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My mother used to tell a particular joke over and over again, at least once a year, which asked: Why were the soldiers so tired on April 1st?

Because they just finished a 31 day March!

Now, I've never been in the military, but looking ahead, I think I can at least relate to the part of the joke where everyone is tired on April 1st. Northfield High School is currently abuzz with all sorts of incredible things for kids. It's tournament time – the gymnastics team recently completed the state meet, with Bailey Dupay and Christy Anderson finishing first and third respectively in the all-around competition. The music listening team “three-peated” as state champions. The mock trial team is poised for the state mock trial competition this Thursday. Girls basketball begins tournament play this Wednesday, and Rock n Roll Revival begins its two weekend run this Friday. And somewhere in all of that, students still are plowing forward with academics and arts each and every day at school.

All good stuff, but it's enough to exhaust anyone, and it can be particularly taxing on our young people. Please make sure you are doing everything you can to support your students in these and all endeavors and let us know how we can help beyond what we already are doing. You are a critical partner in the educational process, and a complete team can do wonders for the success of students!

So, in the coming days and weeks (at least until Spring break when we can all take a collective breath), encourage your student to finish up his/her registration for next year (seniors obviously don't have to worry about that!), get them to bed (which I know can be tricky with all these activities AND school work), encourage them to be making contact with their teachers regarding any questions, struggles, or issues, and let them know they've got a team of folks supporting them always!

This is a great time of year, with great things going on in every nook and cranny in and outside the building. And working together, we can make it a positive successful experience for all of our students.

As always, thanks for your partnership and work with your students every day!

Joel Leer
NHS Principal

ACTIVITIES NEWS.....

Special Congratulations to the Gymnastics Team for their 6th Place finish at State and to our Music Listening Team for winning the State Competition! Congratulations to all the students, who have competed with such dedication and class during the winter season, and good luck to all teams and individuals still competing (both academic and athletic) as they advance to Sectional and State Competitions.



Rock 'n Roll Revival will have performances on March 6, 7, 13 and 14, at 7:30 on March 12 at 7:00, and March 8 at 3:00. Performances will be in the middle school auditorium. The shows are all sell outs!

The Spring Sports Season is just around the corner, as most will start in mid to late March. Spring sports offered and starting dates are: Softball & Boys and Girls Track (March 9), Baseball, and Boys and Girls Golf (March 16), Boys Tennis (March 23), Boys and Girls Lacrosse (March 30) and Clay Target (April 4 or 11). Students may pick up information and registration forms in the Activities Office; forms are also available on the Northfield High School web site. All participants are reminded that all forms and fees must be turned in BEFORE the first day of practice. This includes physicals! A current physical (within the past three years) must be on file for each athlete. Each sport will establish their own date and time for their parent meeting. More information on parent meetings will be available at a later time. If you have questions, contact the Activities Office (663-0632).

Raider Activity Hotline – 645-3456 is available for your use. Events and sites are updated daily. This is one way to find out if there have been postponements or cancellations due to inclement weather. Keep in mind that we delay weather related cancellations and changes as long as possible; but as soon as decisions have been made the activities line is updated. Additionally, the Northfield High School Activities Department continues to utilize a **“Web-based Scheduling Program.”** All co-curricular schedules have been entered on this website. Parents/fans have been able to access schedules and see exact sites, times (including bus times), updates, maps, etc. The program is linked to the Northfield High School website. The program address is: www.big9.org -- click on “Member Schools,” click on “Northfield High School.” One of the many handy features of the program is that anyone can receive notification of changes/cancellations/etc. by clicking on “Notify me.” and setting yourself up to be notified.



Cover Sneak Peak

The Yearbooks are going to print!!

Official copy counts were put in to Jostens on March 1st. We ordered 75 extra books, so if you did not yet order yours, please do so soon! Order forms are available on the door of H-115 and a list of those who have purchased is posted outside H-115. Parents, please have your STUDENTS check to see if their names are on the list.

The yearbook staff did a great job finishing the book and sending it off for printing. Copies will arrive early June, so watch for announcements about when they will be handed out.

From the NHS Bands:

The NHS Band Coupon Book sale is still in progress with a limited number of books available. The books are \$25 each and feature many local and area businesses. Coupons are good through next February 2016. Profits go toward student travel accounts and may be purchased from all NHS band students. Please call the Band Office 645-3404 for more information. The bands sincerely appreciate your support! Thank you!



National German Exam Competition 2015

For the 21st year, Northfield German students participated in the National German Exam Competition. Competing this year were 40 students, levels 2, 3, 4 and 5, and again this year many Northfield students placed very well.

The Bronze Award, with scores at or above the 70th percentile nationwide, was received by **Liam Fisher, Meghan Revels** and **Cecilia Kryzda**.

The Silver Award, with scores at or above the 80th percentile nationwide was received by **Elisabeth Peterson, Brigitte Forster, Andrea Thurnheer, Martha Barth** and **Kurtis Bobert**.

The Gold Award is given for scores above the 90th percentile and advances the students to the prize level competition. This involves writing a short essay in German, and an oral interview, also conducted in German. Gold Award students this year are **Nico-las Kidd, Mariah Casmey, Laura Olson, Victoria Campbell, Christof Zweifel** and **Elizabeth Cloherty**.

The interviews will be conducted on Saturday, March 7th, at the University of Minnesota. We wish interviewees good luck and congratulations to all the students who participated in the competition for a job well done.

Volunteers needed for senior class lock in!!!

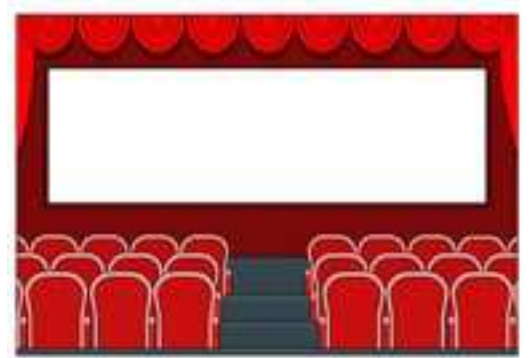
Parents of Juniors & Seniors:

Planning for the 2015 Senior Lock-In is underway! This year's lock-in is on Thursday, May 28th from 10:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

If you are able to chaperone for a half-night shift, please contact Jill Kohel with your preference of first or second shift. Groups of friends can request to work together! Help us send off our seniors with a great night of celebration! Email jill.kohel@nfld.k12.mn.us with questions.

Movie Opportunity.....

The NHS Social Studies department would like to welcome everyone (students/siblings/parents/community members) to a free showing of the acclaimed movie **Selma** on Thursday, March 12 in the high school auditorium. The movie will be shown two times: 3 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A short question and answer session will be held for those interested and led by members of the Social Studies department following each showing.



A short description of the movie from Rotten Tomatoes film review reads:

SELMA is the story of a movement. The film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Director Ava DuVernays SELMA tells the story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history."

Please join us and welcome your friends and neighbors too!

Pacer Workshop-Social Security and Benefit Planning for Transition-age Youth: Ticket to Work

Sponsored by Rice County Community Transition Interagency Committee (CTIC)

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m

Location: Faribault High School Auditorium

This workshop will provide information on how parents of youth with disabilities can apply for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for young adults at age 18. Parents will learn how Social Security Work Incentives can help their youth meet his or her postsecondary education, training, and employment goals. There will also be tables with information for parents from county service providers and special education school staff.

For more information contact Joe Jorgensen at joseph.jorgensen@nfld.k12.mn.us

EXPLORE DIFFERENT INTERESTS



- Courses offered at Northfield High School
- Introduction to Engineering
 - Principles of Engineering
 - Civil Engineering and Architecture
 - Digital Electronics (Our world is all electronics)
 - Welding
 - Advanced Manufacturing
 - Robotics



WHY

- 70% of the jobs now and in the future will only require a technical degree.
- Find yourself in high school, why spend \$20,000 or more a year to explore interests in college?
- Over 25% of Northfield High graduates that enroll in college will **not** earn a degree.
- There is a shortage of technical skilled workers.** These jobs pay as much, or more as a four year degree.

FLIP YOUR THINKING

- *Find your interests and strengths.
- *Explore Career and Technical Education (CTE-STEM) classes
- *Find a career for your interests and strengths.
- *Research the job market for your career
- *Align your post secondary education to fit your career.
- **The job market doesn't create jobs because you have a degree**

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March

2	Conferences	4:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - Cafeterias
3	Conferences	4:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. - Classrooms
6-7	Rock & Roll Revival	7:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium
8	Rock & Roll Revival	3:00 p.m. - MS Auditorium
12	Rock & Roll Revival	7:00 p.m. - MS Auditorium
13-14	Rock & Roll Revival	7:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium
16	District Jazz Band Concert	7:00 p.m. - HS Auditorium
19	District Orchestra Concert	7:00 p.m. - HS Gym
21-29	Spring Break	
30	Teacher workshop	



April

24	Arts ala Carte	6:00 p.m. - HS
27	NHS Band Concert	7:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium
28	ACT for all juniors	
29	Academic Awards/Distinguished Alum	6:30 p.m. - MS Auditorium