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A Message from the Principal...

The 2011-2012 North Monterey County High School year is off to a great start!

School started on Thursday, August 11, 2011 with an energy filled gym with almost 1200 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 assembly. The class of 2012 immediately took ownership of the "Senior" section in the gym. Our Leadership Advisor, Mark Dover, and his Leadership Class did again an outstanding job planning and hosting our "First Day Assembly"!

In August, we received the news that we not only met our API, we exceeded the states expectations, two years in a row! Our students and staff worked all year to accomplish these gains. Please take the time to congratulate your student/s and their teachers. We too, want to thank our parents and the support they not only gave their student/s, but the support that was shown to the high school. It was a school wide and community effort! We again, hope to see these gains this year. 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 instructors the tools needed to assist every student to reach Proficient or Advanced on our California Standards Test and to pass the California Exit Exam.

Volleyball, Cross Country, Football, Band, Color Guard and Dance Company are preparing daily for upcoming competitions and/or performances. Please take the time to watch these young adults; it's thrilling to see their accomplishments.

We are very proud of each of the students at NMCHS.

Dance Company News...

The Dance Company class had a very successful fundraiser and would like to thank the booster parents for their support. Thank you also to Mr. Gonzales, the Master of Ceremonies of the event, and judges, Mrs. Glines, Mr. Cordero, Mrs. Gutierrez, Ms. Witherspoon and Mrs. Goodspeed. A special thanks to ASB director Mr. Dover for his support and Mrs. Gast for taking pictures of the event for Yearbook. Congratulations to foreign exchange student, Alex Bierre, the winner of Viewer's Choice and to winner Patrick Farley the

newly crowned 2011 Mr. North County.

Dance Company will be having their dance show on Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th 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.



Mr. North County Candidates, Kelly Malmlund and Caitlyn Chatman

Thanks

Thank you to the Dance Company parents who worked the snack shack at the football game on Saturday, September 17th and to the Linebackers Club for their continued support of the dance program at the high school.

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

The First Tee of Monterey County is partnering with us to provide free membership, equipment and lessons to our students. There are after school or Saturday afternoon lesson options.

The NMCHS Student-Golf [boys and girls] Varsity Season is 1 February to 5 May. Students that are presently beginner/novice skill that would like to participate in February tryouts for our 2012 team, should start in the First Tee lessons as soon as possible. There will be several open positions for our 12-member team roster.

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.



Ceramics as an Art Form

Some of the purposes of art are to communicate and express personal feelings. Art can be used to enhance a shared identity of family, the community, culture and a civilization; it can express spiritual beliefs, educate or impart wisdom and serve as a means for social consciousness. These are all concepts the students in the Ceramics class taught by Mrs. Shanahan are learning as they create vessels, figurines and containers. The students are learning ceramics techniques as they continue to discover where artists get their ideas. They are also beginning to understand that art enhances their own lives and that art is an important part of their continuing education. Parents of ceramics students – please ask your students to see what they have created and have them share what they have learned about art through the process of clay.

Art statements by North County students:

“Art to me is your imagination coming to life.” (Nico Alfaro – Junior)

“Art to me is just expressing yourself in a way that will make you stand out from other people.” (Francisco Aldana – Sophomore)

Save the Date!!!

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PICTURE RETAKES

On Tuesday October 18th there will be retakes for school pictures. Any student who has not yet been photographed or wanting to retake their originals can do so before school, brunch, or at lunch that day. Students will receive their ID cards as well. Encourage your students to have their ID card photos taken, as this becomes a legal form of identification. The picture also goes into the amazing yearbook published at the end of the school year.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

On Friday November 11th, 2011 it will mark the second time in the school's 32-year school history that a night football game will be played on North Monterey County's campus. The Junior varsity game will begin at 5:00 with the Varsity game beginning at 7:30pm. The Condors will be hosting the Monte Vista Mustangs from Watsonville. Show your Condor pride and support the North Monterey County football team in a memorable occasion in the schools history.

Homecoming Events

Assembly:

The homecoming assembly will take place on Tuesday October 11th during a school-wide assembly. The candidates for class prince and princess will be on display for the school election to crown each class representative. The overall senior boy and girl receiving the highest total of votes will be crowned king and queen at the varsity football game. Good luck to all of our Condor Royalty.

Bonfire:

The annual Bonfire celebration will take place on Thursday October 13st at 6:30pm. The Bonfire features North Monterey County Bands DJ's. The Bonfire contains games, bounce houses, graffiti wall, kiss the goat, and if budget allows fireworks. This fun filled event is a start of the celebration of the homecoming football game.

Game:

October the 15th will be homecoming in North County Country. Join the Condors in celebration as they host the Monterey High School Toreadors in a magical homecoming football game. It is a great opportunity to see the pre-game parade featuring each of the class's floats, which will represent the theme of the homecoming. The royalty from each class will be on display and the king and queen crowned during the parade.

Dance:

October 15th will mark the annual Homecoming Dance at 8:00pm. The three and half hour dance will mark the king and queen dance as well as homecoming pictures and the VIP lounge for those extra food and drink. The ASB is seeking volunteers for this event. Any parent who would like to volunteer should call Mr. Dover at 831-633-5221 x339.

Senior Information

SENIOR CAP & GOWN MEETING

On Tuesday October 25th all seniors will have a meeting during school to go over the process of ordering cap & gowns for graduation on June 1st. The orders are taken the following week during lunch. It is important to get the orders in on time, as after the order date there is a late fee charged for all late orders. All gowns must be purchased from Jostens. If you have a former Condor student that has graduated their cap & gowns would be appropriate for reuse.

DISNEYLAND

Tickets for GradNite 2012 are available in the Finance office. Students may put a \$50 deposit down for the Disneyland trip on May 17th and 18th, 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 24th, 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.

More Senior Information

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 for more information.

New Score Board



Special Thanks to the following for contributions for the new scoreboards:

- Ocean Mist
- IBEW Local 234
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- Tito Ortega
- Victor Mehia
- Alexandria Magallan
- Monica Williams
- John Dominguez
- Efren Celeya
- Sal Dorado
- Jesse Espinoza



Join the Visual and Performing Arts department
on

Tuesday, December 13th

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!

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