



Northridge High School

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November 2004

Important dates

November
13 Music Fish Fry Concert
15 School Board Meeting
18 Northridge Parent/Teacher Conferences
19 Northridge Noon Dismissal
19, 20 Fall Drama
25, 26 No School

December

4 SAT Test Date
4 Semi-formal Dance
9, 10 Choir Christmas Concert
11 ACT Test Date
13 School Board Meeting
13 Band Winter Concert
20 SAT Registration Deadline
20 Winter Break Begins
28, 29, 30 NLC Basketball Tournament

January

3 School Resumes
4 School Board Meeting
7 End of Semester One
7 ACT Registration Deadline
10, 17 No School for Students
22 SAT Test Date
24 School Board Meeting
25 Registration Night for Class of 2009
29 Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest

From the Principal



Northridge High School consistently earns the Indiana Department of Education's Four Star School Award. The primary reason we receive this award is because of the percentage of sophomores who pass the Graduation Qualifying Exam. The test measures minimum competency in math and English. Students must meet the standard to receive a regular high school diploma.

We try to prepare freshmen students who did not meet the standard on the eighth grade ISTEP test for the Graduation Qualifying Exam by enrolling them in Math and English courses that are team taught by a special education and a regular education teacher. The classes are lengthened by one term to add instructional time in Math and English. Usually about 20 to 25 percent of our incoming freshmen are enrolled in these classes.

About 20-25 percent of our sophomores do not meet the standard on the GQE test and must re-take the test. They are allowed to re-take the test four additional times. These students are usually enrolled in team taught English and Math classes. Students who do not pass on their re-take opportunities are often enrolled in one-term remediation courses and may attend one-week summer sessions.

We commit a great deal of teacher time and energy to help all of our students achieve the standard for passing the GQE. Very little publicity is given to the fact that ultimately nearly all of our students pass the test and earn a diploma.

Northridge Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 18th, 6-8:45 p.m.
Northridge Cafeteria

Flowers for Algernon

Northridge Fall Drama Production
Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20
Northridge Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

From the Guidance Office



Mrs. Grant



Mr. Mounshiraj



Mrs. Priem



Anna Hesser



Kay Pezzanite

Anna Hesser and Kay Pezzanite have been selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2005. Each girl had completed additional requirements to continue on to the finalist round.

Anna is the daughter of Randall and Mary Hesser. She is active in Science Olympiad and Academic Super Bowl. She is also a member of National Honor Society. In the community, Anna is involved in 4-H.

Kay Pezzanite is the daughter of John and Suzanne Pezzanite. She is a member of the girls swim team and National Honor Society. In the community Kay is involved in 4-H, NASA swim club and active in her church.

Good luck to both young ladies.

Notes

The counselors will be meeting with freshmen to offer websites and information about career exploration in November and December. A brief discussion about scheduling of sophomore classes will follow.

Sophomores will complete the Career Planning Survey in December. The results will be discussed with guidance staff in February prior to scheduling for Junior year courses.

Semester two schedules will be passed out the first week of December. Schedule changes will be minimal and must be done by December 16th.

Junior Class Magazine Sales Results

The junior class made their goal for the 2004 magazine sale! They brought in \$28,254 in sales. The junior class keeps 40% of that for graduation and prom expenses. Congratulations juniors! Our top 10 sales people were:

- Crystal Miller (with 60 magazines sold)
- Tyler Yoder
- Rachael Bowlby
- Jeff Shipe
- Katelyn Stahley

- Ashley Boomershine
- Brittany Scheetz
- Nathan Yoder
- Breann Patuzzi
- Amanda Prough

These students have earned a brunch at Tippecanoe Place for their efforts! Prom committee will be forming soon to plan for our May 7th prom!



Interpersonal Relationships

Students in Interpersonal Relationships class spent October 11 at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, Michigan. Relationship skills learned in class were practiced on a low impact course. Students used trusting, teaming, communication, and problem solving skills while accomplishing several different challenges.

Choral Department News!

Choral Boosters met on Tuesday evening Nov. 9th to discuss the final needs for Fish Fry, and preparations for the Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals and performances.

Choir students recently auditioned to take part in the first annual Star Search Showdown. Ten students were selected to perform in the Oct. 25th competition. Guest stars serving as judges were Mr. Koch, Mr. Beechy, Mrs. Mosness, and Mr. Carson. Each student performed a selection of their choice and they were given comments by the judges. The top five students were selected to move into the final round of competition. Students performing will be: Jessica Gould, Anne Miller, Brandon West, David Moan, and Heather Berkey. The final round will take place on Monday evening, November 22nd at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. This show is free to the public. Warning: could be a tad rowdy!

The MMPA will be sponsoring the annual **Fish Fry** on Saturday, November 13th. The Heritage Band and Choirs and the five Northridge Choirs will be performing throughout the afternoon and evening. Please support the music programs by filling up on a wonderful fish dinner and a side of homemade dessert! Performance times for the Northridge groups are as follows:



The **Christmas Concerts** will take place on Thursday, December 9th and Friday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Northridge Auditorium. Tickets will be on sale in the NHS front office on November 23rd.

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Super Hilarious Original Wingding

Monday, November 29th

- Student Films
- Student Bands
- Date Auction
(Profits going to Boys and Girls Club of York)
- Dodgeball Tournament

Tickets are \$3 at the Northridge High School Auditorium
 Produced by Mr. Wickersham's
 Entrepreneurship Class

Hosts Matt Stoffel and
 Matt Holloway



Boys Basketball Season Tickets

November 10-12 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Stop by the athletic office to reserve basketball seats you held last year.

November 15th 8:00-4:00 p.m.

Parents of (V/JV/9) boys basketball players, cheerleaders, trainers, pep band, and managers may purchase season basketball tickets. **After November 12 all seats that have not been claimed will be open for sale on November 16-18.

November 16-17 8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00 (Also)

November 18 (Thursday) 8:00 –12:00 & 1:00-4:00 & 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

All-sport and season ticket holders who do not have basketball seats or who want to change their basketball seats.

Season Ticket

Gate	\$4.00
Adult (9 home games)	40.00
Senior Citizen (age 55)	30.00
Student (k-12)	30.00

Family Plan– A family that purchases (2) adult and (2) student all-sport passes, additional passes for students (in that immediate family) will be free.

Girls Basketball

V/JV adults– \$4.00 senior citizen & students \$2.00

All other Northridge sports-V/JV/9th

Adults	\$3.00
Senior Citizen (age 55)	2.00
Student	2.00
Pre-school	Free



From the Art Department

All students enrolled in Ceramics in both Autumn and Spring Semesters will be involved with "The Empty Bowls Project". All students will create wheel-thrown soup bowls that will be sold at a local soup supper in March 2005. All proceeds from the bowls will be donated to the Elkhart County Food Pantry.

Parents of Students currently enrolled in Visual Arts classes are advised to help remind their children of the upcoming Scholastic Art Awards and Project XL. Deadlines for both shows are January 21st. Parents feel free to contact your students' art teacher concerning specifics on each of these opportunities.

Mr. Cockman & Bill Griffin

High Five for Riley's Children Hospital

The senior members of the Northridge National Honor Society recently held a fund raising activity to raise funds for Riley's Children Hospital. The seniors set a goal of collecting \$1000.00 for Riley's Children Hospital. They had two weeks to sell paper hands, which represented giving a high five for the cause. Each of the hands represented a \$1 donation to the hospital. The hands were displayed in the front lobby of Northridge High School to show the work and dedication of the National Honor Society seniors. The seniors went above and beyond their goal and ended up raising \$1315.00 towards the fine work done for children at the hospital.

Dancing in Physical Education

Sidewalk production is a mission group that travels around the U.S. putting on a performance called Peace Child. The group is made up of 17 dancers from all around the world. Five dancers came to Northridge to teach Mrs. Mosness' PE class how to hip hop dance. The students had a great time learning what type of training a dancer typically must do to stay in shape. They also learned four new dances.



Honor Society

The National Honor Society will be putting together four Thanksgiving baskets for four local families in need this Thanksgiving. The baskets will be dispersed the Monday before Thanksgiving. The baskets will include everything the family needs for a Thanksgiving dinner and around \$60.00 in grocery gift certificates to buy other food items.

Semi-Formal

The National Honor Society Semi-formal is scheduled for December 4th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The dance will have a Latin theme. Tickets will be \$15.00 a couple or \$8.00 a single. All students at Northridge are invited to attend. Guests are allowed as long as they are with a Northridge student and they have been pre-registered with Mrs. Mosness. Students who bring a guest are responsible for the guests actions. All students must have their student ID to enter the dance. They must be there no later than 9:00 p.m.

Raider Marching Band Competes in State Finals

The Northridge Marching Raider Band won its way to the state finals for the first time in over 25 years. Under the direction of Brad Zook, the band was one of ten bands to earn the invitation to compete in the class B finals in Indianapolis. Nearly 160 bands in Indiana began the fall competition, 37 in class B. At the state finals, which were held in the RCA Dome, Northridge won 7th place. Mr.

Zook commented, "It was so great to see the kids faces as we marched onto the floor of the RCA Dome. Some were smiling, some were crying, others were just looking scared to death. There's no way to prepare a group for the sight of that stadium and 20,000 people." Mr. Zook is confident the band will continue to improve because as he says, "The students show no sign of letting up."



Concert and Symphonic Band

The Concert Band and Symphonic Band have begun work on pieces for their Winter Concert on Monday, December 13th at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. Preparations are underway for Pep Band, Jazz Band and Solo & Ensemble to begin shortly. One more "Thank You!" to all the parents and supporters who made this fall's marching season a success.

Kelly Miller, Mr. Zook,
and Chris Heims

Congratulations for all your hard work and accomplishments made this season: Way to go Coaches and Athletes

Girls Cross Country : Conference Champs, Sectional Champs, Regional champs, 2nd at Semi-state, and 6th at State!

Boys Cross Country : Conference Champs, Sectional Champs, Regional Champs, Semi-state winners as well as STATE CHAMPIONS.

Boys Tennis : Sectional Champs, Regional Champs

Boys Soccer : Sectional Champs, Regional Champs, and Semi-state runner up

Volleyball : Sectional Champs

Congratulations on Outstanding Seasons!

Attention All Parents of 11th Graders

There is a new state immunization requirement for all incoming 12th graders for August 2005.

It is for "Hepatitis B" and this is a series of three shots over a six to eight month time. If your student has had none, please start soon. If he/she has received some, but not all, please check with your doctor or call Willie Berkey, school nurse, 825-2142 and I will tell you what my school records show.

Thank you.



2nd Annual Costume Caper

The Northridge faculty and staff were at it again on Friday Oct. 29 when they dressed in costume to raise money for Ryan's House, a Goshen charity. The students voted for the best-dressed teacher by placing money in that teacher's jar. The teachers and students raised over \$500.00. Costumes ranged from gumball machines, tennis balls and cowboys to a Rubik's cube and, of course, Sponge Bob Square Pants.

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