

North High News

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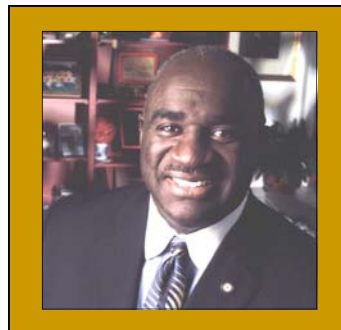
Principal's Points

Welcome!

We, the staff of Omaha North High Magnet School, extend a warm welcome to each of you, as we begin a new school year. The staff here would like to meet the parents that are new to our school and extend our special invitation to each of you.

The mission statement of Omaha North High Magnet School is to provide educational opportunities, which enable all students to achieve their highest potential. We invite all parents/guardians to take an active role and become involved in the curriculum and activity programs of your son/daughter. We have a diverse student population that embraces all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, working together to enhance a spirit of excellence.

We are very excited about the construction of our new addition that will become the new home for our Bio-Technology, Engineering, Music Technology, staff wellness center, wrestling room and staff parking lot. The completion of this project is scheduled November, 2009. The new classroom space will enhance many additional op-



Mr. Gene R. Haynes, Principal

portunities for our students, as we prepare them for the 21st Century in a global society.

I invite you to become a member of our (PTSO) Parent / Teacher / Student / Organization and our Parent Advisory Committee. The Parent Advisory Committee will meet promptly at 7:00 P.M. following the PTSO meeting.

The upcoming dates for these meetings are:

October 14, 2008	6:00 P.M.
November 11, 2008	6:00 P.M.
December 9, 2008	6:00 P.M.
January 13, 2009	6:00 P.M.
February 10, 2009	6:00 P.M.
March 10, 2009	6:00 P.M.
April 21, 2009	6:00 P.M.
May 12, 2009	6:00 P.M.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be conducted in the MPC on November 6, 2008, from 12:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 A.M. on that date. Please mark your calendars!

We would like to increase our parent partnership, which helps to foster and address our students' needs for improving their achievement. We will also have expectations for all students' behavior as we prepare them to become a positive influence in a global and diverse society.

Again, thank you for selecting Omaha North High Magnet School. Your participation and input is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gene R. Haynes, Principal

Go Vikings!



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Counselor's Comments



Meet Mr. Wiley

Welcome to the guidance and counseling program at Omaha North High Magnet School. We have the Comprehensive Competency-Based Guidance Program with three components— Domain Specialization Counselors, Assigned Counselors, and Response Counselors. This means that your student has eight counselors who can help them with their needs.

We are very excited to welcome Mr. Chris Wiley to the guidance department this year! The counselor assignments are as follows:

B	Ms. Bernard	Records
C,D,E	Ms. Jamal	Personal/Social
F,G,K,L	Ms. Lawton	Academic
H,I,J,	Mr. Mertz	Careers
M,N	Mr. Moneke	Advanced Ed.
A,O,P,Q,R	Mr. Wisner	Advanced Ed.
S	Mr. Custard	Guidance Director
T-Z	Mr. Wiley	Personal/Social

Omaha North High Magnet School continues to educate our students with an A+ education. We are very proud to announce that graduating seniors from the class of 2008 received over 400 scholarships totaling near \$4.3 million. This is a wonderful achievement attained by students, parents, and staff of Omaha North High School through dedication, learning, and determination. Students in all grade levels are encouraged to take classes that will stretch their learning and increase their opportunities for the future.

Cues:

This is a publication provided by the Guidance Resource Center that provides students with valuable information regarding college information, visits and scholarships.

GRADUATION—CLASS OF 2009

Graduation - Saturday, May 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Civic Auditorium

Parents of Juniors and Seniors:

Please share the CUES publications. These publications have very important information concerning college admissions and scholarship information. You can locate the CUES on our Guidance web page or you are welcome to stop in the GRC to get a copy of this at any time. The CUES are also emailed to the juniors and seniors when they come out. The Junior CUES will come out approximately once a month. The Senior CUES will be issued every two weeks. Juniors and Seniors have received their first issue. **BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE CUES.** Included will be information about ACT, SAT testing; review sessions for these tests; procedures for college applications, scholarships and visits. Cost of processing each application is \$1.00. Resources are located at the EducationQuest (391-4033) and Omaha North High School. Over 275,000 scholarships, grants, and loans and 650 college scholarships are on file at website-www.fastweb.com



To-Do Lists are prioritized lists of all the tasks that you need to carry out. They list everything that you have to do, with the most important tasks at the top of the list, and the least important tasks at the bottom.

How can you help your student (as a parent)? Here are some suggestions:

1. Attend orientation meetings or other informational meetings
 Meet teachers, counselors, and administrators.
 Ask questions.
 Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 6 & March 12)
2. Help your student with time management. Encourage them to study every night, do homework when assigned, and start projects early.
3. Encourage your student to become involved in at least one activity other than classes.
4. Get involved in the PTSO or as a volunteer at our school.
5. Communicate with your child, your child's teachers, and your child's friends and family.

Counselor's Comments (con't)

If you have a need for licensed therapy counseling, please contact a counselor to get FREE, confidential counseling services. These services are provided by Nebraska Methodist Hospital Foundation. The counselor at North High School three days a week is Ms. Charlene Hills, 557-3482.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Class 2009 Officers: **Caleb Peterson**, President; **Shelbi Whitcomb**, Vice-President; **Michelle Keele**, Secretary; **Justin Asuncion**, **Shane Beasley**, **Brittani Bogatz**, **Kayla Klepper**, **Britta Tollesfrud**, Sergeants-At-Arms.

NOVEMBER 6th Future Planning Day (TESTING DAY)

The following activities will be held for student on Thursday, November 8, 2008:

- 9th grade – EXPLORE Test
 - 10th grade – PLAN test
 - 11th grade – Campus Visits*
 - 12th grade – Choice of Future Planning Activities
- *require permission slips

9th and 10th grades will be taking the EXPLORE and PLAN Tests, respectively. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get free preparation for the ACT test. The test is similar to the ACT and counselors will interpret individual results later in the school year. Attendance is very important on this day. Students are required by the school district to take these tests. **This day is set aside for students to take the tests and not miss regular class time. If a 9th or 10th grade student is absent on this day, they will be pulled from class and take the test. No one is excused from taking the test.**

11th grade has the exciting opportunity to attend a campus visit on this day. We offer a wide variety of visits from Creighton to the Workers Trade Union. It is a wonderful time for student to set foot on a campus. Please encourage your student to take part in the valuable experience!

12th grade has a series of options

- Service Learning Project, helping in some area of the community (permission slip required – from in GRC)
- ACT preparation and resume writing, to be held in the computer center at North
- Attend a Campus visit with the 11th Grade (form in GRC)

Schedule an individual campus visit with family; this would be a great time to make an out of town college visit (form in GRC)

OMAHA NORTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SENIOR CLASS OF 2009

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Nov 1	SAT
Nov 5	SAT registration for December test
Nov 6	All Grades Testing ½ Day--7:45-11:00 a.m.
Nov 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences--12:30-7:30 p.m., MPC
Nov 7	ACT Registration Deadline for December 13 Test
Nov 7	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Nov 7	ASVAB Test--8:00-12:00 Noon, Sign up in GRC



November 6, 2008

Future Planning Day

and

**Parent Teacher
Conferences
12:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Center**



Remember:

*Juniors and Seniors
will need to have a
permission slip signed
in order to participate
in their chosen activity.*

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Counselor's Comments (con't)



**Last Day To
Order
Jostens
Announcements
December 17,
2008**

**Spring
Break**

**April 6 -
April 10**

Nov 12	Senior Class Meeting--10:15 a.m., ONHS Aud, School Traditions
Nov 18	Teachers submit 2 nd Quarter Progress Grades
Nov 18	School Traditions Accepting orders in VKC
Nov 19	School Traditions Accepting orders in VKC
Nov 20	School Traditions Accepting orders in VKC
Nov 26	Teacher Inservice Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Dec 6	SAT
Dec 13	ACT @ ONHMS
Dec 17	Last Day to Order Jostens Announcements—11-1:15 p.m., Viking Center
Dec 19	First semester ends
Dec 26	SAT Registration Deadline for January 24 Test
Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break--NO SCHOOL
Jan 5	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Jan 5	Teachers submit 1 st Semester Grades
Jan 5	New student orientation 5pm
Jan 6	ACT Registration Deadline for February 9 Test
Jan 6	Second semester begins
Jan 19	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 13	Last day to Add a class
Jan 20	Last day to DROP a class
Jan 24	SAT
Jan 29	SAT Registration Deadline for March 1 Test
Feb 4	Teachers submit 3 rd Quarter Progress Grades
Feb 7	ACT @ ONHMS—8:00 a.m
Feb 10	SAT Registration for March 14 test.
Feb 11	Last Day to Order Josten Cap & Gown—11-1:15 p.m., Viking Center
Feb 16	NO SCHOOL--President's Day
Feb 17	NO SCHOOL for students--Teacher Inservice
Feb 23	Parent Involvement Day/Honors Convocation
Feb 27	ACT Registration Deadline for April 4 Test
Mar 5	Teachers submit 3 rd Quarter Grades
Mar 12	School-7:45-11:30 a.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences-12:30-7:30 p.m.-MPC
Mar 13	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Mar 14	SAT
Mar 16	4 th Quarter Begins
Mar 31	SAT Registration for May test
Apr 1	SAT Registration Deadline for May 2 Test
Apr 4	ACT @ ONHMS
Apr 6-10	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
Apr 15	Teachers submit 4 th Quarter Progress Grades
Apr 15	Graduation Tickets go on sale—Seniors receive 6 complimentary tickets; additional tickets are \$3 each (cash only); Jostens orders delivered this week
Apr 16	School Traditions Delivery
Apr 23	Blue & Gold Academic Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m. & Convocation
Apr 27	SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test

Counselor Comment's (con't)

TBA	Senior Banquet—6 p.m., Parents Invited
May 2	SAT
May 4	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-Teacher Inservice Day
May 5	SAT Registration for June 6 Test
May 7	Senior Scholarship Night--7:00 p.m., NHS Aud
May 8	Vikings of Distinction
May 8	ACT Registration Deadline for June 13 Test
May 13	Eric Awards (Seniors' Last Day)--9:00 a.m., NHS Aud., Awards, Caps & Gowns issued, Senior Picture with Mr. Haynes taken (Pictures will be available for purchase on Graduation Day for \$8 each)
May 15	Graduation Rehearsal MANDATORY (time tba)
May 16	Graduation Ceremony 10:00 a.m.
Jun 6	SAT
Jun 13	ACT

Important Resources for You:

SENIOR CUES--College Reps, college applications, scholarship applications and deadlines; see Ms. Brace.

EducationQuest, 11031 Elm St., is an excellent, free source to obtain college, scholarship, and financial aid information. Call Sheila Schoessler, 391-4033, for an appointment.

Military Recruiters—See Mr. Mertz in the GRC .

School Traditions (Cap & Gown; Graduation Announcements)-

Representative: Reid Brakke

Information for professional counseling services may be obtained through your counselor. Questions? Call your counselor at 557-3408.



Graduation
May 16, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Homecoming 2008

The North High Student Council successfully organized another outstanding Homecoming! The theme was North Reality TV. The students participated in the following homecoming spirit days. They were:

Monday: Couch Potato

Tuesday : Making the Band (dress like a rock star/rapper)

Wednesday: What Not to Wear (dress in unfashionable or mismatched clothes)

Thursday: Flava Flave (wear your favorite clock, grill, and bling!)

Friday: Blue and Gold

The students also decorated the hallways of North with Viking spirit on Thursday evening. The Homecoming Parade was also a huge success! Many activities and clubs participated by creating walking units and floats that marched down 30th Street.

The Viking football team also celebrated a victory over Millard North - 42 - 28!

The weeks activities cumulated at the Homecoming Dance held in the MPC. The concourse was decorated in the North Reality TV theme. Everyone had a great time!



Vik The Viking
enjoying the
parade.

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National Honor Society Anticipates Members



After fall semester report cards and the list of honor roll students is completed, those juniors with cumulative GPA's of 3.5 or higher will have the opportunity to apply for acceptance into the National Honor Society. Those students will be invited to an informational meeting to learn the expectations of NHS and the process to apply.

The NHS Faculty Council reviews the applications and issues letters of acceptance or

rejection based on a student's leadership, scholarship, service, and character. Students may appeal the Faculty Council's decision if rejected. Students who are accepted and wish to join agree to a code of conduct and pay dues of \$20. New candidates are inducted at a ceremony in April held at the Mutual of Omaha Dome.

During their senior year, Honor Society students volunteer fifteen hours of service per semester and provide

a leadership role at North High. At graduation, they are recognized for their scholarship and leadership role with honor cords and special recognition in the program.

Juniors interested in applying should start to compile a list of school and service activities in and out of school starting with their freshman year.

Dual Enrollment Information

"For a significant reduction in tuition, Omaha North students can earn transcribed credit through UNO."

For the fifth year, the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the Omaha Public Schools have partnered to offer dual enrollment to students in select Advanced Placement and college-level classes. For a significant reduction in tuition for a UNO class, Omaha North students can earn transcribed credit through UNO.

The credits transfer to most post-secondary universities throughout the United States. The courses listed below have been selected by UNO to be Omaha North High Magnet Schools' dual credit courses for the 2008-09 school year.

These courses are held at Omaha North as part of the class already in progress:

Fall DE Registration (was due September 30)

- AP Calculus BC (for UNO MATH 1950)
- AP Government & Politics (United States)
- AP English Literature & Composition (for UNO ENGL 1010)
- Honors Calculus 3

Spring DE Registration (will be due early February 2009)

- AP World History
- AP Calculus AB

- AP Government & Politics (Comparative)
- AP Calculus BC (for UNO MATH 1960)
- AP English Literature & Composition (for UNO ENGL 1020)
- AP Environmental Science
- Honors Differential Equations

For more information about Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement, visit the "Academics" link at <http://www.ops.org/north> or contact Dan Sitzman at 557-3476.

Volleyball Coach Honored

Omaha North Attendance Secretary and Assistant Volleyball Coach Shannon Walker is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. The USAV Robert L. Lindsay award is presented annually to individuals in the region who have made significant contributions to volleyball at the local level.



French Club Fall Activities

French Club chose the French reality TV series, *Nouvelle Star*, as the theme of its Homecoming Parade 2008 entry. *Nouvelle Star* is the French version of American Idol. The students were able to dress as rock stars/divas, fans, or judges. It was quite a hit!

Our officers were elected in September.

President: **Miriam Lopez**

Senior Cabinet: **Cassidi Keithley, Chad Price, Laura Galvan, Logan Watson, Mark Bodner, Ravan Charles, Shane Beasley, Skyler Lewis, Sunnee Bohnstedt, Suzi Fletcher, Veng Lor**

Vice President: **Carrie Adkisson, Tiffanee Davis**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Estephani Findlay, Samantha Kasun**

Sargeants-at-Arms: **Jacob Dennis, Kavon James, Preston Woodall**

On October 15, 2008, the World Languages students enjoyed the outing to Vala's Pumpkin Patch. We rode a bus out, had a hot dog and marshmallow roast, and crazy times at the Halloween theme park.



Academic Coaching

Omaha North High Magnet School is excited to be a part of a new program sponsored by the OPS Curriculum and Learning Department.

The Academic Coaches Program is designed to enhance the academic achievement opportunities for freshmen participating in athletics. The goals of the program are to 1) Improve grade point averages, 2) Increase graduation rates and opportunities for higher education, and 3) Enhance life skills development.

Academic coaches will meet with student athletes weekly, monitor grades, tutor students as needed, and communicate with parents and athletic coaches. Students will learn note taking and test-taking strategies, study skills, life skills, and complete some SAT and ACT prep. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dan Bartels, Athletic Director.

New Program

Available

for

Athletes

Senior Yearbook Pictures

Attention seniors

If you want your senior picture in the yearbook, you must submit it to room 261 by Thursday, December 18, 2008. They must be in the following format:

*Wallet size

*Neutral background (solid color, no scenery)

*Head and shoulders only

*No hands

Be sure to write your name on the back!

If you want to submit your picture as a .jpg file, you now can! Call 557-3444 for details.

Sample of correct format



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College Board Announces AP Scholars

Thirteen students from Omaha North High Magnet School have earned recognition by the College Board for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. One hundred-eighteen students at Omaha North High Magnet School took 201 AP Exams in May 2008 after completing challenging college-level courses at Omaha North High Magnet School. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams.

Three 2008 Omaha North students were named “AP Scholars with Distinction,” one of the highest honors bestowed by the College Board. Each qualified by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The students are 2008 graduates **David Anderson** and **Lucas Thode**. Current senior **Caleb Peterson** will be eligible for this award and others in 2009.

Three other Omaha North students have been named “AP Scholars with Honor” by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are current seniors **Casey Griffin** and **Doni Klein**, and 2008 graduate **William Conroy**.

Seven other students received an AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of three or higher. The AP Scholars are **Linda Boamah-Wiafe**, **Megan Davidson**, and **Ryan Kilpatrick** (all 2008 graduates), current seniors **Justin Asuncion**, **Tessa Phillips**, and **William Switzer**, and former North student **Grace Rich**. Like Peterson, with continued success with AP college-level work this year, Asuncion, Phillips, and Switzer can earn another AP Scholar Award in 2009.

Omaha North offers 14 Advanced Placement courses, including the only AP Environmental Science course in the region. While most AP courses focus on 11th and 12th grades, Omaha North 9th graders can take AP United States History and 10th graders can take AP Physics B as part of the “Physics First” sequence for students in advanced math classes.