

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

Northbridge High School, Whitinsville, MA 01588

NAVIANCE INTRODUCED TO THE CLASS OF 2015!



THE GUIDANCE STAFF HAVE SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS VISITING FRESHMEN ENGLISH CLASSES TO INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO THE NAVIANCE PROGRAM. STUDENTS WERE BROUGHT TO COMPUTER LABS AND GIVEN A HANDS ON LESSON. FRESHMEN SURVEY'S WERE ADMINISTERED. STUDENTS WERE GIVEN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK. STUDENTS WERE ALSO GIVEN AN OVERVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

NAVIANCE IS WEB BASED SOFTWARE THAT WILL ASSIST STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS CREATE COURSE, CAREER, COLLEGE PLANS AND MORE. SENIORS WILL CONDUCT COLLEGE SEARCHES AND BE ABLE TO APPLY TO THEIR COLLEGES DIRECTLY THROUGH NAVIANCE. PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS. THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL PROMOTE GREATER COLLEGE AND WORKPLACE READINESS AND BETTER DECISION-MAKING AT ALL LEVELS. NAVIANCE WILL ASSIST NHS GUIDANCE STAFF IN HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

PARENTS...PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TO OBTAIN YOUR NAVIANCE/FAMILY CONNECTION USERNAME AND PASSWORD!

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MMSI UPDATE

NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HAS ALREADY HAD SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS FOR ENGLISH, MATH & SCIENCE. WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT NORTHBRIDGE HAS CONTINUED TO HAVE THE BEST ATTENDANCE OUT OF THE SCHOOL'S IN OUR CLUSTER! GREAT JOB!

UPCOMING SATURDAY STUDY SESSIONS:

MATH: 12/10/11 8:00-2:30 @ UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ENGLISH: 1/21/12 8-12:00 @ NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

MATH: 2/4/12 8-2:30 @ BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

SCIENCE: 2/11/12 8-2:30 @ NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

CHECK OUT FREERICE.COM

Freerice is a website where users play various educational, multiple-choice games in order to fight world hunger. For every question the user answers correctly, 10 grains of rice are donated. The categories include English vocabulary (the game the site began with), multiplication tables, pre-algebra, chemical symbols (basic or intermediate), English grammar, basic foreign language vocabulary for English speakers (French, German, Italian, and Spanish), geography (flags of the world, world capitals and country identification), the identification of famous artwork, and literature (popular books). As you answer questions, your total score is displayed as a mound of rice and the amount.

What is the difference between SAT & ACT?

Guidance would like to encourage students to consider taking both the SAT and the ACT. The two tests are quite different and it could benefit you greatly as you may be more satisfied with your scores on one of the tests than the other. All colleges except scores from both tests.

The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities.

The ACT has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing

Test. The SAT has only 3 components: Critical Reasoning, Mathematics, and a required Writing Test.

The College Board introduced a new version of the SAT in 2005, with a mandatory writing test. ACT continues to offer its well-established test, plus an optional writing test. You take the ACT Writing Test only if required by the college(s) you're applying to.

The SAT has a correction for guessing. That is, they take off for wrong answers. The ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing.

The ACT has an Interest Inventory that allows students to evaluate their interests in various career options, variety of ethnicities, backgrounds and geographic locations.

For more information or to register for the SAT you may visit: www.collegeboard.com.

For more information or to register for the ACT you may visit: www.actstudent.org.

Fee waivers for students who receive free or reduced lunch are available in guidance.

QCC DECISION DAY!



SENIORS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH KARRI SULLIVAN, ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR FROM QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH. STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN QCC DECISION DAY WILL BE GIVEN ON THE SPOT ADMISSIONS DECISIONS. APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICATION PRIOR TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEETING. ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS WILL NEED TO SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE. STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIFIC APPOINTMENT TIME. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS! FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TO VIEW THE PROGRAMS OFFERED PLEASE VISIT www.QCC.EDU.

WHAT CAN UNDERCLASSMEN DO TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

Planning for college is not something that should wait until the senior year of high school. This is a multi-step process and all NHS students should begin planning during their freshmen year of high school. As guidance has repeatedly pointed out, there are some majors out there that require students to take specific high school courses. With this in mind, we ask all students and parents to take some time to read the NHS College Planning Handbook.

The handbook will provide all the information necessary to successfully plan for college. Please do not hesitate to contact guidance for more information or to answer any questions. Parents and students are also encouraged to attend guidance informational seminars that are scheduled in the fall and spring.

Click on the link below to view the NHS College Planning Handbook.

http://nps.org/sites/default/files/story/2010/07/nhs_college_informational_packet_15165.pdf

AFTER SCHOOL BUSSES NOW AVAILABLE!

Busses will be available for all students after school on Monday & Wednesday's starting 12/5. (There will not be busses running the week prior to Christmas vacation.) Students will need to obtain a pass from the main office. The busses will leave NHS at 3:15 and have a select drop-off locations. For more information visit www.nps.org or call 508-234-6221.

Staying after school is a great way to get extra help!

SENIOR STATS

- 28% of the senior class have already applied to college!
- 39 students have applied to at least one college!
- A total of 163 transcripts have been sent to 77 different colleges!

These are great STATS and we are very proud of the senior class for working so hard. BUT, we want to see the rest of you apply to college! Please make an appointment with your guidance counselor if you need additional help.

Seniors...please be sure to check your email on a regular basis. Guidance has been sending emails to you with important information through Naviance.

DO YOU RECEIVE REDUCED OR FREE LUNCH?

Be sure to see your guidance counselor for SAT or ACT Test fee waivers. Once you use a fee waiver for the SAT test, you will also be eligible to receive college application fee waivers.

Fee waivers may also be available for SAT Prep courses, PSAT's and more.