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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT SERVICES



Welcome to 2018! Second semester is now underway and we are halfway through the school year! Testing season will be upon us before we know it and seniors are on the final countdown.

With a new semester comes a fresh start and a reminder of the district attendance policy whereby students who miss more than 9 days in a semester may be in danger of losing credit.

Consistent attendance is critical to students' success and supports the importance of developing good attendance habits.

Red Carpet Knight 2017, our School Choice Open House for incoming 8th graders was a huge success with over 500 families in attendance! Staff and students showcased North Fort Myers High School and the performing arts put on a great welcoming performance for our guests. Student involvement is what makes the night so memorable and we appreciate the time, effort, and commitment from your students. The student assignment process for incoming freshman begins in January and auditions for the various art programs begin in February.

As we move forward, guidance will begin registration for current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The process will begin mid-February and it is important that students meet with their school counselor to make sure they are registered in the classes they need and the electives they want. Students and parents should check their graduating class Google Classroom to keep up with important dates and deadlines.

We look forward to another exciting quarter at North Fort Myers High School. Performing arts are preparing for their spring musical, winter sports are wrapping up, and spring sports will begin soon. Students work hard to excel in and out of the classroom and we encourage you to come out and show support for our student-athletes!

Respect, Tradition, Pride, Success!

– Michelle Stewart, Assistant Principal Student Services

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PROGRESS MONITORING OF KEY ACADEMIC AREAS

Multiple times throughout the year, our district monitors individual student progress in the areas of English/Language Arts, Math, Biology and US History through online programs called STAR and COMPASS. The purpose of this progress monitoring is for teachers to make instructional decisions that best meet the needs of each individual students to ensure all are meeting Florida Department of Education proficiency expectations and to help guide students toward post-secondary college and career readiness. Progress Monitoring typically occurs at the beginning of each school year and at the end of each quarter in applicable classes and results are readily available to parents and students through the FOCUS Parent Portal. Please see below for directions on how to access your child's data.

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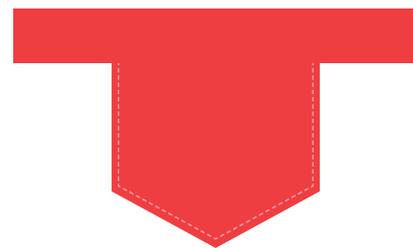
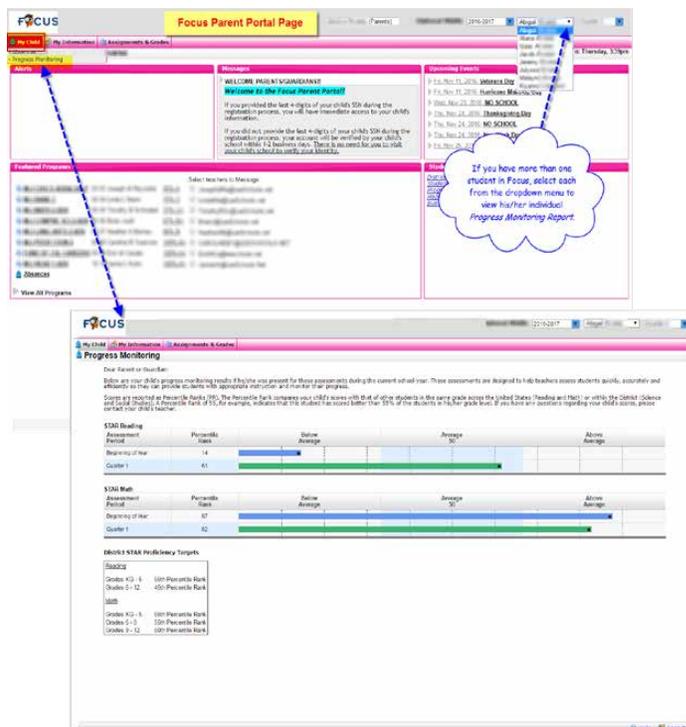
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YEARBOOKS

NOW is the time to buy yourself a YEARBOOK.

The theme for this yearbook is "MORE THAN". North Fort Myers High School is **more than** just a building - the faculty and students are innovated, dedicated, and inspired. As you know, many of the faculty and parents of our students have graduated from North, allowing tradition to run deep in our blood.

This year we are featuring videos of various events. On a few pages you will see a knight; you scan it with your smartphone and see a video of events that go along with that page. These videos will last forever! You can still purchase a business ad to be placed in the yearbook - see our school website for more information. You can purchase a yearbook for \$80 using cash or a check made out to North Fort Myers High School in room M112 next to the media center, or with a credit card on the Jostens website (www.jostens.com).

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me - Diane Mirro dianemir@leeschools.net.



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NEW CROSSWALK LIGHTS

Today I am proud to say I witnessed the installation of the new flashing light poles at the crossing in front of NFMHS. This concludes a promise I made to Mr. Drake a long time ago that I would not stop until this dangerous situation was improved as best we could. Mrs. Diggs has been instrumental in the continued effort and made things happen quickly where she could and I am most grateful. We now have better lighting with the removal of obstructions and tree limbs. We now have additional signing to inform drivers and we now have a flashing light system that will alert drivers that our kids are in the crosswalk and to be careful! Going forward we need to use this as an opportunity to educate our kids, parents and local drivers of the situation.

I thank you all for your help and patience in this endeavor with special thanks going out to Ken Dobson who has endured my weekly "nudgings". I just got off the phone with him and told him as I'm telling you, we honestly saved a child's life here!

And so, on to the next thing, for we must never stop trying to improve the safety and education of our most important treasures. Our children are our future! This is a great start to a new year!

Many Thanks, Patrick T Crissy, parent



Left to right: Mrs. Diggs, principal; Mr. Crissy, parent; Dr. Stewart, Assistant Principal Student Services; Mrs. Crompton, SAC Chair and Red Knight Foundation; Mr. McKeever, Assistant Principal Student Services

GOALS

VISION 2020

The School District of Lee County has updated their Strategic Plan to better align with their vision: To Be a World-Class School System. There are four main overarching goals:

- Increase student achievement
- Increase family and community engagement
- Increase retention of highly effective employees
- Become a model continuous improvement organization

Find more information here: <http://www.leeschools.net/vision2020>.

2017-2018 NFMHS ACADEMIC GOALS:

- English Language Arts Proficiency: 74% or higher
- English Language Arts Learning Gains: 57% or higher
- English Language Arts Learning Gains for the lowest twenty-five percent: 42% or higher
- Math Proficiency: 64% or higher
- Math Learning Gains: 59% or higher
- Math Learning Gains for the lowest twenty-five percent: 38% or higher
- Science Proficiency: 76% or higher
- Social Studies Proficiency: 77% or higher

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2018 SPRING CAMBRIDGE AICE EXAMINATIONS

Specific times and locations will be released in late February. All candidates will receive a packet with their enrollment information and a copy of this schedule including the specific details of where and when exams will take place in March. Please note, AICE examinations cannot be rescheduled or missed, these are globally standardized times and therefore do not have another testing option this school year. If you have any questions please contact Jeremy Ridgeo at jeremyjr@leeschools.net.

OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which they are certified.

Taylor Ashby is currently out of field in Reading and Lindsey Buckner is out of field in Math 6-12.

The following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: Taylor Ashby, Shandez Baker, Ellen Bianchi, Lindsey Buckner, Benjamin Daniels, Robert Hiatt, Geoffrey Huston, Sara Johnson, Felipe Maldonado, Brooke Pasquale, Kathleen Prejna, Dianira Rivera, and David Sardina.

DATE	COURSE	COMPONENT	DURATION	TIME
Monday, April 30	Marine Science	11	1H30M	PM
Wednesday, May 2	English Language	11	2H15M	AM
Wednesday, May 2	Marine Science	21	1H15M	PM
Thursday, May 3	Marine Science (AL)	3	1H30M	PM
Friday, May 4	Marine Science (AL)	4	1H15M	PM
Monday, May 7	AP Chemistry		8AM	AM
Tuesday, May 8	General Paper	11	2H	AM
Tuesday, May 8	Chemistry (AL)	51	1H15M	AM
Tuesday, May 8	History	11	1H	PM
Tuesday, May 8	Business	11	1H15M	PM
Wednesday, May 9	Mathematics	11	1H45M	PM
Thursday, May 10	Physics (AL)	41	2H	AM
Thursday, May 10	Global Perspectives	11	1H30M	PM
Thursday, May 10	Spanish Language	21	1H45M	PM
Thursday, May 10	Thinking Skills	21	1H45M	PM
Friday, May 11	Psychology	9990/11	1H30M	AM
Friday, May 11	Chemistry	21	1H15M	AM
Monday, May 14	Psychology	9990/21	1H30M	AM
Monday, May 14	English Language	21	2H	AM
Monday, May 14	AP Music Theory		8AM	AM
Monday, May 14	History	21	1H30M	PM
Monday, May 14	French Language	21	1H45M	PM
Monday, May 14	AP Physics C: Mechanics -or- E&M		12PM	PM
Tuesday, May 15	Physics (Practical)	31	2H	AM
Tuesday, May 15	AP Calculus AB and BC		8AM	AM
Tuesday, May 15	Sociology	11	1H30M	PM
Tuesday, May 15	Spanish Literature (AL)	41	2H30M	PM
Wednesday, May 16	Biology	21	1H15M	AM
Wednesday, May 16	Mathematics	21	1H15M	PM
Thursday, May 17	Chemistry (AL)	41	2H	AM
Thursday, May 17	French Language	31	1H30M	PM
Thursday, May 17	AP Statistics		12PM	PM
Friday, May 18	AP Human Geography		8AM	AM
Friday, May 18	Physics	21	1H15M	AM
Friday, May 18	Literature in English	31	2H	AM
Friday, May 18	Psychology (AL)	9698/31	3H	AM
Friday, May 18	Physics (AL)	51	1H15M	AM
Friday, May 18	Spanish Language	31	1H30M	PM
Friday, May 18	Business	21	1H30M	PM
Tuesday, May 22	Chemistry (Practical)	31	2H	AM
Tuesday, May 22	Sociology	21	1H30M	PM
Tuesday, May 22	History (AL)	31	1H	PM
Wednesday, May 23	Media Studies	21	2H	AM
Wednesday, May 23	English Language (AL)	31	2H15M	AM
Thursday, May 24	Biology (Practical)	31	2H	AM
Friday, May 25	Literature in English	41	2H	AM
Friday, May 25	LAST REGULAR DAY FOR STUDENTS			
Tuesday, May 29	Thinking Skills (Multiple Choice)	11	1H45M	PM
Wednesday, May 30	Physics (Practical)	32	2H	AM
Friday, June 1	Travel and Tourism	11	2H30M	PM
Monday, June 4	Environmental Management	11	1H30M	PM
Monday, June 4	Sociology (AL)	31	3H	PM
Tuesday, June 5	Environmental Management	21	1H30M	PM
Wednesday, June 6	Biology (Multiple Choice)	11	1H	AM
Wednesday, June 6	English Language (AL)	41	2H15M	AM
Wednesday, June 6	History (AL)	41	1H30M	PM
Thursday, June 7	Chemistry (Multiple Choice)	11	1H	AM
Monday, June 11	Physics (Multiple Choice)	11	1H15M	AM



CLUBS

NORTH ESO

North Elementary Science Olympiad (ESO) is a new club this year at North looking to bring something fresh and exciting to elementary classrooms across Southwest Florida. Science Olympiad is a science competition where teams of students compete in events in pairs of two. The events can be on everything from physics to biology to engineering and much more. Events can be lab based, building based, or research based. Students prepare all year under the guidance of their coach and volunteers, showing what they know at the competition.

The aim is to hold a competition every year right here at North Fort Myers High School. As far as everything from planning, to preparations, to execution, as much as possible will be student driven. The goal overall is to generate interest in STEM early on so that elementary students can carry that with them throughout their schooling. Volunteers from North that help achieve the club's many goals will receive Bright Future eligible community service hours. They will also be allowing elementary students to have an interest in and to learn sciences they like. Undoubtedly, they will carry these experiences with them for the rest of their lives.

Recently, the club received a \$3,000 grant from the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. This will make information about Florida's estuaries and conservation efforts a core component of the program. As much of this funding as possible will go to helping schools who want to participate but need a financial kickstart. Determined to hold an exposition this year, more help is always appreciated to help make this possible. If you like working with children, like science, or are looking for a unique way to get community service hours, join our Google Classroom with the code: 7ztw3i. Meetings are every Monday in Mrs. Johnson's room, S-211, from 1:45 to 2:30.



INTERACT CLUB

NFMHS Interact Club volunteered this holiday season with Holidays Without Hunger and helped package over 600,000 meals for those in need! *(pictured right)*



DEBATE CLUB

Come join and/or observe the Debate Club! We meet in E-128 every other Friday. The google class code is 9z051h6 if students want to check out some of our past debate topics including gun control, kneeling during the National Anthem, and creationism versus evolution. *(pictured below)*



BEACH CLUB

The Beach Club took a trip to Bowman Beach to collect shells as part of a Christmas Ornament Fundraiser. They scoured the beach looking for non-living shells to then bleach, clean, and beautify. The proceeds from the sale of these ornaments is being used to buy materials such as trash bags, gloves, and litter sticks to use for future plans to clean Four Mile Eco Preserve and other local attractions.





SPORTS



BOYS' SWIM TEAM PROVING TO BE KNIGHT STARS

By Coach Amy Clark

The North Fort Myers Boys' Swim Team is a group of young men with serious goals, and this year, they've shown phenomenal growth. With an overall record of 6-1, and a strong 4th place finish at the LCAC meet, these boys are headed places. Notable performances this year included freshman, Kirk Klemm, earning a spot at states during the Regional meet, swimming the 100 Fly in a personal best time of 54.21 seconds. This year, Kirk also earned individual titles by placing first in the 100 Fly and the 50 Free events, with two additional, stunning finishes in the relays he swims. The 200 Free Relay team of Reinaldo Zayas, Robert Tejada, Seiyen Calvao and Kirk Klemm took first place at the LCAC meet. And, the 200 IM Relay placed in the top four at LCAC with teammates Reinaldo Zayas, Kirk Klemm, Adis Muhamedagic, and Robert Tejada. Finally, and most notably, for the first time in North High Boys' Swimming history, the boys accomplished a complete shut-out, taking first place in every event during a regular season meet. These young men have tasted victory, and they are compelled to continue achieving. The North Fort Myers Boys' Swim Team has grown into a power house, and they look forward to further success in the 2018-2019 swim season.



Junior, Reinaldo Zayas, after an amazing first place finish at LCAC in the 200 Free Relay. Photographer: D. Rivera

GIRLS' GOLF

Congratulations to the members of the Girls Golf Team for receiving the following awards:

Jenna Berti	Team Most Valuable Player
Valeria Arias	Coaches Award
Lolina Bruggeman-Munoz	Athletic Achievement Award
Trista Trawick	Rookie of the Year Award

Also a special congratulations to Senior Jenna Berti and Freshman Trista Trawick for be selected as Honorable Mention for the News-Press All Area Golf Team.



Freshman, Kirk Klemm, swimming the 100 Fly, earning a place at the states competition in Stuart, Florida. Photographer: D. Rivera

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GRAD BASH 2018

Grad Bash '18 is going to be Friday April 20th to 21st. Tickets and bus assignments have already begun and will continue through March 30th. The cost is \$150; please make checks payable to North Fort Myers High School and deliver to Ms. Hill in room S220. The ticket includes lunch on Friday, tickets to both theme parks, and the charter bus to and from the event.

Dress code for the event:

GIRLS • Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts • Casual pants (including jeans) • Casual blouses and tops • Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops) • Purses size of 8.5" x 5.5" or under • Fanny packs • Hats • Yoga Pants • Drawstring bags • College and professional team name or logos

GUYS • Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans) • Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts) • Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops) • Hats • College and professional team name or logos

CHAPERONES • Large backpacks

CLASS OF 2018

SENIOR TO DO LIST

- ✓ 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!

CLASS OF 2018



FINAL SEMESTER INFORMATION

DATE	EVENT	TIMES	LOCATION
Before March 1	Order Cap and Gown <i>Price will increase after March 1, 2018</i>		Cafeteria Feb 1 & 2 or Herff Jones office in Ft. Myers
April 20	*Grad Bash	12 p.m. – 6 a.m.	Universal Studios
April 25	Senior Awards	6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
April 28	*Prom	6:30 – 10:30 p.m.	White Orchid @ Oasis
May 7	Last Regular Instructional Day for Seniors	7:05 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.	NFMHS
May 8 – 11	Senior Final Exams (See Exam schedule on back)	7:15 a.m. – 1:35 p.m.	NFMHS
May 11	Cap / Gown Pick-up All Fees and Fines should be cleared to pick up	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium Lobby
May 17	Graduation Rehearsal <i>Mandatory to participate in Graduation Ceremony. Graduation Tickets will be distributed during rehearsal.</i>	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Grace Church (Hancock Bridge Pkwy)
May 17	Baccalaureate	6:30 p.m.	First Christian Church (2061 McGregor Blvd.)
May 20	Graduation Ceremony	7:00 p.m.	Alico Arena (FGCU Campus)

**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 30 – June 11	April 26 – May 2	May 7 – May 18

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

<i>Each Final Exam constitutes 20% of the semester grade</i>	
Date	Final Exam Schedule
May 7	Regular Bell Schedule---Last Regular Instructional Day for Seniors
May 8	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 1 & 3
May 9	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 2 & 4
May 10	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 5 & 7
May 11	Regular Bell Schedule Seniors may choose to only attend classes with exams *Exams Given to Seniors Periods 6 & 8 Cap & Gown Distribution – 9 – 11 a.m. - Auditorium
May 14	Regular Bell Schedule – Make-up exams given as needed
May 15	Regular Bell Schedule – Make-up exams given as needed
May 16	Regular Bell Schedule – Make-up exams given as needed
May 17	Mandatory Graduation Practice at 9:00 a.m. - Grace Church Baccalaureate Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. – First Christian Church
May 21	Graduation Ceremony, 7:00 p.m. at Alico Arena (FGCU)

**Seniors enrolled in an EOC course will be given an academic assignment to be put into the quarter 4 gradebook during this period, 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. **An X should be entered in FOCUS in place of the exempt final exam.**

SENIORS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE EXEMPT FROM FINAL EXAMS:

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

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

December 8, 2017 North High Special Needs Students went to Special Olympics at Cypress Lake High School. Every student who walked off the bus was paired with a buddy from Cypress Lake High School. The students played games which were set up around the football field, danced and listened to music before eating lunch and heading back to North.



AUDITORIUM LIGHTING UPDATES

Thanks to a joint funding effort from the district, our school, and The Red Knight Foundation, our auditorium has been updated with the installation of a completely new state of the art lighting and sound system. Students are eager to use this new system in the Acting 2-4 dramatic One Acts on February 7 and 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. All three shows are themed around teen issues. Admission is \$5.

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