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Home of the Wildcats!

“The Mission of North High School is to embrace and challenge a diverse community where students can become life-long learners with high expectations, in a positive and safe environment.”

Welcome to the New School Year!

Staff members and the administrative team have been working throughout the summer to put finishing plans on the new school year. **We look forward to the opening of school on August 19th.**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new incoming students and families to North High School as well as all our returning members of the North High Family. We look forward to a busy year filled with endless opportunities for your student. We encourage students to get involved in clubs, activities or athletics. Also, the invitation is open to parents to participate in your child's experiences by attending parent-teacher conferences held each midterm and by getting involved with our Instrumental or Vocal Music Boosters, Drama Boosters, or Athletic Booster organizations. The Booster organizations will be on hand at registration to answer your questions about membership. Make it a point this year to attend fine arts, JROTC and athletic events which showcase the fine work our students, teachers and coaches do on a regular basis. The

begin Monday, August 23rd with normal dismissal at 2:35 pm.

The district wide ID badge initiative will continue with all students and staff wearing ID badges during school hours. Badges include a bar code which facilitates purchases in the cafeteria, checking out books in the LMC and serve as activities' pass. As this is our second year of implementation, we expect returning students to be good role models for the new students by wearing and displaying their ID badges appropriately every day. We look for your continued support. School ID pictures will be taken on August 23rd. Badges will be given to students at this time and enforcement will take affect immediately. ID badges streamline building procedures as well as add to the safety and security of our students and staff.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of our 2009-10 school report card. Please take a few minutes and look over this update. We thank all our stakeholders for their continued support of North High and for all we do to better serve our students!

As in anything we do, communication is

be made to alert our families to their emails and/or our webpage. If you do not have access to either resource, please contact Linda Walton in our Main Office at 388-9880 x 100. A data base for mailings will be compiled and updated regularly. Households on this roster will continue to receive paper copies of our newsletters. We will be interested in feedback as the year goes along as to how well this new procedure is working.

Our continued dedication to the ninth grade academy, Project Lead the Way, MCJROTC, our literacy and numeracy projects, our outstanding visual and performing arts programs, all our sports programs, and the focus of career and post-secondary preparation enables the North High staff to provide a quality, innovative high school experience for your student. We look forward to another school year with anticipation of both challenges and successes to celebrate. We are proud of our North High Family and ask for your continued support and participation in our journey to achieving academic success for all our students.— Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal

case the fine work our students, teachers and coaches do on a regular basis. The high school years are full of interesting and engaging activities—don't miss out on all the fun!

Associate principal, Dr. Betsy Fair, leads the NGA teacher teams to facilitate communication and assist with resources. Our annual **Ninth Grade Orientation and Hot Dog Roast on August 9th**, will allow for the introduction of the teacher teams so parents and students can begin to get acquainted well before the first day of school. Students and parents are encouraged to attend our complimentary hot dog roast on the east lawn at 6 pm followed by a detailed orientation to ninth grade in the auditorium promptly at 7.

The NGA will enter its 5th year. As we continue our efforts to successfully transition our ninth graders to the high school environment, **the class schedule for the first day will result in a shorter than usual day for 10th -12th graders who will be released at 10 am. Ninth graders will participate in an expanded orientation to the building opportunities and physical plant with dismissal at 12:30 pm.** Friday, August 20th will be a 2 hour early release for all students. The standard schedule will

As in anything we do, communication is of utmost importance. Regular phone messages as well as emails blasts and written notes home will continue to be utilized to “get the word out” to all concerned. Take every opportunity to learn more about your student's school experiences. **Mark your calendars now for first term Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be held September 22nd from 4 to 7 pm.** We encourage parents to contact the guidance office, team teachers or any of the administrators if concerns or questions arise. It is important that contact information is kept updated as the year goes along. If you are not currently signed up for Parent Assistant, which will allow you online access to your student's attendance, assignments and grades, please pick up a form during registration or stop by our main office at your convenience to get registered. *Should your home, work or cell phone numbers or your email addresses change, it is important to let the school know so timely updates can be made.*

In a cost saving effort, upcoming newsletters such as this will one will be available electronically on our school webpage and on email. Voice mail announcements of their availability will

Facility Upgrades—

Over the summer months, our facility has benefited from some needed up-keep. While it is not visible, the new roof over the front half of the building will insure a “drier” environment for all. Despite the wet start to the summer, this project has gone on pretty close to schedule. On the other hand, our gymnasiums have a bright new look! Both gyms were completely sanded, repainted and many layers of varnish were applied to preserve the new finishes. Take the first opportunity that you have to stop in and see the beautiful results. Both projects were funded by PPEL funds—Physical Plant and Equipment Levy.

Parent Assistant

The Davenport Community School District offers Parent Assistant to further promote excellence and to enhance communication with parents. Parent Assistant allows parents to view their own child's unofficial school records through the Internet. For an application please contact Sandy Schachow in the Main Office.

Student Parking

Student parking permits cost \$25.00 for the year. Applications to park in the NHS student parking lot can be picked up from the Activities Office. Students parking without a displayed permit will be warned. **Ticketing and towing of the vehicle are subsequent consequences for continued non-compliance of on campus parking rules.**

Dear Parents or Guardians of Incoming 9th Grade Students

Welcome to the North High School community and our 9th Grade Academy! We truly hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and your student is getting excited about attending North High during the 2010-11 school year.

North High School's 9th Grade Academy is beginning its 5th year. The academy is a part of the Comprehensive School Reform Grant (CSR) that North received from the federal government seven years ago. We established our academy to help 9th graders make

promotional programs.

We encourage parents to be active in your student's education by attending events, responding to school communication and encouraging your student to do his/her best.

Registration Dates & Times

Tuesday, August 10th
Noon-6:00 pm—All grades
Wednesday, August 11th
Noon-6:00 pm—All grades

These registration dates will take place in the IMC.

Dates to Remember

Monday, August 9th
Ninth Grade JUMP Academy
Noon-5:30 pm

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Ninth Grade Orientation
6 pm—complimentary Hot Dog Roast on the east lawn.
7 pm—program in the auditorium

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 10th & 11th

November 4-7
Wildcat Theater Musical *Seussical*

December 22-January 3
Winter Break for Students

February 2
Class Ring Presentation-Sophomores

February 5
BC Dance—7-10 pm

February 9
Class Ring Orders 11-1 & 4:30-6:30/
Front Commons

March 18-20
Wildcat Theater *Almost, Maine*

March 28-April 1
Spring Break

April 30
Prom—7-10 pm—Starlite Ballroom

May 24
Last Day of class (pending snow days)

June 5
Graduation

government seven years ago. We established our academy to help 9th graders make an easier and more successful transition to the high school experience.

Each entering freshman is assigned to an academy team that consists of four core teachers (English, math social studies and science), and a guidance counselor. Some classes have co-teachers. Additionally, Dr. Betsy Fair, Associate Principal for Learning and curriculum, oversees the academy.

The goals and purpose of the 9th Grade Academy are simple and include:

- Improved student achievement as measured by the number of students promoted to the 10th grade, the number of students passing courses and earning all credits, and the number of students recognized for student achievement.
- Improved student attendance as measured by the number of students in school **and** attending **all** classes **on time**.
- Having 9th graders become more connected to a set of teachers and peers through our approach.
- Encouraging students to participate in extra curricular activities and attending school functions.
- Recognizing student achievement through regular awards assemblies and other

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 10th & 11th
Registration 12-6 pm in the IMC

Thursday, August 19th
School Starts

Monday, August 23rd
ID Pictures

Tuesday, August 31st
ID Picture Make-up

September 17th
Homecoming Game vs. West

September 18th
Homecoming Dance—7-10 pm

September 22nd
Student Picture Retakes 10:30-12:30

October 1st
Senior Portrait Make-ups

October 6
Cap & Gown Presentation-Seniors

October 13
Cap & Gown Orders 8-1 & 4:30-6:30/
Front Commons

For Your Convenience

Davenport North High School
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Phone (563) 388-9880

Attendance (563) 388-9885

To contact a staff member by e-mail:

www.davenportschools.org/north

Visit our website for daily school announcements.

To access school calendar:

www.highschoolsports.net



NHS Administrative Team

Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal
Lorie Moyer, Associate Principal
Betsy Fair, Associate Principal
Dave Shovlain, Assistant Principal/
Activities

Student ID Badges

As part of our continuing commitment to student safety, the mandatory student and staff ID badge program at all high schools will continue this year. The purpose in having each student wear an ID is to ensure that each student can be readily identified as a student of the high school.

Students are required to wear their badge at all times during school hours. Students use the ID in a variety of ways such as checking out books at the library and to purchase lunch in the cafeteria

Here are some helpful facts related to this protocol:

- **Display:** The ID card will be visible at all times and worn on an appropriate chain or lanyard.

- **Replacement ID card:** Temporary ID—the temporary ID will be worn in place of a standard ID card for identification purposes, and is not valid for after school activities or athletic events.

- **Surrender of ID card:** A student must surrender his/her ID at the time of withdrawal from school during the school year and when suspended from school.

- **Enforcement:** Students who do not have their current school ID card displayed at the start of the school day must report to the Attendance Office and obtain a temporary ID card. Once issued, the temporary ID card must be worn visibly for the entire day. There will be progressive consequences for each time a student obtains a temporary ID card.

North High ID pictures will be taken the morning of Monday, August 23rd. ID badges will be printed and given to students at that time. Consequently, enforcement of the ID badge policy will go into affect on the 23rd.

In no case during the school hours listed will any personal communication device be used that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the internet, or which has the capability to take “photographs” of any kind. Under no circumstances are cell phones to be used to take photos of students in locker rooms, restrooms, or other private situations at school or at District sponsored activities. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent or superintendent’s designee, in conjunction with the building principals, to develop a standard administrative regulation for this policy to provide consistency throughout the District for students.



Special and Co-curricular Activities/Dances

Many activities are provided for North students during the year. Ban assemblies

Display: The ID card will be visible at all times and worn on an approved lanyard, provided by the school.

- **Lost/Stolen card:** It is solely the responsibility of the student to account for the whereabouts of his/her ID card. Any lost or stolen card should be immediately reported to the Attendance Office. A new ID card will be issued at a cost of \$3.00. Replacement lanyards will be issued at a cost of \$2.00.

- **Defacing ID card:** The ID card remains the property of the high school and is not to be defaced. Due to the multiple uses of the image and coded information on the card, no pictures, writings, stickers, markings, drawings, etc are to be placed anywhere on the card. Additionally, any altering of the printed information on the ID card will be considered defacement of school property and the violator will be subject to appropriated school discipline.

- **Non-transferable:** The ID card is non-transferable and cannot be shared. Disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension and/or legal action will apply if a student uses the ID card of another student.

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We appreciate your support of this safety protocol at our high schools.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

The Board recognizes the potential need for our students to communicate with their families under certain circumstances while they are attending school. The District offers the use of school phones as the first means of communication if the need arises during and after school hours. We want to ensure that cell phones or other electronic devices do not interfere with classroom instruction or cause any other problems for students or staff while on District property. During the instructional day, students on school property may not use radios, MP3 players, CD players, DVD players, televisions, beepers, pagers or cell phones for personal use unless given written permission from the principal/assistant principal.

Many activities are provided for North students during the year. Pep assemblies, dances, plays, concerts and other events will be on the school calendar. All dances require a student ID for the purchase of tickets and admittance to the dance. Non-North students invited to dances must have a Guest Registration Form completed and signed by their home high school prior to the purchase of tickets. Students should have no outstanding fees or fines in the Activities Office in order to purchase tickets. Current balances are available upon request and effort should be made to keep fees current. The major dances/events are Homecoming, Bachelor Capture and Prom.



**North High School Guidance and
Counseling Department**
“Advocating for Student Success”

North High School has three counselors available to assist students through their high school years. Counselors meet with students periodically regarding scheduling, course selection and reviewing graduation requirements. They are also available for academic and career counseling as well as personal and social counseling. Students are assigned alphabetically by their last name to a counselor.

<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Students with last name beginning with</u>
Mrs. Jean Borgstadt	A-G
Ms. Amy Wine	H-O
Ms. Kay Anthony	P-Z

<u>Guidance Office Secretary</u>	<u>Student Coops</u>
Mrs. Debra Huch	Kayla Cordova and Amanda Weiland

How do I See My Counselor?

**~ IMPORTANT - Schedule
Change Request Dates ~**

Schedule Change Days -
August 10, 2010-noon-6:00pm
August 11, 2010 - noon—6:00 pm

If you wish to apply for a change in your schedule, counselors will be available during the above times. Requests will be considered based on class availability but are not guaranteed.

Once school is in session, schedule changes will be limited to: computer error, prerequisite not met, or academic misplacement.

Seniors who wish to drop a class will need a signed permission slip from parent indicating they may leave the building before the class is removed from their schedule.

**SMART Block comes to North
High School**

Beginning with the 2010–2011 school year, North High will be introducing a new intervention called SMART Block. The purpose



North/Central After Prom 2011

Planning has begun for the North/Central After Prom 2011! Any parents that would like to volunteer to work on one of the committees or would like to have more information about After Prom please call Beth Wallace (320-4558) or Sue Reynolds (320-4301). The After Prom event is open to ALL juniors and seniors after the spring prom. There will be sign-up sheets for adults to work at After Prom posted at different events throughout the school year.



Wildcat Pass

All potential fall sport athletes will need to pick up a Wildcat Pass prior to your first practice. You cannot practice without this card. The card can be picked up at North High School activities office.

How do I See My Counselor?

It's easy, just stop by the Guidance Office and complete a "Request for Guidance Services" form. Your counselor will then send for you.

Do you have a personal problem or emergency and need to see someone as soon as possible? Please tell the guidance secretary and she will refer you to the "Response Counselor of the Day" for immediate assistance.

Student Class Schedules

Student schedules are based upon course selections made by students and parents during conferences in January. According to school board policy, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to be in attendance on a full-time basis. Students are assigned to four block classes each term.

Every effort is made to ensure student schedules are accurate; however, counselors may need to substitute a class if there is a conflict. Please notify your counselor if you have a class on your schedule that you have previously taken and passed.

North High will be introducing a new intervention called SMART Block. The purpose of SMART Block is to provide students with academic remediation and enrichment during the school day. SMART Block will only meet on regular school days and will rotate allowing all classes equal time. Sessions will be scheduled on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by class block. The SMART block will start at 10:45 and end at 11:15 on these days. During SMART Block, students will be required to attend and will have the opportunity to make up missing assignments, receive extra help or complete enrichment activities. As this is an extension of the regular class failure to attend will result in an absence for that class. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters. SMART Block Committee.



cannot practice without this card. The card can be picked up at North High School activities office. You must have a valid physical, and conduct code with all appropriate signatures to attain your Wildcat Pass. If you need information, please contact North Activities Office at 563-388-9880 Ext. 106.

Practice Start Dates:

Fall practices for all sports begin August 9th. Contact your coach for details. Go Wildcats!

North High School Coaches:

Boy's Cross Country - Coach-Michael Van Hulle

Girl's Cross Country - Coach - Mary Toohill

Football - Coach - Greg Kern

Boy's Golf - Coach - Jeff Dietz

Girls' Swimming - Coach Julia McFarland

Volleyball - Coach Amy Baker

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