Dear Parents/Guardians,

It’s autumn! What?! We have experienced a number of successes, of which we are proud.

- Our Marching Bears won the US Bands National competition in its class, a wonderful even at the MetLife Stadium this past weekend. Go, Marching Bears!

- Three of our fall sports teams are headed to states.

- 67% of our AP students who took AP exams in May earned a 3 or higher.

- Our new culinary lab, formerly a part of our auto shop, is open and ready for service.

For those of you returning to NHS, please continue your involvement whether it’s through a parent club, a sports booster organization, or simply being engaged in asking your son/daughter about his/her schoolwork and following up with teachers when you have questions (or commendations!). For those parents who are new to us, please see our homepage for pertinent information, the Norwalk High School Parents’ Club Facebook page, be sure to read our weekly Thursday email, and make note of the emails from class advisors regarding information specific to the class. September and October were busy months with a blood drive, campus cleanups organized by parents, and our annual Haunted House; this month will be as well with college representatives meeting with students in the Career Center every day and students preparing for college applications.

We’re glad you’re here!

Sincerely,

Reginald Roberts
Principal, Norwalk High School
(203) 838-4481
The Norwalk High School Marching Band has done it again! The kids are working hard, and doing a phenomenal job, scoring well, and proving to be tough competition for the 1st place trophy each week with a score of 85 at McMahon High School, 86.25 and Best score of the show at Naugatuck High School, Cheshire High School with an 88 and at our Home Show “Cavalcade of Bands” with a 90. Now, with the end of the season in sight, they will kick it up a notch to defend their title of New England State Champions on October 26 at Naugatuck High School, 86.25 and Best score of the show at Naugatuck High School, Cheshire High School with an 88 and at our Home Show “Cavalcade of Bands” with a 90. Now, with the end of the season in sight, they will kick it up a notch to defend their title of New England State Champions on October 26 at Naugatuck High School and defending their title of US Bands National Champions on November 9th at MetLife Stadium. Come on out, wear green, and sit in the stands to cheer them on -- they really deserve your support!

Our biggest fund-raiser of the year was also this month -- NHS’s annual home show, the Cavalcade of Bands on Saturday, October 12th. This is our 36th year in production. The marching competition highlighting 13 bands from the tri-state area with performances every 15 minutes throughout the day followed by the awards ceremony. Did you know our own Matt O'Callaghan one of our Drum Majors and Eric Morales one of our marimba players sang in a small group of the National anthem? Congratulations to the senior members of the NHS Band who were recognized during this program with a special presentation. We are very proud of the Norwalk band family for hosting this successful event. This program could not have happened without the support of the amazing band parents and alumni. Many thanks to everyone that attended and helped out in so many ways!

Looking ahead, when the Marching Season is over, the winter percussion and winter guard will begin their rehearsals along with the musical “Willy Wonka” Stay tuned for more news in the upcoming winter season.

How can I support the NHS Marching Band?
By attending Band events and competitions to cheer them on each week.

By contributing to their monthly Can and Bottle drive held at Andrews Field on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00am - 1:00pm. This event is year round.

By purchasing Gift Cards for Stew Leonard's, Stop & Shop, Shop Rite and O'Neill's Restaurant. Now you can also link your Shop Rite gift cards to your Price Plus card online. Information on how to purchase Gift Cards is posted on the band website www.nhsband.com in the Fundraising section. The band gets up to 10% back from all gift card sales.

Thank you for supporting the NHS Marching band!
From The English Department

Welcome Fall and Happy Thanksgiving

**Grade 9** teachers are introducing CAPSTONE to students and leading students through exploration exercises to find topics and readings of personal interest for each person. This is a flexible approach to exploration and should not cause stress for anyone as we plan to work with students twice a month on CAPSTONE related activities.

**Grade 10** classes saw Dear Evan Hansen on Broadway last week. Thirty five students opted to participate and teachers and staff around the building raised money or made donations to help everyone have equal access to attend the trip. More than $700 was raised. The show really touched students since Evan Hansen struggles in his senior year but emerges a year later as a newly confident and authentic adult. The students had already read the novel so they can make content and stylistic comparisons. The novel is available for other classes as well.

**Grade 11** teachers are analyzing PSAT test questions where students showed weaknesses. In reinforcing the learning that is needed to perform better, teachers have been able to address skills that improve students’ reading comprehension and writing.

**Grade 12** teachers are adding elective courses to next year’s Program of Studies in order to give students more choices. Additionally, we are watching grade 12 students complete college essays and job applications and arrange internships for later in the year.

**Some department-wide updates are:**

In light of this year’s scheduling difficulties for AP students, Central Office has given approval to the department to offer both AP Language and AP Literature as mixed classes. That way, the classes can accept 11th or 12th grade students to accommodate a student’s availability. As a result, and since the content is very different in each course, students can take one or both of the courses in any order.

We are thrilled to announce that the Creative Writing Club got a facelift! With a great new poster and DMCA student-designed logo, the club will begin meeting on Wednesdays in November. Students can see Mr. Pagano or attend a meeting in 216D for more information. The publication timeline is yet to be determined.
NHS WATER BOTTLE SALE!

Buy one in Ms. DeMatteo’s Room 204S

$12

Cell Phone Wallets - $5

Buy both for a total of $15!
The NHS art department has 3 upcoming art exhibits and juried competitions.

Our first exhibit will be the Art Show at Candlelight. The Candlelight Art Show runs from December 9th through 20th, 2019. The Candlelight Art Show will be open during school hours and Candlelight performances.

In mid-December students will submit work to the 2020 CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards. The due date is December 12th. The juried art show competition is held at the Hartford Art School, Slupe Gallery.

In January, NHS art students will be invited to submit artwork to the Teen Visions Regional art competition, hosted by Sacred Heart University’s Department of Art & Design and sponsored by Jerry’s Artarama in Norwalk. The Opening Reception will be held Sunday January 31st at Sacred Heart University.

We wish our future award-winning students luck!
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Parents rarely resist meningitis vaccines but are reluctant to get HPV vaccinations for their children. Connecticut Department of Public Health requires that all children receive a Meningococcal vaccine prior to entrance into the seventh grade. A second dose of the vaccine is given after age sixteen, prior to high school graduation. The CDC also recommends the administration of a second two dose meningococcal vaccine for a different strain of the disease (meningitis) for teens.

During 2005-2011, an estimated 800-1,200 cases of meningococcal disease occurred annually in the United States, representing an incidence of 0.3 cases per 100,000 population, a rare but not inconsequential number.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common STD, with an estimated 80 percent of sexually active people contracting it at some point in their lives; 14 million new infections occur yearly in the United States. About 79 million people men and women are thought to have an active HPV infection at any given time. And yet parents are reluctant to have their children vaccinated with the HPV vaccine despite the overwhelmingly large number of active cases.

HPV vaccination does not increase the likelihood of a teen engaging in sexual activities but it does decrease the rate of infection for students later in life. While a student may remain sexually inactive until marriage, they cannot be sure that their partner has not contracted HPV in a prior relationship.

HPV vaccines reduce the risk of HPV infections which can lead to certain types of cancers in later years.

Please consider vaccinating your child against HPV infection the way you do for meningococcal infections.
Class of 2020 Lawn Signs
$20.00 Each
Order Form

CLASS OF
2020
CONGRATS SENIORS

Student Name: ___________________________  Advisory Room: ________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ___________________________________________________________________
Payment: Check#_________________________  Cash: __________________
Email Address: ___________________________________________________________________

**Delivery Method: Place a √ next to method**
Pickup at NHS: ______  Deliver to address above: ______  Pickup at: 17 Pine Hill Avenue ______
Return this form and your payment to: Ms. Ireland, Room A215
If you have any questions, contact Vicki at Perezvr@optonline.net

*Thank you for Supporting the Class of 2020!*
**News from the Music Department**

On November 16th, 25 NHS music students from the choir, band and orchestra will participate in the CMEA Western Region auditions at New Fairfield High School. Students who succeed in these competitive auditions will win a position in one of the CT Western Region ensembles and will also be eligible to audition for the CT All State ensembles. We wish them luck!

The NHS Fall Play is back! 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse opens Thursday November 14th with shows also on the 15th and 16th at 7:00 pm in the NHS auditorium. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for students and seniors available at the door or online at https://10ways.brownpapertickets.com. Don’t miss it!!

Save the date! Candlelight: December 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 pm. Ticket information will be available in mid-November on the NHS website and also on the band, orchestra and choral websites. Please contact Ms. Burkhalter, with any questions at burkhalterj@norwalkps.org.

---

**Photography with Mr. Franco**

Two kids took to the great outdoors to practice capturing and freezing motion on film. And what better subject to photograph for motion than giant soap bubbles? On a sunny Autumn morning students went outside and created amorphous, reflective, and kaleidoscopic orbs of soap in the sky. Kids either used their cameras hand-held (for fast shutter speeds), or mounted them on tripods (to allow for slow shutters). Our student photographers shot using 400 ISO black and white film with analog single-lens reflex cameras. They are currently in the process of crafting and refining their images in the darkroom. You will be able to see some of their creative results as well as other work from the Art Department in December during the Candlelight performances here at NHS.
Class of 2020 FUNDRAISER:

B.J. Ryans B·AN·C House BBQ & Crab | Ph. 203-853-7926 | Norwalk, CT
B.J. Ryan's B·AN·C House BBQ and Crabs in Norwalk, CT serves up the area's best smoked brisket, baby back ribs, pulled pork, sausage and more. If meat is not your thing, try their fresh crabs including snow crab, dungeness crab, Alaskan crab and blue crabs. Great salads, sandwiches and entrees are also on the menu including a kid's menu.

www.bjryans.com

DATE: Monday, November 25
TIME: 5-9 pm
FUNDRAISER:
Spirit Wear: Fan Cloth
Begins on Wednesday, November 13
All orders will be done online.
Orders will be delivered to NHS. Announcements will be made when students can come and pick them up.
Core Values and Beliefs

Norwalk High School, a community of students, teachers, administrators and families, embraces its diversity and encourages intellectual curiosity.

We value a safe, accepting culture rooted in a rigorous, relevant curriculum rich with technology and artistic expression.

We must challenge students to become knowledgeable, ethical citizens capable of making independent and collaborative decisions in real-world settings.

We must prepare students for the social, civic, and technological demands of the 21st century in order to effectively participate in an ever-changing global society.

If you have news or would like to contribute information for the next newsletter, please send an email to the editor of the newsletter, Mr. Anthony Rodriguez at nhsfactfinder@outlook.com.

If you want your name added to the email reminder list, please send an email to nhsfactfinder@outlook.com. Your comments and contributions are appreciated.