

The “Mustang Trail” for the Week of February 5 (weekly notes from Mr. Koski)



NHS Students, Parents, & Guardians:

Here are a few notes for students and parents about happenings and upcoming events at NHS...

- And please follow NHS on Twitter: @NHSMustangs1
- NHS Website: <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/>

Academics:

- Friday, February 16 is a 1/2 C-day for students at NPS/NHS. (Teachers also have a 1/2 day of professional development on this day after students leave.) At the link below is the class schedule at NHS for February 16. We wanted to get this out to you for your planning purposes.
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1scROSYL7Eb7zqxBOudxXodDNwtrFBIJ9eRRq_jSRmSY/edit
- No School on Monday, February 19 at Northville Public Schools--this is our Mid-Winter Break.
- The end of the 2nd quarter/1st Semester was on Friday, January 26.
 - Second quarter/exam/first semester grades will be available online no later than Monday, February 5.
 - Reminder...quarter and exam grades do not go on a student's transcript. Only semester grades are reported on the transcript.
- Any student who receives one or more failing semester grades on his/her 1st Semester Report Card will be "non-blended" in their Seminar through Wednesday, February 28 (a total of 6 Seminars). Students will be informed in their Seminars by Friday, February 9 if they cannot blend. This is to ensure that these students get off to a good start for 2nd semester and are seeking out teachers early on to make-up homework assignments, receive extra help, etc. The first day of non-blended Seminar for students with one or more failing semester grades on his/her Semester 1 report card will be on Monday, February 12 through Wednesday, February 28. These students can begin to blend again on Monday, March 5.
 - On Seminar days (A-days), these students will report directly to their Seminar teachers by 7:20 a.m. for attendance. Students may then stay in their Seminar and/or see other teachers in the building but cannot leave the building during Seminar (non-blend).
- Second Quarter Online Seminar Modules were due on Friday, January 12.
 - If a student did not complete his/her online Seminar modules by January 12, he/she will be informed on Tuesday, January 16 during Seminar and will not be able to blend Seminar beginning Thursday, January 18 until the module is completed.
 - Students will report to their Seminar teachers at 7:20 a.m. on January 18 if their Seminar modules are not completed.
 - Students will be given an "I" (Incomplete) for a 2nd quarter Seminar grade if they have not completed the online module. This "I" will be changed when completed.
- **IB Diploma Program Corner (from Dr. James Davis, NHS IB Diploma Program Coordinator)...**
 - Some important IB/DP information:

- Wednesday, February 7: Introductory IB DP session at NHS (for parents/students to begin the understanding process)
 - Tuesday, February 13: Advanced IB DP session at NHS (for parents/students to address specific programming and scheduling questions/concerns)
 - Wednesday, February 28: Student (current) to student (prospective) session
 - All meetings will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the NHS Forum.
 - March 4: [NHS IB DP Application](#) due date (plan to review early the following week)
- Please see the link below for this week's IB DP Corner post and also archived posts:
 - [IB DP Corner](#)
- Please also see the NPS IB DP [Website](#)
- Any IB Diploma Program questions can be directed to Dr. James Davis, Northville High School's IB Diploma Program Coordinator:
 - davisja@northvilleschools.org
- IB MYP Personal Project...[Personal Project Spotlight](#)...highlights one of the many projects currently being completed by a 10th grade students at NHS. You can find additional information about the Personal Project by visiting the following site:
 - <https://1.cdn.edl.io/C8siLfDI0jEAaDI0kmdPlcirW9QwBwkmdb4J2AIBqDuXj97s.pdf>
- **The Advanced Placement Corner (from Ms. Meredith Riggan, NHS AP Test Coordinator)...**
 - Please see the link below for this week's AP Corner information:
 - [AP Corner](#)
 - Any AP test administration questions can be directed to Ms. Meredith Riggan, Northville High School's AP Test Coordinator:
 - rigganme@northvilleschools.org

The Calendar & Events:

- NHS Daily Schedule and ABC Schedule:
 - [NHS Daily Schedule](#)
 - [2017-18 NHS ABC Schedule](#)
- Below is a link to the Seminar assignments and the Seminar closing schedule for the 2017-18 school year:
 - [NHS Seminars and Seminar Closure Schedule](#)
 - Monday, February 5: Science, World Language, and a few other shared Seminar teachers are closed
 - Wednesday, February 7: Social Studies, Physical Education/Health, Family & Consumer Science, and a few other shared Seminar teachers are closed
- **TODAY** Friday, February 2 come out and support **NHS Unified Basketball** (4:00 p.m.) and the **NHS Varsity Girls Basketball** (5:30 p.m.) and **NHS Boys Varsity Basketball** (7:00 p.m.) Teams as they take on Novi! Any student who comes to the 4:00 p.m. Unified game gets free admission to all three games that night and receives a free t-shirt (first 150 people)!! The first 300 people will receive a "Spread the Word to End the Word" bracelet as part of the movement to raise awareness of the hurtfulness of the R-word and support Special Olympics. Hope to see you in the NHS gym tonight--**let's pack this place in Orange & Black!!!**
 - [Flyer](#)

- [Video](#)
- [What is our Unified Basketball Team/Club?](#)
- **PTSA Meeting** this Friday (2/9) at 9 a.m. in the NHS Library. All NHS parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- **Livonia Career Technical Center (LCTC)** Open House on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. If you are a sophomore or junior student/parent that is interested in LCTC, this is a great opportunity to check it out.
 - <http://lctc.livoniapublicschools.org/home>
- **2018 NHS Blood Drive**...As part of Northville Student Congress' upcoming Charity Week, the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at NHS on Thursday, March 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If interested in donating blood, please print out the following document, and return to the NHS Main Office no later than WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 2:20 p.m.
 - [NHS Blood Drive Form](#)
 - ****NOTICE**** IF YOU WILL BE **SIXTEEN** (16) YEARS OLD ON MARCH 8, 2018...**YOU MUST COMPLETE THE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM, WHICH CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE NHS MAIN OFFICE.** A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE THAT IS CORRECTLY DATED IS **REQUIRED FOR DONATION.**
 - If you have any questions, please contact Northville Student Congress at northvillestuco@yahoo.com
- **NPS Parent Camp** is planned for Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The UM Trails Program (from UM Child Psychiatry) will be our keynote speaker discussing anxiety and depression (warning signs for parents and tools to support children). Please see the flyer at the link below for more information **and to register (link at very bottom of flyer)**:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofVIZXTmhqY003Z216aG1PaGpYakdzTnFMUXZz/view>
- **NPS STEAM FAIR 2018: *Thinkers and Tinkers!*** This year, STEAM will be on Wednesday, April 25. All District 4th grade students and 7th grade students will be attending the program during the day. An evening program, open to the community, will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar!

Celebrations / Good "Things":

- 2017-18 Northville High School Profile at the link below:
 - [2017-18 Northville High School Profile](#) (2 pages)
- Congratulations to Ms. Judy Cavanaugh (Art), Mr. Mike Daoust (Math), and Ms. Laura Russell (Paraprofessional) on their retirements!!!
- Welcome to the following new NHS staff members...
 - Art: Mr. Rob Burke
 - Math: Mr. Alex Borg
 - Science/Physics: Wendy Bolakowski
 - Paraprofessional: Ms. Elizabeth Bacigal
 - School Resource Officer/Police Liaison: Detective Jeremy Huston
- Congratulations to senior Em SeGraves for participating in the MSVMA High School State SATB State Honors Choir at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids this past week.

Em SeGraves also was selected as one of the top 120 choral singers in the State of Michigan to go on the prestigious Michigan Youth Arts Festival All-State High School SATB Honors Choir! Awesome Em!!

- Congrats to Tom Bowman and Nick Bhandari whose music composition "Beginning, End, and All in Between", was chosen for performance in the Michigan Music Education Association 2018 Honors Composition Concert on Saturday, January 27 at the Michigan Music Conference. Well done Tom and Nick!!
- Congratulations to Chamber Choir, BackBeat, and TrebleMakers who served as the in-residence choir with the 2018 MSVMA MMC Conducting Symposium under the direction of Dr. Jerry Blackstone, University of Michigan, in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Conference on January 25. Very cool!
- **2018 Northville High School Charity Week...**Northville Student Congress is excited to announce the 2018 Northville High School Charity Week! Charity Week will be Sunday, March 4 to Saturday, March 10. During Charity Week, students will be able to participate in a wide variety of fun filled activities, with all proceeds being donated to the *National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)*, an organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. At the links below, you will find a flyer containing more information on Outreach Week, as well as a "Charity Week" T-Shirt/Ticket Package flyer. The cost of the package is \$20 and waives entrance and participation fees for ALL events during Charity Week! If interested in purchasing the T-Shirt/Ticket Package, please print out the order form below, fill out the requested information, and return to the NHS Main Office no later than FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 at 2:20 p.m.
 - [NHS Charity Week Informational Flyer](#)
 - [NHS Charity Week T-shirt/Ticket Package Order Form](#)
 - If you have any questions, please contact Northville Student Congress at northvillestuco@yahoo.com

From Counseling:

- NHS Counseling contact information:
 - http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=351106&type=d&pREC_ID=1311630
- NHS Counseling is on Twitter!!!: [@NHSCounseling2](https://twitter.com/NHSCounseling2)
- If you are not currently on the Counseling REMIND for your student's graduating class, we strongly suggest that you become a member of this group text message. This is one of the most effective ways for us to communicate important information to them (upcoming meetings, presentations, what they should be doing at this point in junior/senior year, etc.)
 - [NHS Counseling REMIND](#)
- **Attention AP Students...**
 - Please sign up for the AP Remind using this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/ad7fb4>
 - Registration will be available on *Total Registration* from January 29, 2018 to February 18, 2018.

- There will be a \$25 late fee assessed for all exams during the late registration window.
 - [AP Corner](#): link to more information and registration link
 - [NHS AP Testing Page](#)
- **NHS Juniors...Small Group Junior Class College Planning Meetings** are now under way! Now that students have attended the January 10 [Class of 2019 College Planning 101](#) meeting, juniors should attend one of these meetings to find out more about the college search process in a small group experience. This is an opportunity to personalize their college process and ask specific questions that relate to their individual college search. **Each of these meeting dates will take place during Seminar at 7:45 a.m.**
 - Monday, February 5 in Room 175 (Denison's Room)
 - Wednesday, February 7 in Room 146 (Kangas' Room)
 - Monday, February 12 in Room 175 (Denison's Room)
 - Wednesday, February 28 in Room 146 (Kangas' Room)
 - Monday, March 19 in Room 175 (Denison's Room)
 - Monday, April 16 in Room 175 (Denison's Room)
 - Wednesday, May 2 in Room 146 (Kangas' Room)
 - [Class of 2019 Counseling Page](#)
- **Seniors**, similar to first semester, if you are required to send colleges your 7th semester grades you must:
 - Order your transcript through Parchment after February 6.
 - If you applied to a college directly through their website, and that college is requiring 7th semester grades, you must request to have your transcript sent directly to that college from Parchment.
 - If you applied to a college through the Common Application, and that college is requiring 7th semester grades, you must request to have your transcript sent to the Common Application through Parchment.
 - IF YOUR COLLEGE REQUIRES A MID-YEAR REPORT OR IF YOU ARE REQUESTING THAT YOUR 7TH SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT IS SENT TO THE COMMON APPLICATION, **ONCE YOU'VE ORDERED YOUR TRANSCRIPT THROUGH PARCHMENT,** YOU MUST SEE YOUR COUNSELOR DIRECTLY IN ORDER FOR YOUR MID-YEAR REPORT WITH THE TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT.
 - Any questions please see Ms. Purcell.
- **Seniors**, this is a reminder to continue to check the Counseling Scholarship and Financial Aid webpages for updates:
 - [Scholarship Webpage](#)
- **Seniors**, get help paying for college...Submit a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA opened October 1st. Check their website for details.
 - FAFSA on Twitter: [FAFSA on Twitter](#)
 - <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- College visits during Seminars and/or Lunches--please see links below.
 - Our local college reps provide great information and updates including curriculum offerings, campus life, scholarships, and more! College Visits at NHS are for **ALL students--9th through 12th grade**. We encourage students to attend when appropriate.
 - [College Visit Calendar](#) or [College Visit Table](#)
 - [College Information Page](#)

Clubs & Organizations:

- FYI...please see the NHS club list for the 2017-18 school year at the link below:
 - http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=375392&type=d&pREC_ID=846461
 - List has most clubs but always changing
- Valentine's Day is coming! Come to the **Sign Language Club** on Tuesday, February 6 in Room 141 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in order to learn Winter and Valentine's Day signs and songs. (Please note that our club always meets the first Tuesday of each month as long as school is open.) Hope to see you this Tuesday!!
- **NHS Figure Skating** will compete in their final regular season competition on Monday, February 12 at 5 p.m. at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center. Good luck!!!
- The **Chinese Culture Club** will host a celebration for Chinese New Year in the NHS auditorium on Friday, February 9 at 11 a.m. NHS students will perform Chinese Lion Dance, Chinese yoyo, and martial arts. The performance will last around 20 minutes and will be followed by Chinese calligraphy writing activities in front of the N-Den. Please come join us to learn more about Chinese culture!
- The **NHS Book Club** met on Tuesday and selected the next novel to read. In recognition of Black History month, the group voted on and chose *Dreamland Burning*, a powerful novel by Jennifer Latham that follows the story of two seventeen-year-olds, one living in today's society and the other who lived 100 years ago. As Amazon.com notes, "[It is a] compelling dual-narrated tale from Jennifer Latham that questions how far we've come with race relations." Students have until February 27 to read the book.
- Attention film lovers...**OAF, The Organization for the Appreciation of Film**, is continuing its look at animation for February with "Spirited Away" this week. The film appreciation club meets in Room 57 right after school every Monday. Everyone is welcome!
- **Music and Memory Club** is organizing a fun karaoke night on February 17 from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. in the Northville High School Choir Room! Join the fun and help raise funds for local nursing homes' Music and Memory programs. The ticket for entry is \$5 and light snack will be provided! Prizes will be awarded for the best performances!! Please contact Medha Sripada at [734-660-5314](tel:734-660-5314) for more information and see the information at the link below:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofaWk5UUZJa2tiQXpKSWEzamJaQmhCVUhTSmxN/view>
- **NHS Varsity Dance Company**--Come and join the NHS Varsity Dance Company as we conclude our first season of our second decade. Our 11th annual performance, "Transcendence," will be held at the NHS Auditorium on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available from any Dance Company member or at the ticket office. Please see the link below for more information or our display located in the entryway of the high school.
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofSGhvbmsyUWI3T0tQcHFRZUpwNjIBZnBrNkp3/view>
- The **NHS Competitive Dance Team** is excited to announce that they will be competing at the *UDA National Dance Team Championship* event this Saturday, February 3 at the *ESPN Wide World of Sports* in Orlando, FL. The team will perform both their Jazz and Hip Hop routines in the preliminaries on Saturday. The final round of the championship is on Sunday. You can watch the dance teams perform via livestream at tv.Varsity.com. The Hip Hop performance is at 8:36 a.m. and Jazz is at 3:16 p.m. Both performances are in the Visa Athletic Center. Please wish the Varsity Dance Team good luck this weekend!!!

The "Arts":

- **Northville High School Drama Club** presents *Peter Pan*, J.M. Barrie's classic tale of the boy who would not grow up. Tag along on Peter's adventures with the Darling family, Captain Hook, and the many other residents of Neverland for an unforgettable journey. All shows are at 7 p.m. on February 1, 2 & 3. Tickets are \$10 online and \$12 at the door. This play is full of adventure and whim--perfect for the whole family. Reserve your tickets now!
 - [Peter Pan Tickets](#)
 - [Peter Pan Flyer](#)
 - [Article](#)
- There are two band performances this week...the first is on Tuesday, February 6 featuring the NHS Symphonic Band 11/12, NHS Jazz Ensemble, and the Meads Mill and Hillside 8th Grade Bands. The next performance is on Wednesday, February 7 featuring NHS Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band 9, and Symphonic Band 10. Both concerts are in the NHS Auditorium and start with a Jazz prelude at 6:15 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 (general admission) and can be purchased at the door.
- **Northville High School Choir Department** presents the **Children's Performance Workshop** at Northville High School. The workshop is open to 3rd through 5th graders and will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Please see the registration form at the link below which is due by February 7.
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofQI94ampvcFFKTXpHZjJHTVhGeC1Eem5qakFn/view>

Athletics:

- Click on the link below for the week in Mustang Athletics:
 - [This week in Mustang Athletics--Go Stangs!](#)
- NHS Athletics on Twitter: @nvilleathletics
- Information at link below for Mustang sports pass:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofOVZsb3IVSTJIUkV3Y0E0dEJTGJlc01kbFM4/view>
- Order your Graduation Banner or Lawn Sign today!!! Please see link below...15% of the sales will go to the Northville Athletic Department.
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0yERrQdGMofdzNXQjINRW1SMDhaMHgtUU9Oa0VMZ1RTUzBN/view>
- Northville Mustang hockey player Jack Sargent is in the running for Michigan's "Mr. Hockey." This prestigious award goes to the top high school player in the State of Michigan. To vote for Jack please go to the following website.
 - <https://t.co/2HiVeltWUj>
 - Go Jack, Go Mustangs!"
- The **NHS Competitive Cheer Team** competes at Novi on Saturday, February 3 in the KLAA Association Championship. The meet begins at 11 a.m. Good luck!
 - Last week the team finished 4th in the KLAA Gold Division Finals qualifying them to compete in the Championship Pool at the Association Finals. Well done ladies!
 - The team also competed at the Tri-County Championship Invitational. They finished 1st in Division 1 for Wayne County and had the highest score of all Divisions in Wayne County earning the Wayne County Championship title. They ended the day 3rd in the

overall Tri-County Championship competing against teams from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties. Awesome!

- The Mustang Baseball and Softball Teams will be hosting youth camps this spring. Please see the attached flyers for more details:
 - [Mustang Youth Baseball Camp](#)
 - [Mustang Youth Softball Camp](#)

All Other "Stuff":

- FYI for NHS parents...e-mail I sent out to NHS Staff this past week on vaping/juuling:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a6JgipEAue3vCWTRw7u4bXfn3_rQaXkR7TrI2E4XA/edit
- Due to problems with the SANP website email account, we are extending the deadline for discounted **Senior All Night Party (SANP)** tickets through Wednesday, February 7. Tickets will be \$80 through February 7. After that, the price will go up to \$100. Tickets will remain on sale until May 31. No tickets will be sold at the door.
 - Tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.northvillesanp.com/index.html>.
 - If anyone is unsure if they have already ordered an SANP ticket for their senior, they should check their PayPal account for a charge from "Northville SANP" for \$82.75. There will also be a poster hanging near the office for students to check whether they have a ticket already.
 - There is a new Sign Up (link below) Genius for parents who would like to help plan the night. You can volunteer as much as your time permits. There are lots of jobs--big and small--to do before the big night! There will be a later opportunity to sign up to volunteer on the night of the event.
 - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaba62fa02-sanp1>
 - Follow us on *Facebook*:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/NHS-SANP-2018-398892940559903/>
 - Follow us on *Twitter*:
 - NHS SANP 2018
 - @nhssanp2018
 - Get text messages from *REMIN*D:
 - Seniors: <https://www.remind.com/join/sanpsenior>
 - Parents: <https://www.remind.com/join/sanpparent>



**Hope to see you at the Unified, Girls, and Boys Basketball games tonight versus Novi!
Let's pack the place with Orange & Black!!**

**Make sure you get out to see *Peter Pan* this weekend.
I was at the performance last night and it was awesome!!!**