



Natrona County High School Newsletter for Parents  
February/March 2021

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 outer designated areas. NCHS Parents: If you pick up a student after school in one of the NCHS parking lots, please park in a parking spot while you wait for them. Waiting while parked along a curb or in a lane between parking rows blocks traffic and creates safety concerns.

There will be no school for students on Friday, February 12th due to Professional Development for teachers, or on Monday, February 15th due to President's Day. School will resume on Tuesday, February 16th, which will be a black class day. We hope you enjoy your long weekend with your families!

Natrona County High School is pleased to announce our Virtual Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on Tuesday, March 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Teachers will meet with parents via Zoom just as we did for fall conferences. Zoom links will be posted in our website at [natronacountyhs.org](http://natronacountyhs.org). These links will be posted the day of conferences.

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.

Sincerely,  
NCHS Administration

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Virtual  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Thursday, March 11  
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Please see [natronacountyhs.org](http://natronacountyhs.org) for  
Zoom links.

**NCHS**  
**Attendance**  
**253-1705**

Spring Break  
March 29-April 2  
Good Friday  
April 2



## Last Blast 2021

Attention Senior Parents:



Planning for Last Blast 2021 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. This year graduation is May 27, 2021. 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 2021. We need volunteers to help plan the event. If you are unable to attend meetings or help plan the event we are also looking for donations of cash and prizes. Please contact Danielle Anderson with any questions @ 307-259-3895 or [ewaanderson@msn.com](mailto:ewaanderson@msn.com). With everyone's help we will be able to provide a fun and safe night for our Seniors!

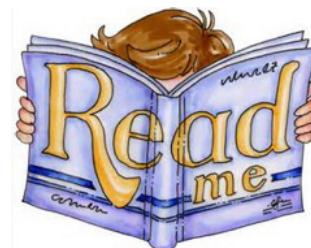
### Library News...

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

Staff of the Month for February were Jeff Peil - NCHS SPED Teacher, Jeniffer Scherlin- Library Tech. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to Steve Grussendorff! He has been named Wyoming State Music Educator of the year!

Congratulations to Brady Dutcher he signed his letter of intent to play football at Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota. Congratulations Brady! Every day is a great day to be a Mustang!

Congratulations to the NC dance team for taking 3rd in Jazz & 5th in Hip hop at the State Spirit competition. The NCHS Cheer leaders also performed well. Congratulations ladies!

Gabby Haigler signed a letter of intent with the University of Wyoming for Diving. Congratulations Gabby! Every day is a great day to be a Mustang!



## 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

# COUNSELORS'

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:

<b>E</b>	Brandi Ramage, room 0178	9th to 12th graders, A - Fe
<b>R</b>	Cari Langley, room 0184	9th to 12th graders, Fi-Ma
<b>R</b>	Missy Nack, room 0180	9th to 12th graders, Mc-Sm
<b>R</b>	Marvin Birzer, room 0186	9th to 12th graders, Sn-Z and IB students

## 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 12th is the deadline for the April 17th ACT. Be sure to sign up prior to the deadline. Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register, NC school code is 510060. Cost of the test is \$55.00, \$70.00 with writing. If your family qualifies for free/reduced lunch, see your counselor about the possibility of a fee waiver. You can get ACT test practice for free online at: [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) and [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)

## Scholarship Information

Seniors looking for scholarships, can check on CANVAS. Go to Counselor Class of 2021, Scholarship Bulletins. Seniors can also visit our web page at [natronacountyhs.org](http://natronacountyhs.org) and go to the Counseling home page scroll to the bottom and look for Scholarship bulletin. Please go to the following link to see more information on College Fairs <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/counselor-resources/>

## 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. Any senior is welcome to come and get help/information no matter which college you plan to attend. 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 6, 2021, 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 Pre-enrollment Information for Parents and Students

As you and your students contemplate plans for the future, here is a sobering statistic to keep in mind: approximately 28% 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](mailto:marvin_birzer@natronaschools.org) or 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.

This year, Boys State will be held from June 13-19 on the UW campus in Laramie. More information concerning the Boys State applications and interviews can be found at [wyoboysstate.org](http://wyoboysstate.org).

Girls State will be held from June 6-11, on the LCCC campus in Cheyenne. More information concerning the Girls State applications and interviews can be found at [http://www.wyolegionaux.org/girls\\_state.html](http://www.wyolegionaux.org/girls_state.html)

### 2021-2022 Registration

Middle School to High School registration as well as registration for current High School students will take place at the end of February and into March. Students will receive information about where to find the enrollment guide and how to register prior to the actual registration. Students may 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. Please see [natronacountyhs.org](http://natronacountyhs.org) for registration forms and links to the course catalog.

## Pathways Innovation Center

Parents and Students when considering registration options for the 21-22 school year. Please see the attached link for all the exciting opportunities that Pathways has to offer. Pathways Innovation Center (P.I.C.) is an extension of Natrona County's high school system. Pathways courses of study include college-preparatory curriculum, industry certifications and internships. P.I.C. offers advanced and professional coursework typically in the 11th and 12th grades which builds on introductory experiences. Experiences are aligned to student interests.

NCHS students who attend classes at Pathways Innovation Center recently earned their Occupational Safety and Health Organization (OSHA) ten hour certification. Six other Mustangs received a scholarship valued at over two thousand dollars each allowing them to earn their Heavy Equipment Certification by learning to operate excavators, dozers, and front end loaders during the school day.

Pathways offers industry recognized credentials and certifications in agriculture, aviation, automotive, diesel, construction, culinary arts, early childhood, film & TV, engineering & design, health occupations, veterinary science, and welding.

More information can be found in the NC counseling office, or by contacting Pathways at 253-1451

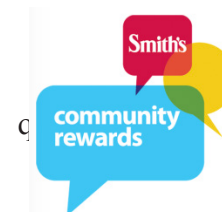


### Several Ways to Support NCHS

[Smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com) to benefit Natrona County High School. Thank you for supporting the NCHS Millennium Fund

### 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 month, Smith's will donate money to NCHS based on the number of points accumulated. It's that simple!