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From the Principal's Desk

Dear North County Parents and Community,

We have just started a brand new year and with it comes a brand new semester! I hope all is well with you and your family. Of course the calendar shows us it is now 2007, but our students are in all new classes as of January 10th. In a sense, it is a brand new school year. Our unique block system, now in its 14th year, allows students to focus upon three classes at a time. Each nine weeks is a semester and the students' grades are permanent at each term. Better yet, for the first time, students ended Term 2 before the holidays and started 2007 fresh with new classes in Term 3.

Term 2 report cards were distributed to all students on Friday, January 26th and they were mailed home on approximately the same date. The Term 3 Progress Reports will be given to all students on Monday, February 12th and please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers with questions or concerns. Every teacher has a phone extension and a voice mailbox. Most teachers also use email.

North Monterey County High School will conclude a two year process of the school program evaluation when a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation Committee visits the school from February 25-28. The visiting team will review and make recommendations on the school's six year Action Plan.

Any parents who would like to participate in the visitation should please contact Whitney Grummon at 633-5221 x249. She would love to have your voice heard by the committee!

I hope 2007 brings you happiness and contentment.

Sincerely,

Steve Hirt

Principal

Career Center Event Calendar

Contact Mrs. Yezek,
Career Coordinator at
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633-5221 x210

2/2/07

SAT registration for 3/10/07 test date

2/3/07

Cash for College Workshop, Hartnell College, 10am-2pm

2/6/07

Army Presentation, lower library, 11:00-11:30

2/10/07

ACT administration

2/13/07

UTI Presentation, lower library, 11:00-11:30

Financial Aid Workshop for Parents and Students, Lower Library, 6:00pm-8:30pm

2/20/07

Nursing Information Sessions, Mills College/Oakland, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Salinas Host Lions Club

Applications for the Salinas Host Lions club Scholarship are available in the Career Center. Applicants for this scholarship must possess at least a "B" average and/or achieved at least 80 percentile on the SAT. The deadline for submitting an application is April 15, 2007. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000 (\$500 per year for four years).

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

1. Go to www.pin.ed.gov first and apply for Personal Identification Numbers for the student and for the parent(s).
2. FAFSA applications are found at www.fafsa.ed.gov and may be submitted as early as January 1, 2007.
3. Financial questions on the form may be estimated (and then corrected after tax returns are completed).
4. The online version of the application points out your mistakes as you go along and will email your family the Student Aid Report (SAR).
5. Before going online to complete the application, be sure to print out the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet, downloadable from the FAFSA website.
6. You can designate up to six schools to automatically receive copies of your FAFSA. Once a student is accepted to college, the financial aid office will look at the SAR and determine how much aid you qualify for.

Santa Clara University Free Opportunity

The School of Engineering at Santa Clara University has announced the 18th annual Summer Engineering Seminar (SES). This FREE program is designed for high school students who are considering engineering as a possible major in college. SES is designed to encourage women and underrepresented minorities to the study of engineering, but all eligible students are welcome to apply. This exciting program is offered at no cost to participants. Applications are in the Career Center. The application deadline is April 27.

Scholarships Available Now:

Asian Pacific Youth Leadership CAC, Inc.
California Strawberry
California Wine Grape Growers
Christermon Foundation
CSUMB
Don and Roy Splawn Foundation
Equality Scholarship Collaborative
Mahatma
McKelvey Foundation
Monsanto
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Salinas Host Lions Club
Sammy
Save Me a Spot in College
Sons of Italy
Spirit of Community Service
SWE Women Engineers
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

Pick up applications in the Career Center!

Holiday Tournaments Highlight Winter Sports Season

Winter sports at North Monterey County High School are going full blast right now. The school's soccer, basketball, and wrestling teams are all competing in league competition as part of the Monterey Bay League.

The very competitive second annual Condor Christmas Classic, an eight team boys' varsity basketball tournament, was held in Tansey Hall (Condor gym) in late December. Salinas, Carmel, San Lorenzo Valley, Soledad, Alvarez, San Benito, Pioneer, and NC made up the strong field. The Condors finished a strong second to a powerful SLV squad. Head Coach **Jesus Galindo** did a terrific job in organizing this great event. He received help from the school's other coaches, family members, and parents.

The 16th Annual Artichoke Wrestling Invitational was held at North County on January 5th and 6th. Twenty-seven teams from around California participated in the high-profile event. Some of the top wrestlers in the state competed for individual and team awards. Head Coach **Pete St. John** and his assistants **Paul Gomez**, **Bryan Shaw** and **Wayne Turner** did a marvelous job at this event. Former NMCUSD Superintendent **Leo St. John** and his wife, **Pat**, also worked countless hours in organizing this great tournament. Numerous staff, parents and community members worked the 20+ hours taking care of the needs of hundreds of wrestlers and spectators.

North County is proud of all of its athletes and the effort so many people put into its program!

Dance Company Wishes to Thank...

The Dance Company **Booster Parents**, for all the time and energy you contributed to making our show "Wishful Thinking" a great one. The support of the parents, emotionally, financially, physically, and artistically, is a vital aspect of each production and we would not be capable of reaching such a high level of performance without you.

Joe Pintacura, for all the time and energy you contributed to making our dance show a great one. Your scenes had the audience laughing for days.

The following NMCHS faculty and staff for your assistance and encouragement: **Joan Chu** and the **Yearbook Staff**, **Jan Goodspeed** and the **Talon Staff**, **Charlie Goodspeed** and his **Multimedia Class**, **Whitney Grummon** and the **Wingspan**, **Steve Hirt**, **John Simpson**, **Mark Dover**, **Marilyn McMurray**, **Ron Grice** and the **Custodial Staff**, **Zach Davison-Wilson**, **D.L. Johnson**, **George Wright**, and **Dee** and the **Kitchen Ladies**.

To the following businesses for your donations and support: **Michele Aker Photography**, **John Harris Films**, **Foster Farms**, **Driscolls**, **Berkeley Farms**, **Super Max**, **Laurence Paper Co**, **Pajarosa Flowers**, **Seascape Lodge**, **Toasties in Pacific Grove**, **La Fortuna Bakery**, **Ariel Productions**, and **Fashion Streaks of Seaside**.

This Month's Events

Tuesday, February 6
6:00pm, DeMarco home
Sober Grad Meeting

All are welcome to help plan the big event. Call 663-2601 for more information.

Wednesday, February 7
3:45 pm, Room 1
School Site Council

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday, February 8
Late Start Day
Staff Development

Classes begin at 10:35. The bus schedule is adjusted accordingly.

Monday, February 12
Late Start Day
Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be distributed to every student. Please call the Coordinator's Office at 633-5221 x211 if your child does not bring one home.

Monday, February 19
No School
Presidents Day

School resumes on Tuesday, February 20.

Sunday, February 25-28
WASC Visitation

A Western Association of Schools and Colleges visiting committee will be on campus for three days to work with the school community on our six year Action Plan.

Friday, March 9
San Juan Oaks Golf Club
6:00pm-12:00am
Athletic Boosters Annual Gala

See inserted flier! Don't miss it!

Alumni Corner

*News and Notes on Condor Grads by
Steve Hirt, Principal*

Thank You from the Band Boosters:

Charlie Paul and **Mary Linzer** for all your assistance with the Band Raffle! Awesome job!

Hiroshi Grubbs and family for selling the most raffle tickets!

Will Ellington for selling the winning ticket!

Cindy Vocolka, Mary Linzer, Valerie Fern, Carolyn Brown, Daphne Ellington, Michelle Johnson, and **Bill Hellwig** for all your help with the Band Tour Info Night.

David Batinovich, Christopher Tansey, and Joseph Yezek (NC Class of 2005) graduated from the Monterey Peninsula Fire Academy in December 2006. Joe's mother, Liz, is the NMCHS Career Center Coordinator. Christopher's grandfather, "Doc" Tansey, was the Superintendent of NMCUSD when North County opened in 1978!

Stephanie Matthew-Diaz (NC Class of 1991) attended the University of California, San Diego and majored in Theater and Literature. Stephanie is currently performing in "The King and I" in Chicago and she recently auditioned for a role on Broadway in NYC. She has taught theater in residency at middle schools and high schools in Chicago, San Diego, and Seattle and is currently an instructor at the Auditorium Theater of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Tanner Bell (NC Class of 2002; BS Major: Regional Development, Minor: Business Administration at the University of Arizona) was a football letterman at NC who received a full scholarship at the U of A and graduated in December of 2006. His younger brother, **Travis**, is a sophomore on the Wildcat football team.

Esteban Lara (NC Class of 2002) is part of a medical response team at Westmed Emergency Services in Marina. He earned his Emergency Response Technician Certification shortly after high school. Esteban was recently featured in the *Salinas Californian* where he mentioned his high school job shadow assignment with an EMT as a life changing experience!

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