

# Wingspan

March / April / May  
2008-2009 School Year



telephone Registrar Mary Paredes at 633-5221 x208 if you'd like to meet with your student's Coordinator in June.

**\*HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM:** All Sophomores will take the California State High School Exit Exam on Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18. Make up dates for sophomores who miss this exam are scheduled for May 12 and 13. **ALL STUDENTS MUST PASS BOTH PARTS (LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS) TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.** Students who do not pass both of the exams will have multiple opportunities to succeed in their last two years of high school. (Note: Seniors who have yet to pass the exam will get their final opportunity in March before our graduation in June.)

**\*TERM 3 ENDS:** Thursday, March 19. Please remember each term is a semester with permanent grades and credits to be earned! Encourage your child to study hard.

**\*TERM 4 BEGINS:** Monday, March 23rd

**\*NMCHS BAND AND COLOR GUARD CHINA TOUR:** March 31-April 15

**\*SPRING BREAK:** April 4-14.

**\*GRADUATION:** June 5

Contact our staff if you have questions about any of the above information.

Sincerely,

Steve Hirt, Principal

## From the Principal's Desk

March, 2009

Dear North County Parents and Community,

March is upon us. We are nearing the end of Term 3 already. Soon, it will be Spring Break and the last term of the school year!

Some important upcoming highlights:

**\*8th GRADE PARENT NIGHT** (for INCOMING 9th grade (Class of 2013 parents), Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, NMCHS Forum, 6:45 PM

**\*9th, 10th AND 11th GRADE PARENT NIGHT** (for Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012), Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, NMCHS Forum, 7:00 PM

**\*COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 09-10 CLASSES:** All students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will receive registration materials in their Advisory on Monday, March 2nd. Course requests will be collected from all students the following Monday, March 9th. Make sure you have discussed next year's course selections with your student.

**\*PARENT SUMMER REGISTRATION APPOINTMENTS:** Beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>,

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## 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.

## AP Scholar Awards

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

*Inadvertent omissions were made in the last Wingspan, so the editor will release the lists of current NMCHS students again:*

One student 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: **Andrew Pierce.**

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: **Danielle Holman and Stephanie Reberski.**

Eight students qualified for the "AP Scholar" Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher: **Katherine Barrett, Ashley Clampitt, Marelle Goodlander, Grant Hashimoto, Omar Jimenez, Raquel Pelke, Ian Samuels, and Joseph Schadlick.**

## 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.

## Textbook Proposal for the North Monterey County High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Earth Science Program

Publisher: Pearson Education - Prentice Hall  
Title: Prentice Hall, Earth Science - CA edition - ©2006  
Listed Unit Price: \$72.97

### Rationale

The High School Science Department is currently undergoing a restructuring of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Science program (formerly known as 'Foundations in Science') in an effort to better align the program to the California State Content Standards for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Science.

It has been at least 7 years since the last textbook adoption for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade high school science program. Since then, significant improvements have occurred in textbook publishing and with the instructional resources that now accompany today's curriculum products. Many of these are included in the purchase price of the text and offer enormous benefits to both the students and teachers using these materials.

### Implications for Student Achievement

Due to changes in Federal and State level school accountability and reporting requirements, textbook publishers now offer State-specific content standards aligned versions of their products to schools looking to improve overall student achievement, particularly where standardized tests are concerned. Furthermore, new textbook packages contain significantly improved English Learner supportive materials that facilitate content access and comprehension for this segment of this district's current student demographic.

### Review of Materials

The Pearson materials are available for review during the month of March in the NMCHS library.



## Important Information for Bilingual Program

Dear Parents of Students in the Bilingual Program,

You will soon receive by mail the results of the CELDT English proficiency test that was taken last fall. I will include in the mailing a copy of the test results along with an explanation of the scores in English and Spanish.

I'd like to congratulate the students that achieved an "Advanced" or "Early Advanced" level on the "Overall Student Performance Level" column and at least an "Intermediate" level on the "Listening", "Speaking", "Reading", and "Writing" columns. **If these students can also achieve at least a "Basic" level on the spring CST Language Arts state test they may qualify for re-designation** from our Bilingual Program to our Mainstream English Program. This is the goal for all of our English learners! **Please encourage your student to do their very best on those upcoming tests!!**

**Additionally**, to help our students achieve English proficiency; **we need to organize an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) or Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)**. The committee involves a group of parents that will

get together monthly to assist in the needs of our English learners at our school. **We will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in Room 52 at NMCHS.** Please mark your calendars with the meeting dates of **March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2009.**

We need your support at these meetings to ensure our students' success. If you are interested in being part of the committee or if you know a parent that would like to participate, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments regarding your student's progress in our bilingual program, please contact me.

Thank you!

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## Upcoming Events

**Monday, March 2**  
**6:45PM, Forum**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent night**

The Coordinators will meet with parents of the Class of 2013.

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**7:00PM, Forum**  
**9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parent Night**

Have your questions regarding the Classes of 2010, 2011, & 2012 answered by the Coordinators.

**Monday, March 9**  
**Condor Advisory Period**  
**Course Registration Deadline**

Course request and registration materials will be distributed by Advisory teachers on Monday, March 2.

**Tuesday, March 17 & Wednesday, March 18**  
**NMCHS**

**CA High School Exit Exam**  
Sophomores will take the CAHSEE. The Language Arts and the Mathematics sections must both be passed in order to graduate from high school.

**Thursday, March 19**  
**NMCHS**  
**Term 3 Ends**

The fourth term begins on Monday, March 23 with a Late Start Day.

**March 31-April 15**  
**NMCHS Band & Color Guard**  
**China Tour**

Students are responsible for keeping current with their academics.

**April 4-14**  
**No School**  
**Spring Break**

Please ensure that your student is in attendance on school days.

**June 5**  
**Graduation**



## ***A Midsummer Night's Dream in the Spring!!***

Come see North Monterey County High School's theater group, Encore!, perform this classic Shakespearian comedy on March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, and the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Forum. It is a comedy, full of slapstick, mistaken identities, high jinks, and most importantly... true love. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students with ASB and senior citizens; \$5 for children eight to thirteen-years-old; and children under seven are free! Plans are also in the works to perform a 3<sup>rd</sup> block assembly for the school on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support the hard work of North Monterey County High School's theater program. We'd love to see you there.

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# NMCHS needs your help and support:

North Monterey County High coaches, and friends and supporters of Condor athletics:

As you may have heard, on **Saturday Evening March 28**, the North Monterey County High School Athletic Booster Club is holding their Gala in Monterey. This is the primary fundraising event of the year for Condor sports. All money raised goes directly to the 14 Sports at North County High.

AUCTION items are needed for the silent auction! **Please, if you have anything that could be donated to be auctioned, or know someone at a business who might be willing to donate an auction item or service, let me know.** We have the auction letter with the tax id # all ready to go. Just let me know with a quick email and I'll have it forwarded it to you or directly forwarded or mailed to the friend or business.

Also, please mark Saturday evening, March 28 on your calendar. Thanks for anything you can do.

Roger O'Sullivan, Athletic Director



**The Ceramics and Drawing and Painting classes** are in the process of making the outdoor area by the art classrooms into a useable and beautiful teaching space for students. The plan is to create something that uses hardscape, greenery, water, paintings, and sculptures to define this space. The Art and Ceramics students, Mark Yanowsky and Jeannine Shanahan have already started design plans and are looking for donations to help them create this outdoor educational classroom. Please call 633-5221 x282 if you can make any of the following donations: Wood, cement, nails, hammers, rakes, shovels, water drip system, bender boards, decomposed gravel, clean top soil, trees, native plants, outdoor benches and tables, hoses, a large water fountain, paint for metals surfaces, cash, landscape expertise, and labor.

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Encore! is always looking for donations, and if you want to get tax break we will be happy to provide you with a donation form 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. Thanks again.

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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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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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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).

# Thank You...

The Athletic Department would like to thank all those amazing, inspiring parents who helped fundraise for the Winter Sports teams here in Condor Country! Special appreciation from the Athletic Department goes to **Elsa Cortinas, Valerie Bigham, and Kapio Garcia** for their tireless organizing and fundraising on behalf of Condor Wrestling, condor Boys' Basketball, and Condor Girls' Basketball teams. We could not do what we do without all of you!

To The **Dance Company Booster Parents**,

Thank you for all of the time and energy you contributed to making our show "The Waterbury Inn," a great one. Your love, support and encouragement were appreciated by all of us and we could not have done it without you!

To **Joe Pintacura** for all of the time and energy you contributed to making our dance show fantastic. Thank you for all you did to make our dance show such a success. We hope to see you for the next one!

To the following businesses for your donations and support for the Dance Company;

The Booster Parents  
Tim the Custodian  
Sarah E. Murabito  
Richard Garza  
Michelle Aker  
Wayne Capilli  
The Wingspan  
Zach Davidson-Wilson  
Joe "Pops" Pintacura  
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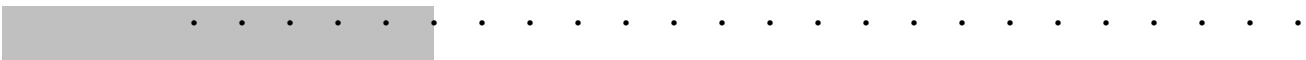
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Jerry Casey  
Veronica Garcia  
Straw Hat Pizza  
Alpine Gem Floral Shippers  
Olive Garden  
Panda Express  
Super Max  
Sav Mart



## \*Senior-Junior Prom

The junior class of 2010 is in charge of planning the prom and this year it will be held on May 9th from 8:00 pm to midnight at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The attire for this dance is formal. Bids will go on sale after Spring Break and will be sold by the junior class officers in the high school Forum during lunch. This final dance of the year always sells out, so encourage your student to buy their ticket early!



## Hollywood Reality Show

Dance Company is at it again! Please plan on attending the Dance Company production of “**Hollywood Reality Show**” on May 14th, 15th, and 16th at 7 pm in the high school Forum. Ticket prices will range from \$6. - \$9. and refreshments are provided free with the cost of admission This show is choreographed and produced by the students of the Dance Production class. The students will use character, setting, time period, and situation to write their own Hollywood Reality theme production. They will be painting the set, editing music, using sound effects and designing the lights for this production. Also participating in the dance show is Dance 2, The Dancing Athletes, The Faculty Dancers and The Community Kids. This show is sure to be entertaining so please come out and show your support of Dance Company!



Dance Company is looking for children ages 4 - 11 to be a part of their upcoming dance show. These Community Kids Dancers will learn 2 dances and perform on the high school stage on May 14, 15, and 16. If you have a sibling, child, grandchild or neighbor who may be interested please see Mrs. Shanahan for an application or call her at 633-5221 x239 for more information.

### Auditions

Dance Company will hold auditions for new dancers and tech people interested in being a part of a fun, exciting group of young people. Auditions will on May 26th, 27th and 28th in the high school Dance Studio (Room 90) from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

### Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are on sale in the finance office. Buy yours now! Yearbooks are \$80 with an ASB card and \$85 without an ASB card. The price will go up to \$90 for everyone on May 1, 2009.

We have ordered 100 fewer books than last year, so when they sell out there are no more. the best way to make sure you get a yearbook is to pre-order as soon as possible.

Seniors may now pick up their baby pictures and senior dedication pictures from Mrs. Gast Please contact advisor, Laurel Gast, at 633-5221 ext. 302 for more information.

## The TRACK team wants YOU!

We are off and running for the 2009 Track & Field season and we want to invite you to join the biggest and one of the most tradition-rich teams at the school! Our goal is to have over 100 student-athletes join us! There are no cuts and everyone participates in track! There are 16 events from which to choose: you can run, jump, and/or throw. Invite your friends and join us out at the track Monday-Friday from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM.

Parents, get your kids off the couch/computer, we'll keep them nice and busy for you! See Andi in the main office ASAP to get the paperwork you'll need and to get cleared for practice. Come see Coach Ibarra in room 52 or 105 or Coach Trujillo in room 83 for more information. You can also follow the team on our team website <http://nmcxc.tripod.com/>

GO CONDORS!

