

Dear North County Parents and Community,

I am so excited to be here at North Monterey County High School! My name is Terri Gill, and I have the honor and privilege of being the new Principal of NMCHS!!! I bring many years of experience as a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, athletic director, trainer, BTSA coordinator, counselor, class and club advisor.....

I am very lucky to have been mentored this summer by Steve Hirt, who retired at the end of the 08-09 school year, John Simpson, our Assistant Principal, and Carolyn Post, who also retired at the end of the 08-09 school year. Along with all of their help, I have been in constant contact with our District Office and our district leaders, including our new Superintendent, Sergio Montenegro.

We are off to an amazing start to a new year! School started on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, with an energy

Principal's Corner

filled gym with almost 1300 students cheering and bringing in the new year. It is a fantastic tradition and a rite of passage for our students to sit in their new class sections at the rally. The class of 2010 immediately took ownership of the "Senior" section in the gym. Our Leadership Advisor, Mark Dover, and his Leadership Class did an outstanding job planning and hosting this kick off rally!

I hope you all were able to attend our first "Night of the Condor," which was held on August 26, and had a chance to meet your student's teachers.

Our grounds crew, maintenance, and custodial staff have worked many hours to prepare our campus for our students' arrival. Our football/soccer field has been renovated and we will be on it for the first time when we host King City for our 09-10 Homecoming. Please come out October 3rd and support the Condors! We are also using a

new student information program, Infinite Campus. Our entire staff has received many hours of training, and we are all working very hard to get the student and parent portals up and running.

Our staff continues to work very hard to insure that our students are reaching mastery of the state standards in each of their classes. We will have ongoing trainings this year to give every instructor the tools needed to assist every student to reach Proficient or Advanced on our California Standards Test and to pass the California Exit Exam. I am very excited to be here!

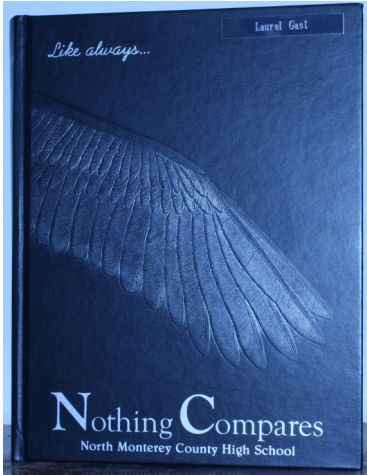
Respectfully,
Terri Gill



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Yearbook Information Senior Pics/Dedications/Baby Pics



It is time to buy your yearbook!

\$80 with an ASB card

\$85 without an ASB card

After January 1, 2010, the price will increase to \$90 for everyone.

After May 1, 2010, the price will increase to \$95 for everyone.

Buy one early for the best price!

If you have not yet taken your senior picture for the yearbook, please call Cook's Photography at 831-424-5486. Senior pictures must be taken by September 11, 2009, to be assured a place in this year's yearbook.

If you are interested in a dedication in the yearbook for your senior, prices are as follows:

1/4 page: \$125

1/2 page: \$175

Full page: \$300

Dedications are due by Dec. 11, 2009 to Mrs. Gast, ext. 302.

Baby pictures are \$5 and are due to Mrs. Gast by Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Please write the student's first and last name clearly on the back of the picture.



World Languages Department News

Hola, Bonjour, and Hello from the World Languages Department!

Our big news is that the department welcomes TWO new teachers this year! Marcia Maunder (Spanish/ESL) and Maria Gutierrez (SLA/ESL) join Ana Bedard (Spanish/SL A),

Spomenka Begic-Bratovic (ESL/French) and Gustavo Ibarra (Instructional Leader/SL A). We're very excited about the work we'll be doing with all of our second language learners at NMCHS. We're especially looking forward to implementing a new curriculum this year called

Side by Side for our ESL students. If you have any questions or concerns about the World Languages Department, please contact Gustavo Ibarra at 633-5221 ext. 262.

Adios, Au Revoir, and Goodbye!

Textbooks

We are in a budget crisis in the state and education is also suffering. One thing parents can do to help is return any textbooks your students may have failed to return in previous school years. There is no punishment for returning the books late. It is a huge help to the school to not have to purchase additional books. Books should be returned to the school library.



Cell Phones, etc.

Please encourage your student who brings their cell phone or other electronic devices to school to use them in a way that does not interfere with their education. The school has a policy that no device should be used during **class time**. If you ever need to get in touch with your child, please contact the office and they will relay a message.

Dance Company: Mr. North County

Come out, see and support the boys of North County in one of the high school's most fun events of the year! Mr. North County, our famous male talent pageant, hosted by North County's very own Dance Company is coming soon! The guys will be competing in four different categories: spirit wear, semi-formal, swim wear and creative costume. The extravaganza is on October 9th 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!



Dance Company would like to thank Valero Gas Station in Prunedale for their continued support and for allowing us to use their location for car washes. Thanks also to the Dance Company Booster parents who helped out with the summer car washes.

North Monterey County Automotive Department

Tips to Save Gas

- Tire pressure: (30-40 psi) check once a month
- Oil Change: every 3,000 to 5,000 miles
- Tune Up: every 40,000 to 50,000 miles
- Rotate Tires: every 5,000 miles
- Do not drive with a service engine light on.
- Drive the speed limit. In a typical family sedan, every 10 miles over 60 is like the price of gas going up \$.54.
- Keep your vehicle as light as possible.
- Fuel up in the early morning or at night.
- If you need help with your vehicle or have a question, call ext. 232.
- North County Auto Department is always looking for vehicle donations.



Stained Glass Class

If you are interested in making some beautiful stained glass pieces, come and participate in the fall class.

- Sept. 2 to Dec. 16, Wednesday nights from 6-9 PM
- Room 31 at North County
- Cost: \$160 for 16 weeks includes some materials and all tools
- Instructor: Jan McLane
Cell: 831-809-9502
- Home: 831-722-5945
- Open to Freshmen through Adults
- Counts as Art or Elective-10 credits possible
- To register: Please bring payment to Jan McLane in Room 31 at NMCHS on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 PM or take payment to Carla Nason at Adult Ed at Central Bay High School from 8-2 PM by August 25



Encore! Encore! Encore!



North Monterey County High School's Theater Club, Encore!, will be producing a special Halloween treat this year. Come see the "spook"tacular presentation October 26th through 30th in the North Monterey County High School Forum. Be careful though, there will be zombies, vampires, and werewolves in the house! Mr. Davison-Wilson and Encore! also have DVDs of previous shows, including last year's success [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#), available for purchase. Finally, if you have any tools, lumber, costumes

and/or props that you would like to donate to the Theater Club, please call Mr. Davison-Wilson at (831) 633-5221 ext. 202. We can provide a tax identification number to help your return. In particular, we are looking for Halloween related props and costumes for our next show. Thank you for your continued support of the dramatic arts at North County!

Mathematics Department News

Our department would like to welcome all of our students back to school and also to remind them of several things.

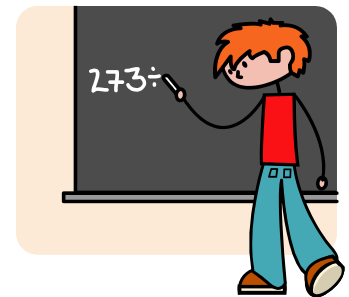
- We will continue to have "after school" tutorial on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Students need to bring their textbooks to class everyday.
- Students need to purchase

and bring a scientific calculator everyday.

- Cell phone calculators will not be allowed because cell phones should not be out in the classroom.

We would like to say to our students that the department is proud of the extremely successful pass rate for the CAHSEE. Let's keep up the good work.

Francis Armstrong, Mathematics Instructional Leader



ANNUAL COOK BOOK SALE

Beginning September 1st, the NMCHS Culinary Arts classes and the Chef Club will be starting our annual cookbook sale. The purpose of the sale is to raise money to maintain and improve our culinary program. Our sale will last two weeks and we will be offering two different books during the sale. The first book "Countertop Cooking . . . Everything But the Oven," fea-

tures favorite "small appliance" recipes from Home Economics teachers from all the western United States. In addition we will be selling the cookbook "Eating Better" with low carb, lower fat recipes that use fresh ingredients. The books cost \$10.00 each. Buy one for yourself and one as a gift for a friend, family member, client, or business associate. If you are interested in

supporting our program by purchasing one or more of these cookbooks, please contact either Julie Carriere or Renee Fertig at 633-5221, ext. 300 or 301.

Homecoming 2009

The week of September 28th through October 3rd is one of North Monterey County's greatest traditions, its annual homecoming celebration. The week will be filled with events and assemblies that showcase the talents and programs of our students, staff, and former Condors. Homecoming always concludes with a Saturday football contest with our homecoming parade and our homecoming court royalty scheduled to begin at

1:30 pm the 3rd of October. The Varsity football game versus King City will follow the parade at 2:00 pm. If you are a former Condor or North Monterey County High School supporter, please mark your calendars now!!!!

Homecoming Schedule:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
Friday	Sept 18	3:30-7:00	Float Building Begins	TBA
Tuesday	Sept 29	9:30-1:00	Homecoming Court Assembly	Gymnasium
Thursday	Oct 1	6:30-8:45	Bonfire, Games, Events	Basketball Courts
Friday	Oct 2	3:30-12:00	Float Building (if needed)	Shop Classes
Saturday	Oct 3	9:00-4:00	Homecoming Football game	Stadium
Saturday	Oct 3	1:30-2:00	Homecoming Parade	Stadium
Saturday	Oct 3	8:00-11:30	Homecoming Dance	Forum

Picture Day 2009:

The North Monterey County High School picture day is scheduled for Wednesday August 26th during the school day. Picture forms will be passed out on Monday during homeroom on August 24th, 2009. Please go over the form with your student and have them dress appropriately for pictures. **No hats** are allowed in the photos. These photos are utilized for all grade transcripts for high school,, colleges, and univer-

sities, along with being on their student ID and in the yearbook. This ID can often be used for discounts and as a form of identification for airplanes, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

- AUG. 26-PICTURE DAY
- AUG. 26-NIGHT OF THE CONDOR
- AUG. 27-LATE START DAY
- SEPT. 7-NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
- SEPT. 14-LATE START DAY
- SEPT. 15-PROGRESS REPORTS
- SEPT. 28-OCT. 3-HOMECOMING WEEK
- OCT. 1-LATE START DAY
- OCT. 9-END OF TERM ONE
- OCT. 9-MR. NORTH COUNTY
- OCT. 12-NO SCHOOL
- OCT. 13-TERM TWO BEGINS
- OCT. 16-PICTURE RE-TAKES
- OCT. 19-NO SCHOOL
- OCT. 26-30-ENCORE! SHOW
- OCT. 27-SENIOR CAP AND GOWN MEETING



Social Studies Department News

The Social Studies Department continues to innovate with dynamic curriculum and great teachers. Our 9th grade course has been thoroughly revised, blending careers and geography in alignment with state and national standards.

Advanced Placement tests in our department went well with many students getting, 3's, 4's and 5's on the exam, which allows them to earn college credit.

Special Ed. News

The Special Education Department has 3 main goals. First, we strive to help all of our students on an IEP receive a high school diploma. Second, we team teach and collaborate with our General Education teachers to ensure our students receive the support and accommodations they need to be successful in General Education classes. Finally, we strive to prepare our students for a smooth transition into their lives after high school.

The biggest need in the special education department right now would be printer paper and ink cartridges. We have to print out accommodations, IEPs, notes to teachers regarding our students and much, much more!

Join and Support Cross Country!

EARLYBIRD September 12th!!

The 2009 Cross Country team is off and **running** and will be accepting new runners until August 31st. Come to room 52 and speak to Coach Ibarra about joining the most successful sports team on campus! Pick up a sports packet in the main office, get a doctor's physical, and return the packet to the office. Once it is turned in you can stay for practice Monday-Friday in Room 52 at 3:30 pm. The boys and girls are going for an incredible 18th & 17th league title respectively and the girls are shooting for an unprecedented 9th league title in a row!! There are no cuts and everyone can participate.

Also, the team is proud to present the 15th Annual *Earlybird* Cross Country Invitational on September 12th

at Toro Park in Salinas. The *Earlybird* has exploded to be the 2nd largest invitational in central California trailing only the very prestigious Stanford Invitational. We will host over 80 schools and about 2,500 runners! The team is seeking sponsors, food donations, and volunteers for the meet. If there are any local businesses or community members willing to help in any way, please contact Coach Ibarra at 831-633-5221 ext. 262 or at gusibarra@netscape.net as soon as possible.

The boys and girls coaching staff (Gustavo Ibarra -Head Coach/Varsity, Charles Pierce-Assistant/JV, and Kristin Rhoades-Assistant/FS) are excited to have another wonderful season!

Finally, please stop by and visit our team website <http://nmexc.tripod.com/> throughout the year and cheer

on our Condor Harriers!

Language Arts Department News

The NMCHS English Department would like to welcome all of our new and returning students! Students can expect the same rigorous curriculum in their English classes as before, with an invigorated focus on successfully passing the California High School Exit Exam, a continued concentration on achieving high scores on the SAT, and opportunities for earning college credits in Advanced Placement courses.

Each student is responsible for coming to class prepared, completing all assigned reading and tasks, and participating fully in his or her classes. Parents and guardians can help students succeed by ensuring that students have a clean and quiet work space, a dictionary at home, plenty of

printer ink to print out essays, and by encouraging students to read whenever, wherever, and whatever they can. In fact, it is a CA State Standard that every high school student reads at least two million words a year. Avid readers improve their vocabulary, enhance their comprehension skills, and increase their level of success in every subject in school. So, if your student claims to not have any homework, have them read a book for at least thirty minutes.

Parents can help teachers, as well. Due to budget cuts, the English Department is seeking donations that will help us continue to deliver excellent educational experiences to your students. If you would

like to make a donation (ink and paper are especially needed), please contact your student's English teacher. We would also like to personally invite you to our classrooms on August 26th for "Night of Condor."

Here's to a great year of reading, writing, and success.



GEOPAWSEA

GEOPAWSEA, NC's student-run recycling program, is collecting used cell phones and empty ink-jet and toner cartridges to help reduce the amount of trash going to landfills and to

help raise funds for our club. You can send these items to Ms. Hesik in Room 9. Thank you!



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