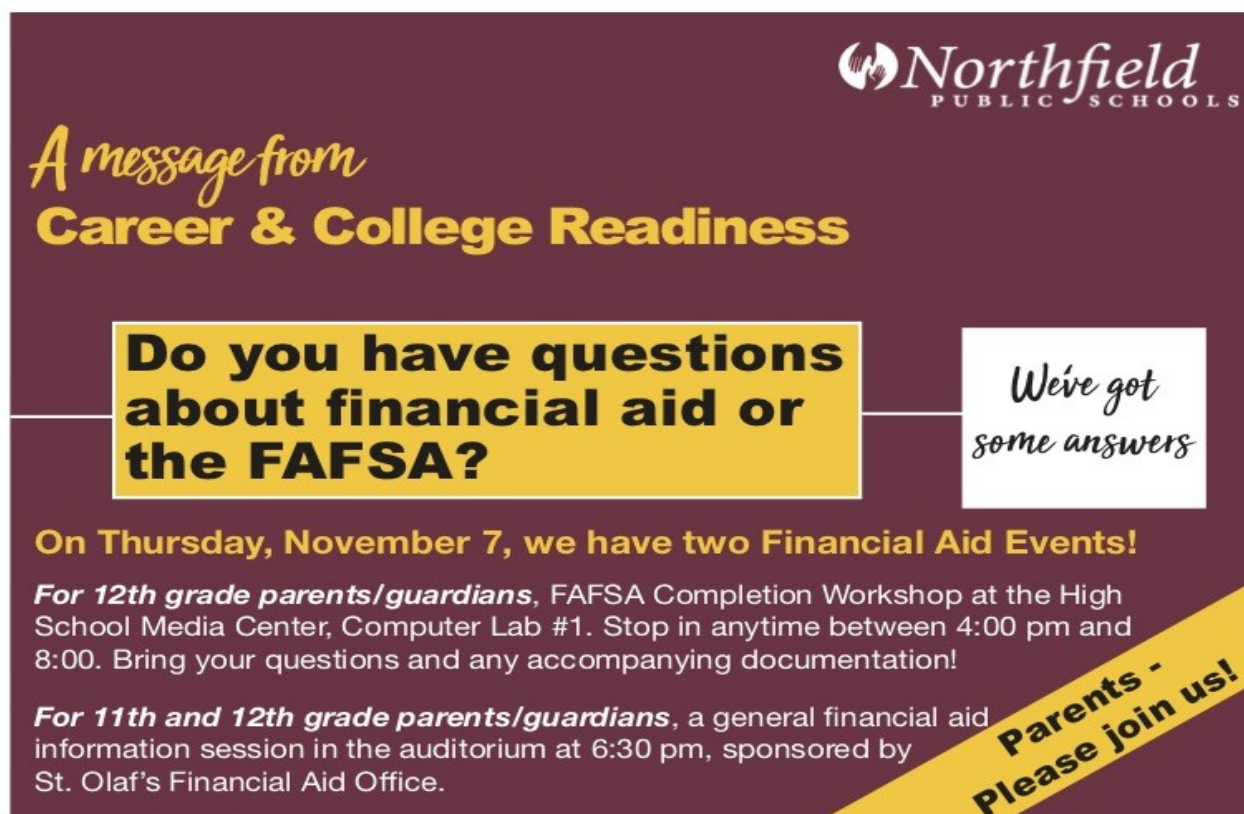
At this time of year, we think about being grateful and thankful. We are thankful for our students at NHS, and we are grateful to all of the parents and guardians of our students. We know that you are there encouraging your students each day, and we feel your support as well.

It continues to be an honor and a joy to be back at Northfield High School. So many of you have welcomed me and thanked me for being the Interim Principal. And I need to thank you for the kindness you share each time I see you at school, at school events, and all around Northfield.

Have a wonderful November and December!

Laura Kay Allen
Interim Principal
August - December, 2019



A flyer for financial aid events. It has a dark purple background. At the top right is the Northfield Public Schools logo. The main title is "A message from Career & College Readiness" in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. Below this is a yellow box with the text "Do you have questions about financial aid or the FAFSA?". To the right of this box is a white box with the text "We've got some answers". Below these boxes, it says "On Thursday, November 7, we have two Financial Aid Events!". Then it lists two events: one for 12th grade parents/guardians at the High School Media Center, and another for 11th and 12th grade parents/guardians in the auditorium. A yellow diagonal banner at the bottom right says "Parents - please join us!".

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A message from
Career & College Readiness

Do you have questions about financial aid or the FAFSA?

We've got some answers

On Thursday, November 7, we have two Financial Aid Events!

For 12th grade parents/guardians, FAFSA Completion Workshop at the High School Media Center, Computer Lab #1. Stop in anytime between 4:00 pm and 8:00. Bring your questions and any accompanying documentation!

For 11th and 12th grade parents/guardians, a general financial aid information session in the auditorium at 6:30 pm, sponsored by St. Olaf's Financial Aid Office.

Parents - please join us!

Conferences are November 7th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

The Northfield Raider SPEECH TEAM is gearing up for our 2020 season!

Speech is an incredibly diverse activity with something for everyone! While some of us give actual speeches (like informative or persuasive), others perform works of drama, humor, or poetry. Some team members compete in more debate-like categories, such as Discussion (this year's topic is "A Culture of Violence") or Extemporaneous Speaking (you have thirty minutes to research and craft a response to a question about a foreign or domestic current event). Some of us analyze and deliver great speeches; others tell classic folktales. Some members perform their own creative writing, while others read aloud from a published work of prose (this year, it will be from "All the Light We Cannot See").

Speech is a great way to make new friends, gain confidence and communication skills, and have fun! We practice after school from December or January (depending on your category) through mid-April, and compete most Saturdays during February and March, as well as a couple of afternoons/weeknights in March and April.

If Speech sounds like it might be a good fit for you, please attend our mandatory informational session for all interested NEW MEMBERS on Wednesday, November 13th, 2:55-3:45pm in Room S106.

Questions may be directed to Head Coach Saxton West (jsaxtonwest@northfieldschools.org) or Captains Brian Goodell, Grace Muth, and Ava O'Hara-Branter.

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE.....

As we finish up our fall season and embark on the beginning of the winter season, we have many opportunities to celebrate. Our volleyball team won the Big 9 conference for the 3rd year in a row and is looking to make a run at the state tournament. Our football, soccer and tennis teams have finished up their seasons. Our girls' swim and dive team is still competing in the regular season and will be in sections in November. The bowling team is in full swing and continues to compete into December.

The fall play performance of, "Little Shop of Horrors" is November 1, 2, 8, 9 at 7:30pm and November 10 at 2pm. All performances take place at the high school auditorium.

Registration

Registration is open for winter sports and activities. You can access the registration at:

<http://northfieldschoolsactivities.registryinsight.com/>

You will need a current physical on file. Physicals are good for 3 years. However, if your physical will expire prior to the end of the season, you will need to have an updated one before you can register.

Registration must be completed prior to the start of the season. This is especially important for the sports that need to make cuts. Tryouts are usually done in the first 3-4 days of the season. Students who have not registered prior to the start of the season will not be guaranteed the opportunity to try out.

Start dates for winter sports for the 2019-2020 school year:

Dance Team: October 21

Girls' Hockey: October 28

Alpine, Nordic: November 11

Gymnastics: November 11

Boys' Hockey: November 11

Girls' Basketball: November 11

Olympic Weightlifting: November 11

Wrestling: November 18

Boys' Basketball: November 18

Boys' Swim/Dive: November 25

For all up to date activities, fine arts and athletic schedules, please go to www.Big9.org

Activities: <https://northfieldschools.org/schools/northfield-high-school/sports-and-activities/>

Check out our activities website: <https://activitiesnorthfieldschools.sportngin.com/home>

Follow us on Twitter: @ADNorthfield

DECA UPDATES

DECA will be focusing on event preparation during the months of November & December. Our first competition is the district competition held in Owatonna on Friday, January 10! This competition determines which competitors will advance to the DECA State competition held March 1-3.

Parents/guardians of students attending the Central Regional Conference will receive an email with conference details before the Thanksgiving holiday break.

Finally, a reminder that DECA's school store Raider gear products can be purchased at NHS or purchased online through the districts "payments" link, "DECA School Store". These products make great holiday gifts!

Please contact DECA Advisor Julie Wolner at jwolner@northfieldschools.org with questions.

AP Exam Payment Deadline

If your student is currently taking an AP course and has registered for an exam, the deadline for payment is Nov. 8th. Families can make the payment online through the Northfield High School website or in the counseling office with a check or cash. Each exam costs \$60.

See Ms. Rasmussen in the counseling office if you have questions.

Freshmen Fun Night is November 16th!!!

9th Graders! Here's your BIG night! Your Link Leaders are hosting a FREE "Freshman Fun Night" in your honor! Come to the Dundas Dome on Saturday, November 16th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm; the Dome is reserved just for YOU as a class! There will be fun games like elimination, flag football, kickball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, spike ball, board games and other fun yard games.

The event is COMPLETELY free and your Link leaders will be there, ready to have a GREAT time!

Remember to bring your waiver to participate! Waivers will be sent out on Schoology and we will have waivers available at the Dome if you forget!

This is the one event of the year you won't want to miss!!!

NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



November

Fri. & Sat.	1 & 2	Fall Play	7:30 pm - HS Auditorium
Monday	4	No School - Teacher work day	
Thursday	7	Conferences	4:00 - 8:00 pm - HS Classrooms
Fri & Sat.	8 & 9	Fall Play	7:30 pm - HS Auditorium
Sunday	10	Fall play	2:00 pm - HS Auditorium
Tuesday	12	National Merit Reception	6:00 pm - Media Center
Wed, Thurs, Fri	27, 28, 29	No School	Thanksgiving Break

December

Friday	6	Senior Yearbook Photos Due	
Friday	6	All District Jazz Bands Concert	7:00 pm - HS Auditorium
Saturday	14	Traditions Choir Concert	7:30 pm - Carleton Skinner Chapel
Sunday	15	Traditions Choir Concert	2:00 pm - Carleton Skinner Chapel
Monday	16	Orchestra Concert	6:30 pm - MS Auditorium
Dec. 23 - Jan 3		No School - Winter Break	