

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Points:

The 2011-12 Year is Underway!

With the first term completed, we are well on our way to another successful year. Parent-teacher conferences on September 14th were well attended. It was great to see the halls and conference areas teeming 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 16th from 3:30 to 6 pm.** Mark your calendars now to attend. We want to see you all come back!

Before the Homecoming Game on September 8th, the North booster clubs were presented with a \$5980 check from Dahl Ford compliments of Ford Motor Company. Through our partnership with Dahl's and the success of the 2nd annual **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. The booster clubs have earned over \$11,000 through this fundraiser the past two springs. We will hold our 3rd annual Drive One 4UR School fundraiser again this May. Look for announcements for the spring event as the year progresses.

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 in January, 2010. In the past two school years, we purchased over \$6000 worth of equipment at NO COST to the school. This is a tremendous help in these budget weary times. We have purchased

televisions for building and student benefit, projectors and computer speakers for classrooms. **Please support this initiative by crediting your Reward Zone points for any Best Buy purchase to North High School!**

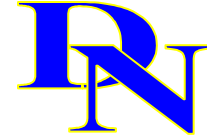


October 19th, 20th & 21st The North High staff will hold "transcript check" conferences October 19th and 20th. Teachers will be available from 3:10 to 5:30 pm on October 19th and from 7:30 am to 1 pm on October 20th. The purpose of these conferences is to give parents and students the opportunity to sit down with your student's PAWS advisor to review their transcript as well as first term grades. This will be an excellent time to check on schedules for the remainder of the year, to discuss options for future course choices and to be certain your student is on track to graduate with their class. This is especially important for seniors. Please mark your calendars and stop in at your convenience during these scheduled times. There are no classes October 20th or October 21st.

No Classes October 31st—Classes will not be held Monday, October 31st. Teachers will be participating in an all district in-service.

Concerts, "Little Women," Visual Arts, MCJROTC & Sporting Events—Watch for announcements over the course of the term for times and dates of band, orchestra, choral concerts, art festivals, MCJROTC and sporting events. Don't miss the chance to catch our talented North High students as they are showcased in music, drama, art festivals, JROTC and sporting events.

—Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal



Student Hunger Drive

The Student Hunger Drive is kicking off the first week of October. This year's theme is "Light It Up!" and that's exactly what we plan to do! We will be collecting non-perishable items to be donated to the River Bend Food Bank the entire month of October. Here are some of the events we have planned during the drive:

- **Hair Dye Penny War:** October 3rd – 7th we will be holding a penny war among 6 teachers. Each penny donated counts as a point any of coins or bills give them negative points. The teacher with the highest total will have their hair dyed a crazy color here at school.
 - **2nd Block Challenge:** October is competition between 2nd block classes to see who can bring in the most canned goods. The winning class will get a food party!
- Volleyball and Dodgeball tournaments: Date TBA, look for posters and announcements at school. All proceeds go to the Hunger Drive. We are also looking forward to the community helping our efforts.

Sunday October 9th Student Senate members will be going around to our North High neighborhoods offering to rake leaves. The students will rake leaves for 5 canned goods or \$5.00. Households must supply their own lawn refuse bags.

Saturday October 22nd we will have a drop off donation site here at the front of the school.

Anyone can drive up with a canned good donation and Student

Senate members will be here collecting.

Hopefully, with everyone's help we can make this another successful Hunger Drive! We look forward to seeing everyone at the events.



Parents want what's best for their children. The good news is that all parents can do one thing to help their children succeed in life become involved with their education.

Thirty years of research confirms that parent involvement can improve academic performance. In fact, studies suggest that high-quality education cannot be achieved without the active participation of parents.

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All parents have the power to participate. Studies show that what parents do to promote a child's education is more important than their own level of education, how much money they make or how old the child is. Finding the time may not be easy and you may not be sure how to go about getting involved. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Start with the basics

Children learn better when they are

healthy and well rested. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep, is eating properly and is up-to-date with medical and dental checkups.

Talk with your child and listen to what s/he has to say! Studies have linked higher student achievement to families who have frequent, open family discussions.

Be a positive role model

The values you instill in your child, such as honesty and taking responsibility for one's actions, are much more important in determining academic success than family income or educational background.

- Let your child know how important education is to you.
- Share your high, but realistic expectations for your child's future.
 - Praise effort.
 - Model good learning behaviors such as reading the newspaper and completing work before play.

Get involved at school

Contact your child's school or teacher to figure out ways to accommodate your time or work constraints.

- Attend parent-teacher conferences or arrange a phone conference.
- Arrange your schedule to attend the next open house or play.
- Volunteer to chaperone a dance or correct papers.
- Get involved in the decision-making process at your child's school by joining a parent advisory committee or parent-teacher association.

Encourage learning at home

Learning is not limited to school. Learning starts at home and continues everywhere, all the time.

Limit TV and encourage educational programs. Studies show that academic achievement drops sharply in children who watch more than 10 hours of TV a week. That's less than two hours per day.

- Make homework a part of the daily routine.
- Find ways to incorporate reading and writing into daily life by having your

child write a thank you note or by reading the back of a cereal box together.

- Visit the library together.
- Look for after-school and summer programs offered in your community.

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Parent Involvement with Iowa PIRC
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Getting Involved in Your Child's Education

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Dear Parent/
Guardian:



Based on 4 years of North achievement data, there is a need to provide tutors for 9th Grade and 10th Grade students to help ensure their success. This year through a grant North High is offering four St. Ambrose College tutors to work with 9th and 10th grade students in English, Science, Social Studies and Math on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** after school. After October 17th, tutors will be available on Monday and Fridays as well. 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 and 10th 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 9th or 10th grade teachers. If transportation is an issue, remember that your student may ride the city bus free with his North High Student I.D. badge.



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 and 10th Grade Core Teachers



Activities at a Glance:...

North High's Performing Arts Department is proud to present *Little Women, the Musical* on November 3rd thru 5th, in the Paul Holzworth Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.

Orchestra, Band and Choir will be performing at Palmer Hall on November 29. Come out and enjoy some Holiday music.

GREAT JOB!! to Mr. Riewerts, Ms. Kniness and the music boosters for hosting the 2011 MetroFest. It was a fantastic music event and welcomed over 2000 spectators.

GREAT JOB WILDCATS!

Athletics on the Move:

October 21 will be senior night for North High School's fall athletes. We will be honoring boys and girls cross country, football, golf and cheerleading. Please come help honor these young people. A special program will be sold to honor ALL fall sports athletes.

October 24 the Wildcat netters, will host first round of regional play vs. city rival Davenport West. Come out and support your 'Cats starting post season play

Winter Season is Approaching:

Winter practices are approaching. Come to the Activities Office and make sure your paperwork is in order and pick up your WILDCAT CARD. NO CARD NO PRACTICE. If you have any questions come and ask the activities office.

Girl's Basketball, Boy's and Girls Bowling and Boys Swim – November 7.
Boys Basketball and Wrestling – November 14

Save the Dates:

December 20 is ALUMNI NIGHT. The boy's basketball team host Morning Star Academy. 7:00 tip.

December 22 is Little Wildcat Wrestling Night. The wildcats host Pleasant Valley and Muscatine in a double dual starting at 5:00. Little cats will wrestle prior to the start of the dual.

CHEERLEADING



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



GOLF



VARSITY FOOTBALL





~ Helpful Websites for College and Financial Aid ~

College Planning: <http://www.collegeboard.com/planning>
College Search: <http://www.collegeprofiles.com>
Financial Aid & Scholarships: <http://www.fastweb.com>
<http://www.college-scholarships.com>
<http://www.scholarships.com>
<http://www.schoolsoup.com>

Common College Applications: <http://commonapp.org>

~ NHS College & Career Center ~

The NHS guidance office houses the college and career center for students seeking general information or applications. Please see Mrs. Borgstadt, college/career counselor, for assistance with college and career information.

Representatives from colleges also visit North High. If you are interested in meeting with a representative, please stop in the guidance office for a pass.

Military representatives visit North each month. They are available in the café during lunch times.

~ “Guidance News” Postings ~

Seniors can check for the latest information on upcoming college visits, senior information, and SCHOLARSHIP offerings! The “Guidance News” is posted in the main hall display window as new information is available. This is your window to the world! Please see Ms. Anthony for scholarship assistance.

Scholarship note:
Most post-secondary institutes offer financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Once you have narrowed your choice (s), contact the school to receive financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Many of the opportunities are listed on the website of the college/institute.

~ 2011-2012 Testing ~

ACT Testing: Most colleges will require an ACT score upon application for admission. ACT is a curriculum-based test that measures skill in English, math, reading and science reasoning. There is an optional writing assessment that students may wish to take. The guidance office has a limited supply of registration packets. Students may also register online at www.act.org.

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From the Guidance Corner

Scholarships *It is scholarship season!* The Guidance Office posts the “Guidance News” with listings of scholarships in the senior display window, classrooms and offices. Take advantage of these great opportunities! See your counselor for applications.

Schedule Change Week

November 28 – December 2 is schedule change week. Students may request a change in their 2nd semester schedule during this time. Requests will not be taken after December 2nd.

Guidance Counselors

Remember..... The Guidance Office are here for you! Students are assigned to counselors by their last name. Students with their last name A through G are assigned to Mrs. Borgstadt
Students with their last name H - O are assigned to Mrs. Wine
Students with their last name P - Z are assigned to Mrs. Anthony

Guidance Office Staff

Debra Huch, Secretary
Rachel Neece, Coop Student
Christine Walsh, Coop Student

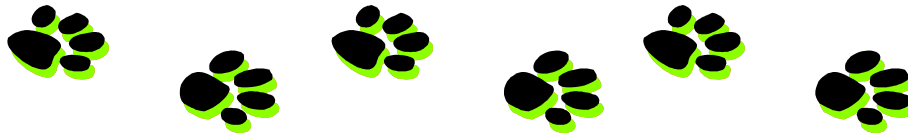
Check out www.davenportschools.org/north/ for up-to-date guidance information



Next ACT test date	Registration deadline
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

SAT Test Dates

2011-12 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 16, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012		February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012
Regular Registration Fee: \$49.00			
Late Registration: \$75.00			



Little Women is a musical with a book by Allan Knee, lyrics by Mindi Dickstein, and music by Jason Howland.

Based on Louisa May Alcott's classic 1869 semi-autobiographical novel, it focuses on the four March sisters - brassy, tomboy-like, aspiring writer Jo, romantic Meg, pretentious Amy, and kind-hearted Beth - and their beloved Marmee, at home in Concord, Massachusetts while the family patriarch is away serving as a Union Army chaplain during the Civil War. Intercut with the vignettes in which their lives unfold, are several recreations of the melodramatic short stories Jo writes in her attic studio.

Little Women, the Musical, vividly brings to life the March family of Concord, Massachusetts. In a time of war and sacrifice, Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth, guided by their mother Marmee, grow from girls into women, through romance and courtship, illness and loss, loving and letting go.

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