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Motto: Where pride and tradition become success



MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF CURRICULUM

Hello Red Knight families. It's been an exciting start to the school year here at North Fort Myers High School. We're happy to report that our building survived Hurricane Irma enabling us to get back to a normal schedule without any major damages. During the second quarter our counselors are meeting with seniors to complete credit checks ensuring a clear path to graduation. Last week all sophomores and a significant number of juniors completed the PSAT.

Moving forward into second semester we are preparing for Red Carpet Knight (School Choice Open House) which means we host more than 500 potential North High 8th grade students and families from the west zone. This is the first step in opening the doors for families to come and experience the incredible arts and academics we offer here at North Fort Myers High. On November 14th we will be hosting our first AICE Informational Night for families interested in the Cambridge AICE program and the benefits it can offer their students. On December 12th at 6:30 PM, we will host Red Carpet Knight showcasing all of our programs and giving families an opportunity to walk the campus and talk to students and staff. In January we will offer two additional informational events including a second AICE Informational Night for those parents who cannot attend in November, as well as a Center for Arts and Media Informational Night for any students interested in applying and auditioning for our various arts programs including Dance, Digital Media, Instrumental Music, Orchestra, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts or Vocal Arts.

The AICE program is offered by Cambridge International Examinations, a branch of the University of Cambridge, which is recognized worldwide for educational leadership and is consistently ranked as one of the top three institutions for higher education in the world. The Cambridge AICE Diploma is also recognized as a mark of excellence in education by the State of Florida. The Cambridge AICE Program

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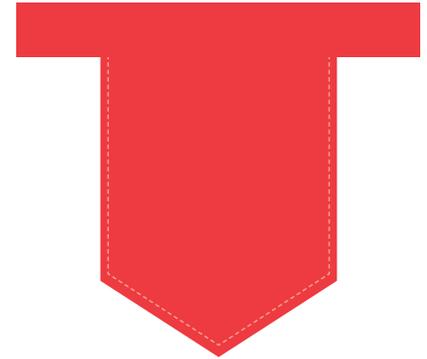
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was piloted at North Fort Myers High School during the 2010-2011 school year with roughly 90 total examinations offered. Cambridge AS and A Level examinations are growing worldwide. In fact, last spring AS and A Level examinations were offered in more than 130 countries including 525,000 entries into the 40+ syllabuses offered. In the 2016-2017 school year we administered 2,100 examinations to 840 unique candidates, resulting in numerous students earning college credits, scholarships, the AICE Diploma and opportunities for college level experience.

The students, faculty and staff are excited to be hosting these programs as an opportunity to show the pride, tradition, and success that make North Fort Myers High School a wonderful place to learn and grow. The mission of North Fort Myers High School is to guide students in a purposeful and challenging direction, and to inspire mastery of skills for lifelong success. With a caring, nurturing faculty and staff who are committed to this mission, we prepare our students to think critically, to act responsibly, and to perform successfully. Additionally, this mission allows our students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a culturally diverse, technologically sophisticated world.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the west zone families at our open houses and having a safe and productive remainder of the year.

- Joy Marks, Assistant Principal of Curriculum



YEARBOOKS

NOW is the time to buy your yearbook!

The cost is ONLY \$ 75.00 cash, check (payable to NFMHS), or credit on the www.jostens.com website. Price will go up after the holidays. Seniors, don't forget to purchase your Senior yearbook ad; the deadline is Friday, December 15th (no exceptions). Senior Ads are to recognize YOU for all of your hard work and dedication. Information is on our school website about the various options of creating YOUR personal yearbook ad. Students can go to room M112 next to the media center for more information or email Mrs. Mirro (dianemir@leeschools.net).

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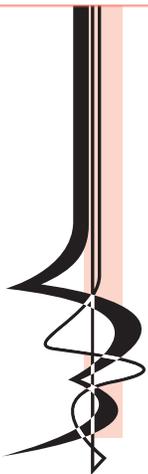
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Here are some upcoming notes from the Counseling Office for the remainder of Semester 1.

DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION for Spring Semester courses taken at Florida Southwestern State College (FSWSC) has begun. Students who qualify for courses need to see their counselor as soon as possible to get the needed paperwork. Students then need to return their FSWSC schedule to their counselor no later than Friday, November 17 so FSWSC textbook orders can be requested. FSWSC students also need to return their books for Fall Semester courses to the North High Media Center as soon as possible so they can be returned and distributed in time. That enables

other students taking that identical course during Spring Semester to receive their course materials.

In November students will receive a copy of their **SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE** (Also called a "Proof Schedule"). This will be their last chance to request any changes for Semester 2 **ELECTIVES**. Many electives and class periods already are full (including Driver Education), and availability will affect whether or not a requested change can be made. As always, no teacher or class level changes will be made without a parent-teacher conference.

SENIORS WITH COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD LETTERS are asked to bring copies or to forward email announcements about those accomplishments to their counselor. That way we can share that positive information with other students and teachers.

The **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**, better known as the **FAFSA**, now is available for completion. This is a need based, US Government financial aid program. Financial information is needed from both the student and the legal parent/guardian, and many colleges have early filing dates to ensure that a Pell Grant can be awarded if a student is eligible. Many colleges also insist that a FAFSA be filed, even if the family believes their income may not qualify them. The college wants to verify whether a Pell Grant can be awarded before considering the student for any campus based aid. Be careful to type the correct address; similar email addresses exist that are NOT free. www.FAFSA.gov

The **FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID FORM (FFAF)** also now is available for Seniors to submit for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Award as well as consideration for other state supported scholarship programs. Seniors who already have received or expect to receive an **AICE DIPLOMA** still need to complete and submit the FFAF.

- www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf

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From left to right: John Drake, AP; Joy Marks, AP; Debbie Diggs, Principal; Dr. Michelle Stewart, AP; Doug McKeever, AP

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SCIENCE FAIR

Our school science fair will be held on November 27th in the Media Center.

The 61st Annual Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held on January 19-20, 2018.

Since 1958, our Regional Science & Engineering Fair (RSEF) program challenges thousands of students from across Southwest Florida to go beyond their classroom studies and pursue independent project-based research. Students work independently or in teams to address questions in the fields of Computer Science, Environmental Science, Medicine & Health, Chemistry, Biology, and a half dozen other categories.

The Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair (RSEF) is an affiliate of the Society for Science & the Public, and selects projects which go on to compete in other state and national competitions, including the prestigious Florida State Science & Engineering Fair (Florida SSEF) and the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF). But whether or not a student wins, every student is celebrated and encouraged by the hundreds of other attending students, parents, teachers, mentors, sponsors, judges, and members of the public.

REGIONAL COMPETITION LEVEL:



The 2018 Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair will be held Saturday, January 20th at Alico Arena, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida.

Students will present in Junior (6th – 8th grade) and Senior (9th – 12th grade) Divisions in multiple areas of study. Fair participants are drawn from public, private, parochial and home-schools in Charlotte and Lee Counties. The

Awards Ceremony will be at Alico Arena, Florida Gulf Coast University on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00 PM.

Information regarding fair registration, guidelines, and forms are available from our website (www.edisonfairs.org). Please follow us on social media:

- Twitter: @EdisonFairs
- Facebook: /EdisonFairs.



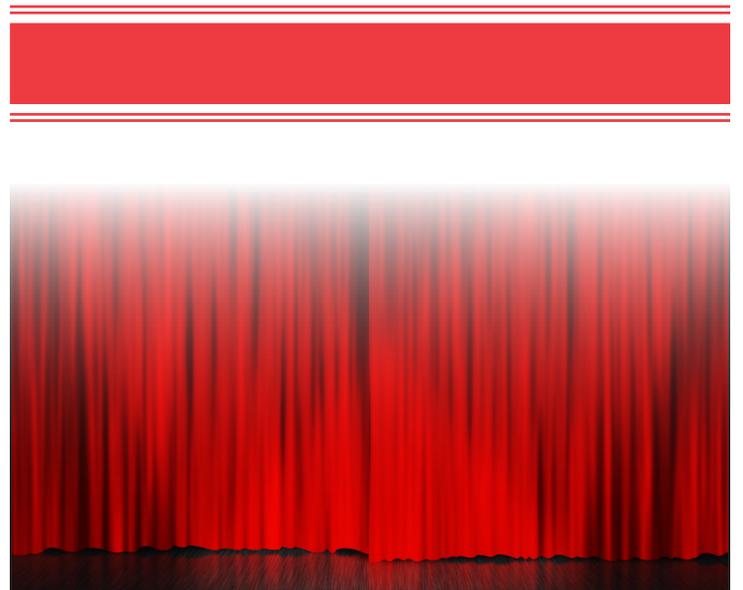
2017 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AUTISM WALK

NFMHS is participating in the 2017 Southwest Florida Autism Walk and needs your help! With your help we can raise money for great cause. You can donate online on the Autism Speaks website, typing in the 'NFMHS Team' as the team you are supporting. Cash/Check donation can also be made to Mrs. Walters-Haas in room E132.

The walk is on December 9th, please help us reach our goal of raising \$100!

NFMHS Staff- The week of December 4th to 8th there will be a coffee bar set up in teacher dining. All money earned from this will go towards our school's team donations.

Thank you to everyone who helps North in our participation of the Autism Walk!



A KNIGHT ON BROADWAY

Don't miss the 15th annual A Knight on Broadway, November 16 at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$5. There will be large groups, duets, and solos from a variety of Broadway musicals. Come and be entertained by ninety of North High's talented, energetic, and enthusiastic students!



The North Fort Myers High School Marching Band won 1st place in Percussion, Music, and Visuals, and was the overall Grand Champion at the Triton Invitational on Saturday, October 21, 2017.



UPCOMING CONCERTS

- The Prism Concert will be held at 6 PM on November 28th in the auditorium.
- The Orchestra Winter Concert will be held at 6 PM on December 13th in the auditorium.

GIRLS GOLF TEAM

Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team for finishing as District runner-up at the Class 2A District 7 Golf Tournament, played Monday 10/16 at Coral Oaks Golf Course.



Leading the way was senior Jenna Berti. Jenna had the 2nd best individual score in the district. Also pitching in with consistent rounds were senior Valeria Arias along with freshmen Trista Trawick and Lolina Bruggeman-Munoz. Other team contributions through the season came from juniors Jordan Ivey and Alexis Foster.

The Girls Golf Team has now qualified for the State Regional Tournament for the 5th straight year.

Go Golf Team!



The Senior class won this year's Homecoming powderpuff football game!



We would like to thank the Red Knight Foundation for serving the teachers and staff an appreciation breakfast on October 27, 2017.



ACCESSING DISTRICT STUDY RESOURCES FROM HOME

Students can access many of their instructional resources at home by:

1. Logging into the district's application portal:

Launchpad.leeschools.net

2. Username and Password: Students sign in with their district username & password

Accessing Individualized Learning Paths

During the first weeks of school, students took a STAR test that generated individualized learning paths in Compass Learning for each student. Those learning paths have activities aligned to skills that the student is ready to learn.

The learning paths are available in Compass Learning which can be accessed from Launchpad. Look for the Compass Learning icon in the instructional apps folder.

Grades 9-12 students learning paths are in the reading and math folders on the student's Compass dashboard.

Accessing Digital Library Books

OverDrive is a digital lending library provided by the Lee County School District. Students can check out library books and read them online. OverDrive can be accessed via Launchpad. Look for the OverDrive icon in the instructional apps folder.

READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS TEST PREP

Our 9th and 10th graders take the FSA which consists of reading comprehension and writing. In order for a student to graduate they need to score a level 3 or higher on this state exam. If a student scores a level 1 or 2 they are then placed in Reading in order to assist the student in their areas of need.

If students would like to work on their reading skills at home, here are some great resources:

- <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>
- <https://www.usatestprep.com/member-login> (*all students have an account for this*)

Our 11th and 12th graders who have not passed the FSA are also placed into Reading until a passing score on FSA is achieved or the student earns a concordant score of 19 on ACT or 430 on SAT. The SAT and ACT are college readiness exams that we encourage for every student to take.

If students are interested in practice for the SAT/ACT here are some resources:

- SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- ACT: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

If you have any questions in regards to reading and reading support please feel free to contact our reading coach, Nicole Wolf, at nicolemwo@leeschools.net.

UKNIGHTED CLUB

UKnighted Club is underway and lots of fun! UKnighted Club allows students of all levels to come together for fun and socialization. During our meeting once a month, the students dance, cook, make crafts and spend time talking. The sponsors, Mrs. Beller and Mrs. Keith, appreciate the students that come out to make this a successful club!





INTERACT CLUB

Interact club has been very busy this year. We were able to volunteer over 400 service hours with hurricane recovery. The beginning of October we started our Dunk your Kicks campaign which recycles old tennis shoes for cancer research.



Please donate your old tennis shoes to us, there are boxes set up on campus! The second half of October we will be collecting canned goods for Salvation Army and in November we start our TOY Drive for Oma's Heart, held here on our campus, for families in need during the holiday season. Please bring a toy or make a cash donation to help another child enjoy Christmas.



POND RESTORATION GRANT

Mr. Hansen and Mr. Koza won a \$1,000 grant from Ding Darling to complete the pond project.

Phase two of the project is beginning to take shape. We are planting native trees and plants in the courtyard. We were able to secure a second grant for that.

This is an evolving project and we want to thank administration, the wonderful faculty and our students for the amazing support.

You can view a video about the project here: <http://www.leeschools.net/leeschoolstv?ID=5A4EAB28-95F5-4B2F-8B05-D1C5D89419A6>.



NCAA/NAIA INFORMATION

Any high school student-athlete who hopes to continue participating in college athletics, needs to register with either the NCAA or the NAIA or both. Once the student does so, then the school can upload academic transcripts for evaluation. The student will need to send their ACT and/or SAT Scores to the NCAA or NAIA when they take the test (there may be a fee to send after the test has been taken). If you have any questions please see the athletics office or your school counselor.

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A KNIGHT OF DANCE

NFMHS Dance department is excited to present their fall showcase "A Knight of Dance" on Thursday November 30th, 2017. The show is at 6:30 PM in the auditorium, tickets are \$5.00. We would love to see everyone there!



The Senior class takes the Spirit Stick at the Homecoming pep rally!

GO KNIGHTS!

