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NHS in Position to Meet State Expectations for PL 91

On March 18, 2010 Public Law 91 was enacted for the State of Indiana. Informally, this law will most likely be known as the “AP Law”. This law is aimed at increasing the percentage of students taking advanced courses in high school by requiring Indiana colleges to award college credits toward a degree for students earning a “3” on an AP test or a “4” on an International Baccalaureate exam. According to the Indiana Department of Education:

“Part of IDOE’s plan for creating and promoting a statewide culture of academic excellence is for 25% of all Indiana Graduates to pass at least one Advanced Placement Exam (score of 3 or higher), or International Baccalaureate Exam (score of 4 or higher), or earn at least 3 semester hours of college credit during their high school years.”

Recently released statistics for the class of 2009 across all Indiana high schools show that currently only 12 of 372 Indiana public high schools meet the 25% criteria. For the class of 2009 at Northridge, 17.1% of the students met the standard described above. This ranks our school 36th out of 372 Indiana public high schools. You may also recall that our class of 2009 boasted a 92% graduation rate.

The good news is that with the coming International Baccalaureate curriculum in our school, we are working to expand access to advanced courses. Over the next two school years we expect the number of students taking International Baccalaureate exams, AP test, and dual enrollment courses to increase due to the fact that there will be a higher number of choices for them. As an example, there are now approximately 90 students in the class of 2011 that are registered to take AP English. This number of students alone represents about 28% of the class.

The academic future at NHS is bright. The hard work of the faculty and staff has positioned our school to meet and exceed state expectations for increasing the rigor of high schools across the state. This is good news for our school, our community, and most importantly our students.

As always, thanks for your support. Please do not hesitate to call with you questions about our academic programming or any other school issue.

Dates to Remember

May
17 Senior Awards Night 7 pm
18 School Board Meeting 4 pm
20 Dollars for Scholars Breakfast 7 am
20 Staged Accident Scene at NHS
21 No School –Was Snow Make Up Date
22 Northridge Prom
24 Junior—Sophomore—Freshmen Class Awards Night 7 pm
31 No School—Memorial Day

June
1 Band Concert
3 Last Day of Classes at the EACC
3 Last Day of Classes for Seniors
4 Senior Final Exams
4/5 Choir Concert
5 SAT Test Date
7 Choir Awards Night 7 pm
8 School Board Meeting 4 pm
8 Last Student Day
8 Spring Athletic Awards 7 pm
9 Teacher Work Day
12 ACT Test Day

13 Graduation Ceremonies

Sunday, June 13
Baccalaureate at NHS Auditorium—1 PM
Commencement at NMS Gymnasium 3:30 PM

22 School Board Meeting 4 pm
28-July 3 ISHAA Moratorium Week—No Sports Practice or Coach Contact

August
11 & 12 Student Registration 10 am-7 pm
17 Teacher Half-Day Session
18 Teacher Full Work Day
19 First Day of Classes for Students
**Guidance Department News**

**Student Schedules for 2010-2011**
Tentative student class schedules will be distributed as soon as the master schedule is finalized. Students will receive these near the end of May. Parents and students should review the schedule carefully. If the core courses and electives are out of balance, or if there are any errors, please notify the guidance counselor immediately. The final schedule will be distributed during the registration days on August 11th and 12th. The final schedule will override the tentative schedule, as some necessary changes may have been required over the summer.

**Guidance Web Page Information**
Attention all parents and students: Please don’t forget to check out the Northridge Guidance web page. To find this valuable resource, go to the Middlebury Community Schools webpage, www.mcsin-k12.org, click on Northridge High School, and then Guidance Office. Some of the important information available here includes college representatives, diploma types, important links, SAT/ACT information, scheduling, and scholarships. Updates will be made and as much information will be included here as possible. If there is information missing that would be helpful, please email Mrs. Smeltzer at smeltzer@mcsin-k12.org.

**7th Semester Graduation**
Any current junior student who is interested in 7th semester graduation must meet with the counselor to discuss the procedure and complete the required paperwork.

**Northridge Auto Accident Scene**
Officer Shotts, Northridge School Resource Officer, and the students of the Drive Right and SADD programs, will be staging an accident scene on Thursday, May 20 at 2 pm. The purpose of the event is to heighten the awareness of students about the tragedy of auto accidents including injury and possible loss of life, financial liability, and the number and variety of emergency personnel required. Also to help the students remember not to use alcohol or drugs while driving or riding in an automobile.

**Choirs Perform at Contest**
Every choir at Northridge earns gold! The Indiana State School Music Association hosts contests to determine progress and achievement for every school in the state. Illuminations, Concert Choir, and Chamber Lights all received Gold Division One ratings. Chamber Lights also earned the prestigious “With Distinction” Award from ISSMA for its progress at the contest! Congratulations to all the choirs!

**Spring Choir Concert**
The final choral concert is entitled Reflections: Sounds of the 60’s. It is scheduled on June 4th and 5th at 7:30 in the Northridge Auditorium. The choral department takes a look back at our entire year, as well as the sixties. Join the students for a night filled with fun, and presented in a new and exciting way! Reserved Seating Tickets are only $6 and will be available at the high school front office!

**Band Information**
Thanks to all band parents and students for all of the volunteer time during the Flower Sale, Pan Cake Breakfast and ISSMA contests. Both the Flower Sale and the Pan Cake Breakfast made the greatest profits ever this year. I heard many compliments from the band directors, ISSMA officials, and judges about how well our contest was run and how nice our parents and students were as hosts. At our contest the Concert Band earned “Gold” ratings from all three concert judges and also earned a “Gold” rating in sight-reading. The Symphonic Band earned “Gold” ratings from all three concert judges and also earned a “Gold” rating in sight-reading at the Group I ISSMA State Prelims.

There will be a meeting for all parents of next year's marching band on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00pm in the auditorium. We will also have our annual “Intro to Marching Band” rehearsal on Tuesday, May 25th from 7:00-9:00pm. in the high school band room.

The High School Spring Band Concert will be held at 7 PM on June 1st, 2010. The concert will be in the high school auditorium.

**ON SLATE—On Line or On Paper??**
This school newsletter is issued once a month during the school year. It is only available on-line for school families unless parents request a paper copy. Requests for paper copies should be made to Patti Miller, NHS principal’s secretary by calling the school office at 825-2142.
**NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

**PHYSICAL NIGHT**

CURRENT 8TH THROUGH 11TH GRADERS

ATHLETES MUST HAVE PAPER WORK INTO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE BEFORE THE PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 28th, 2010

PRE-REGISTRATION CONSISTS OF:

1) A COMPLETED PHYSICAL FORM,
2) A SIGNED CODE OF CONDUCT
3) A $25.00 CHECK

**PHYSICAL DATE:** June 3rd, 2010

**TIME:**
- 6—7 P.M. ~ Incoming 11th & 12th graders
- 7—7:45 P.M. ~ Incoming 9th & 10th graders

**COST:** $25.00

**LOCATION:** North Lobby of Northridge H. S.
(Please enter through Door # 1)

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL BEFORE ATTENDING ANY SUMMER OPEN PLAY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011.

PHYSICAL NIGHT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP ATHLETES GET READY FOR SUMMER PLAY AND FALL CHECK-IN. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS!!

**Specific requirements:**

No students will be allowed that have a history of heart disease, seizures, or are currently taking any medicine for chronic illnesses. These students should see their own family doctor.

Thanks to our team physician Dr. Keith Barkow for all of his time in organizing this physical night for our Northridge Athletes.

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**FALL SPORTS 2010-2011**

Athletes must check into the Northridge athletic office before you participate in any open summer play. We will be checking to make sure you have a completed physical and code of conduct on file. Athletes will not be allowed to practice the first day without first being checked into the athletic office. Some athletes may have checked in on June 3rd, 2010 during physical night at the high school. Athletes may check in anytime after May 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year. Coaches will then receive a list of athletes that are able to participate on the first day of practice.

**First Official Practice Dates for Fall**

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**SEASON TICKETS FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL SALES PROCEDURE FOR 2010-2011**

**CHANGE IN TICKET PROCEDURES:** We will be selling Football and Basketball tickets at the same time this year. We will not have assigned seats for Football this year but will have a parent section.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10th 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Parents of basketball players and cheerleaders.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th 10:00-7:00 P.M.
(At Student Registration) General Public

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12th 10:00-7:00 P.M.
(At Student Registration) General Public

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th (1ST HOME FOOTBALL)
General Public (Outside the Fence)

LOCATION: NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER THIS DATE TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

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**SPRING AWARDS PROGRAM:**

JUNE 8TH, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
LOCATION: NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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**SUMMER CAMPS INFORMATION**

GO TO SCHOOL WEBSITE: 
WWW.MCSIN-K12.ORG

GO TO NORTHRIDGE AND THEN ATHLETICS CAMP—FORMS ARE PRESENT.
**What Students Need to Know for Prom 2010:**

**DATE:** May 22nd, 2010  
**LOCATION:** Century Center, South Bend, IN  
**TIME:** Students must arrive between 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**TO ENTER:** Students must have a ticket and student I.D.  
**PARKING:** Parking at the Century Center costs $5 (the parking lot across the road beside the Hall of Fame is NOT free- you could be charged $35)  
**FOOD:** There is no meal, Please eat before arriving; Dessert/snacks and an espresso bar will be provided  
**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Pictures may be taken for a fee by McDonald’s Studio from 7:30-10:00 p.m.  
**DIRECTIONS:** Students can pick up directions to the Century Center in the main office.

**OPEN GYM AND SWIM**

1. Available on Sunday afternoon from May through July.
2. NHS Gym is open 1:30-4:30PM while the NHS Pool is open 2-3:45PM.
3. Cost is $4 per person. 10-visit punch cards are available for $30/individual or $100/family of 4 with each additional family member costing $20.
4. Admittance is as follows:
   A) Adults must present their driver's license.
   B) High School and Middle School students must present their school ID or driver's license for High School is acceptable.
   Intermediate School and Elementary School students must be accompanied by an adult who can provide proof of residence with driver's license.
5. Basketball, Volleyball, and Walking/Jogging/Fitness are the only activities available during Gym usage time.
6. Lap swim lanes will be available for fitness swimming during open swim time.
7. Schedule and cancellation postings will be placed on entrance doors and MCS website in advance as soon as possible.
8. Schedule is subject to change if there is a conflict with a school event or due to inclement weather.
9. Supervisor and lifeguards (pool) will always be on duty during open gym and swim.

Operating dates are as follows:
- May 1/16
- June 6/13
- July 11/18/25
- August 1

*In addition, the Gym will be available for Community Rental from 4:30-5:30 PM following each Gym and Swim. Rental is $20 per court and reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting Community Recreation Director, Joe Keller at 822-5216 or by e-mail at kellerj@mcsin-k12.org.*

**NEW THIS YEAR at NORTHRIDGE HS**

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT**

*Monday, May 17th, 2010, 7 PM*

*All Senior Students and Their Parents are Invited to Attend*

**UNDERCLASS AWARDS NIGHT**

*Monday, May 24th, 2010, 7 PM*

*All Underclass Students and Their Parents are Invited to Attend*
OPEN SWIM

1. Available on Tuesday/Thursday afternoon during June.
2. NHS Pool is open 1:45-3:30PM.
3. Cost is $4 per person. 10-visit punch cards are available for $30/individual or $100/family of 4 with each additional family member costing $20.
4. Admittance is as follows:
   - Adults must present their driver’s license.
   - High School and Middle School students must present their school ID or driver’s license for High School is acceptable.
   - Intermediate School and Elementary School students must be accompanied by an adult who can provide proof of residence with driver’s license.
5. Lap swim lanes will be available for fitness swimming during open swim time.
6. Schedule and cancellation postings will be placed on entrance doors and MCS website in advance as soon as possible.
7. Schedule is subject to change if there is a conflict with a school event or due to inclement weather.
8. Supervisor and lifeguards (pool) will always be on duty during open swim.

Operating dates are as follows:
June 15/17/29
July 1

*In addition, this program will continue into July if successful. Questions? Contact Joe Keller at 822-5216 or by e-mail at kellerj@mcsin-k12.org.

Project Lead the Way News

It has been a very busy year for the Industrial Technology Department and Project Lead the Way (PLTW). For those that don’t know, PLTW is a pre-engineering program for high school students interested in engineering, architecture and other design / technology careers. Northridge is currently teaching two courses, Introduction to Engineering Design (IED) and Civil Engineering and Architecture (CEA). A third PLTW course will be coming to Northridge next year that is called Principles of Engineering (POE). All three classes involve hands on projects integrating math, science, and technology to better prepare the students for an engineering career. On Thursday, April 22, Northridge was certified as an official Project Lead the Way school. This distinction has been desired since bringing PLTW to NHS in 2008. It was a big accomplishment to be recognized for the hard work the students and staff are doing. Project Lead the Way has been embraced by the school and the community and the school staff wants to continue to bring educational opportunities for students that prepare them for their future in engaging and meaningful ways.

Passing On the Tools of the Trade

Recently Middlebury resident Pete Fore contacted NHS Assistant Principal Gerald Rasler with an idea and an offer. Mr. Fore offered to donate a collection of machinist tools to a promising Northridge student who demonstrated an interest and skills in the trade of Tool and Die. Mr. Rasler works directly with students who attend the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) and, with the assistance of the teaching staff of the EACC, selected Brock Henderson as a potential recipient of the collection. Brock is a junior at Northridge and is in his first year at the EACC in Machine Trades. Brock plans a future in Machine Trades and in Tool and Die. Mr. Fore came to Northridge and presented a very nice collection of tools in a beautiful case to Brock. Mr. Fore was glad to meet Brock and find a future home for the tool collection. Mr. Fore told Brock, “You must treat them with care, and the only stipulation to receiving the tools is you may never sell them, but give them to another person in the future to carry on the trade.” Thank You Pete!
Fall Student Registration Days

On August 11th (Wednesday) and 12th (Thursday), 2010, Northridge High School is hosting the two student registration days for the 2010/2011 school year. Each student accompanied by a parent is to attend one of the two days to complete several items of registration. It is suggested that freshmen and sophomores attend registration on Wednesday the 11th and juniors and seniors attend on Thursday the 12th. However, a parent may decide which day works best for their student (s). The hours of the registration are from 10 am until 7 pm each day. Students should be able to complete the registration process in less than an hour.

Included in the registration process is a student photo for their current school ID (additional pictures may be purchased by underclass students), receiving the student handbook and the student schedule, an opportunity for student and parent to sign the computer use agreement for the school year, student drivers may register their vehicles to get a current parking tag, parents may update demographic and medical information for the students, purchase athletic apparel and tickets, receive other information and ask questions of school personnel, and, if desired, tour the building. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**