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Upcoming Events

-  Picture Day (08/21)
-  Student Council Freshmen Elections
-  Labor Day (09/02) (No School)

From the Principal's Desk

Where does time go? It is hard to believe that we are already more than a week into the 2013-2014 school year. I could not be happier with the start of school thanks to our parents, students and staff. Although we are ready to begin the new year, we have many reasons to look back and celebrate the 2012-2013 school year. I would like to take this time to highlight a couple of our accomplishments from last year.

First, we received an outstanding rating from an accreditation team made up of educators from across the state. The team visited the high school and evaluated all facets of how we operate. They provided us with outstanding scores along with feedback on how we can continue to improve. The accreditation team raved about our school and, in the end, gave us full accreditation. Additionally, our school's state accountability test scores improved tremendously, proving we can compete with the upper echelon of all high schools in the state of Indiana.

Although last year was major success, we have made several changes to our schedule and procedures for this year. The students and staff have embraced these changes and proceeded without missing a beat to make our school even better. For starters, you will see several new staff members around campus. We are thrilled to add them to our family and are very

excited about their future contributions to our school. (They will be highlighted later in this newsletter.)

Additionally, our new student advisory program has replaced study halls. This will give all students an opportunity to have some time built into their schedules to work on class assignments. This block of time will also provide an excellent opportunity for every student to have an adult advocate to monitor their academic progress each day and to encourage success.

Finally, we have created some time for our teachers to collaborate, focus on student results, and modify classroom instruction based on those results. Traditional schedules provide very little time for teachers to spend structured time together to focus on providing students with great instruction. We are excited about our new schedule and look forward to seeing how this collaborative time will impact student success.

There are so many positive things happening at North Harrison High School. I cannot help but feel excited about what we have already accomplished, but I am even more enthusiastic about where we are headed.

-Steve Hatton



Ms. Book

Kelly Book

Kelly Book is a North Harrison High School graduate who is joining our science department this year, teaching Biology I and Integrated Chemistry and Physics. She is excited to start the school year and is glad to be back at North Harrison High School.

Ms. Book is a University of Louisville graduate and a former member of the

U of L pep band, where she played clarinet and attended many sporting events. She was a student teacher at Floyd Central High School before coming to NHHS.

Ms. Book plans to become a part of school culture by assisting with Academic Team and acting as junior class co-sponsor.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading and watching *Downton Abbey*.



Mr. Keim

Alex Keim

Alex Keim is new to both the North Harrison High School family and to southern Indiana. Mr. Keim is from northern Indiana, though he has also lived in Illinois. He received his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Valparaiso University and did his student teaching at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, Indiana.

Right now, Mr. Keim spends his free time planning lessons, though he once enjoyed playing video games and skateboarding. Mr. Keim even attended a skateboard camp in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Keim is joining NHHS as the new chorus director and the assistant band director. He is a percussionist, and his wife plays piano and oboe.



Mr. Striegel

Dana Striegel

Dana Striegel is a familiar face who has been welcomed back into North Harrison High School with open arms. He was a member of the science department at NHHS for thirty-three years before retiring in 2012. He could not stay away for long and has returned as the In-School Suspension monitor.

Mr. Striegel taught honors Biology, Earth/Space Science, General Science, and Anatomy/Physiology during his time at NHHS. He is currently teaching Oceanography and Marine Biology at Indiana University Southeast.

Mr. Striegel was a mid-term graduate of Floyd Central High School and has degrees

from Indiana University, Indiana University Southeast, and University of Louisville. He has a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, and a Master's Plus 30, all in secondary education.

In his free time, Mr. Striegel enjoys all activities outdoors, including "squatching." He has a reoccurring dream of a Sasquatch encounter and is fascinated by the elusive beast of lore.

Dee McAfee

Dee McAfee has joined North Harrison High School as the new guidance office secretary. She previously worked for Blue River Services, Inc. as an administrative/property manager.

Mrs. McAfee graduated from West Washington High School. She is married to

Travis McAfee and has two daughters. Alyssa McAfee graduated from North Harrison High School in 2012, and Jourdan McAfee is currently a sophomore at the high school.



Mrs. McAfee

Amy Woodward

Amy Woodward is doing something she has always wanted to do by joining North Harrison High School as a member of the English department. Mrs. Woodward taught for one year at Clarksville High School a while back and has since only taken temporary or substitute teaching positions.

Mrs. Woodward graduated from North Harrison High School and received her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Indiana University Southeast.

Mrs. Woodward has two daughters who attend NHHS – Natalie Hollensead, a junior, and Ava Hollensead, a freshman. She has been married to Matt Woodward for three years. Her family also includes a dog, Abbey.

Mrs. Woodward enjoys “English teacher hobbies” in her spare time – reading and gardening, namely. She also enjoys fishing and is very involved in activities within her church community. She is also a *Downton Abbey* fan and plans to host a party when the new season airs.



Mrs. Woodward

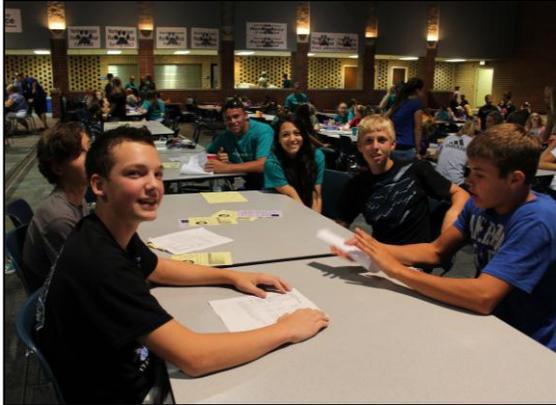
Document Cameras Can Be a Game-Changer in the Classroom

A document camera is not a new invention, but it is new to Mrs. Richardson's English class this year. Document cameras are useful classroom resources that allow the students an up-close view of a teacher's demonstration without ever leaving their desks. Demonstrations that would normally require students to move around the room, vying for the best view, are now projected onto the Smart Board screen in the classroom for all to comfortably see. It is a one-on-one experience for the students, but this technique allows the teacher to work with the group as a whole.

The IPEVO document camera, kindly donated to Mrs. Richardson's classroom by local business Fred Smith Store Fixtures, has been a valuable tool for showing students how to create mind maps, set up their writers' notebooks, and craft vocabulary cards, without the need for the teacher to turn her back on the students or the worry that not all students will be able to see the demonstration. Technology resources such as these help freshmen up older classroom techniques for our twenty-first century students.



Students in Mrs. Richardson's Honors English 9 class follow along with a demonstration that utilizes the document camera.



Freshmen Trevor Clifton, Dalton Tyree, Kelby Deaton, and Jacob Morin review their schedules during Freshmen Orientation.

New Freshmen Orientation Program a Great Success

Freshman orientation, although different, was a success this year. Over seventy North Harrison Student Council members gave more than 120 freshmen a brief tour of the school. After dinner and various announcements about school clubs and rules, the parents of the freshman were invited to walk with their students to their

classes during a simulated bell schedule, which was a new addition to the orientation schedule. Each teacher quickly explained the rules and expectations of their class to the parents and their children. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

Leo Club Works to Help Juvenile Diabetes Research

Leo Club is a volunteer organization that offers many great opportunities to help improve our community. Every March we host a talent show at NHHS. All proceeds from the talent show the past two years went to juvenile diabetes research (JDRF). As part of this, we participated in a JDRF walk at Holiday World in May. We were able to contribute over \$850 to JDRF this year!



Leo Club members with sponsor Martha Tillquist at the JDRF walk at Holiday World.



2013-2014 Varsity Cheerleaders

2013-2014 Varsity Cheerleaders Ready to Go After Great Summer

The 2013-2014 Varsity Cheerleaders are excited for the games to begin. They attended cheer camp this summer at USI and came in 3rd at the competition there. We have a great group of girls and are excited for Rickey to rejoin us after his basic training for the Army.

NHHS Mission:

*emPowering learners
through colLaboration to
aChieve success!*

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**ONE
MORE
THING!**

The next PTO meeting
will be **Thursday,**
August 22nd at
6:00 p.m. in the
high school library.

High Hopes for Cross Country Season

The upcoming cross country season will be full of high expectations. With All-State runner Jonathan Reynolds – a North Harrison High School graduate – racing at U of L, there will be big shoes to fill for the boys' team this year.

The varsity veterans returning to the boys' team are juniors Daniel Fleace, Curtis Wetzell, and Jacob Faith, and the returning lettering sophomores are Andrew Robertson and Tyler Hood. New to the high school team this year are freshmen Collier Smith and Chance Schickel, and first-time runners junior Austin Powell and senior Cameron Smith. The boys are coached by middle school science teacher Tim Martin. The boys' team is excited for upcoming meets and hopes to qualify for the State meet in Terre Haute.

The girls' team is led by senior veteran Shelby Lindsey, and juniors Ashton Bosler, Haley Elliott, and Natalie Hollensead. Newcomers to the team include freshmen Stevie Burns, Sydney Fravel, Payton Fravel and Lexie Terrell. Foreign exchange student Karin Blos, from Germany, will also be joining this year. The girls are coached by middle school FACS teacher Jackie Sauerheber. The girls are excited for the upcoming season and hope to qualify for the State meet.

The upcoming cross country season should be very fun and successful. I hope many of you will come out and support this great program at all their meets and at the Cougar Classic on September 5th.

- Cameron Smith



2013 Cross Country Team
(not pictured: Stevi Burns)

The vision of North Harrison High School is to provide a collaborative learning environment that encourages each student to realize their fullest potential academically and socially.