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NEWSLETTER

Davenport Community School District

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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.”

Principal Points:

The 2010-2011 Year is Underway!

With the first term completed, we are well on our way to another successful year. Parent-teacher conferences on September 22nd broke an all time attendance record. It was great to see the halls and conference areas teaming with parents, teachers and students interacting. It has been wonderful to see the growth in our conference attendance over the past several years. Your input into your student's academics is crucial for their success. **Our term 2 conferences are set for Wednesday, November 17th from 4 to 7 pm.** Mark your calendars now to attend. We want to see you all come back!

During our Homecoming Presentation Aud on September 14th, the North booster clubs were presented with a \$5040 check from Dahl Ford compliments of Ford Motor Company. Through our partnership with Dahl's and the success of the **Drive One 4UR School** fundraiser last May, our booster clubs are enjoying a much needed monetary transfusion. Our special thanks go to everyone who participated in this fundraiser especially our partners at Dahl Ford and our boosters who helped organize the event. We hope to repeat the fundraiser again this spring. Look for announcements for the spring event as the year progresses.

Congratulations go to 2010 graduates Ben Menke and Flint Ridenhour for earning a 5 on the AP Calculus exam. Additional congrats go to Flint for also achieving a 5 on the AP U. S. History exam! Way to go Wildcats!!



Effective **January 4, 2011** Davenport Community School District will implement a "new" student information system that will replace the current system, ESIS. On **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**, parents will have similar access as parent have had with "Parent Assist" on ESIS. This account remains active as long as you have children in the Davenport Schools. At the next parent-teacher conferences in November, you will pick up a copy of an "Acceptable Use Procedure/User Guideline" form that must be filled out to get your login and password for the new system. Login information and instructions will be available sometime in December. Please watch school communications for additional information.

Poms sophomore Emily Doxsie has been chosen as a member of the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team. 580 dancers around the state auditioned for a position on this team. She will perform with the All-State team at the Girls' Basketball finals in Des Moines next March. Congratulations, Emily!

Reward Your School! North High is enrolled in the **Best Buy Reward Zone**. Whenever you make a purchase at Best Buy, be sure to inform the cashier that your **Reward Zone points should be accredited to North High School**. With the holiday season fast approaching, these points could translate into thousands of credits for our school. North enrolled in the Reward Zone program last January. In the subsequent 8 months, we accumulated over \$4500 in credits. Some of those credits were used to purchase two 55" flat screen TV's and have them professionally installed in our café. These TV's have cable access and are turned on to closed-captioning during the lunch periods. Students will have the opportunity to stay abreast of the latest news and sports by **reading** the subscripts. We hope this will be a fun and valuable learning opportunity for our student body,

Please support this initiative by crediting your Reward Zone points for any Best Buy purchase to North High School! –Jane Artman-Andrews



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Based on 4 years of 9th Grade achievement data, there is a need to provide tutors for 9th Grade students to help ensure their success in 9th Grade. This year through a "Gear Up" grant North High is offering two St. Ambrose College tutors to work with 9th grade students in English, Science and Math on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. This program will provide additional support for struggling students. Tutors will help students to understand concepts that they are having difficulty understanding. They may also work with students to complete some homework assignments that the students do not understand.

Tutoring will start at 2:45 PM and end at 3:45 PM in the IMC. 9th Grade classroom teachers will recommend students to attend these help sessions. Teachers will contact parents to let them know that their student has been recommended and to arrange for the parents to pick up their students after the session is done.

If you think your student could benefit from a tutor, please contact any of your student's 9th Grade teachers. We need your support for this program by providing transportation, if needed, for your student should he/she need to attend these sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email your student's teachers at any time.

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Sincerely,

9th Grade Academy



Family Enrichment Center of Davenport (FEC) is located in Goose Creek. FEC's goal is to create a continuous, uninterrupted system of support for children and families in the north Davenport area. By concentrating efforts on aggressive outreach and intensive programming within this specific area, FEC is creating the capacity to impact a larger majority of youth and families. Groundbreaking is set for April for a 3200 square foot community center. Fundraising is underway. The North High community can participate in the October Pepsi Refresh competition for \$50,000 to help with this project. Participants can vote on line daily at www.refresheverything.com/constructfec ; www.fecdavenport.com/site and click on the link to vote; or by texting 73774 with text 102962.



Congratulations to senior Nicholas Moellers who has been named a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. Nick received a Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition. "Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students repre-

represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success." North High is very proud of Nick.



Environmental Science

– Fourth Block Environmental Scientists are utilizing the watersheds at the front of our property to apply our many lessons of ecosystems seeing real world examples and connections. A Davenport Department of Public Works Liaison Specialist presented a program further connecting the watersheds to our class. A pilot program on freshman biology is going quite well covering all the points of Iowa Core. Extensive collaboration and coordination along with extensive assessment, pre and post, is providing excellent data for the district to evaluate the pilot for further decisions.



Iowa AEA Online

Educational Resources Funded and Provided by Iowa's Area Education Agencies



Dear Parents,

Is your student looking for current information on Iran, need photos presentation on the Civil War or need text from a civil court case from the 1940s? Iowa Area Education Agencies are providing nine dynamic online resources to all Iowa accredited schools. Iowa students have access at school and at home (Internet access required), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These online resources give your child access to a wealth of information for assignments, classroom projects, and personal interest.

When accessing these online resources, students use information skills of finding, evaluating and using information; technology skills; and literacy skills in reading, analysis, and problem solving. The online resources are important tools for students to use and understand and will provide them with lifelong skills. A brief overview of each of the databases is listed below.

AccuWeather provides current weather information to enhance science curriculum for projects, research, and presentations.

AP Images is the online database of primary source content from the Associated Press (AP). Students and teachers can access over 6 million images, audio clips, graphics and text articles, from the 1800's up to a minute ago.

Atomic Learning is a virtual help desk for more than 205 applications students. Atomic Learning provides over 50,000 short, easy-to-understand online tutorials. How-to training is available on special needs software and assistive technology devices

Discovering Education streaming is a web-based digital video delivery system that provides over 9,000 videos, include interactive skill builders, educational games and math explanations.

EBSCO is the largest school subscription agency of periodicals, newspapers and reference tools for elementary, middle and high school students. These resources provide excellent coverage of science, health, multicultural issues, music, politics, history, geography, etc

iClipart For Schools is a collection of more than 7.8 million royalty-free photos, clipart, fonts, animations and sounds that teachers and students can use in multimedia presentations, Inspiration diagrams, school web sites, worksheets, newsletters, posters, signs and more.

Learn360 is an interactive, media-on-demand digital delivery system for streaming and downloading full videos, video clips, images, audio files, podcasts and teacher resources.

SIRS Issues Researcher provides relevant information to encourage dialogue and critical thinking about the major issues of today's society. Thousands of highly targeted documents, primary source documents, websites, and multimedia represent viewpoints from the pros and cons, to everything in-between.

World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that delivers the information students need, including encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related web sites. Resources include: World Book Kids (K-4), World Book Student (4-12), World Book Advanced (7-College), French and Spanish encyclopedias (6-12), World Book Discover (6-12) for differentiated instruction, and three World Book Digital Libraries – Living Green (6-9), Early Peoples (3-8) and Invention & Discoveries (3-8).

Your student can access these online resources at www.iowaaeaonline.org using the following username and password. Remember, the license for these resources limits use to school related activities.

Username: 161116

Password: aea09





WILDCAT THEATRE
PRESENTS

Music By Stephen Flaherty
Lyrics By Lynn Ahrens
Book By
Stephen Flaherty and Lynn
Ahrens

Adults: \$10 Students: \$7
Tickets: 388-9880

Performances on
Thurs., Fri., & Sat., November
4th—6 at 7:00 P.M.

Paul J. Holzworth Performing Arts
Center - Davenport North High



North High School Preview
Dinner

Gather round folks
I have something to say
The Cat in the Hat is coming to play
He's bringing friends too—lots and lots
will be found
If you listen, I'll tell you when they'll be
around.

The Preview Dinner will be a great feast
Don't worry Whos, we won't steal your
roast beast

Spaghetti and breadsticks and desserts
Galore
Are what our guests will have in store
And when you can't finish one more little
bite

That is when, if you're lucky, you'll get
your first sight
Of the Whos down from Whoville, Jungle
Creatures and more,

And Horton the elephant will peek
through the door.
Mayzie, Gertrude, and JoJo will all join
us too

and that Cat will be back with a trick or
two
SO please come and join us, it will be so
much fun

You'll be left wanting more when this
preview is done!

When – Sunday, October 24, 2010

Where – North High School Cafeteria

Time – 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Cost - \$7 adults / \$5 children 5 and
younger**

Menu – spaghetti and breadsticks; salad,
dessert, and beverage.



We will be raffling a framed poster signed
by all Seussical cast members, and a VIP
theater package that includes 4 tickets, a
flower and cookie for your favorite cast
member, and a \$5 gift certificate to the con-
cession stand.
Pre-orders for flowers will also be accepted
this evening.



The Guidance Department

Scholarships: It is scholarship season!
The Guidance Office posts the “Guidance
News” with listings of scholarships in the
senior display window, classrooms and of-
fices. Take advantage of these great oppor-
tunities! See your counselor for applica-
tions.

<u>ACT Testing Dates</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
December 11, 2010		November 5, 2010
February 12, 2011		January 7, 2011
April 9, 2011		March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011		May 6, 2011

Students can register on-line at
www.ACT.org

Schedule Change Week

November 17 – November 23, is schedule
change week. Students may request a
change in their 2nd semester schedule during
this time. Requests will not be taken after
November 23rd.

Guidance Counselors

Remember..... We are here for you!

Mrs. Borgstadt ~ Counselor for students with the last name A - G

Ms. Wine ~ Counselor for students with the last name H - O

Ms. Anthony ~ Counselor for students with the last name P - Z

Check out

www.davenportschools.org/north/ for up-to-date guidance information!



Wildcats Activities

Congratulations go out to.....

Nathan Thiessen – City Cross Country Champion 2010

Spencer Jones – State Qualifier in Golf

Nathan Burgess – State Qualifier in Golf

Upcoming events.....

The Drama department will present “Suessical.” The curtain drops November 4, 5, & 6 at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday November 7 @ 2:00. It will be a great show. COME AND CHECK IT OUT!

The winter season is just around the corner. Remember to get your Wildcat Pass. This takes an updated physical, signed conduct code and verification of eligibility. Practices start as follows....

Boy’s Swimming – November 8, 2010

Girl’s Basketball – November 8, 2010

Girls Bowling – November 8, 2010

Boy’s Bowling – November 8, 2010

Boy’s Basketball – November 15, 2010

Wrestling – November 15, 2010



FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

THANK YOU TO ALL who have donation their time, talent and treasure to our activities department this past fall. The booster clubs appreciate your effort. These organizations make it possible for all students to have the best opportunities. Remember we have lots of work to do, so get involved and BE PROUD TO BE A WILDCAT.

If you know any younger students interested in playing youth sports. North High School has partnered with The Youth Sports Program to develop the DAVENPORT WILDCATS. It is a program designed to develop feeder programs for North High School in various sports. Check out the website davenport-wildcats.com for more information. GO WILDCATS!!!

Congratulations go to Spencer Jones. He made history at the state golf meet. **Spencer was the first 4A golfer to ever sink a hole in one** at the state meet and the 5th golfer from any division ever to score an ace. This was Spencer’s second appearance at the state meet.

Teammate Nathan Burgess also competed in the state meet this year.



Student from Spain Wows Spanish Classes

Santi Martin came to North in September to present to the Spanish classes and also to experience an American school. Santi is from Oviedo, Spain. Erik Eisele, Mrs. Brockmann’s student teacher, had lived with Santi’s family while studying in Spain. Santi told our students about his country, his school, his family and life as a young person in Spain. North students were impressed that he studies 5 to 6 hours every night.

Our students were given the opportunity to ask him questions about whatever interested them. They were able to see that they could communicate by using their Spanish! It was fun to learn about Santi’s impressions of America.

STUDENT **HUNGER** **DRIVE**



It's that time of year again! Time for the Student Hunger Drive! Student Senate is working hard to collect food donations for the River-bend Food Bank. The Hunger Drive kick off was held on September 27th at the food bank. Participating schools put on a motivational skit for everyone there. North High was a crowd favorite with a rendition of the hit Justin Beiber song "Baby" turned into "Donate".

Senate also has many activities planned at school for donations and increasing school spirit. The 2nd block classes are competing to see who can bring in the most canned goods. The winning class will get a delicious lunch from Grinders Spaghetti House. Spirit week is the next event coming up October 18 -22. Each day a student can dress up for the theme if they bring in two canned goods. The themes are: Super hero day, Dynamic Duo day, Wacky Wednesday, Harry Potter Day and Flannel Friday. Also during the week, there will be a traveling group of creepy crawlers amongst the classrooms. Once a room can raise enough cans, the creepy crawlers can go to another room of the teacher's choosing. Senate is also planning a few other activities such as: selling Halloween grams, hosting a dodge ball tournament, going trick or treating for canned goods and hosting a scavenger hunt.

North High's success with the food drive couldn't happen without all of the help from our feeder schools. Wood Intermediate along with Harrison, Truman, Fillmore, Buchanan and Eisenhower Elementary schools are all collecting donations to help North High. Student Senate members along with Victor E. Wildcat have visited them during their lunch hours to try and increase the spirit to donate.

If you are interested in donating a non-perishable food item for the Hunger Drive please bring it up to the school before November 4th. All donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you to the North High community for helping such a worth cause!



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