

## LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN STUDENTS SERVICES

### Dates to Remember:

April 6: SAT registration deadline for test on May 5

April 14: ACT exam

April 25: SAT late registration deadline for test on May 5

May 18: Pride Picnic

May 25: Awards Day

AP exams will run starting May 7th through May 18th for students taking AP exam courses. Students will be getting their AP exam specific schedules in the coming weeks.

Senior and underclassmen awards will be held on Friday, May 25th in the gymnasium. We will start with seniors promptly at 8:30 a.m. seniors are required to come in graduation attire.

Underclassmen awards will begin approximately 10:15 a.m.

Graduation will be held June 8th, 7:00 p.m. Gurley Stadium

### Scholarships:

The Rotary Club of Lake Hickory, Due by April 9, 2018

FMM Spirit to Learn Foundation, Due by April 1, 2018

Daughters of the American Revolution, Due April 1, 2018

The Betty and Ken Isaac Scholarship, Due March 31, 2018

Kenneth N. Houston Scholarship, Due by the end of April

Kevin Campbell Memorial Scholarship, Due April 27, 2018

NCACTE Guidance and Career Development Division Scholarship, Due April 15, 2018

WKBC AM-FM Scholarship, Due by April 16, 2018

CVCC Foundation Scholarship, Due as soon as possible

Service League of Hickory Scholarship, Due by March 26, 2018

Catawba Valley Medical Center Auxiliary Slem/Volunteer Health Career Scholarship, Due by March 31, 2018

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship, Due by March 26, 2018

Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Due by March 30, 2018

Seniors, please continue checking the scholarship website and the google doc (sent to your school emails) to stay updated about scholarships

Seniors not interested in going to college: Scholarships for technical schools are available. Also, information about potential jobs can be found on the student services bulletin board.

## FROM THE WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

¡Hola amigos!

We are happy and ready to continue our long history of our Hispanic Cultural Family Outreach Night. They have been a great success. In our last meeting, we had a guest speaker who offered priceless information in regards to the Centro Latino and their services to the Hispanic community in our area as well as some other details pertaining to DACA. Our last meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the library of the school from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Listed below are just some reasons why being bilingual is important. Article posted by "<https://bilingualkidspot.com/2017/05/23/benefits-of-being-bilingual/>"

1. Being bilingual has positive effects on the brain

Studies show that being bilingual has many cognitive benefits. According to research, speaking a second language can mean that you have a better attention span and can multi-task better than monolinguals. This is because being bilingual means you are constantly switching from one language to the other. Numerous other studies suggest that bilingualism can also reduce the risk of having a stroke.

Cognitive benefits affect both bilingual kids and bilingual adults. Children as young as seven months who are exposed to more than one language tend to adjust better to changes in the environment. For older bilinguals, there tends to be less cognitive decline.

2. Bilingualism gives you the educational advantage

Many of the cognitive benefits mentioned above can also mean that bilinguals have an advantage at school or further education. Many studies show that those who speak a second language are more likely to be less distracted and more focused on tasks.

Even bilingual children who are educated in their second language, have actually been seen to outperform monolingual students in their native language.

The recent Millennium Cohort Study found many educational benefits for bilingual children. Their research showed that even though children who are educated in their second language may initially lag behind around three, four and five years old, they soon catch up and outperform their peers by age seven.

3. Languages are highly valued in the workplace

Speaking a second language has numerous employment benefits. Being bilingual means that there are more job opportunities depending on which languages you speak. Communication in the workplace is important, and more companies, especially those with international offices, are considering bilingualism a high priority.

Fast growing fields such as tourism, journalism and translation put great value on bilingual employees. Additional languages on the resume could have your application moved to the top of the pile and give you a better chance at getting the job, even if you aren't as qualified as another monolingual applicant.

## FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

To help prepare for the ACT, 11th grade students worked in small groups with Ms. Decker and Mrs. Holland during Red Devil Success time to learn quick tips and tricks to excel on the math portion. Mrs. Holland's students have been utilizing Nearpod during their lessons to ensure every student has the opportunity to share their thoughts with the class. This technology tool has allowed more interaction between students and has assisted with students getting prompt

The National Honor Society members are making 30 blankets for Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets for children in local hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere a child might be in need of a big hug. Other current projects include peer tutoring at N-CHS every Thursday from 2:45-3:30 and assisting Conover School with a flexible seating project by donating

feedback and support for their answers. Mr. Beck's students have been exploring real life issues such as the cost per ounce of food items and how companies have been reducing the size of their products without altering the prices. Students have learned how to have a watchful eye as a consumer. Mr. Long's Discrete math students recently finished planning a trip around the world with graph theory

several wobble stools. Upcoming projects include Special Olympic buddies, weighted blankets for Conover School, and the Jared Box Project. Eligible 10th grade students who met the rigorous GPA requirements for National Honor Society membership were given an application on March 7, so parents please be on the lookout for this one time application.



## FROM THE NJROTC

Newton-Conover High school and their NJROTC unit is proud to announce that Cadet Caleb Lake won third place overall at the State competition for the Voice of Democracy essay contest. Voice of Democracy is a Veteran of Foreign Wars scholarship program that involves writing and reading an essay on the topic of "Our hope for the future."

After winning the local and district level competition, Caleb and his family attended an all expenses paid awards banquet in Cary, North Carolina with other district winners. It was a pleasant surprise when Caleb was announced to be third in the State. Third place comes with a \$200 cash prize and a \$2000 scholarship which Caleb plans to take full advantage. Caleb's entire NJROTC class was assigned the essay contest as an individual assignment to take advantage opportunity. Caleb's submission was judged "best of class," and submitted to the local VFW Post 1957 for competition.

On January 27th of January Newton Conover NJROTC Academic Team finished third out of twenty- four schools from North Carolina and South Carolina in West Lincoln High School's Academic Brain Brawl. The Brain Brawl is a Naval Science version of "Quiz Bowl" performed in a "Jeopardy style" buzzer format including the Jeopardy music! Each team participates in three rounds and is ranked to go into a semi-final and then a final

round. The competition features questions taken from curriculum of all four NJROTC years of study, from Naval Science 1 to Naval Science 4. The seniors elected to let juniors and below get experience and our winning team consisted of two sophomores and a freshman! Congratulations to our NJROTC Academic Team for a job well done.

In December, Newton-Conover NJROTC Air Rifle Team competed in the North Carolina and South Carolina Region 1 Air Rifle Championship. With a minimal amount of practice, our four cadet representatives rose to the occasion and shot several personal best scores to end the match in third place in the Western North Carolina Region. Newton-Conover traditionally does very well in this match and represented strongly another year by finishing with a trophy in third place.

Marksman also scored very well in the North Carolina State American Legion Match Qualifying match, earning three of twenty-four spots from all Legion Post shooting teams in North Carolina. They will shoot shoulder to shoulder with the best of North Carolina in early March. This is an invitation only, all travel expense paid match which has several thousand dollars in scholarships for the top three shooters. We wish our NJROTC Marksman the very best of luck.

## CTE DEPARTMENT

In March the NCFACS held their 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of Family and Consumer Science. The event was attended by Melissa Bradshaw, Myra Johansen and Angela Lowdermilk. The theme was "Honor the Past and Envision the Future." The conference opened up with the Keynote speaker Anita Graham Brown Presenting "Drivers of Change in North Carolina". She holds the position of nclMPACT Director and Professor of Public Law and Government at UNC School of Government. Through nclMPACT she helps local governments use data to address complex challenges. Many issues that were discussed directly related to Family and Consumer Science. There were break-out sessions where we discussed trends and emerging issues for FCS. These were discussed with a panel consisting of Dr. Istook- NC State University, Dr.

Hegde- East Carolina University, and Dr. Melani Duffrin- East Carolina University. There were many sessions offered, and each teacher selected the ones that directly related to what they teach.



## FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Robert Frost writes, "Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." April is National Poetry Month, and the English department will celebrate the week of April 16-20. Teachers will be teaching and presenting various types of poetry to their classes that are relevant to each grade level's course of study. English teachers are partnering with Ms. Rayfield in the media center on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17th - 18th to work on visual poetry (such as blackout poems and concrete poems) as well as videotaping dramatic readings for final

practice before the department wide Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 19th. Ms. Rayfield will also host a Gallery Walk of visual poetry on Friday, April 20th.

The Yearbook staff has officially submitted the final draft of the Yearbook and is anxiously awaiting the Yearbook Presentation Friday, May 25th. At this time, the yearbook staff is working on the Senior video. Mrs. Coffey will be reaching out to teachers and departments to assist in the farewell message to seniors.

## FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Our NCHS music department was well-represented in New York City over Spring Break! Our Band and Chorus, both spent time in NYC, taking in all of the “sights and sounds” of the “City that Never Sleeps”. The Chorus students’ highlight of the trip was participating in a Broadway Workshop, working with the Musical Director and a Cast member from the show, “School of Rock”. They enjoyed seeing the Broadway show and enjoyed

sites such as China Town, Little Italy, Central Park, the Financial District and more. Our Band was given a “shout out” on tv, while visiting the “Today Show”. They visited Ellis Island, saw a Yankees Game, the Empire State Building, a Broadway show and other well-known sites. Both groups enjoyed seeing the Statue of Liberty, the 9-11 Memorial and Times Square. A great experience was had by all and many wonderful memories were made!

## FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Envirothon Area II Regionals will take place in North Wilkesboro on April 11, 2018 (rescheduled date). N-CHS will be taking a team of students to compete in area events concerning wildlife, aquatics, soils, forestry, and current environmental issues.



Science Olympiad students attended the Hickory Regional CVCC on Saturday, March 10th, 2018. Students competed in test and construction events within many different areas of the physical and life sciences. N-CHS received medals in 6 of the competitive events with three events ranking first place overall - State Qualifiers: Faith Bradshaw, Matthew Connor, Owen Stegall, and

Ben Harris will be attending the State Science Olympiad Tournament in April at NC State University in Raleigh, NC.

\*Please wish both of these groups of students luck as they represent our school at these interactive, science competitions!\*



Each science teachers host tutoring times on varying days of the week. Please have your student talk with their teacher if they are in need for additional assistance with their course work.

South Africa 2018 Operation Wallacea Research Expedition - Mrs. McCrary and Mr. Nunley along with 16 students have begun preparations for the next research expedition and we will be traveling to a new continent for N-CCS! If you or your family’s business are interested in sponsoring a student or providing a fundraising opportunity, please contact Mrs. McCrary at [caroline.mccrary@n-ccs.org](mailto:caroline.mccrary@n-ccs.org)