



THE FALCON CRIER

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ISSUE 2016

Calendar

Check out Edline for updates to the calendar. You can also email the PTSA at nhmsptsa@gmail.com with any questions.

Sept. 8 (Thur) at 6:30 pm – PTSA meeting in NHMS Media Center.

Sept. 14 (Wed) 6:30-8:15 pm—6th Grade Back-to-School Night

Sept. 21 (Wed) 6:30-8:15 pm—7th/8th Grade Back-to-School Night

Sept. 27 (Tues) 6:00-7:30 pm—Magnet School Programs Parent & Student Video/Informational Meeting in NHHS Auditorium (see page 11 for other dates)

Oct. 3 (Mon)—Holiday; schools and offices closed

Oct. 11 (Tues)—Falcon Fun Walk at the NHHS track

Oct. 12 (Wed)—Holiday; schools and offices closed

Sept. 27 (Tues) 2:15-3:20pm—Falcon Flying Feet Running Club begins (pg. 4)

From the Principal

Welcome to NHMS... We still need you.

We have had an amazing start to the 2016-2017 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and parents, and welcome back those returning for another great year. We all know that the middle school years can be a very emotional time for our students as they experience all of the things that adolescents go through at this time in life. However, it is often overlooked how emotional these years can be for parents. Parents of students at this age begin to live through that age where children want more independence. They may try to distance themselves from you and your involvement in school activities.

Rest assured that despite what they may tell you, they truly do in fact still want and need you very much involved in their lives (even though it may not be cool for them to admit it in front of their



friends). To that end I would like to strongly encourage each and every one of you to consider joining the NHMS PTSA. The PTSA not only provides a wealth of benefits and opportunities for the students and faculty of our school, but it gives parents a way

to stay involved with their children’s education and what is going on at the school. It also gives parents a chance to interact with other middle school parents as well. I cannot say enough about the service and many contributions the PTSA has made to benefit our school and community and eagerly encourage each and every one of you to consider becoming a member.

It is my honor to serve your children as the Principal of North Harford Middle School and I look forward to another great year of working with you and your children.

*Karl Wickman Ed. D.
Principal*

THE FALCON CRIER

This back-to-school issue of the Falcon Crier will be the only issue published this school year. To make it easier for parents to digest the news on a regular basis as well as to save paper, we will instead email news and upcoming events to our community beginning in October. If you are a NHMS PTSA member you will automatically receive the news (a membership application is included in this publication or available in the office). If you cannot join the ptsa at this time but would like to be added to the distribution list, email schell.michelle@gmail.com

Thank you!

Dr. Karl E. Wickman
Principal

Mr. Antonnio R. Hockaday
Assistant Principal

Mr. Jeffrey R. Raff
Assistant Principal

Ms. Wendy L. Steo
Assistant Principal

PTSA NEWS



Welcome to another great year at North Harford Middle School! The NHMS PTSA is very excited about the new activities we have planned for the upcoming school year! Many parents signed up to help at the open houses in August which will make our year even better!

Our one-and-only fundraiser is coming up on October 11th—our Falcon Fun Walk at the NHHS track. This has been a great success in years past and the students have enjoyed it as well. You should have already received a packet from your student. An informational flyer is on the last page of this newsletter.

Please join us at our monthly PTSA meetings to hear more about our plans for this school year. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the conference room in the school office. There is no better way to keep your finger on the pulse of what's going on at your child's school, than to attend the PTSA meetings. Reports are shared from committees and the administration and welcome any new ideas. Students are welcome to join us too. If they're a member of the PTSA they can vote!

Check out the NHMS PTSA page on Facebook and also check Edline for the latest school news. Information from the NHMS PTSA is updated on a regular basis in the PTSA folder, accessible from the Edline home page in the right-hand column.

We hope to see you at our October PTSA meeting, Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm.

Your 2016-2017 NHMS PTSA Executive Board:

Kim Hackett, President

Carla Manzo, Vice President

Courtney Westermeyer, Treasurer

Sandra Monaco-Burton, Secretary

PTA Mission Statement:

The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

2016-2017 Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops: Paula Mackey

Corporate Rebates: VACANT

Eighth Grade Activities: Kim Hackett/Carla Manzo

Environmental: VACANT

The Falcon Crier: Michelle Schell

Faculty Basketball Game: Michelle Schell

Falcon Walk: Mark Lazoff

Hershey Park Tickets: Carla Manzo

Membership: Beth Bearinger

Reflections: Jennifer Bray

Spirit Wear: Julie Harvey

Staff Appreciation: Melanie Lewis

Volunteers: Michelle Schell

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.



NHMS SPIRIT WEAR

There was a GREAT response for NHMS Spirit Wear orders!

If you missed out don't worry because another opportunity will be coming home soon!

Samples are on display in the school lobby.

Show your school pride!



ONE WORLD RUN & RUNNING CLUB

PAO's One World Run @ NRC will take place this year at the Norrisville Recreation Complex in White Hall, Maryland. This will be the sixth year to raise money for children in East Africa who have been orphaned by the AIDS crisis. Funding goes directly to the Mission House of Hope which provides food, clothing, health care and education to the children of Kandaria, Kenya. Project AIDS Orphan is a tax exempt pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501©(3) and most donations are tax deductible.

Last year's students of team 7A wrote letters to the community to secure the funding for this year's race. We haven't received donations up to this point, but I feel certain that the 5K will be able to take place as usual. In the words of the late Steve Jobs, "Your time is limited, don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of other's opinion drown your own inner

voice. Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

PAO's OWR@NRC will take place on 19 November 2016 at the Norrisville Rec Complex.

Packet pick-up for preregistered participants and same-day registration will begin at 8. A stretching and warm-up activity will begin at 8:30 for those interested participants. Registration will close at 8:50 and the race will begin at 9:00 AM, with a kid's fun run to follow at 10:00 AM for the area's younger runners. The race will be timed and awards will be given to the first three finishers in 7 age categories, as well as to the largest youth group involved and overall winner for the male and female divisions. Please see another page in this newsletter for the registration form for this year's race.

You can contact the site's race director at sharalyn.heinly@hcps.org to register, answer questions, accept donations, or volunteer.

The Falcon Flying Feet Running Club will begin after school sessions on 27 September for anyone in grades 6-8 who are interested in running, jogging, or walking to improve health and fitness. We will meet after school until 3:20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 17 November. Please have your child listen carefully to the morning announcements as more information regarding the permission slips and the running club will be forthcoming.

Happy Running!

Sharalyn



November 19, 2016

9:00 AM

@ Norrisville Rec Complex

Mail registration to

5110 Buttermilk Road Pylesville, MD 21132

Early Bird Registration

\$25 before 27 Oct

Registration \$30 before 10 Nov

Same Day registration \$35

Kids' run: \$20

8:00 ~ Packet Pick-Up and

Same Day Registration

8:30 ~ Warm-Up Session

9:00 ~ OWR 5 K begins

10:00 ~ Kids' Fun Run (<1 mile)

Name (Last, First): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age on Race Day (Required) _____ Sex: Male Female

For more info, please contact Sharalyn Heinly at sharalyn.heinly@hcps.org.

Payment: Cash Check (payable to Project AIDS Orphan)

Adult T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Child T-Shirt Size: S M L

WAIVER: I, for my heirs, executors and myself, do hereby release all race sponsors and contributors from any and all liability resulting in injury or death from my participation in this event. I understand the implication of competing in the event and certify that I am physically prepared to cover this distance.

Signed _____ Date: _____

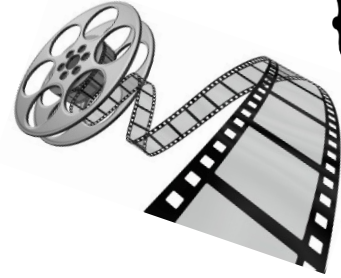
Parent / Guardian if under 18





Reflections: 2016-2017

What's Your Story?



What is the Reflections Program?

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts program that was developed in 1969 to encourage every student to explore their talents to express themselves. Each year, students in pre-K through 12th grade create original artwork reflecting a theme. Entries that win at the school level can progress through the county, state, or even national level.

What can I enter?

Students may enter one or more original works in the following six categories: Dance Choreography, Literature, Film Production, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts (now including 3-D entries). All work must be completed by the **student** including the **ideas, production, and reasoning** behind the work. There is no limit to the number of works students can enter in each category. Class assignments are not accepted. **There is a Special Artist Division for students with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

What is this year's theme?

The 2016-2017 theme is "What's Your Story". Each student will create original artwork and write an artist statement of 100 words or less on the entry form explaining how their entry reflects the theme. The artist statement helps the judges understand the student's interpretation of the theme which counts for 50% of the judging.

Are there rules?

Yes. The rules can be found at www.MDPTA.org. Not following the rules will cause entries to be disqualified.

How are the entries judged?

The entries are judged on the following three criteria: 50% Interpretation of theme, 25% Creativity, and 25% Artistic Merit. **DON'T FORGET THE ARTIST STATEMENT!!!!!!**

When are the entries due?

Friday, November 11, 2016 (collection box will be in the school lobby starting October 31, 2016)

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Bray at jennifer.paulbray@gmail.com.



National PTA Reflections® Program
Student Entry Form 2016-2017
“What’s Your Story?”



To be completed by Local PTA before distribution to students

LOCAL REFLECTIONS CHAIR NAME: _____ Jennifer Bray _____

LOCAL CHAIR EMAIL: _____ jennifer.paulbray@gmail.com _____ LOCAL CHAIR PHONE: _____ 410-638-3658 _____

FULL LOCAL PTA/PTSA NAME: _____ North Harford Middle School PTSA _____

LOCAL PTA/PTSA ADDRESS: _____ 112 Pylesville, Road, Pylesville, MD 21132 _____

NATIONAL 8-DIGIT PTA ID # _____ COUNCIL Harford STATE Maryland

Member dues paid date _____ Insurance paid date _____ Bylaws approval date _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____ M/F: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant’s irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. I agree to this statement and the National PTA Reflections Official Rules.

Signature of student

Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

Fold Here _____ Fold Here

JUDGING INFORMATION

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRIMARY (Preschool- Grade 2) HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)
 INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5) SPECIAL ARTIST (All Grades)
 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY MUSIC COMPOSITION
 FILM PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY
 LITERATURE VISUAL ARTS

TITLE OF ARTWORK: (Avoid using the theme as the title) _____

ARTWORK DETAILS: (Dance/Film: cite background music; Music: musician(s)/instrumentation; Literature: word count; Photo/Visual Arts: materials/equipment & dimensions) _____

ARTIST STATEMENT: (At least 10 words, 100 words max describing how your work relates to the theme)

HEAD LICE FACT SHEET

Head Lice Information and Facts...

Head lice infestations continue to be a part of raising children today. Head lice are common and are a nuisance but generally are not a health concern. Head lice are parasitic insects found on the human head. They are spread by close head to head contact and by sharing personal items like combs, brushes, hair accessories, hats, helmets, clothing, and bedding. Head lice are common where students play and work closely. Occasionally during the school year, some families are faced with an active case of head lice.



All parents are asked to regularly check their student's head for head lice throughout the school year and to inform the school nurse if head lice/nits have been detected.

Did You Know That...

- Head lice are the size of a sesame seed
- Head lice are gray/brown in color
- Head lice do not jump, hop, or fly but move very quickly
- Head lice lay eggs called nits
- Adult head lice lay about 6 nits per day on the human scalp
- It takes 7-10 days for the nits to hatch
- Nits are tan/off-white in color and look like dandruff
- Nits firmly attach themselves to the hair shaft
- Newly hatched head lice reach maturity in 8-14 days and then begin laying eggs
- Head lice live for about one month
- Head lice can only live away from the human head for 2 days
- Head lice do not live on pets and animals

What to Look For...

- Persistent itching of the scalp or a feeling of something moving in the hair
- Scratches, sores, or rash on head or back of neck
- An insect about 1/8" long in the hair, most commonly found around the ears and back of neck
- Tan or off-white nits on the hair strands about the size of a flake of dandruff that are firmly attached to the hair shaft
- Visualization of nits and head lice may require good lighting and use of a magnifying glass

How to Get Rid of Nits...

- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a student with only nits and NO live lice, are NOT to be treated with a pediculicide
- Notify your school nurse so assistance can be provided
- Nits should be manually removed from the hair and scalp; nit combs can be used
- The parent/guardian should inspect the hair regularly for 2 weeks for live lice while manually removing all nits
- If live lice are seen, treatment is recommended

How to Get Rid of Live Lice...

- Apply a lice treatment on hair recommended by pharmacist or health care provider
- Manually remove nits after treatment
- Place combs and brushes in boiling water for 5-10 minutes
- Wash clothing, bedding, towels in hot water and dry on high heat
- Place items that cannot be washed in a sealed plastic bag for 14 days
- Vacuum furniture, car seats, rugs and floors
- Instruct students not to share combs, brushes, hair accessories, hats, helmets, etc.
- Check family members for live lice

Head Lice Management...

To receive optimal control of head lice in our school community, the HCPS School Nurses recommend:

- The primary responsibility for control of head lice rests with the family
- Show due diligence and check your student's hair for lice on a regular basis, especially if they show signs of itching
- Notify your school nurse if you detect nits or live lice
- Continue to teach your student not to share combs, brushes, hair accessories, hats, helmets, etc.

Harford County Public Schools has a NO live lice policy. Therefore, students are excluded from school ONLY if live lice are found. Students are to remain in school if only nits are present, under the supervision of the school nurse.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



Barbara P. Canavan, Superintendent of Schools
102 S. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014
Office: 410-838-7300 • www.hcps.org • fax: 410-893-2478

Dear Parent or Guardian,

New immunization requirements recently enacted will impact your student in school year 2016-2017

- All students entering 7th grade must have had one Tdap vaccination and one meningococcal vaccination.

You should work with your child's doctor to get his/her immunization record documenting these vaccines or receive the required vaccinations if needed. Please bring a copy of your Tdap and meningococcal shot documentation to your school nurse at this time in preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.

These new requirements are in addition to the existing school immunization requirements. According to Maryland School Immunization Regulations (COMAR 10.06.04), to be allowed in school, students must be immunized according to the *Maryland Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule*. A child has up to 20 days from the start of school to show proof of vaccinations. Your child may not be allowed in school without these vaccinations.

If you have questions about immunizations that are required for school, please call your child's health care provider or the school nurse. If you have recently provided new immunization documentation to your school nurse, kindly disregard this letter.

Sincerely,

Mary Nasuta, RN, MS, NCSN
Nurse Coordinator

Magnet Programs

Parent & Student Video/Informational Meetings

An introductory look at all magnet programs in one presentation.

Date	School & Location	Time
Tuesday, September 27, 2016	North Harford High School - Auditorium	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	Harford Technical High School – Auditorium	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11, 2016	Edgewood High School - Auditorium	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 2016	Aberdeen High School - Auditorium	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Open House for Parents & Students

Open House events provide a one-time opportunity for parents and prospective students to gain in-depth, comprehensive, and first-hand information for a specific magnet program.

Magnet Program	Date	Time	School
Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences	Wednesday October 26, 2016	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	North Harford High
Harford Technical High School	Tuesday, November 1, 2016	5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Harford Technical High
Global Studies and International Baccalaureate	Thursday, November 10, 2016	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Edgewood High
Science and Mathematics Academy	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Aberdeen High

Magnet Programs online application will be available as of Friday, October 21, 2016.

Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School



The Science and Mathematics Academy program provides students with the opportunity to experience challenging coursework in science, mathematics, and technology with an emphasis on research and real world application.



Harford Technical High School

Harford Technical High School provides state-of-the-art facilities, with a rigorous curriculum offered by staff who create a challenging learning environment for all students. Faculty and staff strive to integrate academic and technical fields so that all studies are meaningful and rewarding for all students.



Global Studies Program / International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Edgewood High School

The *Global Studies Program (GSP)* at Edgewood High School provides a rigorous course of study for academically able and motivated students starting in the 9th grade, and serves as a preparatory program for the *International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)* in grades 11 and 12.



Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Magnet Program at North Harford High School

The Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Magnet (NRAS) is composed of three clusters focusing on Large Animal / Equine Sciences, Plant Sciences, or Natural Resources Sciences. Programs provide students with the opportunity to experience challenging course work and experience science and technology with emphasis on career development and real world application. The Harford County Agricultural Economic Advisory Board, the University of Maryland, Harford Community College, and Harford County Public Schools has partnered to develop a program where each cluster will provide students with the quality background knowledge, and skills necessary for continued education or to gain entry into their work based field of choice.

More information can be found online at <http://www.hcps.org/Schools/MagnetPrograms/Default.aspx>

Harford County Parents, Caregivers and Students:
Important NEW information on the Heroin Epidemic.

2016 Heroin Prevention & Awareness Briefing

**Heroin is in EVERY
 Harford County Zip Code.**

Learn why heroin is so addictive,
 what to look for, where you can go for help,
 and what you can do to keep your family safe.

Wednesday, October 5 | Edgewood High School

Thursday, October 13 | C. Milton Wright High School

Monday, October 24 | North Harford High School

All presentations start at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance
 Supports Your
 Local PTA

**FEATURING: John Wanner, Expert on
 Opiate Addiction and its Impact on the Brain**

Presenters { Ginny Popiolek, Harford County Public Schools
 Captain Lee Dunbar, Harford County Narcotics Task Force
 Joe Ryan, Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy

**Presented in
 partnership with:**  Harford County
 Council of PTAs
every child, one voice



BARRY GLASSMAN
 Harford County Executive
AMBER SHRODES
 Director, Community Services

Office of Drug Control Policy
 Harford County Department of Community Services
www.harfordcountymd.gov/services 410.638.3389



HOPS

One Night
 Only

College and Career Fair

Parents and students are invited to attend the 2016 fair!



Tuesday, October 11, 2016
 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Harford Community College
 APGFCU Arena



FINDING MONEY
 FOR COLLEGE

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. Financial Aid Seminar
 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Student -Athlete Eligibility Seminar

More than 120 colleges and universities represented!

2 and 4 Year Colleges (In-state and Out-of-state)
 Military Academies * Reserve Officer Training Corps
 Trade & Technical Schools

Local businesses representing a variety of technical, business and STEM occupations

Be sure to visit the HCC concession stand for light snacks!

Contact – Laura.Wade@hops.org

North Harford Middle School PTSA

Membership Form 2016/2017



Parents, staff, students and friends of North Harford Middle School, we invite you to join the PTSA today! Your support is necessary to enhance the programs, experiences and environment for all at NHMS.

MEMBER NAME/CODE	EMAIL/PHONE
1. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)	_____
2. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)	_____
3. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)	_____
4. _____ Circle Code (P T S A)	_____

CODES: P = parent	T = teacher/staff	S = student	A = all other friends of NHMS
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Student Name is required. Membership cards will be sent home with this student:

STUDENT Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Please check here if you DO NOT want to be included on the PTSA e-mail list. We will email the Falcon Crier news-letter each month, as well as news flashes periodically which we feel may interest you. You may opt out at any time.

DUES Memberships are \$10.00 per individual, with a maximum cost of \$30.00 per family:

Individual:	# _____ x \$ 10.00	\$ _____
Family:	(# family members _____) = \$ 30.00	\$ _____
Additional Tax-Deductible Donation (write in amount):		\$ _____
Total Dues and Donation:		\$ _____

Thank you for your Membership and/or donation!

VOLUNTEERING

There are so many great things happening at NHMS and it wouldn't be possible without help from our members! Please select the volunteer opportunities with which you would like to be involved:

- Help with PTSA events
- Hospitality Help (donating food/drink items for staff appreciation days)
- Please contact me to help as needs arise (name & email/phone): _____

CONTACT US

- If you have questions about your NHMS PTSA membership, please contact Beth at bearingerbeth@gmail.com
- If you have general questions for the NHMS PTSA, please contact Kim Hackett, NHMS PTSA President, at nhmsptsa@gmail.com

NHMS FALCON PRIDE WALK

WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISING EVENT

NHMS PTSA is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Falcon Pride Walk.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for NHMS, based on a minimum contribution of \$25 per student.

Why is this event so important?

100% profit goes directly to the students at NHMS for:

- *field trips
- *assemblies
- *technology
- *after-school activities

~ Promotes health and fitness! Our students are encouraged to be their personal best, both physically and mentally!

~ Develops school and team spirit! The ENTIRE school participates! Classes will come dressed in team elected themes!

~ Encourages community connection and outreach! We are fortunate to have a tight-knit local community that is always willing to contribute to a good cause! The students at NHMS are a terrific reason to donate!

~This is the only fundraiser planned! Let's all do our part to show our FALCON PRIDE!

Check us out on Facebook and Edline for updated information regarding Prizes and Schedules.



~EVENT INFO~

When: October 11, 2016 (Rain date Oct. 14)
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Where: NHHS Track

How it works:

Students are asked, WITH adult supervision, to reach out to community and family members to sponsor their walk.

Collect money using attached sponsor sheet and envelop

All pledges are tax deductible. Tax Id. #52-1642181

Return Collection by Friday Oct. 7th

What you need to know:

Family participation is highly encouraged! Sorry no pets permitted.

ALL students will participate so please wear sneakers

Bring water bottles!!



STAY CURRENT!

@ North Harford Middle School PTSA

And

Check the PTSA link on Edline