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From the Principal's Desk

Dear North County Parents and Community,

Our students finished their work for Term 1 on Friday, October 13th. Transcripts with student's high school career permanent grades were distributed to all students on Monday, October 30th and report cards were mailed home at about the same time. We are one quarter of the way through the school year already!

Term 2 ends on December 20th. Semester finals and all work must be completed by that date. Please make sure your holiday trips take place after December 20th!

November is upon us and with it brings the new challenge of the college application process for seniors and their parents. The application deadline for many colleges and universities is November 30th. Parents should contact their student's coordinator or College Advocate Jesse Obas (x253) at the school for information or help.

We've seen a positive improvement in student attitudes and behavior, but tolerance and respect remain a priority for the school. Recently, over ninety students and adult facilitators participated in a powerful day-long leadership training program called Challenge Day. It is the school's third Challenge Day- the most recent being held for ninth and tenth graders- and we look forward to one more this school year.

The holiday season opens during the month of November. Veteran's Day will be observed on November 10th and the school will recess for three days, November 22-24, for Thanksgiving. That holiday gives us all time to reflect and give thanks for all of our blessings. May you and your family be enriched by the beauty and gift of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Steve Hirt

Principal

Career Center Event Calendar

Contact Mrs. Yezek,
Career Coordinator at
eyezek@nmchs.org or
633-5221 x210

11/1/06

SAT registration deadline for
December test

11/3/06

Scripps Preview Day,
9:00am-3:00pm, 800-770-1333

ACT registration deadline for
December 9 test

11/4/06

SAT administration

11/7/06

Mills College,
Nursing Information Session,
6:00pm-8:00pm, 510-430-2135

11/11/06

Savannah College of Art & Design,
SCAD Days, www.scad.edu/visit

Cal Maritime Preview Day, 8:00am,
www.csum.edu

Occidental College, Fall Open
House, www.oxy.edu/admission

11/18/06

CSU Dominguez Hills, A Day at
Dominguez Open House, 9:30am-
2:00pm,
[www.scudh.edu/outreach/dayatdomi
nguez.html](http://www.scudh.edu/outreach/dayatdomi
nguez.html)

Scholarships Available Now!

Asian Pacific Youth Leadership
Project

Bronson Scholarship Fund

California Automotive Service
Council

Christermon Foundation

Fleet Reserve Essay Contest

Gates Millenium

Matsui Foundation

Monterey County Medical Trust
Fund

New York University

President's Scholars Program
CSU Long Beach

SAE Engineering Scholarships

SWE Women Engineers
Scholarship

Sons of Italy

3M Scholarship Essay Contest

Pick up applications in the
Career Center!

Seba M. Bronson and Margaret Alice Bronson Scholarship Fund

The Bronsons were married in 1941 and lived in Castroville in the pink house next to the Old Theatre until their deaths in 1985 and 1986. They had no children. Seba Bronson was born in 1906 in Watsonville and graduated from Watsonville High School. He came to Castroville in about 1926 to help his widowed sister run her hardware store- McCarthy Hardware- in the building still standing at the corner of Merritt and Preston. In later years he owned the store and worked there until its closing and his retirement in 1971. Margaret Bronson was born Margaret Alice Jensen in 1913 in Medford, Oregon where she graduated from St. Mary's Academy. In 1934 she graduated from St Vincent's School of Nursing in Portland, Oregon. In the late 30s she moved to Salinas where she continued nursing and in later years she worked in the hardware store with her husband, Seba. Upon their deaths, a scholarship was established for worthy and needy students applying to Stanford University.

Requirements for the scholarship application: must be a resident of North Monterey County Unified School District, must have been a resident for six months, must be accepted by Stanford University, and must be in need of financial aid (Stanford determines who is accepted and who is in need of aid).

For more information, please contact: NMCHS College Career Counselor, Mrs Yezek, 633-5221 x210; Sebina Hobson, niece of the Bronsons, 650-941-1259; or Admissions or Financial Aid at Stanford, 650-723-2091 or 650-723-3058.

Report Cards Mailed Home

Term 1 Report Cards for all students were mailed home near the end of October. All report cards will be mailed home at the end of each term this school year. In addition, all students received their updated transcripts in the Condor Advisory Homeroom on October 30th. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REVIEW YOUR CHILD'S GRADES. Remember, each term is a full semester and ALL grades are permanent and count toward graduation.

Need Help in Math?

A free Math Tutorial is held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:20-4:30pm in Room 53. Mrs. Glines and college math students are ready to help NC students with all levels of math. No sign ups are necessary and there is a free late bus at 4:40pm.

Support North County Football!

Parents, grads, and community members: It is very expensive to operate a football program for 140 athletes. The Linebacker Club raises money all year through volunteer work at Broadway Bingo in Salinas every Sunday. Shifts are only 2-4 hours and all money raised through volunteer hours goes directly to pay for our football program. We need more volunteers. Can you help? Please call Susan at 595-0954 or Maria at 594-9011. Volunteering even once a month would be a huge help!

NMCHS Facilities Need Upgrade

Do you believe the community of North Monterey County High School deserves a modern facility? Would you like to be part of an improvement plan for the high school? Do you have some ideas for our buildings and grounds? Contact Mike Deckelmann at 633-5221 x294 with questions, concerns, or ideas.

ParentConnect Online Grades

North Monterey County High School is in the process of giving all teachers the technology needed to post their students' grades on the web. If you are interested in participating in this pilot project as a parent, please follow the set up instructions enclosed in this issue of the Wingspan. You can contact your child's teachers to see if they have the capability to post grades online yet, or you can register and then check online.

Call Whitney Grummon at 633-5221 x249 for more information.

This Month's Events

Wednesday, November 1

3:45 pm, Room 1

School Site Council

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

Saturday, November 4

9:00-5:00pm, NMCHS

Sober Grad Storage Clean-Up Party

Put in a couple of volunteer hours, meet some people, and enjoy some snacks!

Tuesday, November 7

6:00pm, DeMarco home

Sober Grad Meeting

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

Mon & Tues, November 7-8

9:00am, NMCHS

California High School Exit Exam

Juniors and Seniors who have yet to pass the CAHSEE will take the exam.

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day Holiday

No School.

Monday, November 13

Late Start Day

Progress Report Distribution

All students will be given a progress report for Term 2. Classes begin at 10:35.

Weds-Fri, November 22-24

Thanksgiving Holiday

No School.

Thursday, November 30

Late Start Day

Staff Development

Classes begin at 10:30.

A Condor Thank You to:

Yoshi Grubbs

for all the hard work and support of the NC Linebackers Football Raffle.

Cathy Crume, Tiffany Cotter, Lou Angelakis, Zach Davison-Wilson, Catherine Adams, Kelly Moore, Polly Jimenez, Frieda Jackson, Jennifer Foreman, Marilyn McMurray, Jesse Obas, Gene Chu, Omar Mercado, and Don Pedroni

for volunteering to be a crucial part of our third Challenge Day. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

Alumni Corner

News and Notes on Condor Grads by Steve Hirt, Principal

Rachelle Perez (NC Class of 2001; BA Art Education and Art Studio Humboldt State University 2005) is a Regional Field Coordinator for AFS Intercultural Programs in Portland, OR. Rachelle was an AFS exchange student in Chile during her years at NC.

Todd Whitehurst (NC Class of 1990; BA Sociology Sonoma State University 1996; MA Educational Counseling and PPSC San Jose State University 2002) is the District Administrator for Aspira's Foster and Family Services in Kern County, CA. He and his wife, Jeannie, live in Bakersfield. One of the finest athletes in North County history- he helped lead the Condors to three CCS Championships in football and one in baseball- Todd reports that he has a five handicap in golf.

Bryon Benini (NC Class of 1988) is the Vice President of Dye Precision Paint Ball Company in San Diego, CA. He travels world-wide representing his company and is a professional paint-baller with the San Diego Ironmen. Bryon is Carol Westfall's (NC Principal's Administrative Assistant) son and Bryon has a five year old son.

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Graduation Requirements

Parents, please encourage your students to work on their graduation requirements for the individual Job Shadow and Community Service.

The Individual Job Shadow is introduced to your student during his or her Junior year. Job Shadowing allows students to connect with an adult in a career or field of their interest and to experience the workplace and work day first-hand. Job Shadow packets are available in the NMCHS Main Office.

The required 45 hours of Community Service is designed to be an on-going effort throughout each student's high school career at NMCHS. Students who complete 100 or more hours will be recognized and awarded an honor cord to wear on graduation day. Two \$500 scholarships are also awarded on Senior Awards Night to students with outstanding community service records. Visit the NC Career Center for more information.

The holiday season is here and our community is bustling with volunteer opportunities. This is a great time to tap into non-profit agencies that are often looking for volunteers to help with fund-raising this time of year. A few of the upcoming events that have been publicized to students and are currently posted in the Community Service Center are as follows:

November 15	Our Lady of Refuge "Thanksgiving Dinner"
December 2	Castroville "Christmas Posada"
December	Salinas Jaycee's "Christmas Shopping Tour" at the Northridge Mall
June- December	Hartnell College/ Western Stage ushers
September- May	Monterey County Reads Project

Both the Job Shadow and the Community Service requirements must be completed no later than May 1st of the student's senior year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding either of these requirements, please stop by the Community Service Center located in the Main Office, or call Mrs. McMurray at 633-3952.

AP Scholar Awards

Eighteen students at North Monterey County High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's AP Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams:

Two NMCHS students, **Christopher Chun** and **Michael Palmtag**, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of the exams.

Three NMCHS students, **Kyle Guglielmo**, **Connie Hernandez**, and **Lisa Thomas**, qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Thirteen students, **Ursula Aguilar**, **Fabian Bermudez**, **Samantha Clark**, **Michelle Decker**, **Danielle Hellwig**, **Marilyn Hernandez**, **Rachel Kenstowicz**, **Erin Kilty**, **Hui Kim**, **Brenda Madriz**, **Hunter Paull**, **Brenda Ramirez**, and **Alex Schneider**, qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2006, North Monterey County High School offered eleven different Advanced Placement courses to its students.

