

# Wingspan

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2008-2009 School Year  
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- Don't miss the "Holiday Arts Faire" on Tuesday, December 16th in the Forum. The Visual and Performing Arts Department will showcase their talents beginning at 6:30 PM.

- Term 2 Final Exams will be administered from December 15th through December 19th.

- Term 2 grades are permanent semester grades. Encourage your student to study hard and complete all standards.

-The Second Night of the Condor (Back to School Night) has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM. We hope to see you!

**PLEASE TRY TO ARRANGE FAMILY VACATIONS SO YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY. GRADES WILL CERTAINLY BE AFFECTED BY MISSED SCHOOL DAYS.**

On behalf of all 120 North County Staff members, I wish you all a safe, happy and beautiful holiday season. Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Steve Hirt, Principal

## From the Principal's Desk

December, 2008

Dear North County Parents and Community,

The holidays are upon us! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We begin our three week Winter Break following our last day of Term 2 on Friday, December 19th. School will resume on Monday, January 12th at 10:30 AM with the start of Term 3. On this Late Start Day, busses will pick up students 90 minutes later than usual. All students will report to Homeroom to pick up their Term 3 class schedules. Students will have brand new classes (except for A/B year long classes) to start 2009.

Some important school news to consider during this festive, yet often hectic, time of year:

- Dance Company and Dance II present their Fall show December 11, 12 and 13th at 7:00 in the Forum. It will be a great show!

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### School Site Council Members:

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- Kathryn Hackett
- Steve Hirt
- Mel Kaufman
- Dorothy Laage
- Lori Lowensen
- Maribel Martinez
- Marilyn McMurray
- Rosa Munoz
- Ivonne Nolasco Sanchez
- Charlie Pierce
- Bruce White
- George Wright

## Academic Tutoring

Does your child need assistance with mathematics?

Every Monday and Wednesday, after school in Room 53, college tutors are available for math help. No registration required.

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The following teachers are available to tutor during the school year:

Mr. Bosworth- Physics, Science, Algebra (contact him at [bballboz@yahoo.com](mailto:bballboz@yahoo.com))

Mrs. Vincent- English Language Arts (contact her through [mrsforemanenglish@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsforemanenglish@hotmail.com))

Also, a list of students who can tutor in Calculus is available in the Coordinator's Office.

## SATs for College Applications

Juniors considering applying to a four year college or university must take the SAT or the ACT exams.

The University of California system requires the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT as well as two of the SAT Subject Tests.

Students should visit the Career Center in Room 8 or the College Advocates in the library loft for more information or help with registration.

## NCAA Registration

Seniors planning to participate in an NCAA sport in college, must register as an athlete now at the **NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE** at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

## Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLRs)

NMCHS students are:

- Physically and mentally **healthy persons**, confident and prepared for their professional future.
- **Effective communicators** in the reading, writing, and speaking of academic English.
- **Life-long learners** for responsible adult life and effective employment.
- Critical, creative thinkers and **problem solvers**.
- **Socially responsible** and tolerant individuals.

## COURSE STANDARDS

1. Students in ALL classes must be knowledgeable of the course standards, and be able to track their own progress on a continuous basis.
2. All students are responsible for keeping a record of the course standards in their binders.
3. Teachers are responsible for distributing the course standards at the beginning of each course. Teachers are also responsible for posting the course standards in the classroom.
4. Teachers will provide more than one opportunity for a student to pass each standard.
5. Students who pass ALL standards in a course during a particular term will receive a passing grade for that term.
6. Students who do not pass ALL standards in a course during a particular term will receive a failing grade for that term.
7. Standards mastery and grading expectations for Special Education students are the same as for general education students, unless a modification is specifically stipulated on a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

## North County High Meets State and Federal Academic Standards

The state of California recently released the 2007 - 2008 Academic Progress Report that includes the state API (Academic Performance Index) and the federal AYP (No Child Left Behind).

North Monterey County High School raised its API 13 points from 680 to 693, exceeding the state target of 6 points for the school. Growth was especially strong in the performances of Latino students (+30 points) and the school's English Language Learners (+32). The school improved its API performance for the eighth time in ten years. The state measures each high school's API based on student performance on the spring CST (STAR) exams in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in Language Arts and Math.

NMCHS also successfully met all 22 criteria related to the guidelines established by "No Child Left Behind" (AYP). The AYP factors in not only the above API scores but also the school's graduation rate.

Overall, the data indicates that North Monterey County High School performed especially well on the CAHSEE. The Class of 2008 passed the CAHSEE at a rate exceeding 99%. Still, work needs to be done. This year (2008 -09), the school is focusing on improving instruction with a special emphasis on making sure all NMCHS courses are aligned with the state standards.

## AP Scholar Awards

Twenty-three students at NMCHS have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement Exams.

Eight students (now graduates) qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams: **Jeffery Carson, Brendan Dawe, Anna Goebel, Michael Machado, Nicholas Oliver, Stephanie Pritchard, Alejandro Rayburn, and Kelly Whiteford.**

Two students 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: **Gillian Murphy (graduate) and Stephanie Reberski.**

Thirteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher: **Katherine Barrett, John Chau (graduate), Ashley Clampitt, Marelle Goodlander, Omar Jimenez, Marisol Martinez (graduate), Nathan Nunez (graduate), Amanda Nutt (graduate), Raquel Pelke, Ian Samuels, Joseph Schadlick, Paul Tucker (graduate), and Tyler Volcelka (graduate).**

## National Merit Scholarship

**Katherine Barrett** and **Andrew Pierce**, both seniors at NMCHS, have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program for their exceptional academic promise.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, December 3**  
3:30PM, Room 1  
**School Site Council Meeting**

**December 11, 12, 13**  
**Dance Company show**  
**Legends of Waterbury Inn**  
Don't miss it! 7PM in the Forum.

**Tuesday, December 16**  
**Holiday Arts Faire**  
**Expressions of Joy**  
Witness the talent that abounds on campus. 6:30 PM in the Forum.

**Monday, Dec 15- Friday, Dec 19**  
**Final Exams Administered**  
**First Semester Grades Close**  
Please make holiday arrangements so they do not conflict with Final Exam week.

**Monday, Dec 22- Friday, Jan 9**  
**Winter Recess**  
**Happy Holidays!**  
Third term begins on Monday, January 12 with a Late Start Day.

**Monday, January 19**  
**No School**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr Day**  
The state will pay homage to this great leader of the Civil Rights Movement.

**Tuesday, January 27**  
**Back to School Night**  
**Second Night of the Condor**  
Please join us at 6:45 in the Forum for an evening with your child's second semester teachers.

**Monday, February 23**  
**Late Start Day**  
**10:30 AM Start**  
Teachers will prepare Progress Reports that will be distributed on Tuesday, February 24 to all students. Contact your child's Coordinator if a Progress Report is not brought home to you!

**Support Services & Program Directory  
North Monterey County High School  
Phone 831-633-5221**

<u>Program / Support Service:</u>	<u>Director/ Contact:</u>	<u>NMCHS Ext:</u>
<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>	Gustavo Ibarra	242
<i>NMCHS currently offers eleven AP courses, four with concurrent enrollment at Hartnell; NMCHS offers eighteen units of concurrent elective credit; Room 52</i>		
<b>Associated Student Body (ASB)</b>	Mark Dover	339
<i>student government charged with annual elections, freshman orientation, multi-cultural affairs, the Respect Campaign, recycling, sport &amp; spirit rallies, class competitions, holiday events, Grad Night, and graduation; ASB Office across from attendance counter</i>		
<b>Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID)</b>	Cindy Rogers	275
<i>assists college-capable students to become college-bound students with 35 credits of AVID course work; Room 24</i>		
<b>Bilingual Education</b>	Gustavo Ibarra	262
<i>serves approximately 250 English-Learners; Office in Room 105</i>		
<b>Career Center/Community Service</b>	Elizabeth Yezek	210
<i>assists all students with career skills, financial aid, Cal Grants, college applications, SAT/ACT/PSAT tests, college &amp; scholarship information; coordinates college and career fairs, senior awards ceremony, and sophomore year job shadow program; issues work permits, provides services to help students meet their "Community Service" and "Junior/Senior Year Job Shadow" high school graduation requirements; Rm 8.</i>		
<b>Computer Labs</b>	Joe Pintacura	346
<i>the PC and Mac computer labs are available for classroom teacher use during all four blocks of each day, prior reservation recommended; the labs are available for student use before school if not already reserved by a teacher; labs located in Rooms 3, 102, &amp; 103</i>		
<b>Coordinators' Clerk</b>	Donna Ball	211
<i>provides access to the five Coordinators on campus, each Coordinator provides academic and disciplinary counseling to a specific caseload of students (arranged by alphabet); Coordinator Offices located across from Main Office at front of school campus</i>		
<b>EAOP and GEAR UP</b>	J. Obas / J. Arroyo / M. Ortiz	253
<i>services designed to assist all students applying to college; available for class presentations; located in the library loft</i>		
<b>Gains and Achievement Program (GAP)</b>	Omar Mercado	279
<i>program designed to "catch" at-risk freshman and sophomore students (1.5 GPA or below)</i>		
<b>Health Services</b>	Celeste Dassel	230
<i>available two days a week for students needing first aid and to address student health issues and illnesses, located in the main office (Susannah Lopez Wednesdays 10:00-1:30, Celeste Dassel Fridays 10:00-1:30)</i>		
<b>Migrant Education</b>	Jerry Morales	220
<i>serves approximately 250 migrant students; provides counseling and tutoring services, including a senior mentor/tutor program; located next to Room 24, across from ICU</i>		



# ALUMNI CORNER (NEWS AND NOTES ON CONDOR GRADS)

by Steve Hirt, Principal

**Dave Gilchrist** (NC Class of 1989; BA Brigham Young University, Major: Math Education; Minor: PE, 1996; MA Western Governors University in Education, 2004) is a high school math teacher, football coach (Offensive Coordinator) and an assistant varsity basketball coach in Orem, Utah. Dave and his wife, Alisa, have five children. He is hoping the Class of '89 will put together a 20 year reunion!

**Darren Greenwood** (NC Class of 1983; BS Park University Major: Management Computer Information Systems, 2006) is retired from a long career in the Air Force. He is currently working in Iraq as a contractor in support of American troops.

**Katrina (Miller) Hornbuckle** (NC Class of 1998; AA Butte College in University Studies and Social and Behavioral Science; BA Chico State University Major: Criminal Justice, 2007). Katrina and her husband, Jason, live in Chico with their three month old daughter, Amelia.

**Trevyn Anthony Guglielmo** (NC Class of 2003; BS University of Wyoming, Major: Architectural Engineering (Mechanical Systems) is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and has been assigned to the Civil Engineering Detachment at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

**Eva Leyva** (NC Class of 1982; Porterville College, RN program, 2006) just passed her state board exams to become a nurse. Eva retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 17 years before changing careers. She and her husband have four girls and live in Hanford, CA.

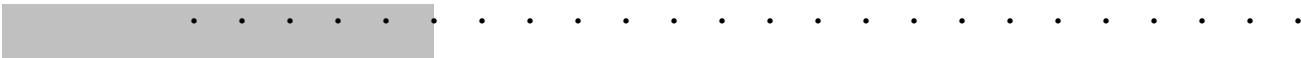
**Jay (JJ) Cordoba** (NC Class of 1984) just retired from the United States Marines after 22 years of service! He lives in Albany, GA. and is a government contractor for the Marine Corps Logistics Command.

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## NMCHS needs your help and support:

**Bike racks** are coming to campus! We won a grant for the racks, but we need help setting them into concrete. Do you have concrete or know-how to donate? Please call Whitney Grummon at 633-5221 x249 if you can help.



The Visual and Performing Arts Department is looking for donations of **outdoor furniture** as part of the campus beautification efforts outside the Dance Studio area and the Ceramics and Drawing & Painting Rooms. Please bring any outdoor furniture donations to Room 95, the Performing Arts Tech Room or call Jeannine Shanahan at 633-5221 x239.

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**The Prom** for the senior and junior classes will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 8:00 pm to midnight at The Coconut Grove located at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The junior class officers will be planning the event and are looking for help with the cost of the evening. Please make any **tax-deductible donations** to: NMCHS, c/o J. Shanahan, 13990 Castroville Blvd., Castroville, California 95012

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**Empty Ink-jet and toner cartridges and old cell phones** (working or not) can be recycled at NMCHS. Please send them with your student to Room 9. GEOPAWSEA will recycle them for you!

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Encore! is always looking for donations, and if you want to get a jump on next year's taxes we will be happy to provide you with a donation form(s) for credit. We are always looking for **drills, paintbrushes, black paint, hammers, screws and nails, speakers, microphones, 9 volt batteries, and leather gloves**. If you have something you think we might be interested in, please don't hesitate to call Mr. Davison-Wilson at (831) 633-5221, ext. 202.

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Donations for murals at the high school would also be greatly appreciated. Some areas requesting murals include: Marine Science, Social Studies (a multi-cultural mural), Dance Room Mural, and perhaps others as the word gets out! **Money is needed for supplies**. Contact Mark Yanowsky ([mookieyo@mac.com](mailto:mookieyo@mac.com)) to help.

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The NMCHS Automotive Department is looking for donations of unwanted **cars, trucks, golf carts, ATV, PWC, and lawn mowers**. Any donation will be greatly appreciated and put to good use in the automotive classes. Donations are tax deductible! Please contact Sergio Marquez at 633-5221 x232.

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Teachers are always looking to expand their classroom libraries. If you have recently finished a **good book**, consider donating it to the school. Donations can be accepted in Room 1 or sent directly to a teacher via your child.

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The Alumni Association wants to hold **alumni career forums** where our alumni come back and speak to our current students about what kids from our area can do. We hope to have Vocational, Business, Health, Agriculture, Hospitality and Tourism, Public Servants (police, fire, EMT, etc.) forums among others. If you would be interested in telling your story of how you got to where you are and how others can do it, please email us at [nmchsalumni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nmchsalumni@sbcglobal.net).

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Did you miss seeing Little Shop of Horrors? Are you looking for old **Encore! shows on DVD or video**? Did you need an Encore! poster to spice up that lonely corner of your room? We've got them, and they can be yours for a nominal price. Please call Mr. Davison-Wilson at (831) 633-5221, ext. 202, if you are interested.

## Thank You...

The Alumni Association would like to thank Steve Hirt, Mark Dover, Eloise Milam, Andi Burton, the School Site Council Committee, John Cunningham, Ron Grice and Vicki Amon for all their help and support in helping us get things up and rolling!

The Alumni Association would like to thank the following sponsors of our first Alumni Association social event: Steve Hirt, Mark Dover, Julie Carriere, A Taste of Monterey, Mark Yanowsky and NMCHS art students, Ocean Mist Farms, Earth Bound Farms, Markon, and Safeway (Prunedale). It would not have been such a success without your support.

Mark Dover and the Associated Student Body coordinated a wonderful parade of Homecoming floats for the NMC Middle School and Castroville Elementary. The floats, made by the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes under the direction of the dedicated Teacher-Advisors, were fabulous! Thank you for bringing a little bit of the high school to our community!

Jodie Kaminskis and Lori Lowensen have gone above and beyond with the formation of our Alumni Association. With limited resources and a lot of care, those two women have seemingly moved mountains and revived that old Condor Spirit!

Through Target's Take Charge of Education program, families, teachers, and members of the community donated over \$200 to NMCHS during the month of September. Target donates 1% of every purchase made with the REDcard, Target Credit Card, or Target Check Card to the school of your choice if you sign up through their program. Go to Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to enroll. Thank you!

North Monterey County High School's Theater Program, Encore!, would like to thank everybody involved with the amazing production of The Laramie Project. Encore! would like to send a special thank you to all the parents, guardians, and friends who donated their time, vehicles, houses, materials, food, drinks and concessions; thank you very much for your support of our students' production. We would also like to thank the administration, the custodial staff, and all the teachers who helped us put on the production, and who attended the show. As a teacher I am very proud of what these students accomplished. They put on an intensive show that requires a great deal of emotional range, with courage and conviction. Without you there to see their accomplishments and to celebrate with them, it would all have been very hollow. Thank you.

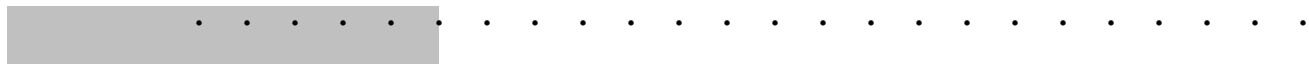
## Yearbook Information

Yearbooks are on sale in the finance office. Buy yours soon! \$80 with an ASB card and \$85 without. Cost will go up to \$90 after May 1, 2009. A limited amount will be purchased this year due to a surplus of extra yearbooks last year. Get one now, before they sell out.

Baby pictures for seniors are \$5 and are due by December 5.

Senior dedication pages are available. Information is due by December 5.

Please contact advisor, Laurel Gast, at 633-5221 ext. 302 for more information.





Join the Visual and Performing Arts department on

**Tuesday, December 16th**

**at 6:45 pm**

in the high school Forum

as they celebrate the holidays with

**"Expressions of Joy."**

Come and see the talents of the Drawing and Painting, Ceramics, Photography and Stained Glass classes, and watch live performances put on by the Band, Dance, and Drama groups.

Suggested donation prices are only \$1.00 for students with an ASB card, \$3. for adults, and children 12 and under are free.

Please plan on attending and support art in our school!



The North Monterey County High School **Dance Company** presents an exciting evening of fun filled entertainment as they present **"Legend of Waterbury Inn."** The cast consists of dancers from Dance Company, Dance 2, Partners, and faculty member Joe "Pops" Pintacura. Come and see what happens when the transportation Dance Company is using breaks down and they are forced to stay at a creepy hotel. Find out who the "spirits" are haunting the hotel, how the Ghostbusters help Dance Company, and the role the scary proprietor plays in the legend. Show dates are December 11th, 12th and 13th, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the high school Forum. Tickets may be purchased at the door and range in price from \$6. - \$8. The Dance Company Booster Parents with the price of admission will provide a delicious dessert. Don't miss out on the dance show, **"Legend of Waterbury Inn!"**

## **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Encore! is currently getting ready for their Spring production of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare, a fun comedy of love and our misguided attempts to control it which takes place primarily in a magical forest filled with fairies and nymphs, is perfect for Springtime viewing. The actors and crew will have the wonderful opportunity to get ideas from Shakespeare Santa Cruz, who will also be performing the play as part of their Summer Series. If you would like to help participate in the production in any way, or perhaps know of somebody who could contribute expertise, advice, or materials, please do not hesitate in calling Mr. Davison-Wilson at (831) 633-5221, ext. 202.

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