

## NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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I've fielded an incredible number of questions and comments over the last couple weeks about the school shooting in Florida, about being a principal in the current reality of school violence, about how we as a school prepare for school violence, and about how kids and staff respond here locally when horrific events like this one happen in our country. Many of the questions and comments defy a logical answer or response.

Our students and staff shouldn't have to be thinking about this.

Schools are safe places statistically. The news, however, isn't able to paint them that way these days, so our students and staff don't get to think of them that way either. Something simply needs to change, and while our leaders and government officials sort out what those changes entail, we are left to consider our role: what can we do to maximize school safety?

So we lock doors, we *talk* to students, we *listen* for concerning information, we *reach out* to students, we *create* support networks, we *respond* to information we receive, and we *show*, on a daily basis, that we care about the students here. No one knows the exact formula that will prevent this type of school violence, but at NHS we will be unrelenting in our efforts to find the right mix, so our students and staff can be focused solely on learning each and every day they are here.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the education and safety of our students.

Joel Leer  
Principal



## NEWS FROM ACTIVITIES.....

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

**Congratulations** – Cheer on the Raiders as they complete their seasons and/or look toward post-season play. Below are a few current highlights among the many:

- The Girls Basketball Team claimed the Big 9 Conference title and continues to compete in Section play.
- Boys Swim & Dive finished as Section Champions and several individuals will compete at the state meet.
- The Speech team continues to field strong competition with students placing high in a variety of categories.
- Gymnastics, Wrestling, Alpine & Nordic Ski all sent individuals to the State Tournament.

The NHS Cheerleaders continue to promote school spirit in Raider Nation.

**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](http://northfieldschools.org).  
For additional assistance with this process call Sheryl Docken at 663-0632.



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## Band Coupon Books Still Available!

NHS bands are wrapping up the 2018 coupon book sale and still have books available. The books, featuring many local businesses, are \$25 and proceeds support student travel. Books may be purchased from NHS band students. Please call the band office at 507-645-3403, or [mwilliams@northfieldschools.org](mailto:mwilliams@northfieldschools.org) for information. Thank you for your support.



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## DECA Update.....

DECA has 26 students who qualify to compete at DECA State, March 4-6, in downtown Minneapolis. Students are competing in a variety of events including sales demonstrations, employment interviews, role play events, and written events including promotion plans and start-up business plans. Go Raiders!

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

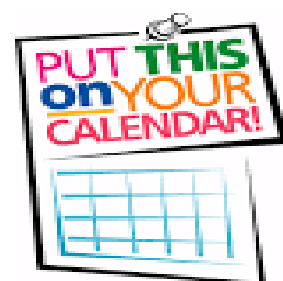
The last school day for our 2018 Seniors at NHS is May 31st. The Senior Lock-in will take place that night from 10:30pm - 4:30am. Adult family members are invited to join the festivities by serving for an hour or more as volunteers to help with games, activities, and food.

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](mailto:kcasson@northfieldschools.org).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



### 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	

### April

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	Bit 9 Music Festival - at Winona	