



## January Calendar

- 1 School Closed
- 4 School reopens  
NHHS PTSA Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.
- 11 World Language Week  
NHHS Booster Club  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12 NHHS Music Association  
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Staff In-service, 2 1/2  
hour delayed opening for  
students  
Math League, 2:25pm
- 18 Martin Luther King Day,  
School Closed
- 21 Parent Advisory Meet-  
ing, 9:30 am, Media  
Center
- 22 Last day of the semes-  
ter, 11:55 am student  
dismissal
- 25 3rd Marking Period Be-  
gins
- 26 Signed course verifica-  
tion sheets for 2016-17  
due to Guidance
- 29 Community Service Fair,  
9:15 am  
PTSA Battle of the  
Bands, 7:00 p.m., Caf   
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## January News - Happy New Year!



Richard A. Bergacs,  
Ed.D., Principal

### School Clos- ing Remind- er

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016

in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### 2016-2017 Scheduling

During the second week of January, the counseling staff will meet with groups of students to discuss scheduling for next year. These meetings will include a review of the students' graduation requirements, an overview of the available courses, instructions for online course selections in ASPEN and a visit from a Polytech representative.

The students must enter their course selections from January 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. The system will close on January 22nd and all further changes will have to be completed by students' counselors. The signed verification course sheet must be turned into the Guidance Office by January 26.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of a school closure, delayed opening or

early dismissal, School Messenger, our automated notification system, will call the phone numbers you have provided to us, as well as send a message by email and text. The School Messenger system will leave a voicemail if no one picks up the phone. Parents and students may also check the school's website or call the school's main number, 908-713-4199, and choose option 9 for the status of school for the day. [Click here](#) for more.

*If you have changed your phone number or email address since September 2015, please provide the information to our school's registrar, Ms. Susan Gutwillig at [sgutwillig@nhvweb.net](mailto:sgutwillig@nhvweb.net).*

### Music Accomplishments

Congratulations to all who auditioned for the New Jersey Region 2 Chorus in December and were accepted into Regions Chorus this year:

- Rebecca Beswick '19 and Juliette Shore '18—Soprano 1
- Sophia Scala '18—Soprano 2
- Harley Varga '18 and Alisha Vekaria '18—Alto 1
- Ali Cafaro '19—Alto 2

Special congrats to Alisha Vekaria for placing 6th in her section, and to Juliette Shore for scoring the best out of all the

North Hunterdon singers!

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned for the Region II orchestra and symphonic band:

Sanghyun Lee '19 accepted on cello for the orchestra.

Julia Lombardo '17— accepted on clarinet for the Symphonic Band

### Governor's Educators of the Year Program Winners

Congratulations to the NHHS recipients of the 2015-2016 Governor's Educators of the Year Program, Barbara Carr and Tara Kraatz. Ms. Carr (top photo) has been teaching English at North since 2005. Mrs. Kraatz (bottom) is our Student Assistance Coordinator who has been with us since 2006. We thank them for their dedication and tireless efforts in making North a great place for our students to learn!



## December Department Students of the Month



**Fine Arts** Lauren Campbell '17 and Logan McMahon '17

**English** Audrey Riccitelli '19 and Liam Smeraglia '19

**Mathematics** Abigail Johnson '16 and Shady Barsoom '18

**Music** Leah Gaidos '18 and Sam Szych '17

**PE & Health** Johannah Schumacher '19 and Michael Vantslot '18

**Practical Arts** Amanda Riccitelli '17 and Anthony Vacca '16

**Science** Brielle Burns '17 and Gavin Strand '19

**Social Studies** Cecelia Higgins '16 and Christopher Mead '16

**World Language** Ella Fasciano '19 and Liam Smeraglia '19

## December Good Citizens of the Month



As a part of our discipline policy, each department nominates one male and female student each month for being a good citizen. These students reflect one or more of the following characteristics: **caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.**

Congratulations to the following students!

**Fine Arts** Britney Owusu-Dapaah '17 and Elvis Carr '18

**English** Veronica Bober '19 and Steven Polaski '19

**Mathematics** Toni Castellani '19 and Nicholas LaBelle '17

**Music** Kathryn Berger '19 and Evan Rys '16

**PE & Health** Kateryna Voznyuk '19 and Peter Duttweiler '18

**Practical Arts** Margot Lewis '18 and Austin Spriggs '17

**Science** Maria Mancuso '19 and Mitchell Finnegan '17

**Social Studies** Alexandra Anderson '16 and Austin Wilson '16

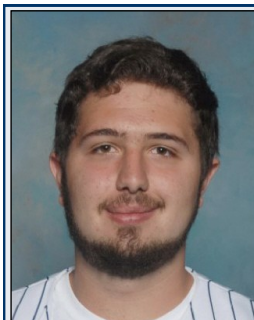
**World Language** Shannon Russell '19 and Matthew Shea '19

## December Students of the Month



President of the National English Honor Society, **Abigail Johnson**, has had four memorable years at North Hunterdon. Abigail is also involved in National Spanish Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society. She played Varsity Volleyball during the 2014 season and is currently apart of Model UN and Youth and Government. In Youth and

Government, Abigail is a youth secretariat, in which she works with other officers of the club to better North's delegation. She was a part of helping North win Premier Delegation last year. Abigail's favorite class at North Hunterdon is Miss Fedorko's AP Literature class. This class is her favorite because it is very engaging and it incorporates subject matter that she enjoys, poetry, into subject matter she dislikes, essay writing. One of Abigail's favorite memories from North is decorating the mall to look like a haunted house for Spirit Week this year. Abigail is planning on majoring in English with a focus on creative writing. She also has an interest in Neurology and Linguistics. Abigail is applying to several colleges, some of which are MIT, University of California Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, and Johns Hopkins.



**Tyler Lardieri** is a senior who is actively involved in many extra-curricular activities both inside and outside of North. Tyler has been a member of the football team since he came to North in his sophomore year. He is also involved in spring weight room, winter weight room, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and Interact Club. Outside of North, Tyler plays rec basketball and baseball. He volunteers at his

church and food pantry. Tyler also coaches youth basketball through CYO and youth baseball with Clinton Township Little League. He enjoys tutoring younger kids in any subject they need help in. Tyler's favorite classes at North have been his math and science classes. He loves the academic challenge to find the answer that math and science present. Another class Tyler has really enjoyed during his time at North has been Government because he enjoys discussing real world issues with other intelligent students in a free space. Tyler's favorite memories at North were winning the Milk Can all four years, playing sports after school with the guys, the 1000 small memories he will treasure, and making a bunch of friends he will have forever. Tyler is applying to Stanford, NYU, University of Chicago, Northwestern, USC, and Columbia. He is planning on majoring in biochemistry with the intention of one day becoming a doctor.

## December Athlete of the Month— Heather Tostevin

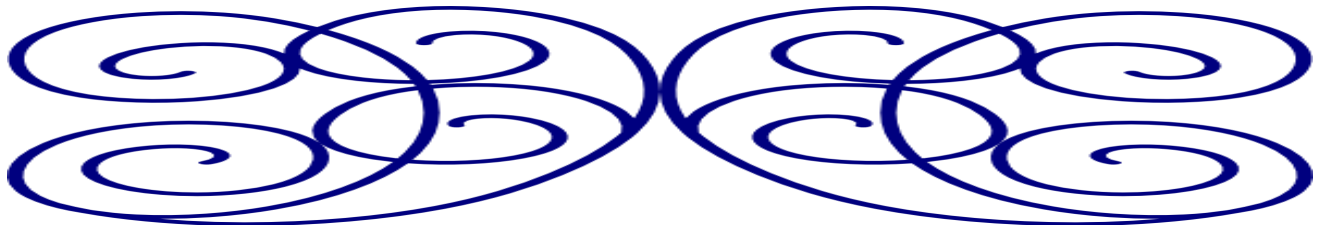


Senior **Heather Tostevin** has been playing competitive basketball since the fourth grade. She loved playing in the CYO league at Immaculate Conception so much, Heather began playing in a travel league the following year. Heather played in the United Organization and with the Lady Hawks from Allentown, NJ. Her decision to quit travel to pursue soccer further was a very difficult decision because of her love for the game. Heather's strongest skills as a basketball player are her ability to drive to the basket and use her strength as well as her size underneath the basket. She typically plays guard or point guard, but has been successful at playing post. In this upcoming season, Heather's goal is to improve and excel as both a guard and small post. Outside basketball, Heather is involved in Interact, Student Ambassadors, National Honor Society, and Varsity Soccer, where she made First Team for the Skyland Conference two years in a row and the All Hunterdon County team. Heather will be playing soccer for Florida Institute of Technology next year, where she will be majoring in Forensic Psychology.

## December Athlete of the Month— Robert Spichiger



Co-Captain of the Varsity Boys Swim Team, **Bobby Spichiger**, has been swimming since he was six years old. In the first two meets against Voorhees and Watchung, Bobby qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle events. His favorite events to swim are the 500 free, 200 free, and 200 IM. He feels the team has a lot of potential to do well this year. Currently, Bobby swims on a club team out of Rutgers University called the Scarlet Aquatics. He is also a Swiss dual citizen and competes for a Swiss club team called Mendrisiotto Nuoto and the Swiss Junior National Team. With the Swiss Junior National Team, Bobby has competed throughout Europe, his favorite of the trips being a competition in Hungary. When Bobby isn't swimming, you can find him involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and English Honor Society. He is still undecided where he will be attending college, but his number one choice is West Point. Bobby is thinking about majoring in biomedical engineering and going on to medical school.



## SAT Prep Course Offering

Students who would like to improve their SAT scores are invited to attend a free SAT Review in Math, taught by certified Math teachers, and/or Critical Reading & Writing, taught by certified English teachers. They will be presented with specific test-taking strategies and given practice exercises for homework. It is expected that registered students will attend every workshop and complete homework assignments.

### **SAT Math Review:**

The Math SAT review will be held on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00pm in room 207 beginning on January 13 running through February 17. Sign-ups were held in the Matrix (room 215) beginning Monday 12/7 and is ongoing. Please contact Mr. Gallo [mgallo@nhvweb.net](mailto:mgallo@nhvweb.net) if you need more information.

### **SAT Critical Reading and Writing Review:**

All students interested in gaining some extra practice with the new SAT: The English department will be holding a FREE SAT verbal prep class leading up to both the January and March SATs.

The class will run from 3:15-5:00 on Mondays starting January 4 and ending February 29.

Sign-ups will be in the ReadingWriting Lab (room 106) from December 3 through January 4.



## Library Visitors Enjoy Holiday Fun

The North Pole had nothing on North Hunterdon, where the Media Center was the headquarters for holiday cheer in December.

**Do you want to build a snowman?** We wanted to, but without any Frozen-style weather to provide snowman supplies, librarian Martha Hickson and library clerk Pat Stark had to get creative. They built an Olaf snowman out of books and invited pre-schoolers from Mrs. Veres' "Little Lions" class to meet him. At the library's craft table, "big lions" built snowman ornaments using battery-operated tea lights, pipe cleaners, and pom-poms.

**Elf on the Shelf:** Meanwhile, North students proved that even teenagers hang holly in their hearts as they searched the library for our Elf on the Shelf, which hid in a different spot each day during the week before Winter Break. Students used their library skills to decode the daily clue, find the elf, and enter a prize drawing.

Lucky winners of prizes from the Elf on the Shelf were:

Steffanie Chiu

Peter Duttweiler

Loran Holmes

Adam Lum-DeBono

Tony Menes

Georgiana Sopkovic

Destiny Thorne-Kovacs

**Star Wars contest:** The countdown to Winter Break coincided with the countdown to the premier of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." In the library's "Count Your Lucky Stars" contest, students used math and other Jedi mind tricks to guess the number of Starburst candies in a giant jar. The force was with freshman Rebecca Beswick, who calculated the correct number (320), winning the jar of candy, a gift package of Star Wars swag, and a \$25 gift card.



*Little Lion Ella Schuetz, daughter of Math teacher Mr. Schuetz, stepped up to meet Olaf.*



*Tony Menes used library skills to find the Elf on the Shelf.*



*Contest winner Rebecca Beswick started Winter Break with Star Wars swag and a \$25 gift card.*



# Friendship Day—November 25, 2015 (photos by Christmas City Studios)







# Blood Drive Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)

On Tuesday, November 24, North Hunterdon hosted its fall blood drive. North Hunterdon set a high school record of 480 pints donated in a single day! Thank you to all staff, students and members of the community who participated.



 **New York Blood Center**  
Donate **blood** now...  
*people can't live without it.*  
**1-800-933-BLOOD**  
[www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)  
Serving 20 million people in New York, New Jersey and beyond since 1964.

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# Computer Science Education Week December 7-13



Computers are everywhere! We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field students choose as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a small fraction of students today are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it than only a decade ago.

To assist students with their understanding of computer science, we enrolled our school in the Hour of Code initiative joining over 164,000 other events around the world. We wanted our entire school to join in on this largest learning event in history during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 7-13). Last year, 15 million students tried computer science in one week. This year, we joined students worldwide to reach 100 million students!

The Math Department at North planned several events in which classes could participate throughout the week. These activities were accessed through the student chromebooks or by visiting one of the Computer Labs or the Media Center in school. The following is a list of some activities that supported this initiative:

Visit [Code.Org](http://Code.Org) or <http://hourofcode.com/us> (click the link for "Students – Try It") to learn how to program a game using Blockly (drag and drop steps), learn the basics of JavaScript and Python programming languages, or make an app to share. You can do this through fun activities building a galaxy in Star Wars, create a MineCraft adventure, or try coding with Anna and Elsa from Frozen! When you finish any of these events, you will receive a certificate to your school email. Collect these and submit them to the main office or in the media center by Friday, December 11 for a chance to win a gift card to Amazon. Three certificates will be drawn at random and the winners will each receive a gift card. Think about it - the more certificates you earn, the better your chance is to win. If you are completing the activities in your class

your teacher will submit your name for you without the need for a certificate.

Play a game at our [Gaming Corner](#) – Your fellow classmates of the Intro to Programming and Computer Science Basics through Gaming class have built a variety of games. You can play any of these games during your free time using your school ChromeBook. The games are BugSmash (a candy crush like game), Asteroid Destroyer, Flip the Robot Monkey (a platform based game), Bovine Battle (a game similar to Bomberman), and Silly Salmon, a game of skill navigating your salmon character through the obstacles in the river. Silly Salmon is also a touch based game and can be play on your mobile device. Use your finger to swipe up, down, left and right.

View some short clips (<http://csedweek.org/promote> – scroll down the page) from people like Bill Gates, Chris Bosh of the Miami Heat, President Clinton, Mark Zuckerberg, Steve Jobs, and others on how they got started with coding.

Try the [Yeti Animation](#) – Add code tiles to animate the Yeti to make him dance, wave, and spin his head.

Try out [madewithcode.com](http://madewithcode.com) to design a ZAC Zac Posen dress that turns heads and lights up the runwaystyle a dress using led lights! Also check out the cool video to see lots of ways you can get involved!

Going [Beyond One Hour of Code](#) – Try some of these [activities](#) to have more fun!

[Google Code-In 2015](#) – Get involved in a Code-In. Pre-university students ages 13 to 17 are invited to take part in Google Code-in, a contest introducing young minds to the world of open source. With a wide variety of bite-sized tasks, it's easy for beginners to jump in and get started no matter what skills you have. Mentors from their participating organizations are available to lend a helping hand as you learn what it's like to work on an open source project.

[Hour of Code at Khan Academy](#) – try out one of these [activities](#) – drawing with code, making webpages, or making a database.

164,163 Hour of Code events around the world

[Sign up your event](#)



## NH Varsity Cheerleaders



Congratulations to the varsity cheer team as they earned a first place trophy at the UCA Pocono Regional Competition at Kutztown University on Sunday, December 6, 2015. The team won an automatic bid to the National High School Cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida in February 2016.

## Stall Day



On Tuesday, December 23, students were encouraged to bring their spare change to school in order to "stall" class to raise money for Student Council's state designated charity, Hope Loves Company.

Each teacher began class as usual and students brought their loose change to the teacher to count. Every time the teacher counted the change, the class "stalled" and then he or she restarted class. This continued until the students stop contributing.

HLC is the only non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to the children of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) patients. Most funding for ALS goes to research and patient care — and that is important, but what about the children? It is estimated that 85% of ALS patients have children, so those children will witness a parent struggling with terminal illness. HLC is unique in its dedication to supporting the children of ALS patients and relatives.

The mission of Hope Loves Company is to provide emotional and educational support to children and young adults who have family members battling ALS.

Hope Loves Company is a non-profit organization founded in 2007. We are a 501 (c)3 non-profit. Our tax exempt number is 20-8418402.

A total of \$728.66 was collected. Thank you to all students and staff who participated.

## Health Office Reminder



Reminder to all parents of children with allergies: Please check your child's epi-pens for expiration dates. If they are Auvi Q brand visit the Sanofi website ([www.sanofi.us](http://www.sanofi.us)) to make sure they were not part of the recent recall. You

can also check with your pharmacy.

Please make sure your children are eating breakfast and getting enough sleep, prevention is key to staying healthy.

## Patriotic Youth Club



The Patriotic Youth Club held their Annual Operation Little Soldier Toy Drive. The club collected over 100 toys and ~\$980 in gift cards. The toys benefited children of our troops who live in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The club would like to thank staff, students and the North community, who participated in this fund drive, for bringing a little holiday cheer to families with troops serving our country.

## Student Performs at Carnegie Hall

Congratulations to sophomore Tom Flynn who recently had the opportunity to perform in the Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall on December 5. Tom earned this opportunity by taking first prize at the TYMA's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Music Competition, held on November 1.



In addition, on December 6, Tom performed at the Piano Teacher's Congress of New York's Incentive Program, at Shetler Studios on 54th Street. As a result of his solid performance, he was selected by the judges to return the following weekend to perform in their Encore Recital at the same location, along with students of the same caliber from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Tom has also been invited by the PTC of NY to attend their Master Class in January in New York City, taught by famous Russian Pianist, Dr. Dmitry Rachmanov, Professor of Piano at California State University, Northridge and Chair of Keyboard Studies.

Tom has been playing piano for a little less than two and a half years under the tutelage of Walter Aparicio at Hunterdon Academy of the Arts in Flemington. "I enjoy learning piano because it allows me to create some of my favorite music. I never get bored of it because it is a great combination of mental, physical, and emotional tasks," says Tom. Though he doesn't think he'll choose music as a career, Tom says he will appreciate music all his life.



# Golden Lions Marching Band Honors



The following students were recognized at the December 2015 "Golden Lions" Marching Band banquet:

**Top Freshman Marchers**—Rebecca Beswick '19 and Adrian Krowicki '19

**Top Sophomore Marchers**—Stephanie Sharp '18 and Kayla Boyle '18

**Top Junior Marcher**—Julia Lombardo '17 and Olivia Adams '17

**Top Senior Marcher**—Brady Bean '16

**Most Improved Band Member**—Alyssa Schwartz '16

**Spirit Award**—Lawrence Luo '18

**Sabre Award**—Kelly Landers '16

**Director's Award**—Eric Gaidos '16, Evan Rys '16, Grace Leffler '16, Maggie O'Connell '16 and Jake Zalewski '16

**Section of the Year Award**—Trombones—Troy DeSavino '17, Section Leader

**Pride of the Lions Award**—Celine LaBelle '16

**Service Award**—Iris Ahmed '16, Ryan Garvey '16 and Steven Slack '16

Congratulations to all on a job well done!



*Marching Band Officers (left to right): Eric Gaidos '16—president, Nick LaBelle '17—vice-president, Iris Ahmed '16—secretary, Jordan Sinoway '17—treasurer, Ryan Garvey '16—equipment manager, Kayla Boyle '18—librarian, Leah Gaidos '18—librarian, Lawrence Luo '18—librarian, Fabiana Popolla '18—librarian*



*Pictured left to right: Drum Majors—Seniors, Celine LaBelle and Evan Rys, with Mr. Angeline for receiving the Outstanding Drum Major at the Phillipsburg Band Festival. The band received this award for the second year in a row.*



*Drum Major—Senior, Celine LaBelle (pictured with her family) received the top award "Golden Lions Band Pride of the Lions Award" (outstanding service, dedication, etc.)*



*Pictured left to right: Seniors Eric Gaidos, Evan Rys, Grace Leffler, Jake Zalewski, and Maggie O'Connell received the "Golden Lions Directors Award"*



*Pictured left to right: Seniors—Marissa Mugnano, Stephen Slack, Iris Ahmed and Ryan Garvey received the "Golden Lions Service Award"*

## Traffic Alert—Proceed with Caution



Starting Thursday, January 7 and continuing each Thursday through Feb 4, 2015 (weather dependent), there will be Ski Club drop-offs in the morning before school. Please plan accordingly as there may be congestion on campus, particularly from the Route 31 entrance.

Reminder to all students: there is no parking in the lower parking lot by the field house. All students must park in the general student parking area.

## Music Association

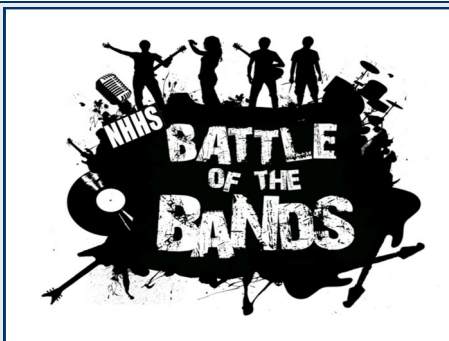


Keep music in mind as 2016 begins!

The North Hunterdon Music Association is so grateful for the support of our members and volunteers. We're a great group and **it's never too late to join us!** Our membership dollars, along with

fundraising efforts, help provide programs, services and scholarships which encourage and enrich all of our music students. Click [here](#) to visit our website and learn more about who we are and what we do.

We'd love to see you at our next NHMA meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. We meet at 7 p.m. in the choir room (Rm 131).



"Battle of the Bands" will be held Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars for this awesome night of music, and come support your favorite band. Check out the [flyer](#) for more information. Contact a Jr. Class

Officer or one of the class advisors: John Mattes ([jmattes@nhvweb.net](mailto:jmattes@nhvweb.net)) or Jessica Allora ([jallora@nhvweb.net](mailto:jallora@nhvweb.net)).

Happy New Year and Happy Savings! If you didn't get everything on your Christmas Wish List, you still can take advantage of our [Amazon Fundraiser](#) and support PTSA!

We are always welcoming new members to PTSA. Please come to check us out at our next meeting: Monday, January 4th at 7pm in Café B. For more information go to [NHHS PTSA](#).

### Upcoming Events:

Staff Appreciation Breakfast - 2/26/16

SAT Boot Camp: February 27-28, 2016 @ Voorhees High School

## Booster Club News



Our indoor shack will be open for all 7:00 pm basketball games/wrestling matches starting Friday, December 18th. We will have drinks, candy, hot dogs, popcorn and pretzels. Come out and support our teams!!

Our Spiritwear store for North apparel is still open online through Sneakers

Plus. Merchandise can also be purchased in the store located on Rt. 202N in Flemington.

Looking ahead...we will be hosting our custodial luncheon in January and Dave 'the Rave' Robbins birthday celebration in February.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Booster Club, please visit our webpage for more information or email us at [nhhsbc@gmail.com](mailto:nhhsbc@gmail.com).

Please click [here](#) to read the Booster Quarterly Report.

