

NORTH ATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS & REVIEWS -- JUNE 2010

PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW:

I am pleased to share the following items with you:

- Congratulations to Valedictorian Robin Armstrong and Salutatorian Ginny Tang. Robin will be attending Tufts University. She is the daughter of James and Stasia Armstrong. Ginny will be attending Wellesley College. She is the daughter of Jon Svendsen and Yuhui Cang. The other eight students who are in the "Top Ten" of the Class of 2010, listed alphabetically, are: Kelli Brodbeck, Kevin Fernandes, MaryLucia Hedberg, Barrett Holden, Nicole Hurd, Sheta Kitchloo, Katherine Murphy and Neha Patel.
- The NAHS Theatre Company did an outstanding job in presenting "The Music Man" on April 16 & 17. I was honored to have the play dedicated to me and to have a cameo appearance. Being part of the cast was definitely one of the highlights of my nine years at NAHS, as I was truly impressed with the high degree of the students' professionalism both on-stage and backstage. Congratulations to director Lisa Forsgard, conductor TJ Rizzo and to the cast and crew for two memorable performances in front of packed houses that responded with standing ovations both evenings.
- Seniors Robin Armstrong and Barrett Holden were recognized as the two NAHS "Scholar Athletes" at the Annual Hockomock League Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner at Luciano's Lake Pearl on May 13th.
- Congratulations to the new National Honor Society officers for the 2010-2011 school year: President, Frank Cai, Vice-President, Nicholas O'Leary, Secretary, Jennah Jacobs, Treasurer, Kelsey O'Connor, and Publicist, Lauren Hauer.
- The third quarter Renaissance recognition assemblies were held on April 16th for more than 600 students attaining perfect attendance and/or Honor Roll. The NAHS Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Mr. T.J. Rizzo provided the entertainment. Congratulations to Jesse Kummer who received the Lambco Renaissance scholarship. His name was drawn from a group of students who have attended every Renaissance assembly throughout their four years of high school. Thank you once again, to the Lambert family for providing the Lambco Renaissance scholarship. Bliss Brothers Dairy provided ice cream sundaes for all of the Renaissance students.
- "North Idol 2010" was held on Thursday, May 6 in the Cobb Theater. Congratulations to Brendan Duquette, who was selected as the 2010 North Idol. Runners-up were Steve Sellner and Vlad Francois, and Joe Marino and Band.
- The Junior Prom was held on Saturday, May 8 at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. The Senior Prom was held on Saturday, May 15 at White's of Westport. They were two of the best proms I have attended in my thirty-six year career. The food was delicious and the students were on their best behavior. In fact, the general manager of White's of Westport wrote me a letter saying, "In my 10 year of event management, I have never seen a high school prom with such well-mannered students. They were the true definition of ladies and gentlemen." Congratulations to the juniors and seniors and especially to the advisors: Junior Class Advisors Kevin Donovan and Derek Herber, and Senior Class Advisors Laurie Blake and Sue Caldwell

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE

- 1 Graduation Rehearsal, Class Picture, Distribution of Caps & Gowns, Medical Records and Rain Tickets – 8:30 AM
- 1 Period 6, Grade 9 MCAS Biology Assembly
- 2-3 MCAS Biology Testing
- 2 Informal Senior Class Day, 12:10 PM, Pickering Gymnasium
- 3 Formal Senior Class Night, 6:00 PM, Pickering Gymnasium
Senior Reception follows Formal Class Night, Senior Hallway & Cafeteria
- 4 Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony, 6:00 PM, Beaupre Field
In case of rain, 6:00 PM, Pickering Gymnasium
- 4-5 Parents' Sponsored All Night Graduation Dance Party, Hockomock YMCA
- 7 Grade 9 Special Olympics Assembly, 9:15 AM, Cobb Theater
- 9 Grades 9-11 Class Election Speeches, Periods 2, 3 & 4, Cobb Theater
- 10 Grades 9-11 Class Elections, Homeroom
- 11-12 Relay for Life, Beaupre Field & Estey Track
- 15 BICO Graduation, 10:00 AM, Cobb Theater
- 15 Period 7 Final Exam, 12:08 PM – 1:49 PM
- 16 Period 1 Final Exam, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Period 2 Final Exam, 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Early Release Time, 10:45 AM – Bus Departs @ 11:15 AM
- 17 Period 3 Final Exam, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Period 4 Final Exam, 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Early Release Time, 10:45 AM – Bus Departs @ 11:15 AM
Exam Make-up, 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- 18 Period 5 Final Exam, 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Period 6 Final Exam, 9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Early Release Time, 10:45 AM – Bus Departs @ 11:15 AM
Exam Make-up, 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- 21 Make-up exams, 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Dismissal at 10:15 AM – Buses will not run

Robert J. Gay, Principal

On Thursday, May 20, NAHS hosted the 22nd Attleboro Area Special Olympics School Day Games for the first time ever. More than 560 Special Olympians came to the fields of NAHS to compete in the various athletic events. Almost 200 NAHS students assisted the Attleboro High School students who have run this competition for the past several years. Overall, it was a huge success due to the work of Meghan Hoffman of Special Olympics and Rebecca Richard of AHS. A number of NAHS faculty assisted including Lisa Forsgard, Derek Herber and Kurt Kummer.

On Monday, June 7th, the freshman class will attend the 9th Annual Special Olympics Awards' Assembly. This assembly allows our freshmen the opportunity to witness the character and courage of our Special Olympians. Congratulations to our Special Olympian medal winners and thanks to the National Honor Society students, Project Teammate, and wrestling team members who escorted them during the May 20th Special Olympics Games at NAHS.

Lunch will be offered at the high school through Tuesday, June 15, 2010. From Wednesday, June 16th to Friday, June 18th, breakfast items, sandwiches, ice cream, snacks and beverages will be served between 6:15 AM and 11:15 AM.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this past school year another one of numerous academic, artistic and athletic achievements and successes. They truly made my ninth year as Principal of NAHS an extremely enjoyable and richly rewarding experience. Our students continue to be involved in many successful theatrical, musical and artistic presentations. NAHS student-athletes once again were successful in representing the school with their athletic performances and more importantly, their outstanding sportsmanship. I am so proud of our NAHS students!

National Merit Scholarship Program:

I was very pleased to receive notification that ten NAHS students have been invited to participate in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is the most number of students we have had since 2006. Selection is based on the students PSAT scores taken during their junior year placing them in the top 3.3% of the 1.5 million students taking the PSAT nationally. Congratulations to Noor Alam, Stephen Bourget, Frank Cai, Kenneth Chea, Emily Davis, Zachary Greenhalge, Justin Ismail, Matthew Kelleher, William Palmer and Abigail Thibeault.

Art Shows and Art Awards:

Congratulations to Art teachers Christina Estey and Chris Flanagan for organizing the 4th Annual Junior & Senior Art Show on May 14 at the Grace Episcopal Church in the center of North Attleboro. This gave our upperclassmen the opportunity to display their many wonderful works of art. *Honorable Mention* went to Julia Krasney for her photograph, "Shut me up." Sarah Brousseau finished in *Third Place* for her painting, "Purple Swirls." Kayla Meehan finished in *Second Place* for her photograph, "Digging my own grave." *First Place* went to Garrett Gaumond for his painting, "Even more boredom." The top three winners will have their work professionally framed by The Preservation Framer and the artwork will be displayed at the store in downtown North Attleboro. Congratulations to these students and to all the art students for displaying their wonderful work.

Massachusetts State Science Fair Results:

Science Fair advisor Alex Hatzberger reports that the Massachusetts State Science Fair was recently held at M.I.T. Congratulations to Noor Alam and Matthew Kelleher for taking a *Third Place Award* and both the 2010 MIT Educational Studies Award and the 2010 Thermo-Fisher Scientific Award.

National Spanish Exam:

Congratulations to the following students who ranked among the best in the nation on the National Spanish Exam, administer early in May at NAHS:

Scoring in the 95th – 100th percentile and earning a Gold Medal were Dana Brown, John Carmichael, Emily Davis, Heather Davis, Connor Devers, Heather Krasner, Samantha LaFratta, Sydney Lambert and Kyle Orfan.

Scoring in the 85th – 94th percentile and earning a Silver Medal were Wesley Dunham, Molly Hillis, Haylee Nugent, Shalini Paliwal, Jackson Riseman, Ariana Roy, Yan Sherry, Nicole Chahwan, Luke Comerford, James Connelly, Veronica Coyle, Michael Curley, Sean Greenhalge, Katelyn Mullen, Ty Sweeney, Ryan Flannery, Jillian Gabriel, Tashfia Hasan, Justin Ismail, Ian Korsland, Tristan Richardon and Kelli Brodbeck.

Scoring in the 75th – 84th percentile and earning a Bronze Medal were George Bradley, Laura Goodman, Alexandra Harbour, Rachel Iaconis, Allison Krasneer, Hannah McCarthy, Matthew McKim, Quinn Scanlan, Hayley Sheaff, Brielle Albertini, Jessica-Lynn Botteri, Jessica Chen, Joshua Darling, Emily Gardner, Natasha Gavilanez, Adam Gifford, Adam Whitney, Charles Amaya, Alexander Goldman, Kaylee Henriques, Jennah Jacobs, Daniel Johnson, Matthew Kelleher, Jeffrey Mark, Rukshini Perera and Jordan Roberts.

Happy Retirement!!!:

Good luck and good health to our faculty members who will be retiring from NAHS at the conclusion of this school year. The retirees are Guidance Counselor Linda Gay, Family and Consumer Science teacher Celia Humeston and Physical Education teacher and longtime Health teacher Paul Klenk,

The NAHS Community will truly miss these three talented and dedicated educators.

North Attleboro Athletics:

Congratulations to the following award winners for their commitment to excellence on the athletic fields and in the classroom:

Hockomock Scholar Athletes: Barrett Holden and Robin Armstrong

Dr. DeYoung Award: Matthew Moore

Dr. Grant Award: MaryLucia Hedberg

MIAA Sportsmanship Award Winners:

Brendan Emanuel, Rachel Gould, Jillian Haney, Jesse Kummer, Joseph Kummer, Victoria Morris, Vanessa Parker, Stephen Sellner

Alyssa Gutauskas Scholarship: Nicole Hurd

Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys' Tennis teams, and our Softball teams for earning entry into the State Tournaments. We wish our baseball team well in their pursuit of entry into the tournament. We also want to congratulate the many individual state qualifiers on our Girls and Boys Track teams.

There will be meetings for all students participating in fall sports. These meetings will take place during the last few weeks of school. Students are advised to listen to morning and afternoon announcements for the dates and times of these meetings. Varsity coaches will be contacting candidates for their programs during the summer in order to inform them of specific details relating to the beginning of fall practice.

On Monday, June 7th, at the Middle School, during the lunch periods, there will be a sign-up day for all Fall sports, for eighth graders entering the high school next year. Announcements will be made at the Middle School to alert students the week previous to the sign-up day. Anyone with questions contact Mr. Feid

Neither the NAHS Athletic Department nor the state athletic organization (MIAA) sanctions "captains' practices" that take place during the off-season for athletes. Participation in these activities is completely voluntary on the part of the student. Please be advised that their coaches, due to state regulations, cannot supervise these "practices". If your son/daughter chooses to participate please understand that they are unsupervised and their participation is 100% voluntary. Also, if you choose to allow your child to participate, please be sure that they take all precautions associated with healthy exercise routines.

Physicals are required for all students wishing to participate in athletics at North Attleboro High School. They must have turned in a form, signed by their physician, indicating that they are cleared to play sports. It must be dated within 395 days of the first day of a practice for each sport in which they wish to participate. If you are eligible on the first day of practice, then your eligibility is maintained through that season only, not necessarily for the entire year. If the window of 395 days runs out during a given season of play you must obtain a new physical to participate in the next sports season. Please be sure that all forms turned in to their respective coaches are signed. If all forms are not turned in then students will not be allowed to participate.

Any student in need of a physical may obtain one at the High School during the month of August. Exact dates and times will be announced. Any student receiving a physical through the High School must present a physical form signed by the parent prior to the physical as well as a medical history form. These forms are available on the Web Site, the Nurses' office as well as the office of the Athletic Director.

Please be advised that student – athletes are expected to be at all practices and games. If you are making travel plans for the 2010 – 2011 year, please be aware of potential conflicts that may arise with your child during the December, February and April vacation periods. Consequences for unexcused absences are written in the student handbook. Please make coaches aware of any conflicts before the season during sign ups.

The NAHS athletic website is constantly updated. You can get to it through the North Attleboro Schools website. It will contain many of the details that parents and athletes may be seeking. If you have questions during the summer please check the website or call the Athletic Department at 508 – 643 –2129.

Important Guidance Dates:

1. Summer school information is available in the guidance office. Please call (508) 643.2120 if interested.
2. Seniors who wish to take the October SAT's should register on-line in August at www.collegeboard.com.
3. Anyone interested in taking a SAT prep class could contact the following for more information.
Revolution Prep – 1-877-REV-PREP
Andrew Hunt - 508-243-5677
4. Schedules for the 2010-2011 school year will be given out on the first day of school.
5. Mr. Senecal will be in the guidance office starting August 24th. The remaining guidance counselors will be in on August 31, September 1 & 2.

Nurse's Notes

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, 2010. Students will be excluded from school junior year without documentation of this required physical exam.

School physicals will be in August before athletics begin. They will be available for any student needing a physical this year for the 10th grade requirement, athletics or inaccessibility to a medical doctor. Forms are available on the nursing web site **No physical will be given without these forms and a parent signature.** Watch for date on nursing and athletic web page.

ALL medications taken during the school day must have a written doctor's order and parental permission on file in nurse's office. ALL medications except inhalers and epipens must be kept in nursing office in labeled prescription bottle. **These orders must be updated at the beginning of every school year.** Forms are avail under "district health policies and forms-medical form" portion of nurse's webpage. Doctor can also fax orders directly to the nursing office: 508-643-2164

The high school nurses' webpage can be accessed through the high school web site. Just click on "nurse's notes" on the far left.

Please contact us with any questions.
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Parent Council News

Dear NAHS Parents-

Thank you for your support during this past school year. Together we raised \$2969.38 with \$2040 coming from parent donations and \$929.38 coming from Target, Stop & Shop and Shaw's Rewards Programs.

We have allocated some of these funds to various academic and extracurricular programs throughout the school year, including MCAS snacks, Renaissance Program, School Nurses, Science Department, Music Department, Physical Education Department, Academic Booster Club, Retiring Teachers and Grad Party.

The Target Program is ongoing and the Stop & Shop A+ Program will start up again in the fall (you will need to reregister your card as they erase their database each year.) Unfortunately, the Shaw's Program has been discontinued. Please check the September Principal Newsletter and the school website www.naschools.net for information on how to sign up for these programs so you can help us raise money for NAHS without spending any additional money. We will also have information available for these programs at the Back-to-School Night, Thursday, September 23, 2010.

A special thanks to Sharon Meehan for her 9 years of service as the Secretary for the Parent Council. Sharon has done an extraordinary job with the minutes for the meetings and will be greatly missed. Fortunately for NAHS, Sharon will continue in her role as Secretary to the School Council and Academic Booster Club.

Thanks again and have a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Debbie Mark

Parent Council President