

Wingspan

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Countdown for Seniors

The end is in sight! The school year is almost over and it is important to plan for the remainder of the senior activities.

May 14-Prom

Cost:

Couples:

\$115 with ASB card

\$120 without an ASB card

Singles:

\$70 with ASB card

\$75 without an ASB card

May 19 and 20-Disneyland

Cost:

\$225, first payment of \$100

due March 1

May 31-Panoramic Picture

Cost: \$25-35

June 1-Sober Grad

Cost: \$40

Dance Company Presents...Jungle Fever

The **DANCE COMPANY SENIOR SHOW!**

-JUNGLE FEVER-

May 11th - 13th,
2011

Doors Open at
6:00 PM - Show
begins at 7:00 PM

Ticket Price \$6 -
\$10

Come out and support this year's graduating dancers on their last show. The theme involves fortune cookies, adventures, wishes, and a

JUNGLE!!



Supporting The Arts

By Jeannine Shanahan
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Art continues to be important in the education of a child and should be included as a part of the high school student's yearly curriculum. NMCHS provides several opportunities for exposure to arts programs, which are critical in fostering student creativity and innovation.

Involvement in the arts has shown gains in academic areas including math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Learning and practicing art can also improve a student's motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. All of these things are important skills to learn in today's society.

With No Child Left Behind and the pressure to raise test

scores in the academic areas, class time dedicated to the arts has been reduced in many school districts. Tight budgets and state mandates continue to cram the curriculum with a general feeling that while the arts are fun and can produce positive things, they are not essential. The arts teachers at this high school have noticed over the past several years that students are coming to them with very little or no arts education. It seems there is an entire generation of students who have not had the advantages and opportunities that the arts can provide.

Educating our children is important to teach them the necessary values to become good citizens. Schools provide skills necessary to prepare children to get a job and to be a productive part of society. Teachers can also help them to learn how to become better people. We teach not

only the mind but also the body and spirit of a child. Participating in arts programs can do so much to add satisfaction and deeper connection to life while opening new ways of seeing. It helps create a foundation for social bonds and community cohesion.

Our school administration supports and understands the importance of arts education at the high school level. Students have the opportunity to participate in band, dance, drama, ceramics, drawing & painting and photography at North Monterey County High School. Please encourage you student to sign up for arts classes that can provide them with an enriching experience.



Mark Yanowsky – Art Teacher

Many students enroll in Drawing & Painting classes not really knowing what or who to expect. They may have heard that the teacher is a real “cool” guy who likes to surf and that the end-of-semester art showcases are lots of fun. But who is this teacher and what does he provide to his students? Mireya Montano, a senior says, “Having the opportunity to take Drawing & Painting with Mr. Yanowsky was great. It was fun learning new things; my favorite was “getting in the zone.” I learned that you must dedicate and commit to one’s work to have an amazing piece of art.” Advanced artist Melissa Marzan says. “I have learned so much through the amazing art program offered at North County, taught by the amazing art teacher, Mr. Yanowsky. I have released my imagination to reach amazing heights by entering “the zone,” and I am still learning new techniques to improve my drawing style. Mr. Yanowsky has shown me a whole new world to explore an appreciation through art.”

Interview with Mark Yanowsky.

How long have you been teaching art at the high school and what classes do you teach? 10 years for art. 17 years at the school. I have taught all levels of Drawing & Painting, Ceramics, AP Art History, (rarely) and now Photo.

How have you encouraged the young artists in your classes to be successful and to develop their creativity?

By trusting themselves and making sure they care about what they are doing. If they care about quality and doing the work authentically, then amazing things happen. These are lessons for life.

What venues have you used to showcase student artwork? Our classroom, local cafes, the forum, and the library are some of the locations where art was displayed. Some students have been in shows in Seaside, Monterey, and Carmel, too! We are always interested in more venues.

What are you most excited about regarding

your art classes and/or students for this year?

Every year I'm trying new things to keep it fresh and fun. My students this year have been particularly hard working, cooperative and resourceful. Under the circumstances of overcrowded classes, tighter budgets, etc - I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids to work with. I'm having a good year.

Where does your inspiration for your own art come from? My wife - my muse - inspires me to work hard just by her existence, the ocean and beautiful environ we live in offer the subjects.

If you could be known for one thing right now in your life, what would it be?

Sprackin' sick lippers at the Lane, brah!!!!!!



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March 8th & 9th

CAHSEE Testing for 10th graders. Third and last chance for 12th graders.

April 7th - May 13th

STAR Testing window:

- April 12th - Language Arts Parts I and II
- April 13th - Math Parts I and II
- April 14th - Social Science Parts I and II
- April 19th - Science Parts I and II
- April 15th - Make-up Day #1
- April 20th - Make-up Day #2

Advanced Placement Testing Window

- May 2nd a.m. - Chemistry
- May 2nd p.m. - Psychology
- May 3rd a.m. - Spanish Language
- May 3rd p.m. - Art History
- May 4th a.m. - Calculus AB/BC
- May 5th a.m. - English Literature
- May 6th a.m. - U.S. History
- May 9th a.m. - Biology
- May 10th a.m. - Government and Politics– US
- May 10th p.m. - Government and Politics: Comparative
- May 10th p.m. - French Language
- May 11th a.m. - English Language and Composition
- May 12th a.m. - World History
- May 12th a.m. - Macroeconomics
- May 12th p.m. - Microeconomics
- May 13th a.m. - Spanish Literature

May 10th & 11th

CHASEE #4 Make-ups for 10th grader and second opportunity for 11th graders

Yearbook Update

Yearbooks are still on sale. Price is \$100 through the end of the year. Yearbooks can

be purchased in the finance office or from Mrs. Gast. Yearbooks will be delivered at

the end of May and passed out the week before school gets out.