



THE FALCON CRIER

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From the Principal

Let's do some spring-cleaning:

It is a common practice for many of us to clean our houses, garages, sheds and attics this time of year. It's also a great time for your middle school student to do some school spring-cleaning as well.

* Start with the book bag. Take a look inside that book bag and clean out all those broken pencils, leftover snacks that never were eaten, and other items that seem to have just made a home in the book bag but are no longer needed.

* Next take a deep breath and get into that binder. The best way to do this is to get some new dividers, and sit down at the table with a 3-hole punch and a positive attitude. Move all those items from random pocket folders into your binder in the appropriate sections. Check with your teachers to find out their policies about saving work. Recycle those papers that are no longer needed and hole punch and clip those you need to keep.

*Get into that locker. This is the time of year when the weather is warming up. Many students now have an entire wardrobe of various coats, jackets and hats in their lockers. Use that newly cleaned out book bag to take home all of those extra clothes. Remove any food items from your lockers. Throw away no longer needed papers and random items cluttering the bottom of your locker. Return that library book you forgot about.

* Gym lockers have feelings too. Make sure you clean out your gym lockers and remove unnecessary items. Take home that uniform and make sure it gets washed weekly. It may be time to give that pool towel a washing and refresh as well.


* Technology needs cleaning too. Go through your device and clear out all those no longer needed files and pictures. Consider saving files in the cloud and moving them off of your device. Delete programs that you never use and free up additional memory. Empty the trash bin on your device and clear out old files you do not need.

Happy cleaning! Let's have a great rest of the school year.

*Karl Wickman
Principal NHMS*



MARCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 PTSA Meeting—6:30 pm in NHMS Office Conference Room	10	11	12
				8th grade Science MSA Testing		
National Breakfast Week—see page 5 for details						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				8th grade Science MSA Testing		
20 	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Schools Closed		
27 	28 Schools closed	29	30	31	1 	2

2015-2016 NHMS PTSA Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops/Labels: Paula Mackey
Corporate Rebates: Phil Hopkins
Eighth Grade Activities: Melissa Brode
The Falcon Crier: Michelle Schell
Faculty Basketball Game: Michelle Schell
Falcon Walk: Mark Lazoff & Beth Bearinger
Hershey Park Tickets: Carla Manzo

Membership: Michelle Schell
Reflections: Jennifer Bray
Spirit Wear: Debbie Sullivan & Julie Harvey
Staff Appreciation: Nancy Pappas
Volunteers: Sandra Monaco-Burton
Website/Facebook: Carla Manzo

If you have questions regarding the PTSA, or specific questions for an officer or chairperson, please email nhmspts@gmail.com and it will be directed to the appropriate person for follow-up.

FACULTY BASKETBALL GAME

The Faculty Basketball Game is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in our school gym**. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the game starts at 7:00 p.m. This is an exciting night for the students and families to come out and enjoy cheering on their favorite teachers both past and present. It will be a great night for the students to kick back, relax, and enjoy some basketball and snacks with their friends.

FALCON CRIER

Assistant Principal Mr. Raff emails a link each month for the most recent newsletter. While we hope this is acceptable to all families, we realize it may not be for some. There are still two issues left in this school year. If you would like a paper copy of these please email your student name and homeroom to Michelle Schell at schell.michelle@gmail.com

HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!

NHMS is offering 2016 Hershey Park Tickets at a reduced rate for groups! Order form and flyer are on the back page of this newsletter (and going home the week of March 7th). Deadline to order is Friday, April 15th!

PTSA ANNOUNCEMENT

Believe it or not, it's time to plan for the 2016-2017 school year! If you are interested in an officer position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary), or if you would like to serve on or chair one of our committees please contact us at nhmspts@gmail.com. There's a lot going on this spring! Members and non-members alike are invited to our monthly PTSA meetings. We'd love to see you there!



Save the date!! *NHMS 8th Grade Dance!*

Friday, June 3, 2016
North Harford Middle School
112 Pylesville Road

More information to follow!

NURSE'S OFFICE

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering grades 7 and 8 in school year 2016-2017 must have:

- **One Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster)**
- **One Meningitis vaccine (MCV, MCVP4)**

Check with your doctor to see if your child has had these vaccinations. Please do not delay; schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines or get documentation of vaccination as soon as possible. Your child will be excluded from school next year if they are not in compliance with these regulations.

Visit www.hcps.org and click the "health center" button for more information.

ILA NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs. Mullen's ILA Students of the Month!

January:

Madison Hall

Lauren Taber

Madison Murdy

Sean Mohr

February:

Megan Weininger

Ryan Blosser

Julie Ament

Sean Mohr



ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON RESULTS

I continue to be amazed at the compassion and generosity shown to others by the members of our school community. Whether the call is to help families in need in our own community, animals at the local humane society, recycling batteries to help our environment, children living at the House of Hope in Kenya, or the children who are receiving treatment at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and their families...our NHMS students and their families always step up to the plate and give time, money, and goods to help others in need. Thank you for this year's support in raising over \$2500 for the kids at St. Jude. Added to the past years we have participated in the Math-a-Thon, we



have raised more than \$32,500 with the sponsors that the students received. Donations are used to provide breakthrough research, treatment and cures for the children

at St. Jude. While I am happy to report that there are not any of our children from Harford County there now, it is great that we are sharing our blessings with others who may not be so lucky. Thank you for your continued support and encouraging your child to participate in this very worthwhile cause.

Sharalyn Heinly
Math Teacher, NHMS
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Members of the North Harford Community have shown great support for Mason Howell, a 6th grader at our school, who is battling leukemia.

For a wonderful article on Mason follow the link below to the webpage for District D Councilman Chad Shrodes, and scroll down to find the February 2016 Newsletter:

[Harford County MD District D](#)



Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

JVFC is holding a craft show Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Rt. 165 in Jarrettsville from 9am-2pm. There will be many local crafters selling homemade items, jewelry, floral arrangements and more. Admission is free with plenty of parking and food!



NATIONAL BREAKFAST WEEK (HAWAIIAN STYLE)



MARCH 7-11, 2016

*****Events*****

All Week – Create an Ad for School Breakfast! Art Contest (Your poster will be on the wall for display and voting. A winner from each grade will receive a gift card!)

Monday – kick off (Wear your Hawaiian outfit – Music and Games!)

Tuesday – Invite a friend to breakfast!

Wednesday – Invite parents/grandparents to breakfast! Return parent RSVP slip by Friday March 4, 2016

Thursday – Special guest servers!

Friday - *FINALE HAWAIIAN STYLE CELEBRATIONS*
(Wear your Hawaiian outfit. There will be music, leis and games, and a hula hoop contest!)



Chi Alpha Mu

I am excited to announce that we will be starting a chapter of Chi Alpha Mu at North Harford Middle School! Chi Alpha Mu is a division of the National Junior Mathematics Club. This club will be of special interest to students who enjoy the challenges of mathematics. We will be working with the Mu Alpha Theta chapter at North Harford High School to help inspire students to use their mathematical interests in all aspects of their lives. If your child is interested in joining Chi Alpha Mu, please fill out the form below and return to Mrs. Heinly in room 208 or to your child's math teacher. This club is free to all members.

Thank you for your interest!

Sharalyn
Sharalyn.heinly@hcps.org
Math Teacher, NHMS

My child _____ is interested in joining the NHMS Chapter of Chi Alpha Mu. I understand that the club will meet approximately one time a month after school and I will receive permission slips when the meeting times are arranged.

Student Name

Homeroom #

Grade

Parent Name

Phone Number

Math Teacher

ANNOUNCING THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



We are proud to announce that North Harford Middle school is now an official sponsor of a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible for membership, students must demonstrate scholarship by having the required GPA both yearly and quarterly (see below). Students who met that requirement were given a candidate form in their homerooms. They must also show evidence of leadership, citizenship, character and service. Applications will be reviewed in March and letters of acceptance will be sent out in early May. New members will be inducted at the end of May and will start their NJHS activities in September of the following year. Students who are not selected can use the year to raise their GPA or gain leadership, service and citizenship experience. Students may then reapply the next year.

While academic achievement is important, students need much more to be successful in all their future endeavors. Being a member of the NJHS benefits students by giving them an opportunity to serve their schools and community and to develop character and leadership skills. They can also begin to build a portfolio of achievements that can be featured on applications for high schools, colleges, special programs and careers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students at NHMS. Additional questions can be emailed to Ms. Cronauer at (dawn.cronauer@hcps.org).

NJHS BYLAWS

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be in the second semester of sixth grade or members of the seventh grade class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at NHMS.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a 94% attendance rate and the following GPA requirements:
 - * 6th grade applicants must have a GPA of at least a 3.667 for both quarter 1 and quarter 2
 - * 7th grade applicants must have an END OF YEAR GPA of at least 3.667 for grade six. They must also have a GPA of at least a 3.667 for both quarter 1 and quarter 2 of grade seven.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

HCPS ANNOUNCES TOP FIVE CONTENDERS FOR COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

(click for full story on hcps website: [2016 T.O.Y.](#)) The top five finalists for the 2016 Harford County Teacher of the Year award have been released and are listed in alphabetical order below. The judging panel had a difficult and unenviable task again this year with many outstanding teachers nominated for the award. Just to have been deemed worthy by a student, parent, administrator or community member to be Harford County's Teacher of the Year from among the nearly 3,000 teachers in the system is remarkable.

Amy Beighley, Darlington Elementary School Special Education Teacher

Sharalyn Heiny, North Harford Middle School Mathematics Teacher, Grade 7

Kristine Jurgs, Southampton Middle School Special Education Teacher

Deborah Mateer, Havre de Grace High School Mathematics Teacher

Kimberly Wheeler, Magnolia Elementary School Teacher, Grade 4

Please join us in wishing Mrs. Heiny good luck in the final round of competition. Results will be available mid-March. Mrs. Heiny represents an amazing staff at NHMS!

CONGRATULATIONS



The Reflections Results are in from Harford County Council of PTAs!!!

Film Production

8th grader Ben Truxel won top honors with Outstanding Interpretation!

Visual Arts

Top Honors of Outstanding Interpretation was awarded to 8th grader Evan Demos
Award of Excellence, was awarded to 7th grader Laurel Brown
7th grader Madison Featherston received an Award of Merit

Photography

7th grader Chloe Henkel received an Award of Merit

Ben, Evan and Laurel's artwork have moved on to compete at the State level for the Reflections contest!!
Please congratulate all our winners!

Remember you may start your entry for next year's Reflection's contest now! The 2016-2017 theme is"

"What is your story"

More information will be sent out in the Spring but in the mean time you can check out the guidelines for this year on Edline in the PTSA folder.



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Special Order Form Required:

(this is a limited time offer available to the friends and families of our organization)

Orders must be received by **FRIDAY, April 15, 2016.**

Tickets will be distributed on/or before the week of May 18, 2016. A distribution plan will be communicated.

2016 HERSHEY PARK RATES	GATE RATES	YOUR PRICE
REGULAR AGES (9-54)		
EARLY SEASON APR 29-JUL 31	\$63.80	\$37.00
JR./SR. AGES (3-8) & (55-69)	\$40.80	\$32.00
SENIOR PLUS AGES 70+	\$26.80	\$24.00

Visit www.Hersheypark.com for the full Operating Calendar

* Ticket holders may also take advantage of the FREE Preview Plan. Present a pre-purchased ticket the day before your planned visit, and visit *Hershey Park* for 2 ½ hours prior to park closing when the park closes at 10:00 PM and 3 ½ hours when the park closes at 11:00 PM.

For, order forms, questions or additional information about this program, please contact:

Carla Manzo- cpmanzo@verizon.net

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NORTH HARFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

To order DISCOUNT tickets for 2016, complete this form with payment and return to
Homeroom, ATTN: **Carla Manzo/PTSA** by: **Friday, April 15 2016**

Please submit with one check payable to: North Harford Middle School PTSA
(Returned checks subject to bank fees)

Contact: **Carla Manzo** at cpmanzo@verizon.net

PARENT NAME: _____	CELL PHONE: _____
CHILDS NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____
STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
PRIMARY EMAIL: _____	

North Harford Middle School PTSA will distribute tickets on/or before the
week of **May 18, 2016**.

Quantity	Type	Gate Price	Your Price	Savings	Total
	Regular Ages (9-54) Early Season Apr 29-Jul 31	\$63.80	\$37.00	58%	
	Jr./Sr. Ages (3-8) & (55-69)	\$40.80	\$32.00	20%	
	Senior Plus Ages 70+	\$26.80	\$24.00	10%	
	GRAND TOTAL				