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Celebrating #Hoco2k15

By Ashton Bevans, Sara Hunsicker, Andrea Snyder, and Tyler Roth

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Web
Performances:
November 20,
21, and 22**

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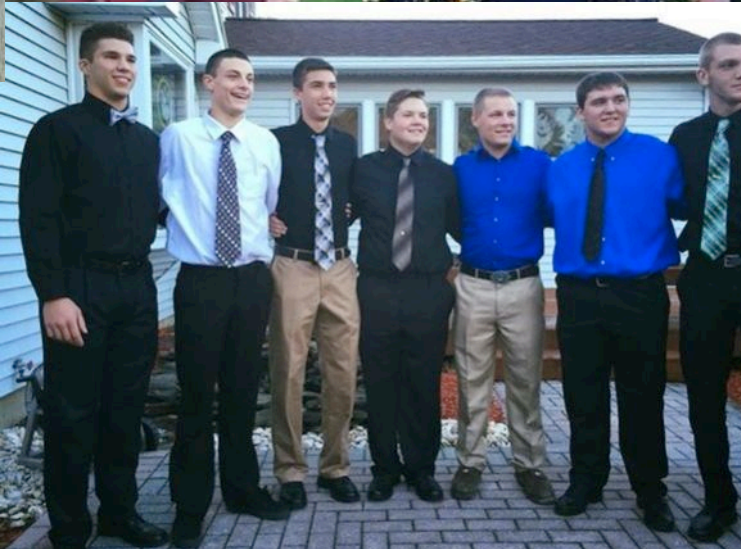
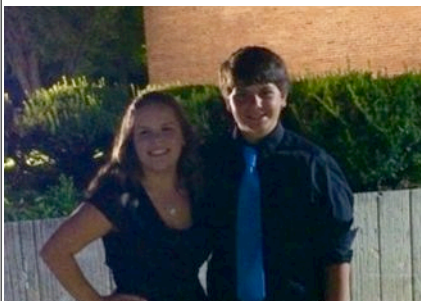
**Music Winter
Concert:
December 15th**

Unfortunately, the Homecoming parade was canceled due to harsh weather. But luckily, the clouds parted just in time for the football team to take its place under the bright lights of Bulldog Stadium, and for the crowd to gather to watch its team take on the Rough Riders of Catasauqua. A roaring student section and an array of Northern Lehigh alumni cheered on the team, who crushed the opponent with a score of 55 to 14. Amidst the excitement, Kasey Wayda and Gavin Kemery were crowned as the night's royalty.

As per tradition, the homecoming dance was held that Saturday after the big game. With the excitement from the game still in the air, the fall semi-formal dance kicked off with unrivaled energy. Everyone arrived in style, and from seven to ten the party only slowed down when the homecoming court had its moment to dance in the spotlight. A perfect mixture of slow and upbeat songs kept everyone on their feet and dancing non-stop, doing everything from the modern whips and nae naes to the classic

cha-cha slide and cupid shuffle dance moves (and of course, the seemingly mile-long Conga line).

The event had record-breaking attendance, which was a delight to the Student Council, whose members dedicated their time and effort to make the gym look stunning. The students left with smiles on their faces, but with a bittersweet feeling, knowing that the Homecoming festivities had come to an end. As always, Homecoming weekend was full of spirit and pride; the Bulldogs truly joined together as a community for this exciting event.



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Spotlight on Spirit Week

By Ashton Bevans, Sara Hunsicker, Andrea Snyder, and Tyler Roth

There's nothing quite like Homecoming week, with the spirit, the anticipation, and the endless blue and white. Excitement lives inside each and every student on this particular Friday morning as he or she waits for the day's festivities to begin.

This year's Homecoming week was nothing short of amazing. To kick off the excitement, all four grades competed against one another in the annual hallway decorating contest. To everyone's delight, the High School was soon decked in beautiful

banners, 3-D displays, colorful artwork, and even fluorescent lights.



The junior class walked away champions, claiming the win with their theme "Bulldogs Rule the World." Their display showcased a variety of countries, while also cleverly creating and incorporating the bulldog into famous landmarks such as Big Ben, and famous artwork like the Mona Lisa.

Nonetheless, every

grade did a terrific job creating four truly stunning displays, with the seniors "Corralling Catty," the sophomores celebrating "Friday Night Lights," and the freshman "Roasting the Riders."

In addition, the high school led up to the weekend with Homecoming Spirit Days. This year, students participated in Sports Day, Pajama Day, Country Western Day, Throwback Day, and of course, Blue and White Day.

As students walked to class Friday morning, they were surrounded by nothing but blue and

white, from football jerseys and homemade shirts to face paint and temporary hair dye. As students waited in anticipation for the Pep Rally, they were surrounded by an encouraging abundance of school spirit.

The Pep Rally would



have been incomplete without the marching band, cheerleading routines, endless Instagram posts, and the always-enthused student

body. Even teachers joined the cheerleaders to pump up the crowd.

The Pep Rally ended with the announcing of the Homecoming court, which included the following students: Kasey Wayda escorted by Chad Cederberg, Lexie Merkle escorted by Gavin Kemery, Taylor Gallimore escorted by Cameron Kates, Maddie Bellesfield escorted by Austin Lancsak, Chyenne Mozzocca escorted by Matt Schmall, Hayley Pavolko escorted by Zackary Stokes, and Ronnie Green escorted by Jakob Traca.

"The Night"

By Gavin Kemery

A gorgeous night under waning moon,
The stars far out in the distance.
A time of shadow, of mystery, of dark,
But the moon keeps alight my path.
I trod through night and concrete jungle.
Occasional lamp posts pass me by.
A hardened slab of cobblestone
Sets beneath me as I walk.
On darkened streets and blackened alleys
I intend to spend my night,
Not knowing where the dark will take me
Upon this midnight hour.
The vivacious life of day has gone
And has become a time of rest.
The flying cars and blaring sounds

Have died like setting sun.
The silent night engulfs me,
Completely ridding me of light.
I'm swallowed whole in molten pitch
As the lit-up streets grow bleak.
The night grows darker,
As I venture further
Into the heart of the night.
What remained of the moon
Has now been consumed
By the shift of nighttime clouds.
I find myself to be lost and abandoned,
For I have evaporated like a mist.
I remain where I have come and gone,
And that, my friend, is night.

My destination was unclear
And where I stand is just as unknown.
I fear I'm not the man I had once been
But, instead, I am the night.



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OPINIONS ON BULLDOG BLOCK

By Danielle DeLong

Bulldog Block is a brand new thing to all of us in the high school, but is it really worth 43 minutes? I talked to a lot of students and asked what they thought, but there were mixed opinions.

For the most part, students said that they liked Bulldog Block. Those with study halls said that it gives them extra time to work on

projects, or if they had work or an after-school activity the night before, that they could use the time to stay caught up with their assignments.

Also, many of our students at Northern Lehigh are involved in a lot of after-school activities, and so are limited in joining additional clubs. For those students, Bulldog

Block has given them the opportunity to join clubs in which they would have otherwise been unable to participate, such as SADD, Spanish Club, or *The Slate*.

Another benefit is the valuable learning experiences you can gain in Bulldog Block depending on which courses you take. Whether it's learning how to use a new computer pro-

gram, how to do new dance moves, or how to write strong dialogue in a creative writing piece, there is a wide variety of learning opportunities for all students.

However, Bulldog Block is not without its negatives. Several students, when asked about their feelings towards Bulldog Block, don't seem to be

very enthusiastic. Many admit to abusing their time by using it as a "free" period, which is not what it's intended to be. Others are concerned that it cuts out nearly 50 minutes of academic class time per class, per week. So, what do you think Northern Lehigh? Is Bulldog Block a good thing?

"I think that Bulldog Block needs to be longer that way I have extra time reviewing materials in my honors enrichment blocks." - Noah Freudenberger

"I do not like it, except Stage Crew Block." -Monica Mankos

"We get stuff done, so it's okay" - T.J. Dooley

"I don't mind having a Bulldog Block because it provides in school time to organize club activities, such as in newspaper and Spanish Club." - Erika Algard

"I enjoy the opportunity to spend time with students who enjoy reading and to hear about new books that I haven't read." -Mrs. Everett

"It's been fun with different options and hanging out with different children that I don't have in class." -Mrs. Frew

"It helps students involved in sports and other after school activities get involved in clubs they didn't have time for before. It also allows students to get help in classes they're struggling in." -Carmen Alvaro



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The "Fhockey" Girls Remain Competitive

By Erika Algard and Cassandra Beller

Northern Lehigh's field hockey team has become a team to reckon with. Because of the girls' perseverance and dedication, this is the tenth consecutive year in which they have earned a berth in the District XI playoffs.

The field hockey girls truly add a hard working, familial aspect to a sport that has become extremely successful in the last few years here at Northern Lehigh. The team became Co-

lonial League Champions in 2013, the first time in NL field hockey history. They finally reached their goal of having a Colonial League banner hung in the gymnasium. During that same year, the "fhockey" girls went to states for the very first time. This is a team that works



tremendously hard for everything it earns. These girls don't play any team

ers and Coach Frew what they want to have happen this year and how they felt about the team. Cassandra Beller, a field hockey senior, said "We want to make it back to the Colonial League districts and to states. On and off the field we are a big family." This feeling of family and the goal of mak-

We asked various play-

ing leagues and states was shared among the girls. Coach Frew could not be more proud of her team. "The field hockey girls have been working very hard to qualify for leagues and districts. They have established goals to work towards and have created a team-like atmosphere that has proven to be successful and encouraging for the program."

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ROLLING INTO FALL

By Danika Heyer

It's the time of the year again when you can't go anywhere without pumpkin spice lattes (well, pretty much pumpkin spice everything) being on the menu. One of the best parts about the fall is the food that goes with the season, which in this case, is anything and everything pumpkin spice. And what is the best thing to bake for fall? Pumpkin roll! Who doesn't love it? Get in the

spirit of fall and try this recipe out for yourself!

Ingredients for the Roll

¼ cup powdered sugar (to sprinkle on towel)
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. ground ginger
¼ tsp. Nutmeg
¼ tsp. ground clover
¼ tsp. Salt
1 cup granulated sugar
3 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
⅔ pumpkin puree

Ingredients for Cream Cheese

1 (8 oz.) brick cream cheese, room temp.
½ cup powdered sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 F. Then, line a 15x10-inch jelly pan with parchment paper. Lay out a thin, cotton kitchen towel and sprinkle evenly with powdered sugar. Then, whisk together ALL dry ingredients with the exception of the granulated sugar. After that, in a large mixing bowl, use an electric mixer to beat eggs and granulated sugar. Add vanilla extract and pumpkin puree, then mix until

combined. Next, mix in the flour mixture until combined. Spread evenly onto prepared pan. Bake for 13-15 minutes or until the top of the cake springs back when touched. Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Carefully peel off paper. After that, roll the cake together with towel together, starting with the narrow end. Then, cool on a wire rack.

When ready to add filling, carefully unroll the cake and spread the cream cheese mixture evenly on the roll. Then, immediately re-roll cake without the towel. Wrap it in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour before serv-



Yearbook Prices Are Lower Than Ever

By Erika Algard

Picture this: Fifty years from now, you are cleaning out an old storage closet in your house so you can finally put up that new addition you've been meaning to add for years. As you near the far back corner of the room, you notice a dusty, hardcover book laying awkwardly on top of a faded brown packing box. You curiously pick up the old book and blow the dust off the cover. Once the dust clears, shiny silver letters spell out the

words "Northern Lehigh High School." You immediately realize what the long-forgotten book is and are filled with happiness and nostalgia. You abandon your project and begin to page through the still glossy yearbook. While the pages turn one after the other, you recognize various faces and funny spirit day outfits. Then, you see it: your senior picture. You have the most ridiculous, yet somehow "cool at the time" hairdo,

and looking at it now makes you cringe. Time seems to turn back as you look at all the hilarious and eye-catching pictures that the yearbook team captured of you and all your friends.

Preserving your high school memories is as simple as ordering a yearbook. This year's will include a custom-designed, color layout created over the summer by the staff editors. Also, the prices are much lower this year than in the past. "The low prices were made

possible through a lot of negotiating by the Editor-in-Chief, Rebecca Blocker, and myself, as well as through fundraising," said yearbook adviser Mrs. Mattiola. From now until

December 31st, the price is only \$50; In January, the price will increase to \$60. Both of these prices includes the cost of shipping for the spring delivery.



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THE GYPSIES OF NORTHERN LEHIGH

By Meghan Miller-Brown

Anyone who watches the Northern Lehigh Marching Band knows that they would be a force to reckon with in competition. This season, they have proved just that.

Coming from an eleventh-place finish last year at Atlantic Coast Championships, the Bulldogs knew it was time for them to get back into the top ten. They started in June, learning music and drill for their new show, Zingara.

Zingara is the Italian word for "gypsy." Its mysterious and majestic tone sets the mood for the show. The instrumentalists portray rigid soldiers whose town gets invaded with free-spirited gypsies, played by the color guard and pit orchestra. The gypsies influence these soldiers to live a more playful lifestyle, rather than being so tense. At first, the soldiers resist the change.

However, as the gypsies exhibit more and more persuasion, the soldiers eventually give in. The show ends with a celebration of the soldiers' transition.

As previously stated, the band knew that this was their year to get back into their rightful spot in the top ten. They were fully aware that every rehearsal would make a difference, and they made sure that no precious time was wasted.

When the show was finally ready for competition, the Bulldogs made their way to a double-day competition in both the Tournament of Bands and Cavalcade circuits. They finished the day with a first place finish and a second place finish. There was still much work to be done. So, they continued without holding back.

Next week, they were at Whitehall high school for the second TOB competi-

tion of the year. They dominated Group 1 Open with a first-place finish and a highly improved score of 83.5. The next competition would be in two weeks, giving the band ample time to improve and make changes, so that the next time they took the field, they would be a whole different band.

The two weeks passed with long, hard rehearsals. However, they paid off. The NL Bulldogs pulled off a first-place finish and a score of 89.1. This was their last regular season competition in TOB. Chapter Championships was awaiting the force of Northern Lehigh.

Chapter Championships at Wilson West Lawn High School was the competition that determined where the dawgs would be seated for Atlantic Coast Championships. The bulldogs finished second, with an outstand-

ing score of 91.35, placing them in a prime spot for championships next weekend.

With quick changes and adjustments, the show had evolved tremendously throughout the season, even until the day before finals. The Bulldogs knew that this performance had to be the best it could ever be. And it was just that. After the field was abandoned by Northern Lehigh, all members knew it was that they did better than they could've ever imagined.

The Championships results were phenomenal, and tied a record for the marching band. They finished in 4th place, out of over 20 bands, with a score of 94.05, tying 2013's season. No one could be prouder of what they accomplished that day. It was truly outstanding.

The seniors for this year include President Meghan Miller-Brown, Vice President Kasey Wayda, Secretary Samantha Brown, Treasurer and Drum Major Noah Freudenberger, Historian and Drum Major Cassie Zaleski, and Zach Ohlson. Although it was the last season for these seniors, they couldn't have asked for a better show and year to graduate with. Zingara has been such a historical impact for the Northern Lehigh High School Marching Band. Even though the show will never be able to be performed again, the Bulldogs know that they truly accomplished something amazing with their 2015 production, Zingara.

****Note – the NL Marching Band has two Cavalcade competitions left in their season. Results and scores from these competitions will be in the next issue.**





Starting Fresh

By Alyssa Hillegas



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Transitioning to the high school is a big change for every freshman. There are new responsibilities to fulfill, but also new freedoms to enjoy. We asked the freshmen: What do you like the most about being a high schooler?

“I like that high school has more freedom. You can have your phone out at lunch. I feel like the smallest person in school now, like a little kid. There are more club opportunities, and more class options.” – Shayla Smith

“I like that there are only four classes and I like that we got to pick our classes.” – Alyssa Snyder

“The teachers are better. I like the high school better.” – Jack Ligenza

“I like that you have space, that the teachers aren't on top of us, but still care that we graduate. My transition was very easy, and I look forward to a great high school experience.” – Morgan Thomas

“I enjoy high school for its freedom to chose what classes you take. And, considering I was in the high school a quarter of the day, I'd say my transition was smooth.” – Mike Martineau

“High school is great. I love the schedule with fewer classes, so I'm not so stressed by so many different assignments. The transition is pretty tough going from the top of the school, to the bottom of it. Now it's just learning how it all works.” – Drew Sofranko

“I enjoy the independence and freedom you have in high school, and I enjoy the block scheduling. I thought the transition from middle to high school was somewhat overwhelming at first, but it's getting easier and I'm getting more used to it.” – Matt Miler-Brown

Senior-to-Freshmen Advice

By Erika Algard and Danielle DeLong

High school can seem like a frightening place. With a new building, new people, new expectations, and a new form of state tests, it's no secret that freshmen have no idea how to act or what to do. After all, nobody ever handed them a how-to book on navigating the halls, surviving classes, or managing social lives. So who better to ask than the seniors? What's some advice that could help freshmen transition to and make it through high school?

“Don't wish your high school career away. It goes way too quickly. Honestly, I want to be a sophomore again.” – Nakiah Romansky

“Don't spend your entire high school career worried about petty drama and what everyone else is doing. Do you. Don't act like you run the school either because that's annoying and nobody likes an attention seeker.” – Taylor Gallimore



“Mr. Oertner is always right.” – Gavin Kemery

“Everything you know is a lie.” – Noah Freudenberger

“Everything Noah says is a lie.” – Sam Brown



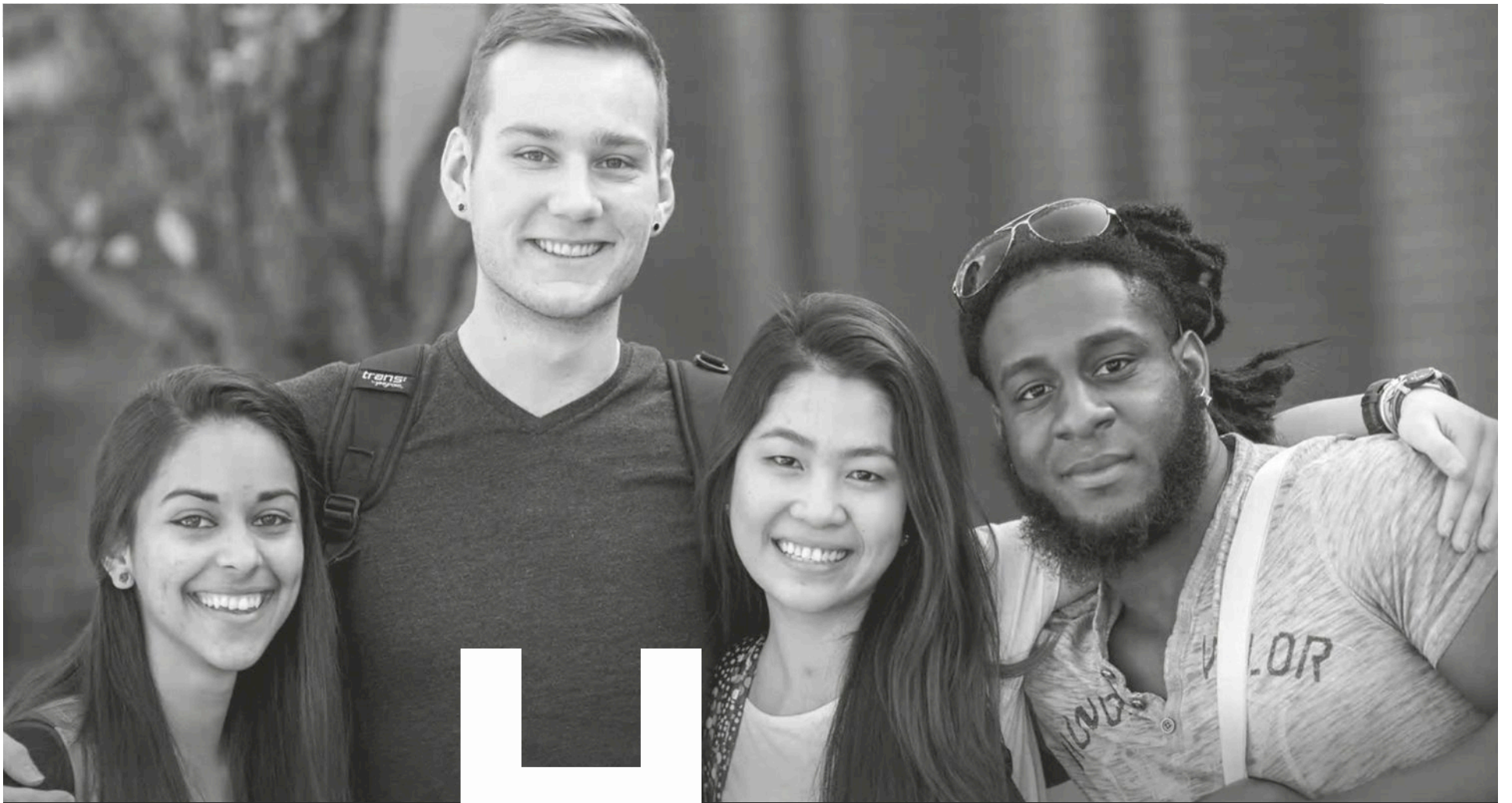
“Do your best right from the start, because most people decide they want to try during Junior year, but then it's too late.” – Abby Obenski

“Honors classes might seem like they are a lot of extra work, but honestly, it's a little extra work for more points, which gives you a higher GPA.” – Zach Ohslon

“When in doubt, stoich it out.” – Erika Algard

“Find good friends and stick with them. Enjoy your high school years. They go by way too fast.” - Kyra Daniels

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Welcome Back NL!

By Mr. Vlasaty

I hope that the beginning of the year has been enlightening, exciting and productive. The 2015-2016 school-year will be a great year for all of us here at NLHS. As you continue to succeed in your current classes remember the following goals. This year, our emphasis will be placed on being a DAWG;DEPENDABLE, ACCOUNTABLE, WORKING Hard and Making GOOD Choices. This will be achieved by maintaining a positive attitude and a positive state of mind. You will view problems as challenges and

discover all the ways in which you will meet and overcome these challenges! We have two new school-wide programs this year to assist you in your quest; Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Bulldog Block.

Our PBS Program is geared toward reinforcing/encouraging positive behavior throughout the building by issuing "You Got Caught" (YGC) tickets to those students "Getting Caught" exhibiting DAWG behavior. These tickets are placed into the YGC Box in main office and at the end of every week we have a

drawing for Gift cards, Subway Certificates, "Bulldog Bonez", and other items donated from local businesses. We have collected over 1000 YGC tickets this quarter so keep up the strong effort!

Our Bulldog Block was created to remediate academic deficits, motivate students to come to school, and enrich students through various activities offered by our teachers. Students will get an opportunity to remediate for the Keystone Exams to be better prepared for the retest or complete the Project Based Assessment. Students taking

Honors Courses can choose content-specific courses to obtain extra help with course materials and also obtain enrichment with additional materials not covered in the course. They can also choose activities that they cannot get involved in due to their many commitments after school. Students also have selections that support brain research in participating in physical activities that result in improved academic achievement in their academic classes. The result of these opportunities will result in a more involved

student body, student-centered environment, and academic success. We will be surveying the students and staff for feedback on course selections and suggestions for next semester/year.

Keep up the strong work and I look forward to seeing all of you getting caught being a DAWG!



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