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From the Principal's Desk

Dear North County Parents and Community,

October is upon us! The mornings suddenly require warmer wear. The days grow shorter. North Monterey County High School bustles with activity!

This month our school celebrates Homecoming on Saturday, October 7th. Our football teams face Harbor High School at home that day. Game times are: 9:00 (Frosh), 11:30 (JV), and 2:00 (Varsity). The Alumni Reception will once again be open for grads and their families and friends during the games near the announcer's booth. Don't miss the Homecoming Parade, featuring our award-winning marching band and color guard and the four class floats! The NMCHS Classes of '86 (20 year) and '96 (10 year) will celebrate their reunions on Homecoming weekend. Thanks to Jodie Kaminskis and Lori Lowensen for organizing the '86 reunion and to Annette Gamper and Jana Cain for putting on the '96 gig!

Also this month we will end Term 1. It concludes on Friday, October 13th.

Report cards will be mailed home in late October, although we will give each student a copy of his or her report card during a Condor Homeroom Advisory period. For the first time, NMCHS will be mailing home all four report cards to student's homes. Remember: all report card grades are permanent grades on the student's transcript. And another reminder: Term 2 will end, before Winter Break, on December 20th. Please plan your vacation accordingly!

As always, our teachers are only a phone call away from you. All teachers have their own phone extensions and voice mail. Feel free to contact me or any of our dedicated staff when you have a question or a concern. We are here to serve our students and you.

Sincerely,

Steven Hirt

Principal

Career Center Calendar

Drop by the Career Center in the Library Loft or call Mrs. Yezek at 633-5221 x210.

10/4/06

Army presentation, 11-11:30am, lower library

10/5/06

Carnegie Mellon information session, 7:30pm, Hyatt, 1740 First St., San Jose

10/9/06

Wellesley College, Fall Open Campus, www.edu/admission/fall2006

Discover Duke University, 7-9pm, Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

10/10/06

National Guard presentation, 11-11:30am, lower library

10/12/06

Hartnell College presentation, 11-11:30am, lower library

Learn more about Dartmouth, 7:00pm, The Harker School, The College Counseling Center, 500 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose

10/14/06

SAT Test Administration

10/15/06

Reed College Interviews, 9:30am-2:00pm, Borders Books and Music, Sunnyvale, 800-547-4750

Scholarships Available Now!!!

California Automotive Service Council

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Boston University

Emory University

Horatio Alger

Monterey County Medical Trust

New York University

SAE Engineering

Scripps College

Washington University/ St Louis

Pick up applications in the Career Center!

Free SAT Prep Class Available Now!

Improve your SAT test scores by attending this free class from 7:45-8:45am. Offered daily until October 7th. See Jesse Obas in the library loft to register for the current class or classes to be offered throughout the year.

10/16/06

Mount Holyoke College, Shadow Days, www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents

10/17/06

Introduction to Columbia University, 7:30-9:00pm, The Hackworth IMAX Theater, 201 South Market Street, San Jose

10/18/06

PSAT Test Administration

10/19/06

Wyotech presentation, 11-11:30am, lower library

10/21/06

Pratt School of Engineering, Open House, 8:15am-4:00pm, www.admissions.duke.edu

UC Santa Cruz Preview Day, 10:00am-4:00pm,

www.admissions.ucsc.edu/pday06

10/23/06

Mount Holyoke College, Focus on the Arts, www.mtholyoke.edu/go/admevents

10/24/06

New York University, Admissions Reception, www.admissions.nyu.edu/receptions

10/26/06

Bethany university, Campus Days, Register @831-438-3800 x3959

10/28/06

Chico State Preview Day, 9:00am-3:00pm, www.csuchico.edu/admissions

ACT Test administration

North County High Shines in State Report

The State of California released the 2005-2006 State Report that includes the state API and the federal AYP (No Child Left Behind) on August 31, 2006. NMCHS raised its API score 24 points from 651 to 675! The school's growth target was 7 points. It marks the school's largest jump in the API since the accountability program was instituted several years ago, and improved performance for the seventh time in eight years. North County High also met all federal and state goals, as a school and within all sub-groups. Of special note: only 29% of the high schools in California met all their goals this year. While all sub groups showed improvement, the school's Hispanic/Latino and English Language Learner students showed the greatest improvement.

Student performances on the CST (STAR) tests and the California High School Exit Exams are used to calculate each high school's academic progress. Four subject areas are tested in the STAR Exam: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social studies. The CAHSEE tests students in Language Arts and Mathematics only.

Principal Steve Hirt praised the hard work of the staff and students. He said, "It was a team effort. We all want to do our best to prepare students for life after high school. We're always looking at ways to improve our instruction and curriculum. Again, I am very pleased with the results that show the school is headed in the right direction."

Need Help in Math?

Mrs. Glines and college math students are ready to help any student in all levels of math. No sign up is necessary! The free math tutorial is held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:20 to 4:30 in Rm 53. Free late bus!

Mr. North County Winners

Congratulations to Mr. North County winner Tyler Vocolka, second runner up Nick Tennis, third runner up Matt DeMarco and to the Viewer's Choice winner Justice Guerrero. Also, thank you to all the young men, club advisors, and their clubs for participating in this Dance Company event.

CCS Ranked Condor Cross Country Teams Highlight Early Fall Season

Of the over 100 teams that compete in the Central Coast Section, the North County High Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams are each ranked 4th in the latest CCS rankings in the San Jose Mercury News. Coaches O'Malley and Ibarra have built very strong teams once again! Both teams will attempt to repeat as league champions at the MBL Finals on Saturday, October 28 at Toro Park.

Condor thanks go to...

Ana Bedard, Kelly Moore, Joan Chu, Jodie Kaminskis, Tyler McGlashan, Kaley Keenan Roth, Polly Jimenez, Zach Davison-Wilson, Shawn Parker, Liz Yezek, Rachel Vincent, Frieda Jackson, Jesse Obas, and Jim O'Neil for participating as facilitators in our second Challenge Day. The day was outrageously successful and could not have happened without you all!

Carol Westfall and Eloise Milam, for their assistance behind the scenes of Challenge Day.

Carlos Flores for the generous donation of time and money when making five wooden platforms for Mr. North County. We will be able to use them every year!
From Dance Co. & VPA Dept

Hennesy Family and Central Coast Home Loans for the generous donation of a Home theater system as the grand prize for the winner of Mr. North county. Your support and contribution every year is greatly appreciated.

Keith Gonzales, the Master of Ceremonies for Mr. North County, and to the five judges: **Kim Glines, Zach Davison-Wilson, Laurel Gast, Julie Carriere, and Kelly Moore** for helping make Mr. North County a big success.

Longs Drug, Pajarosa Floral, Trader Joes, Straw Hat Pizza, Starbucks, Gino's Italian Restaurant, Country Bakery, and Ristorante Italiano for their kind-hearted donations toward Mr. North County.

Aaron Shay, Thomas Roberts, and Matt Chartier (Mind the Moment) for their spectacular performance at Mr. North County!

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Alumni Corner

News and Notes on Condor Grads

By Steve Hirt, Principal

Lonce Bailey (NC Class of 1985; PhD Political Science U of Massachusetts 2006) was featured in the *Salinas Californian*. He recently earned his doctorate at UMass where his dissertation was "Ideological Dissension in the Progressive Era." Lonce was the 1984-85 North County ASB President and was one of the founders of the school's famous Election Convention.

Tiffany (Ventresca) Cotter (NC Class of 1991; BS Health Sciences Ohio State University 1997, MA in Counseling/PPS San Jose State 2006) is the Head Volleyball Coach at North County High. Ms Cotter is a Health teacher at her alma mater and is currently serving as Interim Coordinator while Lisa Martin is on maternity leave. Tiffany and her husband, Geno, have a beautiful one year old daughter, Bailey.

Maria Ziolkowski (NC Class of 1998) is the Payroll and Employee Benefits Manager for a company in Simi Valley, CA. She has three children: Adelina, 6, Makayla, 4, and Carson, 1.

Calling all Condors!

The Class of 1986 will host its 20th year reunion on Friday, October 6, 2006. Alumni are invited to attend dinner and dancing at Club Octane in Monterey on Friday evening starting at 8pm. A deposit of \$25 a person is required. All checks should be made out to Lori Lowenson and mailed to 1681 Granada St, Seaside, CA 93955.

The Class of 1996 will host its 10th year reunion on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The festivities will be held at Royal Oaks Park from 2:00-6:00pm. The cost is \$40/adult and spouses and kids are welcome! Contact Annette Gamper at agamper@yahoo.com or Jana Cain at jqcain@gmail.com for more information.

On Saturday, October 7, **all alumni and their families** are invited to attend a barbeque at the NMCHS Homecoming football game.

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