

NORCROSS NEWS

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NHS...Working Together, Growing Together, Succeeding Together!

I continue to be the proud principal of Norcross High School, an organization that is world-class. No school can be great without the continuous and sincere support of the parents and the community. I am dedicated to doing what is best for all of our students and ask that you maintain your passion for excellence in the school that you have chosen for **your student's education.**

Our teachers continue to be engaged by quality professional development with a focus on writing across the curriculum and differentiation of instruction. I hope that you will engage your student in a conversation about the level of writing instruction in all classes and that you will reinforce how important good written communication skills are in college endeavors as well as the workplace. With the monetary resources provided by Title I, we are focusing on engaging all students at the highest level of learning and providing opportunities that encourage academic success.

Mr. Robin Watson has been selected as the 2011-2012 Norcross High School Teacher of the Year. Mr. Watson has taught mathematics at our school for 5 years. He is an amazing representative of the quality of teachers that your children experience at NHS. His involvement as a leader in the math department ensures that his influence reaches all of our students. Please help me congratulate Mr. Watson for this prestigious honor.

I am happy to inform you that our search for a head baseball coach has been successfully completed with the hiring of an outstanding candidate, Jonathan Wyman. Coach Wyman has impressed us with his strong sense professionalism, vast baseball knowledge, and passion for both the game and the students. He comes to us from Lanier High School where he helped start new baseball and softball programs. Prior to Lanier, Coach Wyman was at North

Gwinnett where he was assistant baseball coach as well as assistant football coach. Please join us in welcoming Coach Wyman and know that his vision **for our school's academics and sports pairs with our goal to be world-class.**

The Eighth Annual "Taste of Norcross" was held on September 30, and was again a great success. This one event brings over 3500 people into Norcross High School each year and showcases the efforts of the community to work for our children. This event was an exemplary statement of support for public **education. Special thanks to the entire "Taste of Norcross" planning committee lead by Florence Luranc and Cindy Underwood.** They are an amazing team!

Please continue to communicate with your **student's teachers and stay involved in our learning community.** The most effective way to insure academic success for your children is to value what they accomplish at school and to let them know that you support their efforts and the efforts of the teachers. Thank you for your partnership in the education of our children.

Sincerely,
Jonathan S. Patterson
Proud Principal
Norcross High School
Norcrosshigh.org



Norcross News

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Editor

Sandra Williams Newsome

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CATALYST

Lunch & Learn

Munch and meet from 11:30 – 1:00. You may buy your lunch at school or bring your own. Everyone welcomed and wanted!

IMPORTANT DATES

November 9th

The 411 on College

Is my child going to be ready?
What else do we need to be doing?

January 18th

The AP /IB debate

Which should my child take?

March 7th

ACT/SAT

What to do? How and why to be prepared?

April 18th

Looking back on the year and forward to next.
What goals do we want to achieve next year?

Please contact Caki Mendel at (770)242-6512 or Janet McRae at (770)300-9169 with any questions!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2011-2012

Congratulations to Mr. Robin Watson, our NHS Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012! Mr. Watson has won the admiration and confidence of our staff for his passion and excellence in his teaching. We want to also recognize the other two finalists for this honor, Ms. Sadia Khan and Ms. Emily Russell, who, along with Mr. Watson, represent the caliber of teacher that makes NHS a world-class school.



PTSA News

NHS... Working Together, Growing Together, Succeeding Together!

We are off to a terrific start this 2011-2012 school year! We are delighted that the weather is turning cooler and football season is in full gear. We hope that you and your students are having a great year.

We have already had several PTSA activities, the largest being Taste of Norcross on September 30th. This is a great opportunity for us to join with the community in support of our booster clubs. Many thanks to Florence Luranc, Cindy Underwood, and their army of volunteers who helped make it a tremendous success. Please remember to try out the wonderful restaurants that sponsored the event!

Our next teacher appreciation lunch is October 12th. Please join with us in showing appreciation for our teachers by sending in food for the luncheon. Please contact annemarie-frost@comcast.net for volunteer opportunities.

It's not too late to support the PTSA by signing up for Georgia Natural Gas and choosing NHS as your school of choice. GNG gives the PTSA \$25 for each family that signs up plus an additional \$5 a month at no additional cost to you. It takes just a couple of minutes to sign up and is our only real fundraiser for the PTSA. Thanks to your participation NHS is one of the top earning schools in Georgia.

We are always looking for people to help with school events, tutoring, and teacher lunches. Please join PTSA, get involved, and show your student how much you are invested in their education. We would like to thank everyone for volunteering and supporting our students and staff at Norcross High School.

Pam Winters & Jackie Thunhorst
NHS PTSA co-presidents

Volunteers Make a Difference

If you would like to feel more connected to the school and contribute something at the same time, please consider volunteering.

There are many interesting opportunities for volunteers at Norcross High School. The PTSA programs you read about in this newsletter are all possible because of volunteer efforts. Tutoring, Faculty / Teacher Appreciation, Catalyst Luncheons, Honors Breakfast and Honors Night, and staff support all require volunteer support. Any assignment that you choose will support our students and staff in some way. Assignments vary from one time presentations or activities to ongoing support in various departments--from school hours to before school or evening. The gift of your time and talents is always appreciated.

If you are willing to get involved as a volunteer, please contact Anne Marie Frost at annemarie5590@gmail.com.

2011-2012 PTA Reflections Contest

This year's Reflections Contest theme is "Diversity Means....." Entry deadline for Norcross students this year is Friday, October 7th, 2011. Categories for submission of entries are:

- visual arts
- photography
- musical composition
- dance choreography
- film production
- literature

For more information on submission guidelines, please visit The National PTA's website, at <http://www.pta.org/2032.asp>

or contact Susan Philpott, PTA Reflections Council Chair, philpottsusan@gmail.com.



PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Who should join PTSA and be a member?

Parents, grandparents, teachers & staff, students, community members, community businesses

Why it is important to join PTSA?

- The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school.

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WHEN KIDS WIN, WE ALL WIN.



MAKE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL, THE EASY WAY

We know how important our school is to you. Now it's easier than ever to make a positive impact on it. Georgia Natural Gas® (GNG) has launched the TrueBlue Schools™ Program. It's a simple fundraising solution that lets parents, teachers, alumni and members of our local community support our school – just by using natural gas!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

GNG will provide ongoing donations to our school for every GNG customer who signs up for the program and designates our school as the school they wish to support. For every customer that signs up, GNG will –

- Give our school a one-time **\$25 donation** per customer
- Donate \$5 for each month you are a GNG customer – up to **\$60 per year**
- As an added bonus, give each new GNG customer a **\$25 Visa® Gift Card**

It's just that simple! Anyone can participate, and the more people who sign up and select our school, the more money we receive. It's easy and effective, and it feels good! We all want to see our kids succeed. Let's make it happen together.

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Support Norcross High School PTSA

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News from the Counseling Department

ATTENTION SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Please remember that the last day to hand in a college application and receive it back from your counselor by Thanksgiving break is November 5th. In order to get your application back by winter break, the deadline is December 3rd. Counselors will begin accepting college applications again on January 9, 2012.



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SENIORS

The counseling department will mail a copy of the Gwinnett County Public Schools 2011-2012 SENIOR APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION on November 1st. If you do not receive this important document, please contact the counseling office at 770-447-2648. Please, review the spelling of your **student's name for diploma accuracy. Please, also review the total number of credits/units required for graduation in May. Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions.**

If your senior does not have a social security number on file, please have your student bring the original social security card to the registrar's office to be copied. If this information is not on file by December 1st, you will be unable to **check your student's HOPE scholarship eligibility.**

SENDING AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Seniors may obtain official transcripts by the following methods:

1. Students can request an official transcript from Ms. Bolt in the main office for a fee of \$5.00. Your student will pick up the sealed transcript, address it, and mail it. It may take up to two school days before transcripts are ready for pick up.
2. Students can now send electronic transcripts to in-state colleges, universities, and technical colleges through GAcollge411. Students must set up an account on GAcollge411 in order to do this electronically.
 - a. Log on to gacollge411.org
 - b. Click on the small icon Sign in at the top of the page
 - c. Click on Your Portfolio at the top of the page
 - d. Click on My Profile
 - e. Click on The Basics (This is Me)
 - f. Scroll down and make sure where it says My account is connected to: it states Norcross

High School. If not, add another connection, and add Norcross.

- g. Click on College Planning at the top of the page
- h. Click on Applications and Transcripts
- i. Click on Request and Track your Transcript
- j. Select the college(s) to which you would like your transcript sent.

HOPE CALCULATIONS

Preliminary HOPE Scholarship calculations are now available through your Georgia College 411 account (www.gacollge411.org). To see your current standing follow these steps:

1. Log on to gacollge411.org
2. Select YOUR HOPE GPA on the right side.
3. Select First Time Here or Sign in to your Account if you already have a username and password.
4. Put in your account information. Remember your username and password for future use.
5. The next screen will say that you have successfully created your account. Go to Click here to continue. If you already have an account set up, you will automatically be directed to YOUR HOPE GPA.
6. If you have just set up your account, Click on Financial Aid Planning and click on YOUR HOPE GPA again.
7. Put in your last name, date of birth, and social security number. If your social security number is not on file at NHS, you will not be able to see your HOPE GPA. **Bring a copy of the card to the registrar's office by December 2011.**

The final screen will show your HOPE GPA. You can see **the calculation of your HOPE GPA by selecting "View your Detailed GPA Report"**

NORCROSS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

Norcross will host a College Fair on November 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and everyone is invited. Representatives from many colleges and universities will be available for questions. They will have great materials for you to take with you. Prior to the College Fair, a representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) will share information and answer questions **about funding your child's education and HOPE Scholarship changes.** Time for the GSFC is yet to be determined. Please look for future information in the Blue Devil Bulletin.



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GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE EVENT

November 17th, 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Norcross High will be offering our Seniors the opportunity to apply to college early, while having the support of specially trained school and volunteer personnel. Students will complete at least one college application using the GA College 411 website.

All Seniors who choose to participate in the November event will have to attend a preliminary preparatory session during their lunch period (October 25 - 27 in the Media Center) or complete the required activities on their own.

All Seniors interested in registering may do so by adding their names to the Sign-up sheet located in the Counseling Office.

More detailed information to come! Listen to the **announcements and look for the posters and flyers. It's** bound to be a blast Class of 2012!!!

Upcoming test dates for ACT and SAT

SAT Deadlines

Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Closes	Late Registration Closes
November 5, 2011	SAT and Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT and Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

ACT Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

Positive Behavior Support Go BLUE – Be Loyal, Unified and Excellent

What is Positive Behavior Support? — Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a research-based intervention model targeted at improving student behavior and student academic achievement. PBS is currently being used in over 8,000 schools. The results have been positive, with schools showing a reduction in discipline referrals.

Philosophy — Positive Behavior Support is a process for teaching and recognizing appropriate behavior and providing the supports necessary to sustain that behavior. Positive Behavior Support uses research-based practices and strategies.

Goal — The goal of Positive Behavior Support is to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behaviors, and sustain a positive school climate.

Team — John Power – PBS Coach; Adam Hunter – Team Leader; Candace McRae – Administrator; Lydia Bowden – Recorder; Jay Nebel – Timekeeper & Assistant Team Leader; Andrew Foster – Data Specialist; Syreeta Ward – Behavior Expert; Chris Bess - Researcher and Megan Burns – Communication Coordinator

Motto — Go BLUE Be Loyal, Unified and Excellent

Reinforcements — Teachers will receive five Blue Bucks per week. Teachers give the Blue Bucks to students exhibiting positive behavior and adhering to the Matrix. Students can then redeem their Blue Bucks for a **candy bar at any administrator's office, a chance to leave 1 minute early for lunch, or a weekly drawing from the media center.**

Students will also be recognized using the automated calling system and good news postcards. In addition, selected students will be recognized each week for no tardies and perfect attendance with coupons from area businesses.

Teacher incentives will also be incorporated administration will recognize teachers that implement Positive Behavior Support with bottled water and ice cream. In addition, administration will recognize two teachers each month that implement Positive Behavior Support by providing privileged parking.



Clubs, Classes, and Awards

INTERACT Club

The INTERACT club is quickly entering the year with a full agenda. The Executive board met over the summer in order to discuss plans for the new school year. INTERACT is the high school division of ROTARY International, a dedicated service organization.



At Norcross High School, the INTERACT club has facilitated the recycling of the school every other Thursday, recycling approximately 64,000 pounds of paper and cardboard for the 2010-2011 school year, and hopefully more for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year!

In addition to the weekly collections, the INTERACT club also encourages and promotes environmental awareness at major school and local events, by setting up recycling bins for the yearly Taste of Norcross event, and participating in Road Clean-up and other similar functions. Thanks to the INTERACT club, the amount of waste from the school is reduced, and the club hopes to further this by reincorporating a bottle recycling system this year in partnership with La Voz, another very active school club.

However, the focus of the INTERACT club is not limited only to environmental preservation. Members are very aware of not just local issues, but international issues as well, and are active in the assistance of non-profit organizations that provide direct aid to nations that are in need. The INTERACT club identifies several "projects" for the year, most of them lasting two-three months, and several in conjunction with other Norcross High School clubs and other INTERACT clubs in the county.

For the months of September and October, the INTERACT club is promoting awareness for the Somalia crisis by running a coin collection. The money collected will be sent to UNICEF, a nonprofit organization that is working to fight the widespread famine in Somalia, particularly for children. The collection is school-wide, and INTERACT members are all taking an active role in assisting with not only the collection of the coins, but also encouraging fellow classmates to donate and be more aware of international crises that face us today.

The INTERACT club was present at the Norcross Art Fest on October 1st and 2nd, where the members were part of the large volunteer base that is needed to effectively run the event. The INTERACT members participated in a little bit of everything- from setting up to packing up, and of course, recycling. They are also planning on bringing their community spirit into the heart of Atlanta for the AIDS walk

at Piedmont park on October 16th. The INTERACT members have their own team registered for the walk, and it is quickly growing!

This is only the beginning for the INTERACT club- there are several planned projects that will be revealed throughout the course of the year, and there will certainly be additional opportunities that the INTERACT club will not hesitate to take on, following the ROTARY Club's, ideal "service before self".

News from LaVoz

Mr. Patterson,

I am a parent of a 5th grader at Peachtree Elementary School. On Friday night, September 9th, we had our annual Fall Family Movie Night. I volunteered to help with the concession stand. During my three hours, I had the pleasure of working side by side with several NHS students from the LaVoz club who were also volunteering. These young ladies were all incredibly hard working, polite, and a delight to be around. They left quite an impression on me. Too often teachers and administrators hear about the bad stuff; I just wanted to let you know some of the good.

If these students are representative of Norcross' student body, I'll be looking forward to the day when my son attends.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bottomley

Note those LaVox students were: Alejandra Meija, Margarita Valdez, Carolina Carbajal, Ashley Mora, Marisol Pena, Diane Guzman and Dulce Galindo.

NORCROSS IB INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Norcross High School partnered with CareerBuilder.com, under the leadership of Daniel Cosey (Director of IS & International IT), to begin an internship program for high school students. This program focused on introducing students to business operations and providing them with a foundational knowledge of the business process model.

This dynamic program utilized mentors, real-world work, and a "mini-MBA" to help the students earn practical experience in a corporate environment. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the launch year of the program.

- Christina Doan
- Caitlin Burton-Dooley

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- Xavier Galloway
- Courtney Kay
- Nayomi Mitchell
- Leah Topper

We look forward to continuing the program during the summer of 2012 with Careerbuilder and appreciate their support. Additionally, we are looking for companies that would be interested in participating in this program. If you know of a corporation that may be interested in participating please contact Kathy Sanchez. (770-453-2092 or Kathy_Sanchez@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA FESTIVAL WINNERS

Congratulations to these recent NHS graduates (and their teachers) whose projects placed at International Media Festival. All three were also chosen as "Judges Favorites."

- Andrew Schwab - "Join Drama", Gina Parrish
- Andrew Schwab, Zoe Robbins, Grainne Hutton - "Reactor 4: The Chernobyl Disaster", John Rogers
- Andrew Schwab - "Wait Until Dark", Gina Parrish

NHS FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS NEWS!

Congratulations to Allison Fisher, who came in 5th place in the Senior Division Individual Global Problem Solving Competition. Allison Fisher and 11 other student from the Norcross Cluster represented Georgia at the Future Problem Solving International Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin in June. The topic for the competition was Emergency Preparedness. Students from 49 affiliates representing 8 countries participated in the conference

Art Career Night Kicks Off the Year for Art Students

In a joint effort by our three art clubs, the NHS art department began the year with a major art career emphasis. All art classes have an Academic Knowledge & Skills element related to art professions. On August 16 the Art, Architecture & Design Club, National Art Honor Society and La Voz Art Club hosted a night with NHS alumni, parents, and friends who brought their amazing portfolios to the Commons area so that all studio students could talk to them. The outstanding event culminated with a drawing

for several door prizes of art supplies and museum posters.

Our guest artists included:

- Tom Brand – graphic designer – **NHS class of '89**
- Steve Chininis, industrial designer & instructor at Georgia Tech
- Jason Getz – photojournalist for the AJC
- Shawn Hamlin, architect-- Shawn worked on the design for Norcross High School.
- Deanna Harrington, art teacher –NHS Alumnus
- Aline Jordan, scientific Illustrator
- Luke Kvasnicka, architecture major - NHS Alumnus
- Kelly Luke, architect
- Becca Noethling, film major, Kennesaw – NHS Alumnus
- Susan Philpott, graphic designer
- Christina Quintero, animation major – NHS Alumnus
- Chad Smith, architect
- Vernon Smith, potter – **Hudgen's Center for the Arts**
- Joseph Veazey, animator for Cartoon Network
- Bo Waddell, interior design



Joseph Veazey (SCAD graduate) from the Cartoon Network discusses his portfolio with Madeleine Traylor and Taylor Kendrick.



NHS Alumnus Luke Kvasnicka is an architecture major at Georgia Tech. Allison Starcher and Tabitha Gillentine discuss his college projects with him.

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What does an industrial designer design? Samanta Bennett and Christina Valentini know the answer!

GHP, 2011!



Caitlin Joyce (Class of 2012) stands with a piece of her artwork created at the Governor's Honors Program this summer at Valdosta State University. Attendees work in an intense collegiate setting on experimenting with new media and techniques, concluding with an exhibit at the university gallery.



NHS moms Susan Philpott (graphic designer) and Kelly Luke (architect) explain their work to Mrs. Getz and Houston Luke.



Tamara Houston and her mom get the scoop from Bo Waddell, Atlanta interior designer extraordinaire!

Norcross Foundation for Excellence

Foundation Tailgate Party

The NHS Foundation for Excellence invites all of our friends, supporters and interested adults to join us for a Pre-Game Tailgate Party at the NHS pavilion before Senior Night, October 28th from 5:30 - 7:30. Come for food, drinks, and that Blue Devil spirit as we share our plans for the upcoming year and gather YOUR ideas for ways the Foundation can make a difference in our children's education. Be among the first to hear who the 2012 Hall of Fame inductees are! RSVP required - 770-447-6022; jennychapin116@bellsouth.net

Clubs, Classes, and Awards

go2.gwinnett Parent Portal

ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Varsity and Junior Varsity Academic Teams for their awesome results at the Gwinnett County Tournament.

Kelvin Chong, Rakin Mohammed, Tommy Evinger, Joyce Luk, and Matthew Chen took 4th place in the JV division. This is a great accomplishment for them, as they are a brand new team and each member has no more than 1 semester of experience! We are very proud of them!

Mostafa Bhuiyan, Hernan Morales, Michael Sokolow, and Joseph Reifenberger represented the Varsity Division and won 1st place in the Varsity Division! This is somewhat of an upset, as they beat Brookwood (whose team has held the county champion title for the past 14 years) in the last round of the day. They have earned a spot on the WSBTV show "High Q" at the end of October! Also, Gwinnett County Public Television filmed parts of the tournament and interviewed captain Mostafa Bhuiyan about the victory.

Please congratulate these ladies and gentlemen -- we are very proud of them!

Gwinnett County Public Schools offers the go2.gwinnett Parent Portal as a tool to enhance the parent communication and involvement in their child's academic achievement. Through this online resource, parents can monitor their child's academic progress and attendance on an ongoing basis. In order to access this resource, parents must complete a form in person at Norcross HS and present a picture ID. Upon confirmation of guardianship through school records, parents will receive an email with information to log in to the Parent Portal. The

go2.gwinnett Parent Portal

Access Forms are available in the front office.



Our NJ RoTC and Brass Quint "represented" for 911 service at Norcross City Hall



Blue Devil Sports News

Athletic Physicals

Athletic physicals will be available on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30 to 8pm in the Norcross gym at a cost of \$25. Students must have a physical on file to even try-out for a sport. Physicals will not be offered again until after Spring sports begin.

Congratulations to

- Coach Maloof who was named the Atlanta Falcons High School Coach of the Week for the week of September 5. Great job Coach!!!
- Basketball head coach Jesse McMillan, who was chosen as a coach for the USA East team in the Nike Global Challenge. He worked with 30 of the best high school players from the United States and his team of All-Stars played against a variety of Under-19 National Basketball teams in Portland, Oregon. He is 1 of 6 coaches that was chosen to work with this outstanding group of players. Good job Coach!
- Diamond Deshields and the USA 19U Basketball Team who won the gold medal in the World Games in Chile. Diamond was the leading scorer vs Argentina and had a great tournament. Way to go Diamond!
- Katherine Yost who was named Runner of the Week by the Gwinnett County cross country coaches. Yost placed first in the Carrollton Invitational with a time of 19:24 and fourth in the UGA Invitational with a time of 19:28
- NHS Football Players of the Week
 - Dacula: Montorois Broughton, Tommy Tate, Martavius Edwards, Brad Robinette, Nathanael Cruz
 - Parkview: Alvin Kamara, Tanner Maloof, Curtis Whisby, Charles Cook, Warren McWilliams
 - Roswell: Joseph Wilber, Hampton Floyd, D-monique Mason, Chris Cingham, Darian Dennis, Malcolm Galloway
 - Duluth: Jason Croom, Anthony Autry, Myles Autry, Clinton Lynch, Nick Jones
- NHS Student Athletic Awards
 - Walton: Football — Chris Bingham and Montorois; Cheerleader — Melissa Prater and Logan Toth and Band — Will Woolever and Mitchell Bernardo

- Parkview: Football — Anthony Autry, D-monique Mason and Jason Croom and Cheerleader: Ashley Boxley

Welcome Coach Wyman

The Blue Devils announced the hiring of current Lanier assistant coach Jonathan Wyman as their new head baseball coach. He replaces longtime Norcross coach Andy Collins, who resigned in late August to take a job at Tusculum College.

PTSA News Cont'd.

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- Your PTSA membership also includes GA PTA and national PTA membership.
- PTSA is one voice for every child, the more members, the louder the voice for our children.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.... THE NORCROSS FACULTY/STAFF LUNCHEONS!!!

This is a GREAT way to feel connected and help make our teachers/staff feel appreciated for all their hard work!! These four wonderful luncheons put on by Amy Plummer and Kari Ranney (and the PTSA helpers too!!) **THIS YEAR'S DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- OCTOBER 12th
- DECEMBER 7th
- FEBRUARY 15th
- MAY 4th

Please mark your calendars and help by bringing various homemade/ready made dishes/goodies!!! For more information you can contact Amy Plummer at 770-242-9192 or Kari Ranney at 770-441-0004.

TUTORING

Calling all folks who love working with kids! Any day; any time; any subject! Training will be provided. Please let me know if you are interested, we will find you a way to help. Email to Lynn Sponholz at ltks1956@gmail.com

Musical Notes



... to two outstanding orchestra students in being accepted into these top metro Atlanta Orchestra - ESYO and MYSO. Anthony Morgan auditioned and was accepted into the Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra and Anderson Leggett was accepted into the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra. These students are among the top 5% of young musicians in the Atlanta area.

... to Parker Buntin (trumpet) on successfully auditioning into the Rialto Youth Jazz Orchestra! Parker is 1 of only 26 students (and 1 of 6 trumpets) in the Greater ATL area to earn a position in this ensemble! This ensemble is coached/lead by the Jazz Faculty at Georgia State and will perform a number of concerts in the Metro Atlanta area over the course of the year.

... to the following students on their successful auditions into the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony, one of the premier youth wind bands in the nation:

- Edward Lee - Clarinet
- Brannon Booth - Principal Euphonium (Brannon was the highest ranking player on his instrument!)

... to the following students on their successful auditions into the Pit Orchestra of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra and Alliance Theater's joint production of Into the Woods. These students performed on the Alliance Stage with shows that ran through October 2:

- Emma D'Agostino - Flute
- Dawn Andrews - Piano
- Alex Claussen - Piano (Alex is not a band student, but is an incredibly gifted pianist who also deserves the recognition!)
- ... to the following students for auditioning for the Gwinnett County Youth Symphony. There were over 500 students from all over the county auditioning.

The following students were being selected to this great orchestra:

- Antonio Gonzalez
- Sam Kick
- Benjamin Ong
- Ashley Wang
- Anderson Leggett
- Angel Cruz
- Anthony Morgan

... to Mai Hoang, Austin Rose, Desiree Jones and Evelyn Sterina for representing our school at the county auditions.

Norcross Cluster Orchestra Concert Tuesday, Oct 4 @ 7:00 PM, NHS Theater

There will be a NHS Orchestra Cluster Concert on October 4th @ 7:00PM in the NHS Theater. The annual concert will feature the 8th grade students from Summerour and Pinckneyville Middle Schools in a combined orchestra. The students will also be able to see and hear the NHS Philharmonic Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble, as they will perform together. All three schools will perform the grand finale. It promises to be a great concert.

In the Halloween Spirit, there will be a Costume contest for children up to age 11. All children dressed for the occasion will receive a prize at the door. Have you ever tried playing a string instrument? The orchestra students have organized an "instrument petting zoo". Come and join in us in great fun and fantastic music performances by our Norcross Cluster Programs.

September Super Students

Fantastic Freshman
Rudolfo "Rudy" Guillen

Spectacular Sophomore
Mackie Myers

Jammin' Junior
Abigail Bryan

Lions Club Super Senior
Lauren Ranney

September Blue Angels

Natalie Flanders
Nathanael Cruz Romero

Marra Romero
Allison Starcher

Sports News

Norcross Varsity Football 2011

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 10 th	Walton	Away	7:00 PM (Scrimmage)
Aug. 18 th	Dacula	Home	7:30 PM (W 35-7)
Aug. 26 th	Open		
Sept. 2 nd	Parkview	Away	7:30 PM (W 35-14)
Sept. 9 th	Roswell	Home	7:30 PM (W 49-14)
Sept. 16 th	Duluth **	Home	7:30 PM (W 35-14)
Sept. 23 rd	Mill Creek **	Away	7:30 PM (W 41-34)
Sept. 30 th	Open		
Oct. 7 th	North Gwinnett **	Home	7:30 PM (Sponsor Night)
Oct. 14 th	Peachtree Ridge **	Away	7:30 PM
Oct. 21 st	Meadowcreek **	Away	7:30 PM
Oct. 28 th	Collins Hill **	Home	7:30 PM (Senior Night)
Nov. 4 th	Mountain View **	Away	7:30 PM
Nov. 11 th	First Round	TBA	7:30 PM
Nov. 18 th	Second Round	TBA	7:30 PM
Nov. 25 th	Quarterfinals	TBA	7:30 PM
Dec. 2 nd	Semifinals	TBA	7:30 PM
Dec. 9 th	Finals	TBA	7:30 PM

Region Game **

Norcross Football 2011 9th Grade / JV Schedules

DATE	OPPONENT	9TH GRADE	JV	TIME
Sept. 1st	Meadowcreek		H (W)	6:00 PM
Sept. 1st	North Gwinnett	A (L)		6:00 PM
Sept. 8th	Mountain View	H (W)	A (W)	6:00 PM
Sept. 15th	Collins Hill	H (W)	A (W)	6:00 PM
Sept. 22nd	Duluth	A (W)	H (W)	6:00 PM
Sept. 29th	Mill Creek	A (W)	H (L)	6:00 PM
Oct. 6th	North Gwinnett		A	6:00 PM
Oct. 13th	Meadowcreek	H		6:00 PM
Oct. 20th	Lanier		A	6:00 PM
Oct. 20th	Peachtree Ridge	H		6:00 PM



Clubs and Activities Advisors

ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN CHARGE
ACADEMIC TEAM	MS. GALLAGHER, MS. RILEY	GWINNETT CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL	MR. KATZ
AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE	DR. AARESTAD, MS. EKPO	IB CLUB	MR. CICHETTI, MR. WEEKS
ANIME CLUB	MS. BUSCHMAN	INTERACT	MR. KATZ
ART CLUB	MS. WILLIS	LACROSSE – GIRLS / BOYS	COACH HANSARD, COACH ZITTLE
ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION	MS. YANG, MS. GODBOLE	LA VOZ	MS. COOK, MS. MENDOZA, MS. PEÑA
BAND	MR. NEWMAN, MR. MALONEY	MATH TEAM	MR. ALVIS, MS. KOOKER
BASEBALL	COACH STANCIL, COACH CERNEKA	MOCK TRIAL	MR. WRIGHT
BASKETBALL – GIRLS / BOYS	COACH HEMBREE, COACH MCMILLAN	MU ALPHA THETA	MS. NEUMAN, MS. FRISBEE
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM	MS. THOMAS, MS. EKPO	NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY	MS. GETZ, MS. LANDERS
BLOOD DRIVE	MS. H. YOUNG	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	MS. BOHANNON
BLUE CREW	MS. TOTH	NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS	MR. BELFROM
BOOK CLUB	MS. LUND, MS. WHITWORTH	NORCROSS STUDENT LEADERSHIP	MS. PARDEE
CHORUS/CHOIR	MS. REED	ODYSSEY OF THE MIND	MS. BERGH, MS. GRANVILLE
CHEERLEADING	COACH GALLOIS	ORCHESTRA	MS. ALZAGA
CLASS SPONSORS	9TH – GALLOIS, MALONEY 10TH – EDER, RUSSELL 11TH – ZOBROSKY, RIEBER 12TH – FRISBEE, BLACK, GRAVES	PHILOSOPHY CLUB	MS. POTTER
CO-ED Y	MS. CRISP, MS. BISHOP	PROM	MS. ZOBROSKY, MS. RIEBER
CROSS COUNTRY	COACH WILLIAMS	RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS	MRS. KATZ
CULINARY CLUB	MR. DONAHUE	READERS RALLY	MS. LUND, MS. WHITWORTH
DECA	MS. BRACKMAN, MS. GODDARD, MS. RICHARDSON	REDEFINING BEAUTIFUL	MS. RUST, MS. BYRNE
DEVILS DISPATCH / NEWSPAPER	COACH BLACK	RELAY FOR LIFE	MR. MALONEY, COACH GALLOIS
DRAMA CLUB	MS. PARRISH	ROBOTICS TEAM	MR. FLOYD
FBLA	MS. MAYES	SCIENCE CLUB	MS. POTTER
FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	COACH FARR, MS. ZOBROSKY, MS. RIEBER, MR. MUYRES	SCIENCE FAIR	MS. GRANVILLE
FIRST ROBOTICS	COACH FLOYD	SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	MS. POTTER
FOOTBALL	COACH MALOOF	SENIOR BETA	MS. BONAKER, MS. BISHOP, MS. A. STEED
FRENCH CLUB	MS. BUCHHOLZ	SOCCER – GIRLS / BOYS	COACH KINCHEN COACH BESS
FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY	MS. WATSON	SOFTBALL	COACH BLACK
FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA	MS. GRADY	SPANISH CLUB	MS. MICHENER, MS. VEGA
GERMAN CLUB	MS. SHASHOUA	SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	MS. MICHENER
GOLF – GIRLS / BOYS	COACH RICHARDSON, COACH SIMS	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	MS. ROJAS, MS. HORNE
GOVERNORS HONORS	MS. DAILEY	STUDENT COUNCIL	MS. TOTH
GUITAR CLUB	MS. ALZAGA	SWIMMING	COACH JATKO
		TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION	MR. FLOYD
		TENNIS – GIRLS / BOYS	COACH BLACK, COACH MARCHMAN
		TRACK	COACH WILLIAMS
		VOLLEYBALL	COACH CERNEKA
		WRESTLING	COACH BURTON
		VOLUNTEER CLUB	COACH O'CONNOR
		YEARBOOK	MS. O'CONNOR



NHS 2011-2012 Calendar

Oct 4 Norcross Cluster Orchestra Concert

Oct 5 Norcross Cluster Band Concert

Oct 10 Student Holiday (Teacher Planning Day)

Oct 12 Athletic Physicals

Oct 12 Faculty / Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Oct 20 Chorus Concert

Oct 25-26 Gateway Retest

Oct 26-27 One Act Play

Nov 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov 7-11 GHSGT Retest

Nov 8 Election

Nov 9 Catalyst Lunch

Nov 15 PTSA General Meeting

Nov 15 College Fair

Nov 17 Orchestra Fall Concert

Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

Dec 7 Faculty Staff Appreciation Lunch

Dec 14-16 Early Release

Dec 19-30 Winter Break



Jan 2 Student Holiday (Teacher Planning Day)

Jan 8 PSAT Night

Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day (School Holiday)

Jan 18 Catalyst Lunch

Jan 19 Junior Parent Night

Jan 26 Sophomore Parent Night

Jan 30—Feb 3 AP/IB Rush Week

Feb 6 AP/IB Night

Feb 15 Faculty Staff Appreciation Lunch

Feb 17 Student / Teacher Holiday (Snow Make Up #1)

Feb 20 Student / Teacher Holiday (Snow Make Up #1)

Feb 22 Black History Program

Mar 4 & 6 Rising 9th Grader Registration and Elective Fair

Mar 9 Catalyst Lunch

Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 12 Student Holiday

Mar 24 Senior Prom

Mar 30 Student / Teacher Holiday (Snow Make Up #2)

Apr 2-6 Spring Break

Apr 18 Catalyst Lunch

Apr 24 Honors Breakfast

Apr 24 Honors Night

May 1 Band Concert

May 3 Chorus Concert

May 4 Relay for Life

May 4 Faculty Staff Appreciation Luncheon

May 8 Orchestra Concert

May 13 **Mother's Day**

May 15 Title I Public Forum

May 15 Title I Steering Committee Meeting

May 21-23 Early Release

May 23 Last Day of School

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