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A Message from the Principal

I hope that you and your family had a restful holiday and vacation. As it is mid-January, I am writing with some information about upcoming events: midyear exams, the semester change, and a parent evening in February.

**Midyear Exams (1/23/17-1/26/17)**

**What Are Exams?** Midyear exams are assessments designed to test the knowledge and skills students have gained in the first semester. They include midterm exams for full year courses and final exams for half year courses.

**How Do I Do Well on Them?** Teachers in each class will help students to prepare by providing information about the exam, study materials, and some in-class preparation time. Students should expect to invest additional time out of class preparing for exams. Students are also encouraged to consult their teachers for any extra help needed. Our teachers are very good about providing additional support to our students outside of class hours. Don’t be shy about reaching out for help!

**How Are They Weighed as a Grade?** Exams are valued equal to half a marking period (10% of a full year course grade, and 20% of a half year course grade). Exams are separate from marking period grades, and they show as separate grades on report cards. All grades are later averaged with marking period grades to determine final grades for each course. It is worth remembering that the only grades that ever appear on a student’s transcript are the final grades for courses. Colleges and employers will not see individual marking period or exam grades.

**What is the Exam Schedule?** Midyear exams occur at the conclusion of the second marking period. They take place on Monday, January 23rd through Thursday, January 26th.

On each exam day, there are two exams and no other classes. Students are only required to attend when they have an exam; they do not need to attend during time slots in which they have no exams, such as study halls and physical education. Families may wish to provide their own transportation to accommodate student exam schedules. Buses run at the regular time in the morning and depart after 11:30 AM, the conclusion of the second exam.

If your child cannot attend an exam due to illness or another circumstance, please call the main office prior to the exam to let us know.

The exam schedule follows on the next page.

Best of luck to our students during exams!

- Russ Dallai

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Change of Semester (1/27/17)

The second semester begins on Friday, January 27th. We will begin the semester with a brief advisory at 7:30 AM to provide students with a new schedule reflecting any change in half-year courses. Please note that juniors and seniors must complete a new “Early Dismissal/Late Arrival” form if they wish to take advantage of this opportunity.
FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

North Haven High School Athletics has been very active this winter. All of our winter sports teams are very busy with their seasons: Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball, Girls’ & Boys’ Ice Hockey, Girls’ & Boys’ Indoor Track, Boys’ Swimming & Diving, Co-ed Fencing, & Co-ed Rifle. The athletics program has also been organizing several events and programs for this year and next year.

Some of these programs include:

- A college recruiting seminar at NHHS for student-athletes interested in competing at the collegiate level on March 28th. Check our website for more info.
- A schoolwide volleyball tournament, hosted by the NHHS Unified Sports Program and the NHHS Volleyball Team.
- Online registration for student-athletes for all NHHS sports teams. No more paperwork. It will be all online. Scheduled to debut this spring.
- A student activity card to provide access to NHHS home athletic events. Scheduled to debut in the Fall 2017.

These are just a few of the things going on with NHHS Athletics. Please follow us on Twitter @NHIndiansAD and like us on Instagram @n hathetics.

Also, please continue to stay updated through the North Haven High School website.

Steve Blumenthal
Athletic Director
North Haven Public Schools
SCHOOL COUNSELING

Seniors have started to receive college application decisions! As acceptances and financial aid packages are issued, please let us know of your decisions!

UPDATE:

Before December vacations, counselors worked in small groups with Juniors to discuss the college search process and individually Juniors to discuss individual goals for after high school. Counselors also reviewed academic progress on all students and have been meeting with those in need of additional support. Sophomore and Freshmen students will meet formally with their counselors in February and March respectively. Parents of Juniors will soon receive an invitation to attend an individual post-high school planning meeting with their child’s counselor. This meeting will focus on progress toward graduation and a discussion of interests for after high school.

The course selection process for the 2017-2018 school-year will be coming within the next month! Students will engage in an advisory presentation about the course selection process for next year in February.

Also in February, we will hold Advanced Placement Exam registration in the School Counseling Office. Any student intending to take an AP exam in May must order their exam in the School Counseling Office by February 10th. A letter with more information along with a registration form will be mailed home in January.

The school counseling department will hold two parent evening presents this Spring. Junior College Planning Evening will be held on March 8th at 6:30pm in the NHHS Theater. Though this college search and application process presentation is geared toward Juniors, all grades and parents can benefit from the information. On April 5th, counselors will host a Sophomore Parent Evening on the basics of the college search process.

IMPORTANT DATES

**February:**
- February: Course selection process for 2017-2018 school-year begins
- February 6th-10th: AP Exam Registration in the School Counseling Office
- February 8th: Course Information Night - NHHS Gym @ 6pm

**March: Junior College Planning Seminar: March 8th @ 6:30 pm in the high school theater**

Christina Hamilton, Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Sacred Heart University will be here to discuss the college search, application, and admission process. This information will help you with the college search process. Preliminary class rank will be distributed at the close of the program. For students and parents/guardians unable to attend, class rank will be available in the School Counseling Office the following morning.

**April**
- April 5th @ 6:30pm: Sophomore Parent Evening – Basics of the College Search Process
- April 18th @ 8am: Advanced Placement Exam Mandatory Pre-Administration Session
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Career and Technical Education Department had a very busy holiday season.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Children in the CTE Nursery School participated in the Senior to Senior Breakfast by entertaining the Senior Citizens attending the breakfast performing many favorite Christmas Carols.

The children were very animated and sang with the high school choral students to the delight of all attending the breakfast.

Other holiday activities included decorating ginger bread houses and making special Christmas ornaments to take home.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Business Department hosted many guest speakers during the months of November and December. The Soup Girl, Ms. Alessi’s Business Management class worked with the Culinary Arts students on a interdisciplinary project – The Food Truck Rumble. Business Management students created a food truck business and business plan, determined a menu, designed their own food trucks, and prepared samples of their foods with the culinary arts students. Teachers and Administrator judged the projects and voted to determine winners in multiple categories. Winners were determined for best business plan, best menu, best designed food truck, and best foods.
CAREER EDUCATION SPEAKERS

- Outreach Manager for Water Utility
- Forensic Science Speaker
- Performing Arts Instructor
- Game Design and Development
- Music Therapist
- Certified Accountant

CULINARY ARTS/FOODS

Students in the Culinary Arts courses prepared and planned all the food for the Senior to Senior Breakfast sponsored by the Senior class (2017). The students were hired to cater the event, prepare the menu, set up and serve many specialty items for the breakfast. They also were very creative in making decorative sugar cookies for the seniors to bring home with them.

Culinary Arts Department students organized and planned a community event for the children of North Haven. On Saturday, December 10 the students transformed the high school cafeteria into a “Winter Wonderland” for a BREAKFAST WITH SANTA. Over 300 Children and families attended the pancake breakfast, enjoyed many treats prepared by the Culinary Arts students, wrote letters to Santa, provided face painting and had their pictures taken with Santa Clause. The event was very successful and provided holiday cheer to many.
LIBRARY MEDIA DEPARTMENT

Discover Video

Students can now access videos and audiobooks by visiting [http://nhdevos.north-haven.k12.ct.us/](http://nhdevos.north-haven.k12.ct.us/). Students will log in just as they log in to the school computers...last name, first name and their student ID number is the password. They must be sure to change the domain to North-haven.k12.ct.us. The first time the student logs in, he/she may not be able to view the resources as privileges have to be granted. So it is a good idea for everyone to log in once when not really needed!

Not Just Books

The Library Media Center not only offers books and computers for student use, but we now have chess boards available and group puzzles to complete.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Well, we know that winter is upon us because Project Adventure has moved classes inside until Spring. Throughout the winter months PA will hold classes inside the Aux. gym until the weather starts to improve later this year.

The completion of Semester 1 PE classes is just around the corner. Locks will be collected in class on January 19 and 20 in preparation for semester 2 classes.
Social Studies Course information for upcoming schedule planning:

- **Grade 9**
  - World History 1 credit (L1, L2, L3)

- **Grade 10**
  - Global Issues 1 credit (L1, L2, L3) or Humanities 1 credit (if qualified, L3)

- **Grade 11**
  - US History 1 credit (L1, L2, L3 CT grad requirement) or AP US History 1 credit (L4 meets CT grad requirement)
  - Electives (Psychology 1 credit, Philosophy, Women's Studies, Urban Affairs, Conflicts .5 credit L1,L2,L3)
  - AP Psychology L4 1 credit, AP Government L4 1 credit (meets CT grad requirement)

- **Grade 12**
  - Civics .5 credit (L1,L2, L3- CT grad requirement) or AP Government 1 credit (L4 meets CT grad requirement)
  - Electives (Psychology, Economics 1 credit, Philosophy, Women's Studies, Urban Affairs, Conflicts .5 credit L1,L2,L3)
  - AP Psych L4 1 credit

Please speak with your SS teacher to learn more about the choices available to you!

**Mr. Bevan Moore's** Humanities classes have created Hero and Creation myths in their work this term.

We thank **Mrs. Kim Vigliotti** for her excellent efforts as a long term sub in grade 10, and we look forward to **Ms. Kathy Monigan's** return to her Global Issues classes.

**Mr. Fiondella's** U.S. History students have recently wrapped up a unit on World War I and are currently working on the unit entitled “Boom to Bust” (Roaring 20s & Great Depression). We would like to officially welcome **Peter Lynch** from Quinnipiac University. Mr. Lynch is working with Mr. Fiondella’s classes as a student teacher and will cover The Roaring 20s, the Great Depression, World War II, and the early years of the Cold War. Welcome Mr. Lynch!
In November, North Haven High School Italian Club members, along with students of Italian, went to the middle school to teach a dance to all the eighth grade students of Italian. The movements in the dance demonstrated the meanings of the prepositions in Italian. This activity was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday, December 10th, twenty members of the Italian, French, and Latin Clubs along with their advisors gathered together for the second annual “Warm Hands Warm Heart” initiative to benefit Life Haven, a shelter for women and children in New Haven. In addition to bringing a dish to share, these students also donated warm clothing for the residents of the shelter.
The North Haven Diversity Team started 2017 with two important presentations. On January 11th, eight members of the team; Aidan Coyle- (president), Sarina DiBenedetto- (president), Laura Borrelli- (vice-president), Sachi Patel- (vice president), Sarah Bouffard, Kemi Balogun, Lynnsey Spader, and Zoe St. Michael, went to Trinity College to present at the CT. Association of Schools Middle Level Leadership Conference. This conference was for middle school age participants from schools across CT. Their message was “How to Be a Change Maker”. This interactive workshop empowered student leaders by teaching them how to assess the climate of their school and take the first steps in creating positive change.

The workshop conference day ended with our two presidents, Aidan Coyle and Sarina DiBenedetto, addressing over 500 students and advisors as they wrapped up the sessions and presented an award to the sponsors.

On Friday January 13th, members of the Diversity Team presented with advisor, Robin River, to the faculty regarding the school climate at NHHS. The good news is that, according to a national survey given by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to over 20,000 high school students, NHHS ranks higher than the national average for a positive school climate. The presentation also pointed out that the faculty of NHHS ranks among the most positive of all of the faculty and staff in the national survey. The presentation also looked at simple but powerful ways

Because NHHS has been recognized among CT schools for its positive climate, this past December 22nd Aidan Coyle and Robin River spoke at the capitol in Hartford and addressed the State Department of Education and the General Assembly as they examined effective ways to improve school climate. Ms. River and Aidan spoke of the great things going on at NHHS. They also mentioned the work of CT Association of Schools (CAS), an important partner in our climate work, who has helped to create students leaders and empower them to promote positive change. Several of our members serve on the state advisory board to CAS.

The Diversity Team meets on Wednesdays after school in the library. They are currently having a membership drive as they plan their work for the spring. New members are always welcome. For information, please contact Robin River at river.robin@north-haven.k12.ct.us

Trinity Leadership Conference: Zoe St. Michael, Kemi Balogun, Lynnsey Spader, Sachi Patel, Sarina DiBenedetto, Aidan Coyle, Laura Borrelli, Sara Bouffard
FROM THE NURSE’S DESK:

From The Nurse’s Desk

Grade 10 Physicals

All current Grade 10 students need to submit to the school nurse, a physical assessment prior to entering Grade 11. It is also important that the school nurse be notified of any change in your son/daughter’s medical status that might occur throughout the school year, as well as any prescribed medication needed during the school day.

Students will also need medical clearance from their health care provider before returning to school after an extended illness, surgical or orthopedic procedures.

PTSA NEWS

The purpose of the PTSA is to support the faculty, staff, parents, and especially our students. During the academic year, the NHHS PTSA supports events such as the NH Road Race, Mr. North Haven, Project Graduation, Freshman Orientation, PTSA scholarships, and course selection night, to name a few. Through the various activities, this enabled the PTSA support to support various school events.