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There is no better example of *forward thinking* in our school than registration. We have barely started the second semester, students are just settling into their new classes, and we are already gearing up for the 18-19 school year. I really love this element of the school year. It's a great time to examine what we are doing *right now*, determine how we could do it better, and get it planned and implemented in time for students to benefit from it in our next school year. This is when the commitment of our staff to do right by kids is on full display.

"What if we did this?"

"How about if we change that?"

"Here's what we're adding to this!"

Everyone's focus is on what we do well, what we can do better, and how we make it all come together in what ends up being a fairly short amount of time.

We often hear in the media about how, for decades now, schools simply haven't changed. To some extent, that's true. The agrarian calendar still reigns. The traditional classroom matrix still stands as the most "popular" method of delivering content. But in the war-room of schedule-building and course offerings, there is a constant commitment to evolution in curriculum and offerings that meet the needs of our ever-changing student body.

In the coming weeks, you'll be hearing about and seeing materials regarding registration for next year. Please take time to talk with your students about these materials. We have an incredible menu of opportunities that offer students tastes, or even big bites, of numerous career pathways. Ask them why they are thinking about the courses they've selected. Ask them why they didn't select other courses? That dialogue will help students cement their choices, and begin them thinking about what lies ahead, next year, and well beyond.

Thanks for all you do in this partnership we share of educating your sons and daughters. Have a great February.

Joel Leer
Principal



ACTIVITIES NEWS

Raider Nation – Stay in touch with all that is happening in Raider Nation! Connect at northfieldschools.org, Big9.org, or call the Raider Activity Hotline (645-3456).

Congratulations – So many students have competed with such dedication during this winter season. Good luck to all teams and individuals as they advance toward the upcoming section and state competitions. Below are a few current highlights among the many:

- The Music Listening Team moves on to the State Competition on Friday, Feb. 2nd.
- True Team Swim & Dive were Section 1A Champions and earned 3rd Place at State.
- The student-directed One-Act Plays competed in the MSHSL for their very first year.
- The NHS Band Concert will be Mon, Feb. 5th (7:00 pm) – NMS Auditorium
- One-Act Plays perform on Feb. 9, 10 (7:00 pm) & 11 (2:00 matinee) – NHS Auditorium

Many athletic and academic teams continue to prepare and compete in their regular season and are anticipating the section and state competitions.

Raider Game Night – All high school students were invited for an evening of fun and games at the Dundas Dome on Sat., Jan. 27th. There were a variety of activities including Frisbee, Bubble Ball, Yard Games, Flag Football, Angle Ball, Kick Ball and individual contests. This event was sponsored and planned by R.A.L.I.E.

Spring Sports – The Spring season is just around the corner. Spring sports starting dates are: Clay Target (March 6), Softball & Boys/Girls Track (March 12), Baseball & Boys/Girls Golf (March 19), Boys Tennis (March 26), and Boys/Girls Lacrosse (April 2).

To be eligible to practice on your start date, all registration materials must be completed and turned in by 3:30 pm the Friday before your season begins. This includes online registration forms, fees, and an athletic physical verification form. Parents and students are greatly encouraged to complete all parts of registration well before this deadline.

Online registration can be completed through the district website at northfieldschools.org. For additional assistance with this process call Sheryl Docken at 663-0632.



Band News and Events!

Coupon Books

The 2018-19 NHS Band Allegro Coupon Books are available from any band student. The book features MANY area businesses and coupons run from February 1, 2018 thru January 31, 2019. The books are once again \$25 and proceeds go to the NHS Band travel budget. Thank you for your support. Please call the NHS band office for more information on purchasing a book: 507-645-3403 or email: mwilliams@northfieldschools.org



NHS Winter Band Concert with the NMS 8th Grade Band

Feb. 5, 7 PM @ NMS Auditorium

A great variety of selections will be played. Come and hear our special guest instrumentalist!?!? (Hint: the instrument includes pipes!) Adults \$3; Students/Senior Citizens \$1

NHS Band Waffle Dinner

The Northfield High School Bands invite you to the Annual Dad's All You Care to Eat Belgian Waffle Dinner on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fresh Belgian Waffles will be served with delicious toppings, sausages and beverages, accompanied by music provided by small ensembles from the bands. The plate costs \$10 but all the waffles you care to eat are free! Children 5 and under eat free. Take out is available. A waffle eating contest is planned. Proceeds benefit the NHS Band Program.

News from the Counseling Office:

On Tuesday, February 27, all 11th grade students will take the ACT with writing (for free!) during the school day. There is nothing students and families need to do in advance in order to register for this test date. As part of the pre-registration session students will complete during their chemistry classes, they will have the opportunity to send their ACT scores to up to four colleges free of charge. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these four free score reports. Sending them after the fact will cost \$13 per college, and even if future scores end up higher than this particular score, colleges will not penalize students.

For students who wish to study and prepare for the ACT, there are many resources out there, and the following two are great places to start without investing extra money:

1. Naviance Test Prep is located within each student's Naviance account. This is the same online ACT test prep package that ACT offers (at a cost) through their website. If students have questions about logging in to Naviance or about Naviance Test Prep, they can contact their counselor.
2. ACT offers some free test prep resources through their website: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

DECA Update

On January 12, 2018, 41 DECA students competed at the district competition in Owatonna. The following 26 students earned trips to the State DECA competition held March 4-6 in downtown Minneapolis. Many students earned trips in multiple events and 11 students won first place honors, six won 2nd place honors, and three won 3rd place honors! Here is the list of DECA State qualifiers:

Alex Baraniak, Evan Clay, Dylan Coutermash, Jack Fox, Joe Gatzlaff, Mikhail Geissler, Allison Goodell, Maxwell Gorden Mercer, Desarae Hartley, Luke Johnson, Rachel Leonard, Aaron Lopez, Noah Moyer, Jeremy Nelson, Claire Nielson, Griffin Rod, Brian Rodriguez, Reed Roney, William Schuerman, Andre Simonet, Anna Sullivan, Bridget Sullivan, Brooke Viskocil, Rylie Wefel, Jenna Woitalla, Jason Woitalla.

December Business Student of the Month:

Congratulations to Blane Olson, the business department's December Business Student of the Month! Blane was chosen because of his work ethic, his respectfulness, and his positive attitude. Blane has taken Business Management, Sports Marketing, and Marketing. Blane works at Makeshift Accessories designing jewelry and is a student coach at NHS. He enlisted in the navy and will report for basic training in September, 2018. Congratulations Blane!



Yearbook Information

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!



Pacer Parent Workshop:

Social Security Income workshop for 18 year old students with a disability will be held Feb 27, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm at STEP (Secondary Transition Education Program) located at 2800 1st Ave. NW, Faribault, MN. Watch for more information from special education case managers.

Be Heard Poetry Slam

"Be Heard MN Youth Poetry Slam" sponsored by TruArt Speaks, is open to students ages 13-19. Preliminary bouts are 7 pm on February 3, at Kracum Hall, Weitz Center at Carleton College. All preliminary bouts are free. Please come and support our local poets and cheer them on!

London/Paris Trip

Anyone interested in going on the London & Paris trip for our 2019 Spring Break (next year) should see Mrs. Mucha, Mrs. Sonnega or Mr. Stanina. There are spots available!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



February

5	NHS Band Concert w/8th grade	7:00 p.m. - NMS Auditorium
9	NHS Band Waffle Dinner	4:30 - 7:30 p.m - HS Cafeteria
9-10	One Act Play	7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
11	One Act Play	2:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
12-16	Snow Week	
19	Staff Development Day/No School	
26	8th Grade Parent Night	6:00 p.m. - HS
27	ACT for Juniors	

March

1	HS Conferences	4:00-8:00 p.m. (Upper & lower cafeteria)
3	NHS Choirs Classic Concert	7:30 p.m. - Boe Chapel
8	HS Conferences	4:00-8:00 pm (Classrooms)
19	All District Jazz Bands	7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
22	All District Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m. - HS Gym
26-30	Spring Break / No School	