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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Debbie Diggs

Dear North Fort Myers High School Families and Community:

The school year is flying by quickly and it seems like only yesterday I was greeting you for the first time. 2016-2017 has been full of incredible performances, student and staff achievements, and completed/ongoing projects. We have had students recognized this year in the Arts and/or Athletics at the school, local, district, regional, state and national levels.

Our seniors have already been awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship money (that keeps growing by the week) and have received acceptance to top ranked institutions such as MIT, Duke, Boston University, Purdue, and many of the state universities. We have had another 73 students earn their AICE diploma just this year and all of our current students have officially logged over 40,000 of community service while in high school. Our students are simply amazing! Even with staff, we have had several named as Teachers of Distinction, Teachers of the Year in their subject area and a District Support Staff of the Year finalist. We are surrounded by excellence in education.

A multitude of projects have been completed or are well underway this year. In the Arts, we have seen an expansion of visible Artwork on our campus, upgraded lighting, sound and visual auditorium systems, updated the lighting in our TV Studio and purchased a 3-D printer for Digital Design students. In the area of athletics, we have made improvements in our Track & Field facilities, wrestling equipment storage system and with the help of staff, coaches, parents and students, baseball & softball areas. In looking at overall general operating and facility improvements, we have expanded our student recognition program, majorly expanded our website calendars, upgraded both AC Chiller units, increased our security staff and cameras, installed new signage and have begun construction on our new outdoor science learning laboratory. We have several projects getting ready to gear up including the installation of a new JROTC Raider training course, upgrade of our Field House and Athletic Training facility, increase of outdoor athletic storage areas, conversion of the media center to a Student Union/Resource Learning Center and much, much more.

It's no wonder that North Fort Myers High School continues to be a highly sought after school in our area. As the first batch of student enrollment has come to a close, we

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received over 600 applications for our AICE and ARTS programs that represented over 440 students. This was a 53% increase in applications and a 42% increase in applicants over last year. The caliber of students who apply grows stronger and more competitive every year. While we have yet to receive final enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year, with our accepted applications and regular student assignment numbers, we are anticipating a freshmen class of over 500...one of the largest in North's history. GO BIG RED!

Our final weeks this quarter have students and staff in full gear preparing for intense academic study, final culminating performances and projects and many state, AP and AICE assessments. While summer break is on the horizon, please help our students maintain their focus and grit to push through successfully. Sufficient sleep each night, a healthy breakfast at home or free in our cafeteria before school, consistent/timely attendance and regular monitoring of grades on FOCUS are all critical factors parents/guardians can help with that truly make a difference. Students are most successful when home and school work as a team and we are so fortunate to have you on our team. Thank you for all you do to support our students and our school.

Once a Red Knight, Always a Red Knight

Debbie Diggs, Proud Principal of North Fort Myers High School

ADMINISTRATION TEAM



(L to R) John Drake, Assistant Principal of Administration, Joy Marks, Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Debbie Diggs, Principal, Michelle Stewart, Assistant Principal, Doug McKeever, Assistant Principal

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PARENT SURVEY

Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with Vision 2020 Goal 2, Target 1 (parent engagement) and Goal 4, Target 5 (customer service), a Parent Survey has been developed by the School District of Lee County. The survey is designed to elicit feedback regarding the level of engagement parents have with their child's education and their perceptions of the level of customer service they receive from their child's school. This survey will be available through May 1, 2017 and we welcome your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6NKCN6>

SCHOOL'S OUT. FREE MEALS ARE IN

The School District of Lee County will be participating in the USDA Summer Food Service Program from June 5th of this year through July 28th. Participating sites will provide nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under. Meals are free. There are no income or registration requirements.

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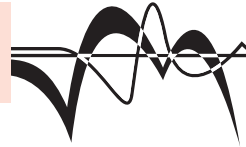
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TESTING

With the approaching end of the school year, we also approach a busy time of the year for testing and exams for students. Some tests will be state mandated tests, such as English Language Reading and Writing or End Of Course exams in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology, and US History. These tests have been or will be given at various times during the months of March, April, and May.

In addition, students in AICE and AP courses will be taking tests during a span of several weeks starting in the last week of April and continuing into the second week of June. Students in each class are notified ahead of time of the date and time for each test so they can tell you ahead of time, especially if it is an afternoon test that will not end in time for bus transportation.

The AICE Exam Schedule is also posted at the NFMHS Website at <http://northfortmyershigh.sites.thedigitalbell.com/cambridge-aice-program>

Juniors should consider registering to take the ACT and/or SAT college entrance tests. Test Dates, Registration Deadlines for each Test Date, and Test Fees are available at the following websites for the last ACT and SAT Test dates in 2016-17:

- ACT – www.actstudent.org – May 5 regular registration deadline for June 10 Test
- SAT – www.sat.collegeboard.org/register - May 9 regular registration deadline for June 3 Test

A limited number of fee waivers are available for students approved for Free or Reduced Lunch. The student needs to see their counselor if they qualify for one.

REGISTRATION

The School Counselors have begun meeting with current students and accepting student course requests for the 2017-18 school year. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 received 2017-18 Course Selection Forms during a recent Advisory Period. They took that form to their current teachers for class recommendations and then met with their counselors from February 24 through March 21.

After that meeting, each student received a copy of their selections on their Course Selection Form. We encourage you to review those choices with your student and notify the counselor of any requested changes to those selections.

Students will be choosing eight periods of courses and at least three alternate courses in case their first choices are unavailable or do not fit the schedule. At this time, only course requests are taken; not requests for a specific class period or a specific teacher, as that information has not yet been determined.

Students who request On Job Training periods (OJT; leaving school early for a job) and/or Dual Enrollment courses will have an information form to bring home for parent approval. This form contains information about the program and requires the signature of a parent or guardian, approving the student's participation in that program during the 2017-18 school year. If that form is not returned with the parent/guardian signature by the deadline, then the student will not be placed in courses for that program and the alternate courses that the student selected will be assigned.

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IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES AND INFORMATION 2017

FINAL SEMESTER INFORMATION – CLASS MEETING JANUARY 11, 2017

DATE	EVENT	TIMES	LOCATION
April 21-22	*Grad Bash	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.	Universal Studios
April 24	Senior Awards	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
May 6	*Prom	6:30 – 10:30 p.m.	Burroughs Home
May 8	Last Regular Instructional Day for Seniors	7:05 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.	NFMHS
May 9 – 12	Senior Final Exams (See Exam schedule on back)	7:15 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.	NFMHS
May 12	Cap / Gown Pick-up All Fees and Fines should be cleared to pick up	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
May 18	Graduation Rehearsal Mandatory to participate in Graduation Ceremony. Graduation Tickets will be distributed during rehearsal.	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Grace Church (Hancock Bridge Pkwy)
May 18	Baccalaureate	6:30 p.m.	First Christian Church (2061 McGregor Blvd.)
May 21	Graduation Ceremony	2:30 p.m.	Lee Civic Center

*Participation in these events is dependent upon school attendance. Excessive absences (10 days or more) will result in the loss of privileges until the requirement of an attendance contract have been met.

AICE Exams	FSW Final Exams	Advanced Placement Exams
April 24 – June 8	April 27 – May 3	May 1 – May 12

- ✓ Stay on top of grades for best GPA
- ✓ Review Academic History to ensure all graduation Requirements have been met
- ✓ Register for Bright Futures and FASFA
- ✓ Pay attention to scholarship eligibility criteria and deadlines
- ✓ Resolve fees / fines and return textbooks & Chromebook prior to picking up Cap and Gown
- ✓ Order Cap and Gown now
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Make good decisions to ensure that you walk
- ✓ Enjoy your senior year.



SENIOR NEWS!



Senior Final Exams

Each Final Exam constitutes 20% of the semester grade

Date	Final Exam Schedule
Monday, May 8	Regular Bell Schedule---Last Regular Instructional Day for Seniors
Tuesday, May 9	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 1 & 3
Wednesday, May 10	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 2 & 4
Thursday, May 11	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 5 & 7
Friday, May 12	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 6 & 8
Monday, May 15	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up exams given as needed
Tuesday, May 16	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up exams given as needed
Wednesday, May 17	Regular Bell Schedule Make-up exams given as needed
Thursday, May 18	Mandatory Graduation Practice at Grace Church
Sunday, May 21	Graduation, 2:30 p.m. at The Lee Civic Center

*Seniors enrolled in an EOC course will be given an academic assignment to be put into the quarter 4 gradebook during this time frame, since they will take the FSA EOC for that individual course.

SENIOR FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION CRITERIA

The following exam exemption policy applies to SENIORS ONLY. If you have a senior who meets the exemption criteria. This policy excludes Dual Enrollment, AP or AICE Exams.

Seniors who meet the following criteria are exempt from final exams:

- Only seniors can waive second semester exams.
- Student must have an A or B average in the class for second semester.
- Student must have no external suspensions during semester 2.
- Advanced Placement, AICE, and Dual Enrollment exams must be administered. No exemptions can be given for these courses.
- When an exam is waived, the two nine-week grades for second semester will be averaged to obtain a semester average for the course.
- Only those seniors who meet ALL the criteria as stated above may be exempt from exams at the end of second semester.

SENIOR & SUMMER COUNSELING NEWS

Any Senior who plans to attend any university, college, or vocational program after graduation needs to send a transcript showing graduation to their new school. Students may now submit that request using the standard transcript request form. Copies of all requested final transcripts will be sent as soon as those transcripts are received. Final Transcript Requests are \$1.00 each, payable at the time the request is submitted. Please note that **ALL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING WITH THE STUDENT'S SIGNATURE**; no phone or email requests can be accepted.

Any Senior who took or is taking a Dual Enrollment course through Florida Southwestern State College or Florida Gulf Coast University also needs to request that a final high school transcript be sent to FSWSC or FGCU. In addition, the STUDENT (not North Fort Myers High School) needs to request that a Florida Southwestern State College or Florida Gulf Coast University transcript be sent to the college or university they plan to attend. The college or university they plan to attend will NOT award college transfer credit solely based on the Dual Enrollment class being included on the high school transcript. The student who has earned the dual enrollment credit must be the one who requests that the FSWSC or FGCU transcript be sent in order to transfer the FSWSC or FGCU credit to their 2017-18 college or university.

At this time, it is probable that the Guidance Office will be closed most dates from June 12-July 21, so it is essential that Seniors make these requests before the end of school to ensure that they are processed and sent on time. Requests submitted after June 12 may not be processed until the School Counseling Office reopens on July 24.



POETRY OUT LOUD

Winner – Breanna Johnson

The ninth annual Poetry Out Loud recitation was held on the evening of February 15th. Eight contestants recited their poems to an audience of family and friends. After two Rounds of recitations, third place was awarded to Aryvelle Zaliauskas and second place to Alexis Odebralski, our winner Breanna Johnson, who gave compelling presentation of “Caged Bird” by Maya Angelou, headed to Tampa to represent North at the state competition held March 11 on the campus of the University of South Florida.



INTERACT CLUB MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING AT THE LORETTA PURISH TRACK INVITATIONAL



From left to right are Ridley Morgan, Kaleigh Edwards, Sydney Meyers and Caitlin Cantrell.



TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Take Stock in Children is a scholarship and mentor program that offers eligible Lee County District Public School 9th graders a full 4-year tuition scholarship upon graduation from high school providing the student has fulfilled his/her contract and met the requirements of the program. This spring, two of North’s freshman received this prestigious scholarship award: Vivian Bernard and Madison Krieger. Congratulations to these fine young ladies.



Madison with Alicia Miller and Kelly Thawley



Vivian with Alicia Miller and Kelly Thawley

YEARBOOKS STILL ON SALE!

This year’s yearbook THEME is RED! It is IncREDible. We have sold out the last couple of years. We are close to being SOLD OUT again. So don’t be left out, get your yearbook while you still can.

You can still order your yearbooks online at www.jostens.com or by sending cash or check (payable to North Ft Myers H.S.)

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Mirro the yearbook advisor at dianemir@leeschools.net.

CHORUS NEWS

The North Fort Myers H. S. Chorus has had a busy year. The accomplishments of the chorus students has been tremendous.

All County Choir participants were Katryna Celek, Sarah Cabrera, Taylyn Ramos, Jessica Martin, and Kross Toregrossa.

Solo and Ensemble participants received a rating from the Florida Vocal Association as follows:

SUPERIOR rating- CLASSICAL SOLO VOICE

Chrissy Nelsons
Taylyn Ramos
Davy Webster

EXCELLENT rating – CLASSICAL SOLO VOICE

Trisha Jacques

EXCELLENT rating CLASSICAL DUET

Imani Barnes & Jessica Martin
Morgan Rooney & Emily Cornell

SUPERIOR rating – MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

Isabella Blanco
Jesse D’Arajuo
Shelby Ironmonger
Alissa Shea

EXCELLENT rating –MUSICAL THEATRE SOLO

Bethany Ryder

SUPERIOR rating – MUSICAL THEATRE DUET

Kayla Plata & Zachary Rivers

EXCELLENT rating MUSICAL THEATRE SMALL GROUP

Matthew Aparte, Andy Muniz, Zachary Rivers and Kross Torregrossa

Music Performance Assessment –

Two Choirs received SUPERIOR ratings from Florida Vocal Association
Women’s Choir- Les Belles Filles (The beautiful girls)
Mixed Choir – Cavalieri Rossi (Red Knights)

Our Final Concert (The Reason We Sing) is on

Tuesday , April 25th at 6:30

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MUSICAL ROCK OF AGES

The high energy , 80’s rock ‘n roll musical Spring production of Rock of Ages High School Edition was a huge success. This musical comedy takes place in Los Angeles

in 1987, where many people went to chase their dream of being a rock star! The musical was a way for the students to see what their parents music and dress was like in the



80’s. The musical was done on March 30, 31 and April 1 at 7 p.m. and a matinee April 2 at 2 p.m. Congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers for their support and help in making of the musical. STUDENTS, YOU ROCK!

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SAVE THE BEACH CLUB

Students cleaned up a stretch of Fort Myers Beach on March 17. Pictured below (left to right): Bryant Grafton, Brittany DuBois, Taylor Brittain, Abbigail Jalbert, Kara Reed, Austin Wilson, Kyleigh Jackson, Katie Jackson, and Ms. Agnostinelli.



NORTH HIGH JAZZ BAND

Last month, our jazz band qualified to attend the State Jazz Competition by earning an averaged Superior rating. This past weekend the North High Red Knight Jazz Band traveled to Central Florida to compete in the State Assessment where they earned Straight Superiors from all judges, the highest rating possible. Including this year, North High has ever received a rating of a superior at State Assessment THREE times since it's opening, the other two years being 1973 and 1974. Even better, this year is the ONLY time that North Jazz has ever received straight superiors at a state competition.

Congratulations to those students who are members of the Red Knight Jazz Band who helped put a HUGE accomplishment in for the North High history books!

