

Welcome to the 2011-2012 School Year



North High School

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A Note from the Principal

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 15th.**

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, MCJROTC and athletic events which showcase 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 1st**, 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 6th 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. Tuesday, August 16th will be a 2 hour early release for all students. **The standard schedule will begin Wednesday, August 17th 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, allow them free Citi-Bus transportation and serve as activities' pass. As this is our third 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 2010-11 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 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 14th from 3:30 to 6:30 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

Portal, 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, newsletters such as this will be available electronically on our school webpage and on email. Voice mail announcements of their availability will 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. Print copies will be available in the Main Office.

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



FACILITY UPGRADES

Over the summer months, our facility has benefited from some needed upkeep. Our main office has undergone a facelift. Visitors entering the building will appreciate the updates and the additional security the new office entrance offers. Take the first opportunity that you have to stop in and see the beautiful results. This project was funded by PPEL funds—Physical Plant and Equipment Levy.



COMMUNITY COMPUTER

New with the Main Office renovations is a computer available for public use. Parents or students needing computer access to look up grades or check student records may use the computer located on the counter of the Main Office dedicated to this purpose. Access to the school website, announcements and newsletters will be readily available

PARENT PORTAL

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

STUDENT PARKING PERMITS

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.**

CELL PHONES & 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.

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.

Wildcat Football

I would like to welcome all incoming football players to North and just share with you an idea that has "stood the test of time". If you all stay together as a team throughout your entire football experience...good things will happen. Good things such as winning seasons, playoffs, and yes someday maybe a trip to state. For years, Wood has managed to generate some very good teams and then when its time to make that next step to the high school level, half the team is missing. So we field a team of 16 freshmen players and we try and compete with teams of 60 or more. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know how that's going to end! Now, last year we fielded 27 freshmen and finished with a record of 4-5. This is a step in the right direction however, once again, we were missing quite a few players. My goal this year is to field a freshman team of 40 players. With 40 players, committed to the program and to each other, **WE WILL WIN FOOTBALL GAMES!!!!** Show up and begin the journey! **ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR FOOTBALL PROGRAM BEGINNING MAY 31st AT THE NORTH HIGH WEIGHTROOM!!**

Correct lifting techniques will be taught and testing will begin at that time. If you can't make these dates due to baseball, family vacation, etc. then come when you get back...the point is...you need to be up here this summer...working as a team...getting ready for mini-camp/two-a-days/and your season.

Last year the varsity competed in a 7 on 7 league (no contact) at Rocky and some outstanding freshman were invited to participate. In closing, this is your team.. **JUST DO IT!!**

Dr. Greg Kern, Head Varsity Coach

To Parents & Guardians of Incoming 9th Graders



Academic School Year
2011-2012

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 2011-12 school year.

North High School's 9th Grade Academy is beginning its 6th year. The academy is a sustained improvement that resulted from a Comprehensive School Reform Grant we received 8 years ago. The purpose of our academy is 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 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.

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 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.
- **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 Tuesday, 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.

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

Dates & Times to Remember:

- ▶ **Monday, August 1st**
Ninth Grade Orientation
6 pm—complimentary Hot Dog Roast on the east lawn. 7 pm—program in the auditorium
- ▶ **Tuesday, August 2nd**
10 am -4 pm—All grades
- ▶ **Wednesday, August 3rd**
Noon-6:00 pm—All grades
These registration dates will take place in the IMC.
- ▶ **Monday, August 15th**
School Starts
(2 hour Early dismissal Aug. 15th & Aug. 16th)
- ▶ **Wednesday, August 17th**
First Full Day of school.
- ▶ **Tuesday, August 23rd**
ID Pictures taken
- ▶ **September 8th**
Homecoming Game vs North Scott
- ▶ **September 10th**
Homecoming Dance—7-10 p
- ▶ **September 14, 2011**
Parent Conferences 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ **October 3rd**
Vocal Metro Fest at North
- ▶ **October 5**
Cap & Gown Presentation-Seniors
- ▶ **October 11th**
Band Spectacular—Brady Street Stadium 7 pm
- ▶ **October 20-21st**
Elementary/Intermediate conferences-No classes
- ▶ **October 31st**
Teacher In-Service—No classes
- ▶ **May 24**
Last Day of class (pending snow days)
- ▶ **June 3, 2012**
Graduation, i-Wireless Center

Academic School Year Calendar is available on line by visiting the DCSD website at www.davenportschools.com

