NC News

Natrona County High School Newsletter for Parents
February/March 2019

From the Administration.....

NCHS Students are expected to ride the bus home or leave campus at the end of the school day unless they are involved in a supervised activity, or are staying for tutoring help in the library. We do not provide supervision in the evening and students will not be allowed to loiter on campus after school hours. Please have your student(s) ride the bus home, or make arrangements for them to be picked up at the end of the school day. Students who remain on campus after school, who are waiting for a ride, will be asked to wait in designated areas.

There will be no school for students on Friday, February 15th due to Professional Development for teachers, or on Monday, February 18th due to President's Day. School will resume on Tuesday, February 19th, which will be an orange class day. We hope you enjoy your long weekend with your families!

Natrona County High School is pleased to announce our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on Tuesday, March 12 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 with you so you will know what teachers to visit with. If you don't have a copy of your student's schedule, 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 student. 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.

This years' testing dates will be as follows: WyCas which is for Freshmen and Sophomores, will be testing between April 15 - May 10. ACT testing will be on April 2nd. Schedules for the testing will be shared when finalized.

Sincerely,
NCHS Administration

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2nd Semester
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, March 12
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
in the Commons

NCHS Attendance
253-1705

Spring Break
March 25 - 29
Good Friday
April 19

Last Blast 2019

Attention Senior Parents:

The planning for Last Blast 2019 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 2019. We need volunteers to chaperone and work the activities at NCHS after graduation on Thursday, May 30th. 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 Paula879@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

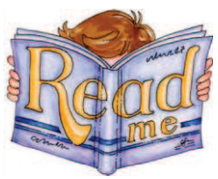
This the NCHS Angel Fund provided gifts for 87 NCHS students and 2 small siblings of one student. We spent $3,827.66. 100% of our donations go back to NCHS students. Please consider making a donation. Remember we have the Thankful Thursday event coming up March 21st.For more information, please contact Melissa Henry at 253-1524.

Library 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.

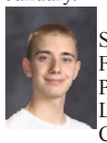
That's all there is to it! Now you are ready to login, download, and enjoy! Should you have questions, contact your librarian.



Happy Reading!

Celebrating Excellence

Congratulations to stellar senior **Dani Zoeller** for being chosen Rotary Student of the Month for January.



Student of the Month for February is Parker Albert. Parker will be honored at a Rotary Luncheon on February 4th at the Ramkota. Congratulations to both of these oustanding seniors!

Staff of the Month for January were **Teddie Bird** Custodian**, and Jamie Freymuth -** Counselor. For February; Congratulations, and keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Mr. **Shawn Weis** for being named Jazz Educator of the year! **Becky Sondag** was named girls Cross Country 4A Coach of the Year, and **Steve Harshman** was named Wyoming Coaches Association Coach of the Year for Football. Congratulations! Well deserved!

NCHS students opened the 65th session of the Wyoming House of Representatives this session. The Mustang Battalion presented the colors and the Jazz Choir sang the national anthem. To conclude the ceremony, the Choir returned to the chamber to sing 4 more songs. It was really wonderful and there were many comments and compliments of appreciation. It was really impactful to have Wyoming's finest show their talents to state legislators. Thank you to Mr. **Grussendorf** and **Colonel Schmotzer**.

The NCHS FFA team won the National FFA Farm and Agribusiness Management Contest at the National FFA Convention! This contest has been taking place for 42 years and this is the FIRST TIME that a Wyoming team has won! Great job to **Mr. Burch** and our FFA team, way to represent Natrona County High School!!

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

Natrona County High School has a long-standing tradition of entertaining audiences while providing an enjoyable and educational experience for its students. This year's spring musical is no exception – Oklahoma! will run March 14-30 at NHCS' John F. Welsh Auditorium.

Due to overwhelming community support and the enthusiasm generated by past musicals, we present six performances! This exciting event gives us an audience of over 2,000 community members. These performances provide a major opportunity for you to showcase your business to our community and support our talented youth in this positive educational setting. By advertising your business in our event programs, you will be reaching a tremendous audience of potential patrons while becoming a patron of the arts in the community. Your entire taxdeductible donation will go directly to our theatre program for supplying and costuming our shows, competitions, and classroom activities this year. All ads will be printed in our spring musical program.

You may mail a hard copy of your ad with the form and payment or email your electronic ad to us Ads must be camera-ready by you; we do not build ads. If sending electronically, please attach your graphic in the form of a PDF file (grayscale, with all fonts and images embedded), a hi-res JPEG file (grayscale), or a copy-ready/camera ad. Please include your ad size choice when emailing your file. All electronic files should be sent to natrona.program.ads@gmail.com. Please also contact us at this email address with any questions. Our deadline for accepting and printing ads is Thursday, February 28, 2019. Please mail business cards or ads, if you are not submitting electronically, payment (checks made payable to Natrona County High School) to the following address: NCHS Theatre 930 S. Elm St., Casper, WY 82601 Attn: Zach Schneider.

We and the Natrona County High School performing arts department thank you for your patronage – we hope to see you at our performances!

Counselors' Corner

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

NCHS Counseling Center Office:
253-1517
Room 0170.

Students are assigned to school counselors in the following way:

Marvin Birzer, room 0186	IB students and 10th – 12th graders, T - Z
Lana Bolan, room 0176	10th – 12th graders, A - Fn
Jamie Freymuth, room 0178	All 9th graders
Cari Langley, room 0184	10th to 12th graders, Fo - Ma
Missy Nack, room 0180	10th to 12th graders, Mc - S

Senior Graduation Reviews

The Counseling Office staff are 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 counselors and College Selection Facilitator 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 8th is the deadline for the April 13th 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

FAFSA Frenzy

Seniors, if you have not yet filled out and filed your FAFSA, come to the NC FAFSA Frenzy on Tuesday, February 12th from 7 – 9 p.m. in the library. We will have financial aid specialists available to assist you. For more information on what to bring with you, please contact our College Selection Facilitator, John O'Connor at 253.1589.

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 2, 2019, 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 coursework 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

2019-2020 Registration

Middle School to High School registration as well as registration for current High School students will take place in 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 14, 2019, from 12:00 until 2:30 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 ɔe 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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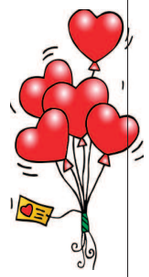
Smiths

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!

Orange days/Black days/No School

FEBRUARY 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Boys Swim @ Evanston Forensics/Mustang Classic 4:00 pm Alpine Ski @ Pinedale Nordic Ski @ Jackson Basketball vs Cheyenne East: Girls Soph 3:00 pm/MAC Boys JV 3:00 pm/Gym Boys Soph 4:30 pm/Gym Girls JV 4:30 pm/MAC Girls Varsity 6:00 pm/Gym Boys Varsity 7:30 pm/Gym	2 Boys Swim @ Evanston Forensics/Mustang Classic 4:00 pm Alpine Ski @ Pinedale Nordic Ski @ Jackson Indoor Track @ Thunder Basin Varsity Wrestling @ Rock Springs JV Wrestling @ Rawlins Forensics/Mustang Classic 7:00 am Basketball vs Chey Central Girls Soph 10:00/Mac Boys JV 10:00/Gym Boys Soph 11:30/Mac Girls JV 11:30/Gym Girls Varsity 1:00/Gym Boys Varsity 2:30/Gym
4 Extended Leadership meeting 3:40 in room 4074 Kinser Jazz Festival in the Auditorium 12:00 -6:00 pm	5 Kinser Jazz Festival in the Auditorium 8:00 am - 10:00 pm	6	7 Wyoming Health Fair Staff blood drive room 3063 6:30-8:30 am 9th Basketball Girls vs KW 4:00 pm Boys @ Sheridan Wrestling vs KW 5:00 pm	8 Forensics @ Jackson Alpine Ski @ Red Lodge Nordic Ski vs KW @ Hogadon 11:00 am Basketball @ Laramie	9 Forensics @ Jackson Indoor Track Invitational @ NC Alpine Ski @ Red Lodge Nordic Ski vs KW @Hogadon 10:00 am 9th Girls Basketball @ Sheridan Basketball @ Cheyenne South
11 Booster Club meeting in the library 7:00 pm Faculty meeting in the Choir room 3:40 pm	12 Battle of the Schools in Auditorium 7:00 pm Make up Faculty meeting in choir room 7:15 am	13 ASVAB testing room 4074 9:00 am	14 9th Basketball tournament TBD Forensics @ Harvard Boys State Swim @ Gillette Indoor Track @ Idaho State Basketball @ Thunder Basin	15 Forensics @ Harvard Boys State Swim @ Gillette Wresting Regionals @ Rock Springs Indoor Track @ Idaho State Alpine Ski vs KW @ Hogadon 10:00 am	14 9th Basketball @ KW Forensics @ Harvard Wrestling Regionals @ Rock Springs Indoor Track @ Idaho State ALpine Ski vs KW @ Hogadon 10:00 am Basketball vs Campbell County Girls soph 10:00 /Mac Boys JV 10:00/Gym Girls JV 11:30/Gym Boys Soph 11:30/Mac Girls Varsity 1:00/Gym Boys Varsity 2:30/Gym
18 Forensics @ Harvard No School/ President's Day	19 Forensics @ Harvard Coaches track meeting in PE classroom 6:30 pm	20	21 Basketball vs KW Girls soph 3:00/Mac Boys JV 3:00/Gym Girls JV 4:30/Gym Boys soph 4:30/Mac Peach Basket/Varsity Girls 6:00/Gym Boys 7:30 pm/Gym	22 Indoor Track vs KW Nordic Ski State @ Lander State Wrestling @ Events Center Basketball @ Sheridan	23 State Nordic Ski @ Lander State Wrestling @ Events Center
25	26	27	28 Regional Basketball @ Cheyenne East		

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MARCH 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Regional Basketball @ Cheyenne East Forensics @ Worland State Alpine Ski @ Jackson State Indoor Track @ Gillette	2 Regional Basketball @ Cheyenne East Forensics @ Worland State Alpine Ski @ Jackson State Indoor Track @ Gillette
4 ELT meeting in Library @ 3:40 pm	5	6	7 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center	8 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center State Forensics @ Riverton	9 State Basketball @ Casper Events Center State Forensics @ Riverton
11 Track parent meeting in PE classroom 6:30 pm Booster Club meeting in Library 7:00 pm	12 Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Commons 4:00-7:30 pm	13	14 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm	15 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm Soccer Jamboree @ NC TBD	16 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm Soccer Jamboree TBD Glen Legler Memorial Track Meet 10:00 am
18 Faculty Meeting in the Choir room @ 3:40 pm	19	20	21 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm 	22 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm Track @ NC 10:00 am	23 "Oklahoma" Theatre production in Auditorium 7:00 pm Soccer vs Evanston Girls JV 9:00 am @ Casper soccer fields Boys Varsity 9:00 am @ NC Girls Varsity 11:00 am @ NC Boys JV 11:00 @ Casper soccer fields
25 	26 Spring Break....NO School!!	27	28	29	30 Track @ Buffalo