

# Wingspan

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## A Letter from the District Office

Dear Parents:

My name is Steve Brinkman. I am the new Assistant Superintendent, Business Services for North Monterey County Unified School District, which means I am responsible for the business aspect of the schools. I spent more than 30 years in private industry, along with my eight plus years in the school business so I have a somewhat different perspective.

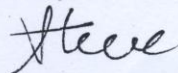
Allow me to share my observations about the District and education in general. First of all, this District has a caring and deeply committed Superintendent and Board of Trustees. That is a great start. In addition, I see teachers and other employees who have a true vocation and who are not just working for a paycheck. So far, I have not seen significant examples of waste or excesses, although there is always room for improvement, and we will aggressively exploit opportunities as they are identified. I have also observed documented indications of progress with the recent announcement of the results from last year's Academic Performance Index (API scores), which showed significant areas of improvement in the District.

However, I also see the District now facing another year of budget cuts, this time with another estimated \$1.3 million dollars in cuts likely to be imposed in January and February. And until the State's economy improves we see no improvement in the school budget process.

Why am I telling you this? I am telling you because you can help. **You can make a monetary contribution** to your child's success and the success of education in the District **and it won't cost you a penny. It is as simple as making sure your child is in school every day - unless your child is ill.** The principal method for funding in the State of California and one over which you have ultimate control is called "Average Daily Attendance" or ADA. The State pays the District approximately \$38.00 for every day your child is in school. **If your child is not in school the District receives nothing.** Furthermore, **if your child is not in school he or she receives nothing either, and even if the absence is excused, the school receives no money.** So if you decide to take your child and your child's siblings out of school for a family trip or other purpose, the District receives nothing for the day each student is gone. To assist you in determining what constitutes an excused vs. an unexcused absence, a definition has been attached to this letter.

**One per cent of attendance** in the District equates to over \$225,000 in funding. So a **two per cent improvement**, which is very attainable, is over \$450,000 dollars. Please make your contribution to the success of your child and education in the North Monterey County Unified School District by making certain your child attends school. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Brinkman  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

## Senior Information

### DISNEYLAND

Tickets for Grad Nite 2012 are available in the Finance office. Students may put a \$50 deposit down for the Disneyland trip on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to reserve their space. Total cost for the trip is \$260.00. Students are encouraged to plan early as this trip was sold out by December the previous year.

### SAN FRANCISCO SENIOR DINNER DANCE

The Senior Dinner Dance on the San Francisco Bay is scheduled for Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The cost of the trip is \$140.00. The trip includes charter transportation to and from San Francisco and includes a 3 hour bay cruise with dinner included. The boat will have a DJ and Casino games for the students to enjoy.

### SENIOR DEDICATIONS IN THE YEARBOOK

If you would like to put a dedication to your senior in the yearbook this year, the deadline is December 2, 2011.

Prices:

¼ page is \$125

½ page is \$175

Full page is \$300

Call Mrs. Gast at 633-5221 x. 302 or email her at [lgast@nmcusd.org](mailto:lgast@nmcusd.org) for more information.

## NMCHS Students: A "cost free" opportunity to start in the sport of golf.

The First Tee of Monterey County is again offering any student of NMCHS free membership [normally \$95] for their 2011-12 program. Members may participate in free group lessons, play the Twin Creeks Golf Course for \$1, and get Practice Range balls for \$1/bucket. Membership applications are available from Coach O'Sullivan [Rm 108], Golf Coach Folk [384.2149], or at the Twin Creeks Pro Shop. Our 2011 Golf Team Members need to submit an Application Form to renew their free membership for 2012.

There is no obligation to tryout for, or become a member of, the NMCHS Golf Team. You are welcome for this free membership if you are only interested in learning to play golf. The best lesson group for NMCHS students is the Saturday Teens Only Group [Twin Creeks, 1:00 to 2:30 pm]. There will be "6" Teens Only Group lessons before the start of our 2012 Varsity Golf Season [Feb 1st]; 3 in December and 3 in January. Most of our 2011 Varsity Golf Team is eligible to return for 2012. If you are currently a beginner, or novice, golfer, you will probably need these lessons before our season starts to be considered for the 2012 team.

First Tee Membership Forms are available from Coach O'Sullivan in Room 108, or contact Golf Coach Folk at 384-2149, or [clydefolk@att.net](mailto:clydefolk@att.net).



The English IV teachers are looking for volunteers on February 15-17, 2012 to conduct professional interviews with the senior class. This is an excellent way for students to be exposed to and practice practical interviewing skills for their future in the job force.

If you are interested in interviewing students for any or all of the days, please contact Jennifer Foreman at (831) 633-5221 extension 238 or at [jforeman@nmcusd.org](mailto:jforeman@nmcusd.org)

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# Save the Date!!!

Dance Company will be having their dance show on Friday and Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm in the Forum. Ticket prices will range from \$5 - \$10 with no ASB card required. The show this year is called, **“We Run This – Taking The Stage,”** and will feature the talents of student choreographers and behinds the scenes tech work from the class. This year guest performers from community dance studios will also be performing with Dance Company. Please plan on attending and supporting the dance program.

Join the Visual and Performing Arts department

on

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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, and Stained Glass classes, and watch live performances put on by the Band, Dance, and Drama groups.

Please plan on attending and support art in our school!

# Certified Nursing Assistant

(Offered through North Monterey County ROP)

16 years old-adult

Course dates/times:



Mon./Wed. class 1/9/12-5/30/12

8:00 AM -1:00 PM

Or

Tues./Thurs/ class 1/10/12-5/29/12

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Course fee: \$500

Fee covers: NATAP Manuel, fingerprints, and name tag.

Additional expenses: Uniform, gait belt, back brace and state exam fee.

For more information contact:

Rita Whiteford at (831) 206-8951

Visit website: [www.nmchs.com](http://www.nmchs.com)

Pick up CNA packet at the Hartnell Nursing Department

Just because I am a girl

Does not mean I like pink

In fact I hate pink

My favorite color is turquoise.

Just because I am Mexican

Does not mean I am uneducated

I'm going to school

I have good grades

I'm ranked 21 out of 294 students.

Just because I love math

Doesn't mean I'm a nerd

I'm just smarter than you

I'm not weird; I'm just strange and unique.

Just because I'm a girl

Doesn't mean I don't like sports

I love sports, especially soccer!

Just because my brothers didn't go to college

Doesn't mean I'm not going to college

I'm not following in their footsteps

I'm different

I actually want a job that I want to go to everyday.

-Maria Gaytan

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