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This past Wednesday, many of you may have been on the road headed toward a gathering for the Thanksgiving holiday. Many of us on staff at NHS were as well, but not until later in the day.

During the workday, a presenter from Equity Alliance Minnesota worked with high school, middle school, and area learning center staff on topics related to equity for all students. For example, we all have a world view, and that world view is influenced by a series of lenses we each have. Some of them we are very aware of. Others we might rarely, if ever, think about. Race, gender, and class are three lenses we hear about most often, but there are many – some we would describe as really significant. Others seem really small. They all, however, affect how we view the world around us, and as importantly, each other.

At one point during the day, I was telling a colleague about “personal space” and how I can become alarmed or uncomfortable when people invade mine. I recognize this is totally my issue, and I also recognize it as one of my lenses. And then, quite accidentally, I was reminded that personal space can very much be more than a “personal” behavior. It can be *cultural*, for example. That awareness helps me. It helps me be more patient, accepting, and understanding in situations where my initial instinct might otherwise have been discomfort or frustration.

A personal space lens is *really* insignificant compared to a number of the other lenses through which we view our world. Still, it is a good illustration of how important it is to be aware of *our* lenses, and the variety of lenses *others* view that same world.

I wish you a great December, through all of your lenses.

Joel Leer
Principal



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, Joe Jorgenson). One Act Play performances are February 9 & 10 (7:00 PM) and February 11 (2:00 PM) in the high school auditorium.



Concerts: Choir (Traditions) at Carleton Skinner Chapel on December 9 at 7:30 PM and December 10 at 2:00 PM (Director is Kyle Eastman). Orchestra (HS & MS) at Northfield Middle School on December 18 at 7:00 PM (Director is Paul Ousley). Band (High School Band concert with 8th grade) at Northfield Middle School on February 5th 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

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 -- 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.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND NEWS....

On December 7th, small ensembles will be playing at Quality Bakery and Downtown Bicycles for Winter Walk.

The winter Pep Band schedule begins December 14th with girls hockey vs Red Wing. The season schedule is posted in Schoology.

The Region 1AA Solo/Ensemble Festival at Lakeville South HS is January 20, 2018.

The 2018 NHS band coupon book sale will run from February 1-16. The books, featuring many local businesses, will again be \$25 with the proceeds supporting student travel. The books may be purchased from NHS band students. Please call the band office at 507-645-3403 for more information.

The NHS winter band concert, with the NMS 8th grade band is February 5th at 7 p.m. in the NMS auditorium.



CRAM JAM FOR FRESHMEN.....

The first round of finals is right around the corner! Your LINK leaders have some valuable advice and study strategies they want to share with you! Please join them to study together for your first finals on Monday, January 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Study centers will be set up in the upper cafeteria. And there will be popcorn!

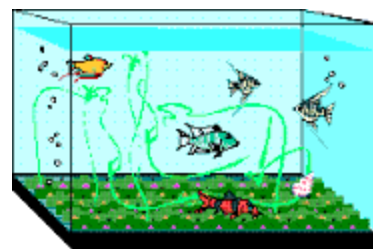


The NHS advanced Spanish classes partner with Carleton College International Film Festival Organizers!

On Tuesday, January 23rd, students will have the opportunity to meet and speak with presenter Oscar Clemente (video activist and environmentalist who is a distinguished visitor in residence). Following their meeting, students will view the film: *Sobre ruedas* (Keep on Rolling) at 7 p.m. in the Weitz Center.

This international film festival is open to the public and promises to stimulate conversation around important global issues. Following each film there will be a round table or time for Q & A. All are welcome! For more information: <https://apps.carleton.edu/arts/iff/schedule/>

Wanted aquariums for the science rooms! Please DONATE your unwanted and unused aquarium to the NHS science department. The HS and the ALC will make good use of them. Please contact Craig Johnson at cjohnson@northfieldschools.org. We would be happy to take parts that work even if the whole aquarium set up is not working.



DECA Update.....

DECA has switched gears to event preparation. In addition to Tuesday morning meetings, students will have an after school event practice on December 14, (3-5 p.m.) and an evening practice on December 18 (5:30 –7:30 p.m.) Our first competition is Friday, January 12 in Owatonna.

Parent volunteer judges are needed for December 18 at NHS and at the District competition on January 12! If you are interested, please email advisor Julie Wolner: jwolner@northfieldschools.org.

Yearbook Information!

Our theme this year is **Where We Are**. The yearbooks staff is busy researching and reporting on the story of where we are as classmates, teammates, and students during the 2017-18 school year.

Senior portraits are due December 15th

- Digital images (jpg.) can be sent to yearbook@northfieldschools.org. Please save photo as last name.first name.jpg and place the Students name and the words “senior photo” in the subject line of your email.
- Printed photos can be turned into Mrs. Mucha in H-120. Be sure your full name is on the back of the photo.
- Vertical “head shot” photos work best. The yearbook is in color, but a black & white photo can be used if you wish. No props or animals may be in the portrait.

Baby Ads

- Families can create a personal message with a baby picture and some special words to celebrate their graduate’s accomplishments.
- Go to Jostens.com to create your ad. You will be able to place up to three photos from your computer, write your ad copy and choose your fonts and colors.

Still need to purchase a yearbook?

- Order online at Jostens.com. We have sold out in past years, so get yours now!

Business Ads

- Do you have a business that would like to purchase an ad? Send an email to yearbook@northfieldschools.org if interested.

Business Student of the Month...

Congratulations to Tyler Coutermash on being selected as the Business Education Student of the Month for November. Tyler was selected for a variety of reasons including his warm and friendly personality and his hard work in our Keyboarding/Word Processing class. Tyler has been very focused on improving his skills and uses his time well to accomplish many tasks. Congratulations to Tyler!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December

1	Freshmen Fun Night	7-9 p.m. - Dundas Dome
9	NHS Traditions Choir Concert	7:30 p.m. - Carleton Skinner Chapel
10	NHS Traditions Choir Concert	2:00 p.m. - Carleton Skinner Chapel
15	Yearbook senior photos due	
18	NHS & NMS Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m. - NMS Auditorium
21-Jan 1	Winter Break	

January

15	No School	
22	Cram Jam	6-7:30 p.m. - HS Cafeterias
23-25	Semester Exams	
26	Teacher workshop/No School	

February

5	NHS Band Concert w/8th grade	7:00 p.m. - NMS Auditorium
9-10	One Act Play	7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
11	One Act Play	2:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
19	Staff Development Day/No School	
26	8th Grade Parent Night	6:30 p.m. - HS

NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



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