

# North High School Wildcat News

## Welcome to the New School Year!

Staff members and the Administrative Team have been working throughout the summer to put finishing plans on the new school year. We are excited for school to start on August 21st and the third year of our ninth grade academy concept here at North High.

**The class schedule for the first day will result in a shorter than usual day for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders who will be released at 10 am. Ninth graders will participate in an expanded orientation to high school with dismissal at 12:30 pm.** All entering ninth graders will be assigned to a group of five teachers in the core areas (math, science, language arts, social studies) or special education to better serve our students as they transition from intermediate to high school. Students and their core teachers will work as a team to meet the challenges of high school. Academy teachers share a common planning block daily which allows them to meet as a team on a regular basis to plan academy activities, consult with parents, and to share insight for student progress.

Associate principal, Dr. Betsy Fair, leads the academy teams to facilitate communication and assist with resources. Staff development workshops have been held this summer to give staff and administration the opportunity to reflect and assess our first two years of the academy and to plan for the upcoming year. Our annual **Ninth Grade Orientation, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, will allow for the introduction of teacher teams so parents and students can begin to get acquainted well before the first day of school.

This fall we will expand the Project Lead the Way program with the addition of the Computer Integrated Manufacturing course being added to the program. Principles of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design and Civil Engineering and Architecture were well received in the past two years and gave students the opportunity to explore the world of engineering and engineering technology with careers in mind. Staff attended training this summer in order to stay current with PLW expectations and to become more pro-

ficient with the addition of the new course. It is our goal to prepare our students for post secondary opportunities; the field of engineering being an important concentration. To find out more about Project Lead the Way, contact Mrs. Borgstadt in our guidance office or visit the website at [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org).

Continued this fall will be the opportunity for all students to receive extra help with their courses in the Learning Lab. The computers in the Learning Lab are being updated to better serve our students. Students who failed a course have had the opportunity to opt into credit recovery to remediate failed course work either through a traditional method (working with their original teacher) or through APEX Learning which is a web based delivery system for course remediation. APEX is available in the Learning Lab, on home internets and in the IMC for after school access. It is our intention, however, to assist students in a timely manner in order to catch potential failures before they happen.

In addition, Literacy Lab utilizing Scholastic's Read 180, will be an expanded support for ninth graders needing assistance with their reading skills. Literacy Lab is a year long course which will earn successful students their freshman language arts credits as well as elective credit. Placement in this course is based on 8<sup>th</sup> grade ITBS reading comprehension scores and supports the requirements of No Child Left Behind to improve proficiency rates. We continue to ask for your support to stress with your student the importance of their earnest performance on the Iowa Test of Educational Development. ITED testing this year will be **Wednesday, February 18, 2009**.

Communication is of utmost importance. Regular phone messages as well as emails and written notes home will continue to be utilized to "get the word out" to all concerned. We encourage parents

to contact the guidance office, team teachers or any of the administrators if concerns or questions arise. It is important that contact information is kept updated as the year goes along. Should your home, work or cell phone numbers or your email addresses change, it is important to let the school know so updates can be made.

We anticipate construction on our PE renovation and expansion project to be completed by the start of second term. Locker rooms will be available for both girls' and boys' PE classes at the start of first term. The weight room, additional locker rooms, storage and trainer's facilities will be completed this fall. These changes to our physical plant will have a direct, positive impact on our students' daily experiences.

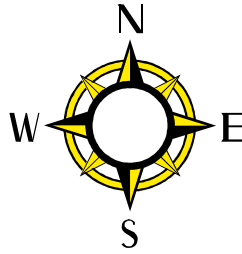
Long term building site goals have been submitted to the Director of Operations which allow for future growth and upgrades in our facility. These changes will be accomplished by utilization of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and the Local Options Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) moneys. Goals include renovation or additions to the following departments: music, IMC, guidance, science, art, family & consumer science, the softball complex and administrative offices as well as classroom reallocation which will impact every department. North will continue to grow into the future with your continued support.

We look forward to another school year with anticipation of both challenges and successes. We are proud of our North High Family and ask for your continued support and participation in our journey to achieving academic success for all our students.—

Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal

## North Staff Attend HSTW Summer Conference

Special thanks to the nine members of the North High faculty who attended the SREB 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Staff Development Conference July 9-12 in Nashville. In attendance were Bob Gipson, Yvette Bowe, Jake Conner, Mike Marshall, Julie McFarland, SSgt Darwin McNeil, Peggy Gustafson, Lorie Moyer and Dr. Betsy Fair. It was a great week of sharing and learning from the experts and practitioners. The conference reaffirmed that the High Schools That Work 10 Key Practices, which we practice as a HSTW high school, enhance our students' experiences and help us to deliver a more relevant course of study as we continue to explore ways to make sure your student is better prepared for post-secondary options. We are proud of North's accomplishments and look forward to our 7<sup>th</sup> year following these precepts and being high school reform leaders for the Davenport Schools. We are happy to report that by following our lead every intermediate school and high school in Davenport will be working with SREB under either the Making Middle Grades Work or High Schools That Work framework starting this fall. Central High School joins the rest of the Davenport secondary schools this fall as a HSTW high school.



“Advocating for Student Success”

This school year North High School has three counselors available to assist students through their high school years. Counselors meet with students periodically regarding scheduling,

### North High School Guidance and Counseling Department

Students are assigned by their last name  
to the following counselors

A – G Mrs. Jean Borgstadt  
H – O Ms. Amy Wine  
P – Z Ms. Kay Anthony

#### Guidance Office Secretary

Mrs. Debra Huch

### How do I See My Counselor?

It's easy, just stop by the Guidance Office and fill out a “Request for Guidance Services” form. Your counselor will then send for you. Do you have a personal problem or emergency and need to see someone as soon as possible? Please tell the guidance secretary and she will refer you to the “Response Counselor of the Day” for immediate assistance.

## Student Class Schedules

Student schedules are based upon course selections made by students and parents during the registration period. According to school board policy, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to be in attendance on a full-time basis. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are assigned to four block classes each term.

Every effort is made to ensure student schedules are accurate; however, counselors may need to substitute a class if there is a conflict. Students are responsible for notifying their counselor if they have previously taken a course and passed.

## Schedule Changes.....

The week following each mid-term is designated as “Schedule Change Week”. During this week students may request a schedule change for the next term. Request forms will be available in the guidance office and must be turned in by the Friday of the “Schedule Change Week”.

Some requests may require a parent signature. Changes will be approved based on availability and class sizes.

Only errors in schedules will be changed at the beginning of each term.



Schedule Change Days - August 13, 2008- 1:00pm - 3:00pm - IMC  
August 14, 2008 - 8:00am - Noon - IMC

If you wish to request a change in your schedule, counselors will be available during the above times. Only corrections in schedules will be made once school begins!!

**Scholarships and College Representatives.....**

Seniors ~ take advantage of the "Guidance News" postings of scholarships and colleges visiting North. The "Guidance News" is posted in the main hall display window, the Guidance Office window and many classrooms. Check often!

**ACT Test Dates**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	September 20 – October 3, 2008
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8 – 20, 2008
February 7, 2009**	January 6, 2009	January 7 – 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 – March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9 – 22, 2009

**SAT Test Dates**

Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Dead- lines*	International Registration Deadlines**		
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)	Early (International only)	Regular
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008	September 16, 2008	August 26, 2008	September 9, 2008
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008	September 10, 2008	September 26, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008	October 15, 2008	November 5, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009	December 3, 2008	December 26, 2008
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009	N/A	N/A
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009	March 11, 2009	March 31, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009	April 15, 2009	May 5, 2009



### The Pursuit Newspaper

For only \$4 you can purchase the school newspaper for the entire year. Please make these payments at Registration. The Pursuit publishes 10 times a year and keeps students and parents updated, well-informed, and entertained as the dedicated newspaper staff showcases North High School. Thank you for your loyal support of high school journalism.



### 2009 Norwica News

At registration, you may order the 2009 Norwica with a deposit of \$30 or by paying the full amount of \$65. This nationally award-winning publication contains 168 pages of full color memories plus a DVD that covers the events from the spring term. During the month of October personalization with icons and names may be ordered in the Activities Office. From September through December you may order yearbooks online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) by using a credit or debit card.

**Yearbook -- it's YOUR book**

Be sure that you have a yearbook for signing all those memories next May.

### Parents Partnering with Parents

The vision for this new organization is to provide a system to nurture students from adolescence through early adulthood by enhancing their high school experience. It is designed to focus on the positive development of students, while steering them away from society's negative influences and peer pressures. Meetings are held at school each quarter. Topics will be parent-driven based on issues specific to North High School and its feeder schools. Come and be a part of shaping this new group. Parental assistance is needed to help with organization and general operation. Please call Deb Frick (386-8933 – [jdbba@mchsi.com](mailto:jdbba@mchsi.com)) or Joan Walton (391-2738 – [djwalt4@msn.com](mailto:djwalt4@msn.com))



### Parent Assistant

The Davenport Community School District has launched Parent Assistant to further promote excellence and to enhance communication with parents. Parent Assistant allows parents to view their own child's unofficial school records through the Internet. For an application please contact Sandy Schachow in the Main Office.

### Student Parking

Student parking permits cost \$25.00 for the year. Applications to park in the NHS student parking lot can be picked up from the Activities Office.

### Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Welcome to North High School and our 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer, and that your students are getting excited about attending North during the 2008-2009 school year.

North High Schools' 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy is beginning its third year. The academy is a part of the Comprehensive School Reform Grant (CSR) that North received from the federal government five years ago. We established our academy to help 9<sup>th</sup> graders make an easier and more successful transition to the high school experience. Each entering freshmen is assigned to an academy team that consists of four core teachers (English, math, social studies, and science), and a guidance counselor. Some classes have co-teachers. Additionally, Dr. Betsy Fair, Associate Principal for Learning and Curriculum, oversees the academy with Mr. Russ Williams, Associate Principal for discipline.

The goals and purpose of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy are simple and include:

- § Improved student achievement as measured by the number of students promoted to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, number of students passing courses and earning all credits, and number of students recognized for student achievement.
- § Improved student attendance as measured by the numbers of students in school **and** attending **all** classes **on time**.
- § Having 9<sup>th</sup> graders become more connected to a set of teachers and peers through our team approach
- § Encouraging students to participate in extra curricular activities and attending school functions.
- § Recognizing student achievement through regular award assemblies and other promotional programs.

We encourage parents to be active participants in their student's education by attending events, responding to school communication and encouraging their student to do their best.



## WILDCAT SPORTS

Wildcat athletes! Fall sports seasons are right around the corner. If you are interested in participating, practices start on the dates listed below. If you have any questions about these activities, feel free to contact the Activities Office at 388-9880.

Boys Golf: August 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Mike Marshall)  
Girls Swimming: August 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Guy Heller)  
Volleyball: August 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Amy Baker)  
Boys Cross Country: August 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Tony Valainis)  
Girls Cross Country: August 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Jen Paul)  
Football: Camp begins August 4<sup>th</sup>  
(Coach Jon Flynn)

All athletes are reminded that a current physical is required for participation in interscholastic sports. Physical forms are available in the Activities Office.

The Fall Sports Kickoff will take place on **Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 5:30 on the East Lawn at North High School. This event is a great opportunity for you to get a glimpse of the fall sports teams, to purchase your spirit items for the 2008-2009 school year, and to show your Wildcat support. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

## Dates to Remember!

**Monday & Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**,  
Ninth Grade JUMP Academy, 1-5 pm

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, Ninth Grade Orientation, 6 pm-complimentary Hotdog Roast on the east lawn, 7 pm-program in the auditorium

**Wednesday – Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**,  
Registration

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**, Schedule change date 1-3pm, IMC

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, Schedule change date 8-noon, IMC

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, First day of classes

**Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**, First football game @ Clinton

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, ID Pictures taken

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, Ninth Grade Lock-In

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, First Term Parent-Teacher Conferences and Mid-term report cards

**Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, First Term report cards distributed



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## Registrations Dates & Times

**Wednesday, August 6**

12-5:30 pm  
Freshman Registration

**Thursday, August 7**

12-7 pm  
Registration for all grades

**Friday, August 8**

12-5:30 pm  
Registration for all grades

These registration dates will take place in the Auditorium

**Monday, August 11** Late registration

8 am-2 pm.  
In the Activities Office

## For Your Convenience . . .

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**To contact a staff member by email -**  
[www.davenportschools.org/north](http://www.davenportschools.org/north)

**To access school calendar -**  
[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

## NHS Administrative Team

Jane Artman-Andrews, Principal  
Lorie Moyer, Associate Principal  
Betsy Fair, Associate Principal  
Russ Williams, Associate Principal  
Jon Flynn, Assistant Principal /Activities