NC News

Natrona County High School Newsletter for Parents
February/March 2018

From the Administration.....

Natrona County High School is pleased to announce our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on Thursday, April 5 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Teachers will be located in the Commons by department. Please bring your student's schedule or 3rd quarter report card with you so you will know what teachers to visit with. If you don't have a copy of your student's schedule or report card, they are available on the Portal which you can access on your smart phone, or we can print you a copy in the main office. No appointments are necessary; come at your convenience.

We believe your attendance at these conferences will strengthen our ability to provide the best possible educational experience for your child. Our teachers are looking forward to this opportunity to meet with you and discuss the progress of your students. Teachers will be discussing how your child is doing, what is happening in class, and how you can work with them as partners to provide the best possible education for your child.

There will be no school for students on Friday, February 16th due to Professional Development for teachers, or on Monday, February 19th due to President's Day. School will resume on Tuesday, February 20th, which will be a black class day. We hope you enjoy your long weekend with your families!

This years' testing dates will be as follows: WY-TOPP, which is for Freshmen and Sophomores, will be testing between April 16 - May 11. ACT testing will be on April 3rd. Schedules for the testing will be shared when finalized.

Sincerely,
NCHS Administration

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2nd Semester
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, April 5
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
in the Commons

NCHS Attendance
253-1705

Spring Break
March 26 - 29
Good Friday
March 30

Last Blast 2018

Attention Senior Parents:

The planning for Last Blast 2018 is underway! Last Blast is the best way to send your child off with wonderful memories of their graduation and high school years at NCHS...and it is designed to keep Seniors safe on the night of graduation. The event is hosted by the parents of the graduating Seniors. Please help us make this the **Best** Last Blast ever for the class of 2018. We need volunteers to chaperone and work the activities at NCHS after graduation on Friday, June 1. You can volunteer to work the early shift (approximately 11:00 to 1:00), the late shift (approximately 1:00 to 3:00), or both shifts if you would like to enjoy the fun all night long. Please send an email to Jennifer1445@myncsd.org stating your name, which shift(s) you would like to work and the best way to get ahold of you. With everyone's help we will be able to provide a fun and safe night for our Seniors!

NCHS Angel Fund

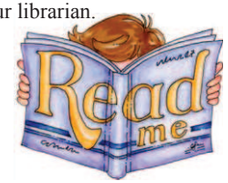
The NCHS Angels have been very busy this year! This holiday season we provided gifts to approximately 80 NC students. We"ve bought clothes, shoes, MP3 players, ear buds, socks, jewelry, make up, gloves, hats, scarves, and hygiene products. Thank you so much for your contributions to the NCHS Angel Fund. We DO make a difference every single day! Without your donations we could not be successful!

Library News...

Great news! NCHS has access to ebooks available through MackinVia. This application can be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store or via iTunes. Students and staff can login and borrow/download ebooks and audio books to your own devices at home. Once the ebook is downloaded to your device, Wifi won't be necessary to continue reading and enjoying your selection. The process is simple and additional titles will be added throughout the year. So dive in, explore, have fun, and take advantage of these books in additional formats!

1. Download the MackinVia application to your device.
2. Choose your school. (Natrona County High School, Casper, WY)
3. Your username is your five-digit school ID number.
4. Your password is also your five-digit school ID number.

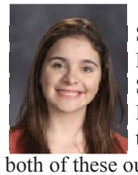
That's all there is to it! Now you are ready to login, download, and enjoy! Should you have questions, contact your librarian.



Happy Reading!

Celebrating Excellence

Congratulations to stellar senior **Collin Depaemelere** for being chosen Rotary Student of the Month for January.



Student of the Month for February is **Emily Fittje**. She was honored at a Rotary Luncheon on February 5th at the Parkway Plaza. Congratulations to both of these outstanding seniors!

I Believe in Conservation State **photo** competition winners are as follows: Wildlife Category- **Austin King** 2nd place "Blue Jay"; Finalist **Britney Force**, "Sound of Nature"; People in Nature Category Finalist **Britney Force**, "Rustic Sunrise in the Tetons"; Finalist **Andrew King**, "A photographer capturing the Tetons at String Lake"; Finalist **Madelyn Pike**, "Morning View"; Finalist **Tanner Smith** "Couple sitting on a bench at String Lake".
Wyoming Lands:1st Place- **Mike Yarger** "Teton Mountains"; 2nd Place- **Sean Baxter**"Death Valley is right in The middle"; Finalist: **Laura Delano**"Land surrounded by Medicine Bow";Finalist **Andrew King** "Landscape of the Tetons"
Wyoming Waters:1st Place- **Britney Force**, "Spirit of the Lands"; Finalists: **Sean Baxter**, "A mountain that is up close with a stream lake with stars in the sky"; Finalist :**Abril Lopez Villanueva**, "Goodnight Tetons"; Finalist: **Andrew Underwood**, "The Upside Down: Oxbow bend"
Community Awards: **Andrew Underwood**, "Smooth Waters at Oxbow Bend". First place winners receive $200; second Place winners receive $100, community award winner's recieve $25. All award winners and finalists' photographs will go on tour throughout Wyoming this year. They will be at the Nic in Casper in June. Many of the photos are on line at www.nature.org. Our photography students support conservation efforts in Wyoming. It is a great opportunity for our students to participate in this contest each year.

DECA Students at Natrona County High School were the only high school in the State of Wyoming to achieve Thrive Level on ALL 3 of their Campaigns, qualifying three students for Nationals. They also were the only school in the State of Wyoming to receive achievement level on the Membership Campaign meaning they recruited 20% more students, alumni and staff this year. DECA students head to state in February to compete for a chance at Nationals in Atlanta this year

Ethan Frank, a 2017 graduate of NCHS, has been nominated by Senator John Barrasso for a Service Academy Position. This is a first step in a very competitive process that could lead to an appointment. Congratulations Ethan!

Brett Brenton has been named Gatorade Player of the Year for football. Congratulations!

December 1, 2 and 3, NC, KW and Casper College hosted 671 theatre students, their coaches, and many college professors and theatre professionals for State Drama. We hosted the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as a special performance of Peter and the Starcatcher. The kids had a wonderful time, participated in many amazing workshops, and absolutely nailed their performance of the full play.
All State Superior winners-an * denotes qualification for the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, NE. this summer.
Matthew Hills - Costume Design*
Lindsay Clark, Desaray Kistler, and **Jillian Wallace** - Group Acting *
Bailey Gardener - Monologue*
Taylor Berg - Publicity
Camila Cuhna - Fantasy Makeup
Our student-directed one act play ranked 5th out of 19. **Breanne Wilkinson** worked hard on getting great performances out of her cast.

All of the visiting teams were blown away by the new building. It was an incredibly proud moment to show it off to those in attendance.

Remember....
Every Day is a GREAT Day
to be a
MUSTANG!!

Counselors' Corner

The NCHS Counseling Department is dedicated to preparing accountable, life-long learners through academic support, career and post-secondary planning, and social and emotional support. Please contact your school counselor with any questions or concerns you have during this academic year.

Students are assigned to school counselors by grade. The following is the list of school counselors and their assignments:

Lana Bolan	9th grade students
Jamie Freymuth	10th grade students
Missy Nack	11th grade students
Cari Langley	12th grade students
Marvin Birzer	IB/BOCES Counselor
John O'Connor	College Selection Facilitator

Senior Graduation Reviews

The Counseling Office staff is available to work with seniors on their plans for their future. Your student can sign up for a Senior Graduation Review in the Counseling Center. The Senior Counselor and College Counselor are available to discuss information on the college application process, scholarships/financial aid, the military, and applying for a job.

ACT For Seniors

Seniors wishing to retake the ACT: March 9th, is the deadline for the April 14th, ACT. Be sure to sign up prior to the deadline. Go to www.act.org to register, NC school code is 510060. Cost of the test is $46.00, $62.50 with writing. Practice for free online at: www.number2.com and www.march2sucess.com

Richardson Scholarship

The Richardson Family Education Trust Fund Scholarship is available to NCHS graduates who attend the University of Wyoming or Casper College. The FAFSA must be completed. The recipients must have a cumulative 2.00 (C) or better high school grade point average. It is necessary to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply for admissions to the University of Wyoming or Casper College to be considered for the Richardson scholarship.

ACT AND WY-TOPP Tests

The ACT Test will be administered to all juniors on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at NCHS. The State Legislature is providing the funding for these tests as a way to help students qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship. The ACT Test is required for all juniors. The WY-TOPP Tests will be administered to all Freshmen and Sophomores throughout 2nd semester.

Important Information for Parents and Students

As you and your students contemplate plans for the future, here is a sobering statistic to keep in mind: nearly 30% of College Freshmen drop out before their Sophomore year. Research shows that the rigor of high school course-work has a strong correlation to success in college. As you are finalizing next year's course requests, please consider what the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at NCHS has to offer:
*The IB program offers an internationally recognized curriculum for motivated students that may result in an acclaimed high school diploma recognized by universities worldwide.
*IB students demonstrate a strong commitment to learning as they develop the skills and discipline needed to be successful in a highly competitive world.
*UW and many other universities grant college credit for IB students who achieve the required scores on their IB exams.
*IB students are provided a balanced education that facilitates and promotes international understanding and appreciation.
In order to be prepared to take IB classes during their junior and senior years, 9th and 10th graders should take advanced and honors courses in the core subject areas, along with a foreign language. If you have questions or would like to find out more about the IB program, please contact Marvin Birzer at marvin_birzer@natronaschools.org phone (307) 253-1594.

Boys and Girls State

Every summer during one week in June, student leaders in the junior class from around the state of Wyoming have an opportunity to participate in the Boys and Girls State program sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary. This program includes an experiential learning opportunity to explore the three branches of government through the election of government officials, writing, debating and passing of bills as well as mock trial/court room experiences. Students will work with current adult leaders in Wyoming such as state legislators, judges, and lawyers. Boys State will be held in Douglas, Wyoming in June. More information concerning the Boys State applications and interviews can be found at wyoboysstate.org. Girls State will be held in Powell, Wyoming in June. More information concerning the Girls State applications and interviews can be found at http://www.wyamericanlegionauxiliary.org/girls-state

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2018-2019 Registration

Middle School to High School registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year will take place during February. Students will receive information about where to find the enrollment guide and how to register prior to the actual registration. Students will need to talk with teachers and get recommendations about which classes they should take. Parents are required to sign the registration form before it is turned in.

College Fair

Rocky Mountain Association for College Admission Counseling will present their Spring College Fair in Denver on Sunday, April 15, 2018, from 1:00 until 3:30 pm at Cherry Creek High School. There will be over 120 colleges from around the country, a great opportunity for juniors to gather information and ask questions of colleges. Go to: www.gotocollegefair.com to register for the fair. If you registered for the NC College fair last fall you will just need to log-into your account. Contact Mr. O'Connor if you have any questions. (262-6153)

PARENTS AND STUDENTS

If you are moving please make sure you have your student stop by the Registrar's office to get a withdrawal form. This form needs to be taken around for teachers to sign and give your student their current grades. Students have to have any fees, laptops or Ipads handed in and signed off on as well. If you do not check out properly, current grades will drop and you could have fees up to $900.00 for any Ipads or Laptops not returned. It will also delay or restrict records being transferred to the next school your student attends. Please check out properly! If you have any questions please call our registrar at 253.1521.

Several Ways to Support NCHS

Smile.amazon.com

NCHS supports shopping local and supporting Casper and Wyoming's economies. However, if you no longer reside locally and want to give back to NCHS, your Amazon purchases can support our school. Every time you shop on Smile.Amazon.com, 0.5% of your purchase can be donated to the NCHS Millennium Fund. All you have to do is click on the Amazon link to get started. Select NCHS Millennium Fund as your Amazon charity, and always start at smile.amazon.com to benefit Natrona County High School. Thank you for supporting the NCHS Millennium Fund

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Smiths

Smith's is putting community first by offering a Community Reward Program to help local non-profit organizations. You can be a partner in this effort by linking your Smith's Reward Card to NCHS. Each time you shop at any Smith's location, points will be added to the NCHS account with absolutely no loss of points to you! Then once a quarter, Smiths will donate moneyto NCHS based on the number of points accumulated. It's that simple!

Blood Drive February 7th

Come sign up for the blood drive today in rooms 1006 and 1008 to help NC beat KW in the annual blood drive! The blood drive will be taking place at NC on February 7th and you must be 16 to donate, anyone younger than 18 must have a parent signed consent form to donate. Friends and family please donate too and let's beat Kelly Walsh this year!

FEBRUARY 2018

Orange days/Black days/No School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Alpine Ski @ Pinedale Boys Swim Conference @ KW 1:00 Basketball vs Green River: MAC- Girls JV @ 3:00 Girls Sophomore @ 4:30 GYM - Boys JV @ 4:30 Boys Sophomore @ 3:00 Girls Varsity @ 6:00 Boys Varsity @ 7:30 Mustang Classic 4:00	3 Alpine Ski @ Pinedale Mustang Classic 7 am -7 pm JV Wrestling @ Rawlins Boys Swim Conference @ KW 9:00 am Basketball vs Rock Springs: Girls soph in GYM @ 10:00 am Boys JV in MAC @ 10:00 am Girls JV in GYM @ 11:30 am Boys Soph in MAC @ 11:30 am Girls Varsity in GYM @ 1:00 pm Boys Varsity in GYM @ 2:30 pm Wrestling @ Rock Springs
5 ELT meeting in Library @ 3:40 pm Kinzer Jazz Festival in Auditorium 12-6:00 pm	6 Kinzer Jazz Festival in Auditorium 8-11:00 am	7 Peach Basket Blood Drive in rooms 3086, 3088 & 3090 8:00 am-2:00 pm Basketball officials meeting in PE class-room 6:30 pm Junior/Senior Honor Breakfast in GYM on the Mezzanine 7:30-8:10 am	8 Freshman/ Sophomore Honor Breakfast in GYM on the Mezzanine 7:30-8:10 am Basketball: 9th girls @ KW 4:00 pm 9th boys vs Sheridan in the GYM @ 4:00 pm Wrestling @ KW JV @ 5:00 pm Varsity @ 6:00 pm	9 Alpine Ski @ Red Lodge, Montana Indoor Track @ Laramie Nordic Ski @ Lander Basketball @ KW(Peach Basket): Girls soph @ 3:00 pm Boys JV @ 3:00 pm Girls JV @ 4:30 pm Boys Soph @ 4:30 pm Girls Varsity @ 6:00 pm Boys Varsity @ 7:30 pm	10 Alpine Ski @ Red Lodge, Montana Indoor Track @ Campbell County Nordic Ski @ Lander 9th Boys Basketball @ KW 10:00 am
12	13	14 Booster Club meeting in the Library @ 5:30 pm Basketball Officials meeting in the PE classroom @ 6:30 pm	15 9th Basketball Tournament 4:00 pm Wyoming Health Fair in Learning Lab 1132 6:30-8:30 am Indoor Track @ Idaho State University	16 Alpine Ski @ Casper Mt. No School/Professional Development Regional Wrestling @ Evanston Indoor Track @ Idaho State University State Swim @ Laramie Basketball vs Jackson: Girls JV in MAC 3:00 Boys Soph in GYM 3:00 Girls Soph in MAC 4:30 Boys JV in GYM 4:30 Girls Varsity in GYM 6:00 Boys Varsity in GYM 7:30	17 Alpine Ski @ Casper Mt 9th Basketball Tournament @ KW Regional Wrestling @ Evanston Indoor Track @ Idaho State University Basketball vs Evanston: Soph Girls in GYM 10:00 JV Boys in MAC 10:00 Soph Boys in MAC 11:30 JV Girls in GYM 11:30 Varsity Girls in GYM 1:00 Varsity Boys in GYM 2:30 State Swim @ Laramie
19 No School President's Day	20 Girls Soccer parent meeting in the PE classroom 5:15 pm Track meeting in the Commons 3:35 pm Track Coaches meeting in the PE classroom 6:00 pm	21 FFA District Speech Contest in Auditorium 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Basketball officials meeting in the PE classroom @ 6:30 pm	22	23 State Wrestling @ Events Center Basketball @ Green River Destination Imagination in the Commons 5:00 pm State Nordic Ski @ Laramie	24 Indoor Track @ Campbell County State Wrestling @ Events Center Basketball @ Rock Springs
26 Staff Meeting in the Choir Room @ 3:40 pm	27 Makeup staff meeting in the Orchestra room @ 7:30 am	28 Basketball officials meeting in the PE classroom @ 6:30 pm			

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MARCH 2018

Orange days/Black days/No School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Regional Basketball @ Jackson	2 Regional Basketball @ Jackson State Alpine Ski @ Jackson	3 Regional Basketball @ Jackson State Alpine Ski @ Jackson State Indoor Track @ Campbell County
5 ELT meeting in Library @ 3:40 pm	6	7 Basketball officials meeting @ 6:30 pm ArtCore "Flamenco Masters" in Audito-rium @ 11:00 & 1:00	8 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center ArtCore "Flamenco Masters" in Audito-rium @ 7:30 pm	9 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center	10 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center
12	13	14 Booster Club meeting in Library @ 5:30 pm	15 Indoor Track Awards Banquet in the Commons @ 3:45 pm Orchestra Concert in the Auditorium @ 7:00 pm	16 Soccer Jamboree	17 Soccer Tournament Glen Legler Track Meet 10:00 am
19 Staff Meeting in the Choir room @ 3:40 pm	20 Make up staff meeting in the Orchestra room @ 7:30 am	21 Last Blast Parent Meeting in the Library @ 5:30 pm	22 	23 Soccer vs Evanston VarsityGirls @ NC 4:00 JV Girls @ Soccer Comples 6:00 JV Boys @ Soccer Complex 4:00 Varsity Boys @ NC 6:00 Track @ NCHS 10:00 am	24 Soccer vs Jackson JV Girls @ NC 9:00 JV Boys @ NC 11:00 Varsity Girls @ NC 1:00 Varsity Boys @ NC 3:00
26 	27 Girls Soccer @ Laramie Boys Soccer vs Laramie 6:00 pm	28	29 Soccer vs Cheyenne South	30 Spring Break....NO School!!	31

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