

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

As we approach the end of the first semester, I am pleased at all of the positive things happening at Naples High School. Teachers and staff members are striving to reach all students and improve overall student achievement. This is a very important time, academically, for all students. At this point, students should have a clear idea of where they stand in all of their classes. Now is the time to make sure they stay on track and make that extra push to raise their grades to an acceptable level. Please continue to check your child's grades on FOCUS. If your student is struggling with their classes or not living up to their potential, please contact their teacher or counselor. Finally, midterms/finals for first semester are quickly approaching. Exams will take place, January 10-13. A schedule for the week will be posted on the NHS website. **Students - please study hard and do your best!**

Winter Break will be from December 20 – January 3rd, with students returning to school on January 4th. Parents, remember that if you would like to get involved at Naples, please consider joining the School Advisory Council or the Academic Booster Club. The SAC meets on the first Monday of every month and the next meeting is on January 10th. The ABC meets on the second Tuesday of the month and the next meeting is on January 13th. If you have any questions, please call Robin Ray-Shaw at 377-2203

Have a wonderful holiday
and a Happy New Year!

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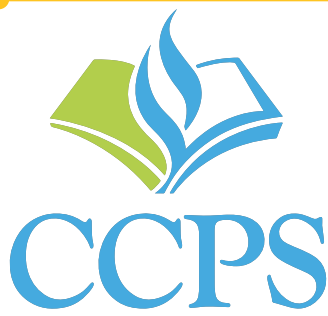
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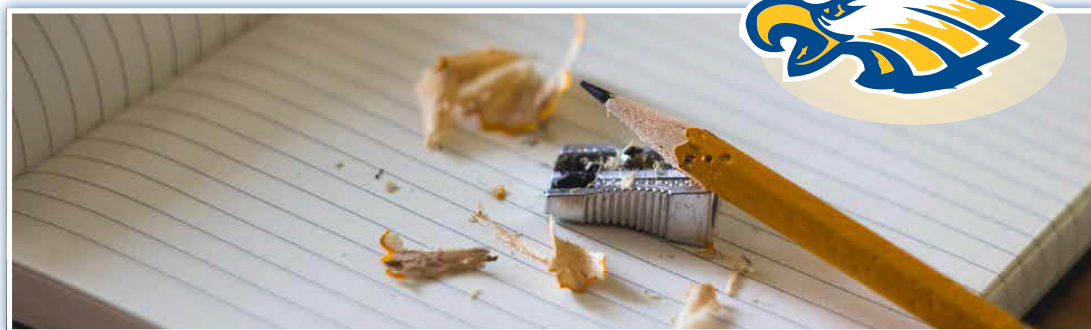
Joe Manento

As we move past quarter two, and close out the semester, half of the year school year is almost "in the books." Remember we have our mid-term exams coming up after the winter break. Exams are scheduled the week of January 10. A schedule will be posted to the website and CANVAS very soon. Be on the lookout for this special schedule!

This is time of year classes should be getting more difficult. The advanced studies courses (AP/AICE), and our honors level courses are delving deeper into the curriculum. And our electives and regular courses are more rigorous in order to have our students ready for the college/university or workforce lifestyle. Students should be taking more ownership of their learning. The teachers and administration want nothing more than for Naples High School students to be properly prepared for a life after high school. This means not only learning curriculum, but learning how to face stress, difficulty, and adversity. High School is the place to learn that not everything comes easy. With guidance from our teachers, staff, and school counselors we can help our students become well-adjusted to meet the demands of the twenty-first century. Encourage your students to not give up, and to tackle challenging assignments.

The second semester will bring new challenges for the NHS family. Seniors should be looking to make sure that they have all their requirements for graduation. Juniors should start planning for their senior year. Scheduling for the 22-23 school year is also right around the corner. Freshmen and sophomores should start planning their course of study, as well. More information regarding scheduling will be coming soon.

With this, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season, and best wishes for a safe and successful 2022! Happy New Year!



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Happy Holidays

From the Office of Student Services

Seasons Greeting from the Office of Student Relations! As we move closer to the end of the First Semester, we are beginning to see students really settle into the new school year. The excitement of an in-person homecoming, successful fall sports' seasons, and many amazing Fine Arts Program performances have made us all feel at home again.

A few reminders as we near the end of 2021... Please be sure when you have to pick up a student late in the day, you do so before 1:30PM. We encounter many issues with bus traffic in our main lot late in the day, near dismissal. Also, when requesting a student to leave before the end of the day, please send them with a note, if you are not personally picking them up from the front office. We need written documentation when allowing a student to leave for the day. Lastly, if your student is out of school for an illness, if you are able, request a physician's note so we are able to code the absences as excused. Further, this allows for us to better document your student's attendance and avoid getting into a Credit Denial situation.

Naples High School prides itself in its amazing students and they have done an excellent job this school year showing what it means to be true Golden Eagles. We have celebrated our students' academic success through monthly, Renaissance Celebrations, during lunch. Further, we continue to see a rise in Positive Referrals as we approach the Holiday Break.

Please be sure to take some time over the break with your families to relax, recharge, and get ready for a positive start to the second half of the school year. On behalf of the staff in Student Services, we wish you all an amazing Holiday Season and are looking forward to a great 2022!

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Fine Arts Department

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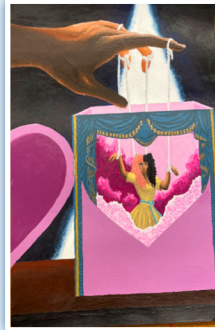
- Fifteen (15) band program students recently auditioned and won seats in the CCPS Honor Band which will take place January 27th – 29th, 2022 at Golden Gate High School.
- Additionally Dawson Huynh (Clarinet, '23) auditioned and won a seat in the Florida Music Education Association All-State Symphonic Band which will be rehearsing and performing in Tampa, Florida January 12th-15th, 2022.
- Our Jazz Band was featured by the Third Street Merchants Association for their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting; the Jazz band performed downtown and in the "snow"
- The Golden Eagle Marching Band performed, kicking off the City of Naples annual Christmas Parade.
- The Naples High School Band Program will present its Winter Concert December 15th, 2021 at 7:00pm in the NHS Auditorium.
- The Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Color Guard will all be featured. The concert is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45pm

December 7th - our Golden Eagle Band and Color Guard marched in the Naples Christmas Parade.

December 9th - our Choir and Orchestra shined with their magnificent concert at Naples High

Art

Our talented artists have been busy displaying their work throughout Collier County. This week we have 6 artists being represented at the Martin Luther King Administrative Center.



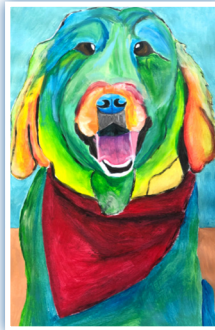
Dayna P. 11th Grade



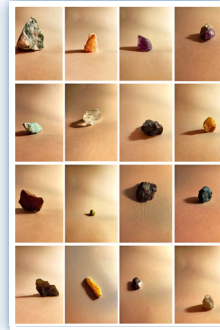
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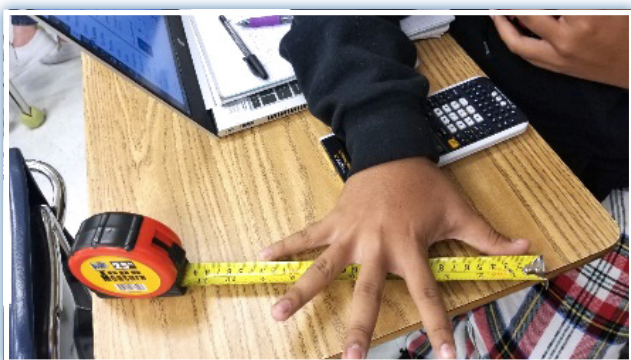
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Math Department

- The math department welcomed back former teacher, Mr. Woods. He is replacing Mrs. Maiman, and teaching Algebra 1a and 1b.
- With Algebra 1 EOC retakes coming up, our math coach, Mr. Tassoni, has been working one-on-one with our students who still need to earn this requirement.
- NHS Probability and Statistics students have been learning how to create models that help make estimates about populations and individuals. While investigating single variables, such as hand length, students learned how to create a model (a Normal model) that could be used to predict how often one would see a randomly selected range of hand-sizes. Students measured their own hand-sizes, compiled data, and found the inherent pattern within their data set. After working with one variable, students then collected data on how many pieces of candy they can pick up. Students were able to create another model (Linear) that allows us to predict the number of candies someone would be able to pick up if we know their hand-size. Since then, students have been learning about other types of models (Exponential and Power), and how they can be used to predict things in real life, such as volume, area, absorption rates and the intensity of light.



Happy Winter Break from the NHS Math Department!

'Twas the weeks before winter break, when all through the school,

Every math teacher was teaching all the math rules.

Assignments were given to the students with care,

In hopes that their grades would not be bare.

The students were nervous and starting to dread,
their upcoming midterms filling their heads.

And our math coach was tutoring some of our students,
With EOC retakes and SAT's approaching, it's very prudent.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
students sprang from their seats to see what was the matter.

Away to the window, they flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The light from the Eagle in the Greenspace was blinding,
But the teachers made sure the students were minding.

When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
but another new teacher who used to be here.

With a new room and new subject, and jackets without hoods,
we knew in a moment it must be Coach Woods!

More rapid than eagles he returned to our school,

And we whistled, and shouted, and said, "Oh! How cool!"

Then we heard him exclaim, as he entered his room,
"Backpacks in the front, we've got so much to do!"

Science Department



Students in Mrs. D'Arco's class are learning how to draw blood in their phlebotomy lab.



AP chemistry students in Mr. Menchaca's class are conducting saponification of a Fatty Acid through Hydrolyzation of Ester Linkages. They're making soap.

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Counseling Corner

The counseling team hopes that the first semester has been successful for you and your student. We are excited about all things to come in semester two and look forward to sharing some important information and updates as we move through the rest of the school year.

Bright Futures Application:

Counselors met with Seniors via their Government or Economics classes back in October to complete the Bright Futures application. If your son/daughter missed the classroom presentation they can still complete the application by going to www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org. It is important to know that students must complete this application in order to be considered for this scholarship. If you need more information please contact your child's counselor.

Post High School Planning for Juniors:

Throughout the months of December and January, Counselors will be meeting with Juniors in small groups and individually to discuss post HS plans

SAT and ACT Testing:

- All juniors who are college bound and/or attempting to qualify for Bright Futures should take an ACT or SAT or both during the second semester.
- All juniors and seniors who have not yet passed FSA Reading test should take either the ACT or SAT during the second semester. Students who achieve the designated concordant score can use it to satisfy their FSA graduation requirement.
- For testing information and registration please go to the following sites:

SAT - www.collegeboard.com

ACT - www.ACTstudent.org

- Students with a current IEP or a 504 Plan could be eligible for accommodations on the SAT or ACT. Please contact your student's school counselor for more information.
- **Fee waivers** are available for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Students can obtain a waiver in the counseling office during lunch time.
- **ACT** now offers testing accommodations for students with a current ELL plan, students should see his/her school counselor during lunch for additional information.



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Counseling Corner...continued

Senior Scholarship Opportunities:

Many Scholarship opportunities are posted on the “Scholarship Connector”. Deadlines are approaching and students are encouraged to submit applications. There are links to the Scholarship Connector on the district website and on the NHS website and in Canvas. “How to” guides are available in the counseling Canvas page.

Counseling Caseloads:

Ms. Fravel: A-C
 Mr. Seward: D-Ha
 Ms. Fineis: He-Mi
 Ms. Sharp: Mo-Salas
 Ms. Correa: Salazar-Z



Faculty in Focus

Originally from Lynbrook, New York, James Whiting has lived in Naples for 17 years. He attended both Pine Ridge Middle School and Barron Collier High School before earning his Philosophy degree from Ave Maria University. This year James joined the Golden Eagle community as a 9th grade English and Intensive Reading teacher.

After spending approximately 5 years as a Poll Deputy for the Collier County Board of Elections, James transitioned to a career in education. Seeing both his maternal grandmother and aunt enjoy fulfilling careers in public education, Mr. Whiting felt like teaching was his calling. He chose to focus on secondary English because he has a passion for reading and wanted to help students find joy in literature.

This school year is James’s fourth year of teaching. Prior to working at Naples High, he spent three years teaching 7th grade Language Arts at Immokalee Middle School. This year he is most excited transitioning to high school and working with older students.



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NHS Athletics

2021 - NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT DAY

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, four Naples High School student-athletes committed to continue their athletic careers to the next level.

CJ Bussell is committing to play baseball at Barry University located in Miami. Barry University is an NCAA Division II school that competes in the Sunshine State Conference. The baseball team plays its home games at Feinbloom Field Park in Miami. When he graduates, he will have earned four varsity letters in baseball. In addition to his athletic success as a Golden Eagle, CJ earned the Student Athlete Award last year.

Marcos Torres is committing to play baseball at Flagler College in St. Augustine. Flagler is an NCAA Division II school that competes in the Peach Belt Conference. The Saints Baseball team play their home games at Drysdale Field. As a newcomer to the Golden Eagle baseball team, Marcos will pitch and play infield.

Lane Calkins is committing to play lacrosse at Princeton University located in Princeton, New Jersey. Princeton University is an NCAA Division I school that competes in the Ivy League. Lane plans to pursue a degree in engineering. She plays midfield on the Lacrosse team and a two-time captain. Upon graduation she will be a two-time Varsity letter winner in Swimming, four time in soccer, and four time in lacrosse. She was awarded the NHS Student-Athlete Award in 2019 and was the 2021 recipient of the George B. Pittman Award. In 2021 she was named to the US Lacrosse All-American team and US Lacrosse Academic All-American team and a two-time Under Armour All-American. In addition to her work on the field and in the classroom, Lane is a member of JSA, the Vice President of Service for National Honor Society, and Vice President of the Student Government Association.

Sam Kodak is signing a Letter of Intent to play golf at Florida State University located in Tallahassee. Florida State University is a NCAA Division I school that competes in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Sam plans to pursue a degree in business. Sam is a two-time and current captain of the golf team that will play in that State Golf Tournament at the end of the week. He was named the Southwest Florida Golfer of the year in 2020 and has been named to the All-Conference team each year of his high school career. In addition to his success on the golf course, Sam has been named to the academic honor roll every year of high school. Sam will graduate as a 4-year varsity letter recipient for golf.

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Congratulations to Sabyne Brisson, State Champion!

On Saturday, November 13th the Swimming and Diving team competed in the FHSAA State Swim and Dive meet in Stuart, FL. Sabyne Brisson (NHS '23) competed in the 100 Breaststroke and with a time of 1:03.64 qualified for the Finals. And in the finals she bettered her time to 1:02.25 to be crowned State Champion in the 100 Breaststroke. Congratulations Sabyne, we are so proud to have you represent NHS!

2021 – Fall Sports Results:

The fall sports season at Naples HS has been EXCEPTIONAL - even by Naples High School standards!

Girls Cross Country

- Conference Champion
- District Champion
- Region Runner-Up – Lakeland
- State - 13th Place - Appalachian Regional Park, Tallahassee

Boys Cross Country

- Conference Champion
- District Champion
- Region Runner-Up - Lakeland
- State - team 5th Place, Appalachian Regional Park, Tallahassee

Football

- Undefeated Regular Season – 9 Wins – 0 Losses
- Coconut Bowl Champion
- Conference Champion
- District Champion
- Regional Semi Final Appearance vs. Miami Northwestern

Boys Golf

- District Champion
- Regional Runner-up
- State 3rd place

Girls Golf

- District Champion
- One individual at State (finished 14th) – Howey-In-The Hills, FL

Volleyball

- District Runner-ups
- Region Semi Final Appearance vs. Barron Collier

Swimming & Diving

- Girls District Champion
- Eighteen (18) Region Qualifiers – Clearwater (16 swimmers & 2 divers)
- Six (6) State Qualifiers – Stuart



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