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From the Principal's Desk

September, 2008

Dear North County Parents and Community,

The first few days of school are always very exciting at North County High and we are off to a great start!

School began on Wednesday, August 13th with our thrilling "Opening Day Rally" in the gym. My ears are still ringing! It is a great tradition and a rite of passage for our students to sit in their new class sections at the rally. The Class of 2009 took particular joy in sitting in the "Senior Section" for the first time. The Freshmen Class of 2012 seemed a bit in awe of the whole high school experience, but our staff and student leadership are working hard to help our 9th graders feel comfortable.

I am really looking forward to a terrific year. Our custodial, maintenance and grounds crews have worked hard to make the campus look sharp. Both PE locker rooms and the hallways to the gym received new tile flooring. The gym roof has been repaired. Many exterior and interior parts of campus have received a fresh painting.

Even as we plan for the future, we are working very hard in the present. NMCHS continues to offer a wide selection of college preparatory classes

and college level advanced placement classes along with a strong variety of career tech courses. This year we are offering a new Fire Academy course in conjunction with the North County Fire Department. We are continuing to work hard to meet the needs of all our students whether they aspire to attend a prestigious four year college or desire a career in a skilled trade.

A highlight for this school year is the NMCHS Band and Color Guard tour of China. Band Director D.L. Johnson and Color Guard Advisor Laurel Gast will lead over 200 students, parents and community members on this trip in the spring. Of course, those performing arts programs along with dance (Jeannine Shanahan) and drama (Zach Davison-Wilson) are gearing up for another year of great student performances as well. Athletes and coaches have been preparing for the fall season since July 31st. Volleyball, football and cross country teams at all levels will compete throughout the coming months. Students can also expect lots of fun activities in clubs and events hosted by our Associated Student Body government. The high school learning experience is REALLY enhanced when students participate in athletics, activities and/or the performing arts.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Please know that our excellent staff is committed to working with you in the education and development of your child!

Sincerely,

Steven Hirt, Principal

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.

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

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

Mr. White- Spanish, any grade and level (contact him at bewccs@aol.com)

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

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

Hartnell College Library

The Hartnell College Library now offers library privileges to high school juniors and seniors in the Hartnell Community College District, as well as to verifiable AP students. The privileges include checking out books and using the computers to access the educational software, data bases, and Internet.

Interested students must first present a current school photo ID at the Hartnell Library Circulation Services Desk to be registered for a free Hartnell College ID card.

SAVE THE DATE

The 30th anniversary of North Monterey County High School will be on October the 23rd, 2008. This important day in Condor Country is also the annual Homecoming Bonfire Night as we prepare for our Homecoming game on Saturday October the 25th. The 2008-09 ASB is diligently planning memorable events for the students, staff, and community for homecoming. We would like to see all of our alumni in attendance at our Homecoming game and to celebrate the classes of "04, 99, & 89," as they will be enjoying their class reunions.

Please check our website at www.nmchs.com to receive more details as we get closer. We are planning more events related to homecoming, the 30th anniversary, and reunions. We look forward to seeing all of our current and former condors and friends.

Senior Cap and Gown Orders:

All North Monterey County Seniors will be having a class meeting on Tuesday October 28th, 2008. Seniors will be given all of the information regarding graduation cap and gown orders. We will be ordering caps and gowns as well as class rings on Tuesday, November 4th for last names ending in A-L, and receiving orders for seniors M-Z on Thursday, November 6th.

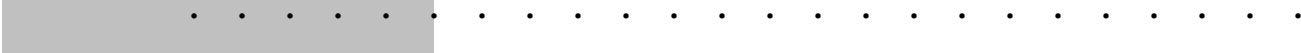
Winter Sports Begin November 3!

Participation in one or many sports at North County is one of the many opportunities offered to all Condor students. Being a part of a Condor team is one of the best ways to make your four years at NMCHS a more fun, meaningful, and memorable time in your life.

Although fall sports are well into their competitive season, winter sports are right around the corner. All students wishing to come out for winter sports- Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer- need to pick up and complete the athletic packet. Packets can be picked up in the main office (Note: If the student athlete is currently competing in a Fall sport, then he/she only needs to notify the Athletic Secretary, Dawn Benedetti, that he/she intends to participate in a Winter sport). Included in the requirements is a physical exam from a doctor. Only physicals taken after June 6, 2008 are accepted. The completed athletic packet, including the clearance from a doctor, must be turned in to the main office by **Friday, October 31 to be eligible for the first day of winter practice, November 3.**

By the time of the first competition (not practice) all athletes must have purchased an ASB card (\$45) and have paid their transportation fee (\$40 for the first sport; \$35 for the second sport; \$30 for the third sport, not to exceed \$110 for an entire family for a year). Any family who has difficulty paying for one or both of the fees, may contact ASB Director, Mark Dover, and/or Athletic Director, Roger O'Sullivan, and may be able to complete a "work off" contract. We want all students who want to play to be able to play.

Come be a part of Condor Athletics,
Roger O'Sullivan
NMCHS Athletic Director



Expected Schoolwide Learning Results

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.

A WORD FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ON CELL PHONES

NMCHS strongly encourages students NOT to bring to school any items that are not essential to the learning process. Students who bring cell phones, iPods, iPhones, Blackberries, CD players, or any other such devices, to school do so at their own risk. There is a strong likelihood that items such as these may be lost or stolen. School rules do not prohibit students from bringing cell phones to school for use in case of emergency. However, cell phone use (text messaging, taking pictures, talking on the phone, and playing games) is prohibiting during class time, whether inside or outside of the classroom. Individual teachers have the discretion, as part of their classroom rules, to allow students to use a cell phone in special circumstances. The school is not responsible for the loss or theft of non-essentials items such as cell phones. PLEASE DO NOT BRING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO SCHOOL!

CSF Membership

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is a statewide organization that honors students for their outstanding academic performance in a rigorous and challenging course of study. Life (Sealbearer) Members of CSF are honored and visibly recognized during the graduation ceremony by their gold-colored stoles. To qualify for Sealbearer's status, students must earn sufficient grade points based on A's and B's in specific academic courses approved by the CSF organization, along with the allowance of an approved elective course per grading combination (terms 1 and 3 and/or terms 2 and 4). The tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades are the school years that are considered for Life Membership, with qualification in the Senior year being mandatory. It is important to note that the course of study for the Senior year needs to continue to be academic in nature.

If students or parents have any questions regarding one's eligibility for CSF Life Membership, please contact Jim O'Neil, CSF Advisor, 633-5221 x228.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 15

Late Start Day

Progress Reports

All students, regardless of grades, will bring home a Progress Report for parents/guardians to sign and return. Classes begin at 10:35 on Late Start Days.

Thursday, September 24

Late Start Day

Staff Development

Classes begin at 10:35 on Late Start Days..

Friday, October 10

First Term Ends

Nine Week Course Grades Close

Second term begins on Tuesday, October 14.

Monday, October 13

No School

Staff Development

Second term begins on Tuesday, October 14 with a Late Start Day.

Monday, November 3

Winter Sports Season

Tryouts for winter sports. Need athletic clearance to participate.

Wednesday, November 5

Late Start Day

Staff Development

Tuesday, November 11

No School

Veteran's Day

Monday, November 17

Late Start Day

Progress Reports

All students will bring home a Progress Report.

ELOISE MILAM IS THE 2007 - 08 CONDOR OF THE YEAR!

North Monterey County High School awarded its most prestigious award, Condor of the Year, to the school's Administrative Assistant **Eloise Milam**. Eloise was presented the award at the school's final staff meeting on June 3rd. Eloise was selected by the school's 23 person School Leadership Team for her great service to the students, staff and school.

Eloise has been at North County High since the school opened in 1978. She is one of three employees who has served at the school for 30 continuous years. Over the years, Eloise has served in many important positions in the school. She has been an attendance clerk, coordinator's secretary, ASB finance clerk and, most recently, as the assistant principal/athletic secretary. Eloise became the school's Administrative Assistant/Principal's Secretary in the summer of 2007 upon the retirement of former Condor of the Year Carol Westfall.

Eloise jumped into her new position with great enthusiasm and initiative. Her work in this new position was magnificent from the very beginning of the year. She helped organize a new scheduling system for all freshmen. Ms. Milam trained and effectively managed all office staff to ensure that the school ran smoothly. She is the master multi-tasker who is able to work on several projects simultaneously. Eloise is a creative thinker and an excellent problem solver.

In accepting the Condor of the Year award, Eloise noted that her husband, David, and her late mother, Marie Rodriguez, were previous recipients of the award. It was a warm and touching moment. North Monterey County High School is proud of this true Condor; Eloise Milam: the 2007 - 2008 Condor of the Year!

HESIK AND TRUJILLO CONDOR ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

North County teachers **Annameekee Hesik** and **Temo Trujillo** were selected the 2007 - 08 Rookies of the Year for their superb contributions to NMCHS in their first year at the school. The School Leadership Team made the selection at the end of the school year.

Ms. Hesik joined NMCHS after teaching at North County Middle School for several years. In her first year at NC, Annameekee taught English to freshmen and sophomores. Her classroom was alive with excitement and great learning. Ms. Hesik's lessons were carefully prepared and, combined with her dynamic classroom presence, her students enjoyed a great learning experience. In addition, Annameekee sponsored two vibrant and active clubs on campus.

Mr. Trujillo was the "Teacher of the Year" at Alisal High School before coming to North County. Temo, a 1998 graduate of North Monterey County High School, is a bright and resourceful Social Studies teacher. He brings a very strong depth of knowledge to all his subjects. Students are often working collaboratively in his classroom on creative projects related to the subject matter. Temo, the school record holder in the 800 meter run, is the Head Track and Field Coach for the Condors.

Congratulations to our two rising stars: Annameekee Hesik and Temo Trujillo!

NEW CONDOR TEACHERS

NMCHS welcomes three new teachers to Condor Country this school year. **Frances Karg** has joined the Science department as a Biology and Marine Biology teacher after receiving her credential from the University of California at Santa Cruz. **Nathan Cordero**, our new Algebra teacher, and **Robert Zabala**, our new English teacher, both graduated from North Monterey County High School and are returning to the nest to teach the next generation of Condors. Mr. Cordero and Mr. Zabala bring the alumni teacher count to twelve!

We welcome them all, and we are excited by the energy that they bring to our staff!



ALUMNI CORNER (NEWS AND NOTES ON CONDOR GRADS)

by Steve Hirt, Principal

Travis Bell (NC Class of 2004; BS University of Arizona, Major: Regional Development; Minor: Political Science, 2008) graduated in May from the University of Arizona. Travis lettered in football by playing for the Wildcats. His brother, Tanner, graduated from the U of A in 2006 and also competed for the Wildcat football team.

Mike Azevedo (NC Class of 1984) recently retired after 21 years of service in the United States Navy. Mike married Elaine Almendras in Singapore in 2005. They have a one year old daughter, Victoria. Mike is interested in any reunions hosted by the Class of '84. His e-mail address is <mike_azevedo@hotmail.com>.

Merlyn Calderon (NC Class of 1997; BA California State University, Monterey Bay, Major: Global Studies, 2001; Master's in Public Administration, University of Southern California, 2005) has recently returned to the Central Coast and is serving as the National Deputy Political Director for the United Farm Workers of America. Merlyn has worked in the California State Assembly with Assemblywoman Judy Chu. She also served in the U.S. Embassy in Paris, France. In Washington D.C., Ms. Calderon served in the office of Senator John Kerry (who was the Democratic nominee for President in 2004) on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, worked with the U.S. State Department and, from 2005-2007, worked in the Presidential Management Fellowship program. Recently, Merlyn has given presentations to several classes at NMCHS on her incredible life journey.

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NMCHS needs your help and support:

Dance Company is looking for donations of **white and black flat house paint** to paint their show sets. Please drop the paint off at the high school in Room 95 or call Mrs. Shanahan at 633-5221 x239 for more information.

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!

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.

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) to help.

NMCHS needs parents to get involved. There are plenty of opportunities for adults in this community to support the students and programs at the school. Call Whitney Grummon at 633-5221 x249 if you would like to help with E-scrip **fundraising, Honor Roll breakfasts, parent workshops, School Beautification Day, chaperoning dances**, or any other way you'd like to lend a hand.

10th Reunion for the Class of '98

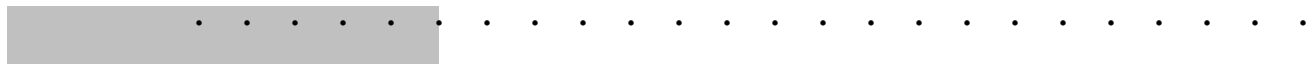
Class of '98 10 Year Reunion
When: October 24th, Friday
Where: Elkhorn Yacht Club
Time/Price: TBA

If you're planning on attending, you can contact:
Maureen Bomactao - mbomactao@gmail.com
Ellen Phillips - elmorganphildog@gmail.com
Chris Young - christopherdavidyoung@gmail.com
Yuri Dew - ycd201@yahoo.com

Fall Fashion Show, Dinner, Dance

North Monterey County LULAC invites the NMCHS parents to participate in their marvelous annual fund-raising event. LULAC has given over \$180,000 to North County students who are pursuing a college degree, and it is the only local organization that offers several scholarships each year. They need community support to continue their important work.

See enclosed flyer for all the details!



Condor Activities

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM:

The North Monterey County High School activities program is an essential part of student life. Students have the option of participating in a wide range of activities that include:

Athletics: (Football, Cheerleading, Cross-country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, and Golf)

Performing Arts: (Dance, Band, Color Guard, Jazz Band, and Drama)

Clubs: (ASB, Yearbook, Dances, Interact, Mime, Aguillas-Gurreras, Lulac, Etc.)

WHY AN ASB CARD?

All of our programs are self-funded and rely on the sale of ASB cards to operate. All students should purchase an ASB card to participate in one of our Activities programs. The ASB card will pay for itself in a very short time with discounted events. The following is a breakdown of the amount an ASB card will save a student:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WITH ASB CARD</u>	<u>WITHOUT ASB CARD</u>
Welcome Dance	\$10	\$15
Football (6) Games	\$0	\$6 per game
Volleyball (10) Games	\$0	\$5 per game
Basketball (20) Games	\$0	\$5 per game
Homecoming Dance	\$15	\$25
Valentines Dance	\$8	\$15
Talent Shows	\$5	\$8 per show
Dance Shows	\$7	\$10 per show
Prom	\$110	\$125
Yearbook	\$80	\$85
Condor Clothing 5% OFF		

POTENTIAL SAVINGS OF OVER **\$235***

*Some event price changes occur (higher and lower) depending on event!

ASB CARDS ARE \$45 WHEN PURCHASED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH (\$50 AFTER). SUPPORT CONDOR ACTIVITIES AND PURCHASE YOUR ASB CARD TODAY! STOP BY THE FINANCE OFFICE TO PURCHASE YOUR CARD!!!!

Thank You...

Dear John Cunningham, Daryl Dickison, Ron Grice, and Eloise Milam,

Thank you for making the new Staff Lounge a reality! It is so nice to have a comfortable space to meet! We all appreciate the time and effort that you gave to this project.

Dance Company would like to thank Circle K in Salinas for letting them hold 2 car washes at their location during the summer. Special thanks also goes to the following Dance Company Booster Parents ; Todd Aker, Jacqueline Bartley, Toni Gervin, Michelin Van Lear, Veronica Garcia, Carol Malmund, and finally Rio Montemayor for their support at the car washes.

Haunted Hotel



Please plan on attending the Dance Company production of **“Haunted Hotel”** on December 11th, 12th and 13th at 7:00 pm in the high school Forum. This show is choreographed and produced by the students of the Dance Production class. This term the students will use character, setting, time period, and situation to write their own spooky story. They will discover specific words and phrases that give them goose bumps using similes, metaphors, onomatopoeias, and personification. They will also learn about using clues, “red herrings”, suspense, plot and the art of being theatrical as they develop the theme for their performance of a haunted hotel. In addition they will be choreographing dances, painting the set, editing music and sound effects, and designing the lights for this production. It promises to be a real crowd pleasure and will certainly make you wonder what it really is that goes bump in the night.

Mr. North County



Come out, see and support the boys of North County in one of the most fun events of the year, Mr. North County, our famous male talent pageant, hosted by North County’s very own Dance Company! The guys will be competing in four different categories: spirit wear, semiformal, swim wear, and creative costume. The extravaganza is on Friday, September 19th at 7:00 pm in the North County High School Forum. Tickets are on sale at the door for \$6.00 with an ASB card and \$8.00 without. Each club gets to choose a candidate to sponsor and the victorious contestant will win a fabulous grand prize! The event is Dance Company’s main fundraiser so please come support us and of course, the boys!

The Laramie Project

Encore! has taken on the challenge of producing The Laramie Project, a story about the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard and the town of Laramie, Wyoming. Don’t miss this extraordinary play and be sure to attend a show on one of the following dates: October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, or 18.

Encore’s Talent Show

Encore! will, once again, provide a venue for the singers, dancers, and actors of North Monterey County High School to showcase their talent. The Talent Show begins at 7:00pm in the NMCHS Forum. Prizes will be awarded and fun will be had by all!

First Annual Band Boosters Golf Tournament

The Band Boosters are excited to host the First Annual Golf Tournament at Pajaro Valley Golf Club on Friday, October 24. The event will raise funds for the Marching Band’s upcoming trip to China in the spring of 2009. See the enclosed registration form to support this worthy cause.

