

NEWSLETTER

Home of the Wildcats!

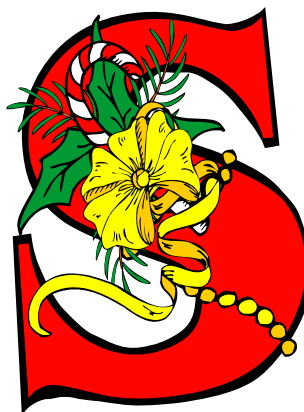
“The Mission of North High School is to embrace and challenge a diverse community where students can become life-long learners with high expectations, in a positive and safe environment.”



Seasons Greetings 



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Principal Points--

The first half of the 2011-12 school year will officially conclude **Wednesday, December 21st**. My sincere thanks go to all the North High Family for your contributions to the successful first semester. It takes everyone—students, staff, parents, coaches and community members—working in unison to move the school forward. Without all stakeholders' efforts and loyalty, we could not accomplish those daily tasks that make North High School a great school. I am looking forward to the start of second semester and hoping that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and happiness in the New Year! **A Happy Wildcat Holiday to Everyone! Enjoy the Season.**

Finals and Winter Break

Second term finals will be given Tuesday and Wednesday, **December 20th and 21st**. The finals' schedule will start at 7:45 am. Two exams will be given each morning. Lunch will be served at 11:50 to 12:30 each day. Block 1 and block 2 finals will be Tuesday morning. Block 3 and block 4 finals will be Wednesday morning. School buses will run on their regular schedule. Consequently, bus students may find it beneficial to arrange alternative transportation home following lunch. Students remaining for the afternoons must be under the supervision of a teacher or be supervised in the cafeteria. **Winter break will officially start for students at 12:35 pm on Wednesday, December 21st**. School buses will depart at that time. Third term begins Wednesday, January 4th. **January**

4th WILL NOT BE AN EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY.

Over winter break the maintenance staff will be busy in the building. Three additional classrooms will have interactive SMART boards and whiteboards installed. Those classrooms are 322, 434 and 222. That will bring the number of SMART boards throughout the building to 11. In addition, a doorway will be added to the current ICN room which will open up to the interior of the building. Currently, the entrance is in the vestibule to the gym lobby. This added door will allow use of the room for regular classes more convenient.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Third term Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, February 8th from 3:30 to 6 pm. Mark this date on your calendar now as the next few weeks are sure to be busy and we want to have the opportunity to visit with all our parents about the progress your student is making. Don't miss this very important chance to be actively involved in your student's academic life. The groundwork today will pay dividends in the future.

Email Blasts

Several email blasts have been sent this year. (This newsletter will be sent as an email blast.) This is an additional layer of communication between the school and our community. Each email blast yields a number of addresses that are "kicked back" because they are no longer valid. It is extremely important to inform us here at school if you email address—or any of your contact in-

formation—changes. If you are not receiving these communications, check with us to verify your address.



January Happenings!

January will be busy again this year. Staff will report to school on **January 3rd** for district in-service and some much needed work time which will be used to close up second term and plan for their new classes third term. Second semester begins with students' return to classes on **January 4th**. Thursday, **January 12th** our Annual 8th Grade Orientation will be held for parents and students of the incoming class of 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Holzworth Performing Arts Center. If you, your neighbors, family or friends have a current 8th grader, please pass on this date to them. This will be the first opportunity for some families to learn about the offerings of high school and to start that very important transition. Staff, counselors and administrators will be on hand to answer questions and share important information about the many opportunities awaiting the class of 2016! The snow date for this orientation is Thursday, **January 19th**.

Course selection information for the 2012-13 school year will be distributed in PAWS early in January. Course selection booklets are available on the district website and will hold additional information about individual courses. Please set aside time to discuss course selections with your student. Signed course selection materials will be due back to PAWS in late January.

Also in January, parents of juniors and selected seniors will be asked to return permission slips for their student to attend the “**The Next Big Thing,**” a successful transitions conference to be held April 24th at the Davenport River Center. Scott Community College is working with the Davenport high schools and the City of Davenport to coordinate this day long event. Students will choose from a variety of small group sessions of interest. Lunch will be served at the River Center. We will need the permission slips returned in order for the logistics for the days’ events to be properly planned. Included in this newsletter is a full page copy of the flier with the permission letter located near the bottom of the page. SCC is asking for the permission slips to be returned by February 1st. Many reminders will be sent out in January.

As for later in **February**, the **Iowa Assessments** (formally Iowa Test of Educational Development –ITED’s) will be administered February 8th. These assessments have been redesigned and will have a different format than in previous years. **The Iowa Assessments will be given in one day this year.** This schedule will be less disruptive to students who travel from one high school to another for coursework. All three of the traditional Davenport high schools will test the same day. **SENIORS WILL NOT REPORT TO SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 8TH. All underclassmen will report for testing at the usual start time of 7:45 am.** A detailed schedule for test day will be sent out as the date draws closer. If questions remain, feel free to contact the guidance office for more details. All school buses will maintain their regular arrival and departure times.

Iowa Assessments and Concurrent Enrollment & Advanced Placement Classes/Iowa House File 2679

Concurrent enrollment is a term that applies specifically to courses arranged by which a community college course is delivered to high school students during the regular school year for both high school and college credit. Students accepted in concurrent enrollment classes for the 2012-13 school year will complete a student application for Scott Community College and meet or exceed the minimum performance measures on the Compass test. Students enrolling in concurrent or AP enrollment will take the prerequisites, if any, established by the school district or postsecondary institution, and **the student must be “proficient” in reading, math and science as evidenced by the last administration of the Iowa Assessments.** This last requirement is of timely importance to our students as the Iowa Assessments will be administered Wednesday, February 8th. Courses that fall under the concurrent enrollment umbrella are Project Lead the Way course offerings, Vocational Childcare, Vocational Welding, Auto Technology, Student Built Home, Managerial Accounting, ProStart, as well as any SCC courses taught at Davenport high schools.

Weather Related School Alerts

In the event of inclement weather, please refer to the local TV and radio broadcasts and/or websites for announcements of school closures, late starts or early dismissal times. **Please do not call the school.** The news stations are made aware of these closures before the buildings. Calls to the building will not yield any additional information other than what is already available through the airways. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this as we approach the winter months.

BEST BUY RewardZone:

IT’S EASY!!! Tell your cashier to award your purchase points to NORTH HIGH SCHOOL for all your BEST BUY purchases.

RewardZone points can be used by our school to purchase resources for many of our needs. Help us with points from your holiday purchases and all year long!

Dress Code Reminders



As we enter into the middle of the school year, it is time to refresh everyone’s memory of the student dress code as was established by the Davenport School Board. The following guidelines are meant to assist students and parents in determining appropriate attire for school during the instructional day. School administration reserves the right to ban any item or clothing article which may cause a disruption to the learning environment or personal safety or promotes illegal products or acts, contains explicit violent or suggestive sexual content or is deemed obscene, profane or offensive.

1. Students may not wear halter-top or tops that do not cover their back, or tops that show cleavage.
2. Students’ tops must meet the waistband of the bottom clothing they are wearing in a standing position and have shoulder straps (no spaghetti straps).

3. Undergarments should be covered at all times
4. Pants may not ‘sag’.
5. Pajamas and slippers are not allowed.
6. Footwear must be worn at all times. **Elementary Only:** For safety purposes flip-flops are not allowed.
7. Shoes with rollers on the bottom are not allowed.
8. Hats, bandanas, sunglasses, spiked jewelry, chains hanging from clothing or accessories or other items that pose a potential safety hazard may not be worn.
9. Coats cannot be worn in the classrooms and must be kept in lockers.
10. **High School Only:** School issued ID must be worn at all times during the instructional day.

Enforcement

Dress that is found to be in violation of board policy or rules and regulations require students to do one or more of the following:

- Turn shirts inside out
- Wear clothes provided by the school
- Wear P.E. clothes
- Tie up saggy pants
- Parents would bring in appropriate clothing
- Remove head gear

Single provisions of the rules and regulations may be waived by the school administration for a specific approved school activity.

If a student refuses to comply, parents are notified and the student may be assigned disciplinary action for insubordination. Multiple offenses will be addressed by progressive discipline. Adopted: 6/17/10; Revised 8/13/10



Congratulations to senior James Lange. James has been accepted to the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD). He has been awarded a \$40,000 merit scholarship as well as \$4000 towards technology. Some of James’ work currently is the featured student artwork on display in Davenport superintendent, Dr. Art Tate’s office. Featured student artist’s works are on display in the superintendent’s office for periods of two months. A huge WILDCAT CONGRATS to James!

GEAR UP Meeting Sets State Attendance Record



On December 7, 2011 North hosted Chol Chagai and Isabela Arzola, Iowa Department of Education representatives, who spoke on the status of the Gear-Up grant for 10th Graders

who qualify. More than 125 students and parents attended the meeting which is the largest number of attendees at a meeting since the grant started in 2009. The Iowa College Student Aid Commission administers the \$16.8 million, six-year federal Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for undergraduate programs (GEAR UP) for the state of Iowa. GEAR UP Iowa’s mission is to significantly increase the number of students prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

Students who started at Wood, J.B. Young and Smart Middle Schools at the beginning of their 7th grade year (2008-9) are eligible for the grant’s benefits. The goal is for these to students to graduate on-time from high school. If students graduate from high school on time, they will receive a GEAR UP Iowa scholarship to continue their post-secondary education at two-year or four year school.

GEAR UP Iowa allocates funding directly to schools to support programs that strengthen academic achievement, increase academic aspirations, and raise college awareness. Services provided include professional development, college visits, 21st century technology in the classroom, enhanced curriculum programs, college preparation and financial literacy initiatives, and academic mentoring and tutoring. North has scheduled visits to Scott Community College and University of Iowa in the spring of 2012. GEAR UP also will have a summer camp (June 2012) at the University of Iowa for GEAR-UP students to learn skills to prepare them to attend college and give them the experience of living in a college dorm.

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You can find out more specific information at the GEAR UP web site:

www.GEARUPIowa.gov. Find GEAR UP IOWA On FACEBOOK & TWITTER: www.twitter.com/GEARUP_Iowa and www.facebook.com/GEARUP_Iowa#1/gearupiowa

If you did not attend the meeting, please contact Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal, or Dr. Betsy Fair, Associate Principal for more information.



The Nurse's Message

During the summer and fall, you received a letter from the Davenport District mandatory dental screening. Along with this came a dental form. There will be 9th grade audit at the end of February from the State of Iowa to check for compliance. If you do not have a family dentist, please call out school nurse for a list of dentists accepting new patients. An on-site dental hygienist will be at North at the end of January. She will be able to provide a dental screening exam. In order to participate in the screening each student must have parental written consent. If you wish for your student to be exempt from the screening, please call the school nurse. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Sarah M. McDonnell RN, BSN, BA



PAWS Course Selection Notes

Course Selection will begin January 11, 2012 - January 20, 2012.

This year we are unable to hold our course selection conferences because of scheduling conflicts. We are hoping to be back to our normal schedule next year. Your students will be bringing home paper copies of the course selection card. Please review the courses your student has selected. If you have any concerns or questions please contact your student's PAWS Advisor. Please update any demographic information and sign at the bottom. Please have your student return this signed copy to their PAWS Advisor as soon as possible.



Guidance Corner

Free Application for Federal Student Aid Help

College-bound seniors and parents ~ The Federal Application for Federal Student Aid is available on-line after January 1, 2012 college-bound seniors to apply for federal programs, grants and student loans. The website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Schedule Change Week – February 13-17, 2

February 13-17th is schedule change week for students interested in requesting a change in their schedule for 4th term. Remember, requests must

be in by Friday, February 17th, for consideration.

Scholarship Season

It is a busy time of year for scholarships! The senior display window in the main hall has an updated listing of scholarships. You may also pick up a copy of the newest advertised scholarships in the guidance office. Counselors are happy to help you find that extra \$\$\$\$ for your future education.

ACT Testing - ACT Tests at North High School

Juniors planning to attend college need to take the ACT tests. Below are the dates to register and the testing dates that North will be a test site. Students may pick up a packet in the guidance office or apply on-line at www.actstudent.org.

Test Dates Registration Deadlines

February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012

Iowa Assessment Testing for grades 9, 10, 11

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are required to take the Iowa Assessment Tests on Wednesday, February 8th. Students are encouraged to do their best on the tests for personal growth as well as helping North to meet the NCLB goals. Seniors will not attend classes on February 8th.

Student Course Selection for 2012-2013 school year

In January, students will begin the process of selecting their classes for the 2012-2013 school year. Students

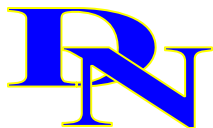
will bring a copy of their class selection home for parents to review and sign. Please refer to the DCSD course selection catalog on-line at www.davenportschools.org

North High Counseling Staff

Advocating for Student Success

Jean Borgstadt—Counselor for students with the last name beginning with A– G
Amy Wine – Counselor for students with the last name beginning with H– O
Kay Anthony – Counselor for students with the last name beginning with P – Z

Debra Huch – Guidance Secretary
Rachel Neece— Guidance Coop student
Christine Walsh—Guidance Coop student



Activities News

Coming in January..... The activities department will be producing a weekly e-blast to keep parents, staff and students informed about activities, guidance information and celebrations. If you would like to be included in the email listing and have not registered your email with North, please contact Dave Shovlain at shovlain@davenportschools.org.

Upcoming events.....

Check out the North High School website for schedules and important dates and get out and support our Wildcats!

Study Tables....

We will continue with our athletic study table. We require anyone under a 65% in a current class to attend our study table. Any student is welcome regardless of academic standing. Study tables run from 1:45 – 3:00 Wednesdays in the café. Tutors are available to assist struggling students. For more information call Mr. Shovlain; 563/388-9880.

Great Job Wildcats....

A big thank you goes out to all the staff, students and parents who have supported the Wildcats this past fall and early winter. We continue to ask for your input in helping make our programs strong. Without your help we will not be successful.

Thought for the next term...

Hope is not a strategy. We must work to make our programs better and cannot hope for change. Please continue to put forth the effort and sacrifice to make North a GREAT PLACE!!



Iowa AEA Online

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 (PreK-12) - Local and international weather conditions and forecasts for research, presentations and projects.

AP Images (PreK-12) - Over 7 million primary-source photographs from the 1800's up to a minute ago, over 1.9 million sound bites from the 1920's up to a minute ago, 230,000 maps, charts and timelines, and 2.5 million text news stories from The Associated Press.

Atomic Learning (PreK-12)

- ◆ Professional development resources and curriculum materials to infuse 21st century skills into the classroom. Includes access to over 50,000 tutorials.

- ◆ **Britannica Digital Learning** (PreK-12) - A suite of products designed to support student research and classroom instruction, Britannica Digital Learning offers an extensive collection of reference and learning materials that are curriculum aligned and age-appropriate.

appropriate.

CultureGrams (K-12) - An insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people.

Gale - Cengage Learning (PreK-12) - An eResource package offering screened and reliable content from magazines, newspapers, and reference materials. Ten different resources are designed for age-appropriate access.

iCLIPART For Schools (PreK-12) - A collection of more than 7.8 million royalty-free photos, clipart, fonts, animations, and sounds that can be used in multimedia presentations, Inspiration diagrams, school websites, worksheets, newsletters, posters, signs, and more.

Learn360 (PreK-12) - Educational streaming media offering thousands of full-length digital videos, video clips, images, audio files, newsreels, speeches and a comprehensive library of teaching resources from educational publishers.

SIRS Issues Researcher (9-12) - Exploration of the origins, perspectives, and essential questions under debate on over 300 pro/con social issues. Review thousands of highly targeted articles, primary sources, statistics, websites, and multimedia. Articles are read-aloud enabled and searchable by Lexile reading levels.

soundzabound (PreK-12) - Licensed audio that can be used without copyright infringement in videos, podcasts, and other forms of multimedia. The MP3 audio files are cross platform for use in any Mac or PC software that incorporates audio.

Teen Health & Wellness (7-12) - Provides students with nonjudgmental, straightforward, standards-aligned, curricular and self-help support. Topics include diseases, drugs, alcohol, nutrition, mental health, suicide, bullying,

green living, online safety, financial literacy, and more.

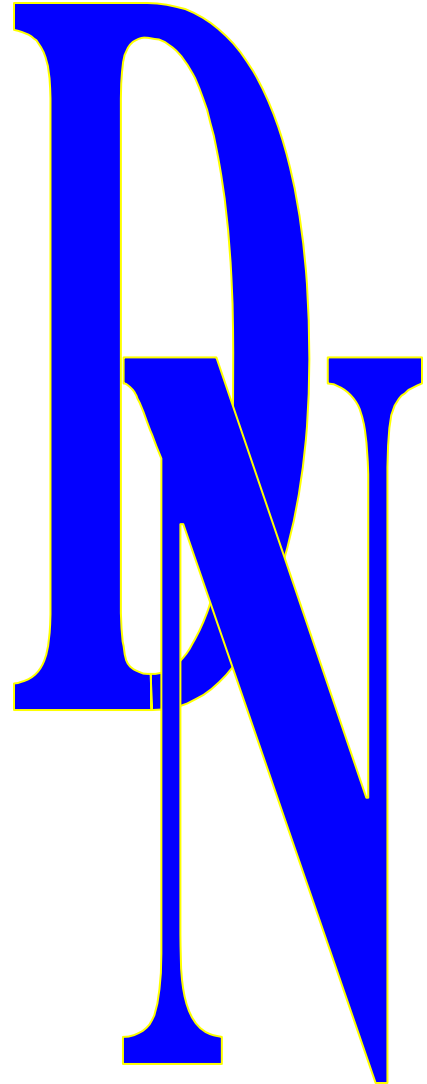
Your student can access these online resources at www.iowaaceonline.org using the following username and password. Remember, the license for these resources limits use to school related activities. If you have questions or problems logging in please give us a call, 388-9880 x301 or x302

Username: 1611norths

Password: mbaea9



Spring Break While we have yet to start the third term, it still may be helpful to know about the end of the term. Term 3 ends on Wednesday, March 7th. Spring break is scheduled from March 8th through March 20th. The 4th term will begin Wednesday, March 21st. Spring break is longer than usual this year. Knowing the dates in advance may help families plan.



Your Student has been selected to attend
"The Next Big Thing"
Successful Transitions Conference.

APRIL 24, 2012

North High School

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

As a high school junior, the future after high school is just around the corner. This conference will help focus your student on their options after high school and remind them of their next steps.

Workshop topics will include:

- College Options, Selecting the Right College
- Apprenticeship Training Opportunities
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Life as an Adult- Credit Cards, Responsibility, and Risky Behaviors
- Hire Me! Getting a Job Right Out of High School
- College Student Panels
- Military Options

Future Careers In Our Region And More!



The Conference highlight will be a keynote address by "The Three Doctors"

Drs. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt and George Jenkins, fondly known as The Three Doctors serve as an extraordinary model of leadership for anyone who's been through any kind of life challenge or major hardship.

As teenage boys growing up on the tough inner city streets of Newark, New Jersey these three Kindred spirits made a pact: they would stick together-go to college-graduate-and become doctors. Surrounded by negative influences and having few positive role models, made this a not so easy feat. Now several years later, these three men have overcome countless obstacles and proudly bear the subtitle of doctor and serve as the face of health and education for youth and families across the country.

Doctors George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt and Sampson Davis deliver a well-needed and urgent message of hope and inspiration everywhere they go. Their key messages-Never underestimate the power of self-reliance and inner strength-Attach a timeline & devise a strategy for achieving your goals-and finally-Surround yourself with like-minded people who are in line with your aspirations.

For more information about this opportunity, visit with your students high school guidance counselor or www.eicc.edu/nextbigthing.

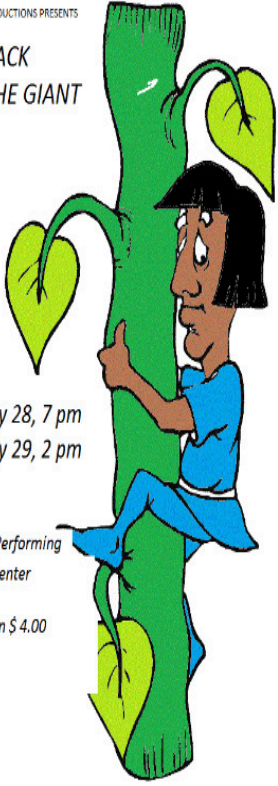
Students attending "The Next Big Thing" and a parent/guardian must sign this form indicating that they understand that the student may, in the course of attending this event, be photographed/videotaped/interviewed or a photo/video of him/her be released to the media or used in a school publication. The signature also denotes that the undersigned parent/guardian also give permission for the student named above to travel to "The Next Big Thing" on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at the RiverCenter in Davenport, Iowa under the direct supervision of a Davenport Community School District employee, by bus, and does hereby relieve the Davenport Community School District and its employees of all liability related thereto.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date _____
Student Signature Date _____



WILDCAT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

JACK AND THE GIANT



January 28, 7 pm
January 29, 2 pm

Holzworth Performing Arts Center

Admission \$ 4.00

Wildcat Productions Children's Theater Workshop
Grades K-5

BROADWAY BOUND!

Featuring North High's Performing Arts Students

January 28, 2011

9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per student

Workshops in acting, dancing, tech theatre, make-up, & musical theater

1:30 p.m.

Student performances

(Parents and family welcome)

2:00 p.m.

Dismissal

Children should bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Children should dress comfortably in clothes that allow for movement. All proceeds benefit North High Thespians.

Return this registration by January 20. (A \$5.00 late fee will be charged after that deadline.)

Please send payment to:

Helen Duranleau-Brennan,
North High School,
626 W. 53rd St.
Davenport, IA 52806.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Address _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number where you can be reached on January 28 _____

Does your child have any health concerns we should be aware of? _____ If yes, please explain.

Waiver: I hereby release Davenport Schools, Helen Duranleau-Brennan, and any employees and volunteers of this workshop from any liabilities due to injuries suffered at this workshop. I give the workshop staff permission to act in my behalf.

Parent signature _____

Wildcat Theater Presents



April 12-13, 2012 at 7 pm

April 15, 2 pm

The play, about a man whose domestic life is disturbed by the jealous ghost of his first wife, shows Coward's humor at its fullest. The combination of drawing-room comedy and ghost story enhances Coward's usual subject of people whose lifestyles defy conventional morality.

Holzworth Performing Arts Center

Adults: \$8.00 Students \$6.00

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