

# NORTH ATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWS & REVIEWS -- April/May 2010

### PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW:

I am pleased to share the following items with you:

- Special congratulations to our Cheerleaders for placing first at the New England Cheerleading Championships held in Providence on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the second consecutive year that our cheerleaders have won the New England Cheerleading Championships. Our girls represented NAHS with a great amount of class and school spirit. They had previously placed second at the State Cheerleading Championships held at the Wachusett Regional High School on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Coach Patti Johnson for another outstanding year.
- Congratulations to the 183 students in the Class of 2011 who qualified for the Stanley Koplick Certificate of Mastery. These students have scored in the "Advanced" category on at least one of the three MCAS tests and "Proficient" in the other MCAS tests. A letter and an application have been mailed to the qualifying students and their parents. All questions should be directed to the Guidance Department.
- Renaissance Recognition assemblies were held on February 12<sup>th</sup> with approximately 600 students attaining perfect attendance and/or *Honor Roll* for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. The concert band under the direction of Mr. T.J. Rizzo provided outstanding musical entertainment. After the assemblies, students were treated to ice cream sandwiches in the cafeteria.
- Senior Parents: The Class of 2010 Graduation activities and scholarship packet has been mailed. Please contact my office ASAP if you have not received this packet of information.
- Anyone having questions about the ongoing and upcoming MCAS exams should contact their child's guidance counselor for the latest information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### APRIL

- 1 3<sup>RD</sup> Quarter Ends
- 2 No School – Good Friday
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 6 No School for Students-Staff Professional Development Day
- 8 School Council Meeting, 5:00 PM, Martin Room
- 9 Report Cards Issued
- 10-11 MICCA Concert Band and Choral Festival
- 13 One FAN Meeting w/AHS @ BFHS, 8:00 AM
- 13 Academic Booster Club Meeting, 2:00 PM, Martin Room
- 13 NAHS Alumni Association Meeting, 6:00 PM, Room 161
- 15-16 Hockomock Model Senate
- 15 School Council Meeting, 5:00 PM, Martin Room
- 15 Junior Class Rock, Paper & Scissors Tournament, 6:30 PM
- 15 Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Media Center
- 16 Day of Silence, Building Bridges GSA
- 16 Renaissance Recognition Assemblies, Cobb Theater, Periods 6 & 7
- 16-17 "The Music Man" NAHS Spring Musical
- 19-23 Spring Vacation
- 22-26 Music Department Trip to Washington, D.C.
- 26 Students Return from Spring Vacation
- 29 One FAN Academic Bowl, 6:30 PM, Bishop Feehan HS

#### MAY

- 4 Senior Class Progress Reports Issued for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- 4 Construction Career Day, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Hopkinton, MA
- 7 All-town Music Concert, Pickering Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
- 8 Junior Prom, Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, 6:30-10:30 PM
- 13 National Honor Society Award Ceremony, Periods 3 & 4
- 13 School Council Meeting, Martin Room, 5:00 PM
- 13 Fine Arts Festival, 7:00 PM, Cobb Theater
- 14 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports, Grades 9-11
- 15 Senior Prom, White's of Westport, 6:30-10:30 PM
- 17-18 MCAS Mathematics Testing
- 17-20 "R" Word Pledge Week
- 18 Fisher-Kelley Banquet, Luciano's Lake Pearl, 6:30 PM
- 20 Special Olympics Games @ North Attleboro HS
- 20 International Thespian Induction Ceremony, Cobb Theater, 6:00 PM
- 20 Final Parent Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Media Center
- 21 Senior Class Cookout, Period 5
- 21 NAHS Alumni Association Recognition Dinner, 6:00 PM, Highland Country Club
- 24-27 Senior Class Final Exams, 7:15 AM & 8:11 AM
- 27 Last Day of Classes for Seniors
- 29 Marching Band at the Memorial Day Parade
- 31 Memorial Day, No School

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Robert J. Gay, Principal

Boys' State & Girls' State:

On March 2, 2010, representatives from the Paul Robitaille American Legion Post 49 presented an assembly to our Junior Class on the upcoming Boys' State and Girls' State in June at Stonehill College. Senior Vice-Commander Jackie Savigano led the students in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the speakers, including State Representative Betty Poirier. Post 49 has been very generous in sponsoring NAHS students to Boys' State and Girls' State the past several years. The students who attended in June 2009 spoke to the Junior Class about their experiences: Erin Kingsley, Colleen O'Neill, Neha Patel and Katie Yacovone. Please contact History teacher Alex Russo if you have any questions concerning Boys' State or Girls' State.

Advanced Placement Test Schedule:

May 3 Monday	AP French Exam	11:15 AM
May 4 Tuesday	AP Spanish Exam	7:15 AM
May 5 Wednesday	AP Calculus Exam	7:15 AM
May 6 Thursday	AP Literature Exam	7:15 AM
May 7 Friday	AP U.S. History Exam	7:15 AM
May 10 Monday	AP Biology Exam	7:15 AM
May 10 Monday	AP Music Theory Exam	7:15 AM
May 11 Tuesday	AP Chemistry Exam	7:15 AM

Good luck to all our students taking the exams.

Regional Science Fair:

On Saturday, March 20th, NAHS students competed in the Region III Massachusetts State Science Fair. NAHS students once again showed their remarkable talent, as eight students were recognized for their participation in the fair. The following awards were presented to NAHS students:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Award

Meghan McHugh – The United States Navy/Marine Corps Distinguished Achievement Award, the James William Pelletier Award and the International Science and Engineering Fair State Representative

Megan Hornsby and Emily Tiernan – The Citizens-Union Savings Bank Award and the International Science and Engineering Fair State Representatives (alternates)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award

Delaney Smith and Alyssa Whitney – Institute of Food Technologists New England Chapter Award

Third Place

Colton Williamson – The United States Public Health Service Surgeon General's Award

Honorable Mention

Noor Alam and Matthew Kelleher

Congratulations to all of the above students. I wish Meghan McHugh the best, as she will be traveling to the International Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held in San Jose, California in early-May.

Laurelwood Drive Concerns:

One of the trustees from Laurelwood Drive contacted the high school recently to express concerns in the following areas. On the days when senior parking is limited due to an election or other events, a number of students park on Laurelwood Drive and cut through the yards of homes to access the high school. Laurelwood Drive is a private road; it is not as wide as most streets and it creates a problem if cars are parked on both sides of the road across from each other. Vehicles such as fire trucks cannot easily pass through in such situations.

The second concern is during the end of the school day. When students are leaving in their cars, the line to take a left-hand turn from Wilson Whitty Way to Landry Avenue can be very long. A number of students will opt for the right hand lane, turn in at the top of Laurelwood Drive and make a U-turn and come out at the light on Landry Avenue thus "beating" the other cars still waiting to exit from Wilson Whitty Way. While making the U-turn, some students have driven over the island, ruining plants and driven over homeowners' lawns. There is also a concern of the speed in which the students enter and exit Laurelwood Drive causing possible danger to the local residents.

The administration of NAHS does not condone either of the above activities. Seniors should NOT be parking on a private way, unless they have specific permission of the homeowner in whose driveway

they are parking. Violators will be subject to tows. Also, NAHS students should not be making quick U-turns at the top of Laurelwood Drive. Violators may cause damage to people or property, resulting in possible legal consequences. NAHS intends to be a good neighbor with the residents of Laurelwood Drive and observe proper motor vehicle behavior.

#### NORTH ATTLEBORO ATHLETICS:

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Fisher – Kelley Banquet, honoring all senior student – athletes will take place on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at Lake Pearl Luciano’s Restaurant, on 299 Creek Street in Wrentham 02093. All senior athletes are the guests of the Fisher – Kelley Banquet Committee. Parents may purchase tickets through their son or daughter at a cost of \$30 per ticket. Tickets will be available through the Athletic Director’s office beginning on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pay by check, make it payable to the Fisher Kelley Committee. In addition to the recognition of all senior student-athletes, the prestigious Dr. Grant and Dr. DeYoung awards will be presented to two of our top senior student-athletes. If you have any questions regarding this event please call the Athletic Director’s office at 508-643-2129.

Congratulations to our Girls Swimming, Boys Track, and Cheerleading teams for bringing home Hockomock League championships. Congratulation to our Boys and Girls Basketball teams for making the State Tournament. Our Wrestling team went on to win the South Sectionals. Our Boys Track team came in second at the State Championships. Our Cheerleaders came in second in the State Championships and first at the New England Championships. Congratulations to our Wrestling team for their 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive MIAA Silver Level Academic Award.

Spring sports schedules may be found online at “highschoolsports.net” in addition to our High School website [www.naschools.net](http://www.naschools.net). This site will allow you to acquire pertinent athletic information as well as communicate with coaches. Those looking ahead to the fall for planning purposes can also find fall schedules online. Simply use the dropdown menus and follow directions.

#### IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DATES:

1. Norton High School is hosting a regional college fair on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the high school gymnasium from 6:00pm until 8:00pm.
2. The National Association for College Admission Counseling is hosting The Providence National College Fair at the Rhode Island Convention center on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 1:00pm –4:00 pm. Students should pre-register online @[www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com).
3. Juniors who wish to take the May 1<sup>st</sup> or June 5<sup>th</sup> SAT must go online to register.
4. Juniors are urged to visit college campuses during the April break.
5. All students should have turned in a course selection sheet to guidance prior to spring break.

#### MEDIA CENTER UPDATES:

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. Please remember to use the skills that you learned while doing research projects at NAHS. Our note taking sheets are always on our home page so you may continue to use them if you wish along with the MLA Works Cited Sheet. Yes, you must still cite your sources in college or work projects. Make sure to check with your boss or professor as to how and what format they would like. There are other works cited formats such as APA and Turabian.

## FINE ARTS:

### Music Department

March 31 <sup>st</sup> / April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory DC Meeting 7pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chaperone meeting 7pm
April 10 <sup>rd</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	MICCA Concert Choir and Concert Band Festivals
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Music meeting at 7pm
April 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Musical "The Music Man"
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Luggage Drop-off 7pm
April 22-26 <sup>th</sup>	Washington DC Trip
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	All-Town Concert at 7pm in the NAHS Gymnasium
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Music meeting at 7pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fine Arts Festival at 7pm in the NAHS Theater
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz Band Performance at Roosevelt School
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz Band Performance at ELC
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Music Department Banquet at Masonic Hall
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Marching Band at the Memorial Day Parade

**Congratulations to Joe Kain, William Palmer, and Hayley Sheaff for their acceptance to the All-State Chorus this year. They spent three days in March rehearsing in Boston at the Massachusetts All-State Conference and performed at Symphony Hall on March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Congratulations to the NAHS Jazz Band for receiving "Honorable Mention- Class B Bands" award at the Clark Terry Jazz Festival at the University of New Hampshire.**

### Theatre Company

**Well, you got trouble, my friends! Right here in North Attleborough, when the NAHS Theatre Company presents its annual spring musical, "The Music Man" on Friday and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 7:00 pm, in the Judith E. Cobb Theatre at NAHS. Written and composed by Meredith Wilson, the musical is under the direction of Ms. Lisa Forsgard, with musical direction by Mr. T.J. Rizzo and Mr. Rob Couture. Lead roles are being portrayed by seniors Joe Marino, Joe Kain, & Travis Garlick, junior Heather Ann Krasner, and sophomore Theresa Bertolino. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, and \$10.00 for high school and younger students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at all school lunches the week of the show, and after school from 2:00-7:00 pm, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, in the NAHS lobby.**

## SCHOOL NURSES:

**-Students who have seasonal allergies should be sure to take their medication at home daily, as we do not have these medications available in the nursing office.**

-We are collecting used crutches to help the hundreds of thousands of Haitians who have lost a leg as a result of the earthquake of January 12, 2010. Many of us have crutches gathering dust in the basements and garages. **We encourage you to pull them out and deliver them to us!**

The crutches should arrive as soon as possible at the High School Nurses' Office, during school hours, paired and taped (with packing tape). They will be stored at NAMS and transported to a national collection center in New Jersey on or before April 16, 2010. This collection center is the only site in New England - see <http://www.crutchestohaiti.com/>. Our goal is to collect 300 pairs of crutches. If you have any questions contact us in the nursing office.

- According to the new state regulation, which was passed in April of 2009, schools must now collect height and weight measurements on students in grades 1, 4, 7, and 10. These measurements will then be

used to calculate each child's Body Mass Index (BMI). These measurements will then be used to calculate each child's BMI and the results will be mailed home to parents/guardians.

An informational evening for parents on the new BMI regulations is scheduled for **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM** at the Middle school cafeteria.

-Physical exams are a Massachusetts state mandated requirement for all Grade 10 students. Please send in a copy of your child's physical done after January 1, 2009. Students will be excluded from school Junior year without documentation of this required physical exam.

Please contact us with any questions.  
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### FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

**Do you know your child's student ID#? It is on report cards, student picture IDs and used in the cafeteria with every purchase.**

The implementation of the computerized cash registers in North Cafe was very successful. Students entered their Student ID Number on a keypad or scanned their student ID card to access their account and complete all purchases. This system adds flexibility to your payment options, and provides *confidentiality for all* students regarding meal status.

This is a debiting/database system with all students having their own individual account. You may **deposit any amount of money** into your child's account. Payments can be made with cash or checks made out to NA Foodservice Dept. **(in the memo section include the student's name, student ID number).**

At this time, students may give cash or check to any cashier during breakfast or lunch for money to be added into accounts.

While we prefer that students deposit money into their account for the cafeteria lines to move quicker, Daily cash is still accepted.

Please call 508-643-2104 or email [mcivetti@naschools.net](mailto:mcivetti@naschools.net) with questions or concerns.

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