

NASHOBA Pride

The Nashoba Regional High School community works together to achieve high intellectual and ethical standards while discovering and developing the gifts and talents of all. Each member of our school community recognizes his or her role and responsibility in creating a learning environment based upon respect, trust, teamwork and enthusiasm.

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From the Principal's Desk

Thanks to the Nashoba Regional High School Community

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the students, teachers, and parents of our Nashoba Regional High School community. I have had 15 amazing years in this school and district, and I truly consider myself fortunate. Over that time period, it has been my pleasure to work with so many outstanding people. Each interaction has ultimately made me a better person and for that I am grateful.

Nashoba is a special place and it is so because of the outstanding students and teachers who work together every day in our building, on our playing fields, and in the community. There is a particular atmosphere at Nashoba that is centered on respect, trust, teamwork, and enthusiasm. I know it is the school's official mission and those can often be mere platitudes to fulfill an accreditation requirement, but at Nashoba it is absolutely the way things are. The fact that I have been lucky enough to be a part of that atmosphere and culture is something that I value greatly. I am also so happy that I have had the opportunity to be the Principal of Nashoba for this graduating class of seniors. As a collective group, they "get it" and beyond their academic and extra-curricular successes, they are just good, interesting, smart, funny, dynamic people. I will always remember this class and appreciate their kindness and good will.

As I move on to a new opportunity and challenge, I leave knowing that Nashoba is in an excellent place. With the looming NEASC re-accreditation process about to occur, this school is poised to not only continue its excellence but build upon the tremendous successes that it has seen for many years. Overall, our students and faculty are working to reflect the key 21st Century skills that are essential to both learning and life. Though I will miss so much about Nashoba, I look forward to hearing about the continued good news from Nashoba's students.

s/Jeremy Roche

MAFLA announces essay contest winner:

The Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MAFLA) is pleased to announce that Nashoba sophomore Lindsey Owen won the state essay contest for 2011. The theme of this year's essay was "Languages Connect the World." A panel of judges chose Lindsey's essay as the best one among several entries from across the state. Lindsey's essay beautifully described how knowing more than one language helps the people in the world become better connected with each other.

MAFLA sponsors this contest every March to coincide with National Foreign Language Week. Students are encouraged by their teachers to enter. French teacher, Kathy McHale, had several students write essays this year as one of several quarter project choices. In addition to having the satisfaction of winning, Lindsey also received a 1st place ribbon, a certificate, and a check for \$50. Congratulations to Lindsey for this outstanding recognition!

End of Year Schedule

The end of school year provides a great number of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to come together and celebrate the many successes of our students. For example, the Senior Scholarship/Awards Ceremony (June 6th) validates all of the hard work that so many students and teachers have undertaken throughout this and the previous four years. Similarly, the Underclassmen Awards Ceremony (June 13th) is a positive way to move into the summer. Finally, the NRHS Graduation (June 12th) is the crowning achievement for all of us in the Nashoba Regional School District. It is a celebration of the entire school district, the respective communities, and all of the families and friends involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge every graduating senior for their accomplishment. As we discussed in our final senior class meeting, it is a distinction that is well earned and can never be taken away. The faculty of Nashoba is proud of the role that we have played in supporting each student's success. That said, we also recog-

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nize that it is the individual who ultimately achieves and makes something of themselves. Congratulations and best of luck in the future.

Summer Office Hours:

The summer main office hours will begin the week of June 27th through August 26th. The main high school office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00-4:00 unless otherwise noted on our website. Appointments can be made throughout the summer. We simply ask for those to be made in advance. Even though it is quiet in the summer, it is still a busy time for administration and the main office. Thanks very much.

Underclassmen Final Exam Schedule

The final day of school will be Wednesday, June 22nd. This year our final exam period will begin on Friday, June 17th and run through Wednesday, June 22nd. June 17, 20, and 21 will actually run on the school's late start schedule where students will arrive to school at 9:40 with dismissal at 2:20. Students will complete two exams each day and lunch will be served. On Wednesday, June 22nd, school will start at 7:40 with one final exam followed by a make-up period. The final bus will arrive at 10:45 to transport students home. Students may leave after their last final exam on June 22; however, there will only be the one bus provided at 10:45. Students must provide their own transportation to leave after the last final exam at 9:15 on June 22.

Please monitor our website in the upcoming weeks for specific information about the periods and times. Again, have a happy and safe summer.

DECA International Competition

Nashoba DECA would like to congratulate Oliver Jenkins for placing in the top 15 worldwide in the Accounting Application Series Event during this year's DECA International competition. Oliver had finished first in the state of Massachusetts then earned a place in the Grand Awards Ceremony in Orlando as a top 15 finalist. Oliver competed against hundreds in Massachusetts and thousands worldwide! CONGRATULATIONS!!



The competition was held from April 29 to May 4 in Orlando, Florida. DECA would also like to congratulate Alex Llanos and Giovanna Demeo for completing the Leadership Development Academy in Orlando as well. Alex (President), Giovanna (Secretary), and Oliver (Treasurer) will be three of next year's officers for Na-

shoba DECA.

Great job Chieftains!

The French Just Keep On Winning!

Earlier this year, Mrs. McHale's French III class won a national podcast contest on the benefits of knowing a second language. This was sponsored by ACTFL (The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). The prize was \$600 which was recently spent on a celebratory lunch at Aquitaine Restaurant in Boston. The entire French III class went and dined on delicious foods such as French onion soup, steak frites, and chocolate mousse. There are many opportunities for foreign language students to participate in state and national contests.

Congratulations to all who entered both contests!



Mary Ann Sessions Excellence in Education 2011 Nominees

The Nashoba Regional High School Endowment Fund is pleased to announce this year's nominees for the Mary Ann Sessions Excellence in Education award. The award honors a staff member who is a role model to his or her students and colleagues, enjoys being a mentor, exhibits a positive attitude, has passion and enthusiasm for education, goes above and beyond his or her commitment to NRHS, is a team player, and shows school spirit inside and outside of the classroom. Nominated by students, parents, and fellow staff members, this year's nominees are:

- Harold Becker
- Dan D'Amore
- Jen d'Entremont
- Maureen Dumais
- Laura Pagington
- Michelle Snouffer
- Stavros Andreopoulos

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The award is in honor and memory of Mary Ann Sessions, a teacher at Nashoba who was known for her passion for teaching and her commitment to her students.

The NRHS Endowment Fund will present the award to the winner at the Underclassmen Awards Night on June 13, 2011. Please join us in congratulating all of the nominees who have made a difference in the lives of our students.

For more information about the NRHS Endowment Fund, select NRHS Endowment from the Community tab of the nrhs.nrsd.net website. We are also looking for new Board members for the next school year. Please contact Christel Conlin at christelc@comcast.net or Paula Castner at created4joy@comcast.net for more information.

Merci Beaucoup!

French teacher Kathy McHale would like to thank all her French III students and the Florence Sawyer School teachers who participated in her "Teaching French in the Elementary School" program this year. A total of 24 high school students and 4 elementary school teachers were involved. Of the 24 students, 4 acted as secretaries and 20 actually taught lessons to students in kindergarten and second grade.

Mrs. McHale began this program several years ago. Her students go to the elementary school during their French long block class time, and they teach a 20 minute lesson to the young students. This program has been very well received by everyone involved in the past. Of course the high school students are not the solution to teaching a foreign language at the elementary level, but Mrs. McHale's feeling is "a little foreign language exposure is better than none". Her students very much enjoy the experience of being able to expand their knowledge of French outside the classroom, and some have even expressed an interest in becoming an elementary school teacher!

The program began in October and ended in May. Topics for most classes included numbers, alphabet, colors, classroom objects, family, body, clothing, sports, and animals. Student-made storybooks, flashcards, and games were used to reinforce the lessons. The elementary school teachers completed evaluations after every few classes. All evaluations were very positive and included some excellent suggestions for future classes.

A big "Merci beaucoup" goes out to teachers Joanne Gaynor, Patrice Heffernan, Carolyn Pokorney, and Carolyn Schmidt in addition to administrators Jeremy Roche and Joel Bates who allowed this program to run. Because most students in French 3 do not yet drive, a group of parents volunteered to drive them to Sawyer.

Thank you to Bonnie Hogan, Gigi Lengieza, Sue Guerin, Dorothy Sansevero, Jennifer Mandelbaum, and Julia Nord.

Mrs. McHale is always looking for props to reinforce the topics taught. While cleaning out those garages, attics, or cellars please remember: your trash may be her treasure. Contact her at Nashoba if you can donate anything.

Again, Merci Beaucoup to everyone who helped make the "Teaching French in the Elementary School" program a success!

End of Year Messages from the Nurses' Office:

Parents of Seniors:

Once in a lifetime opportunity: As graduation approaches, please be aware that when the senior students pick up their cap and gown they will also be taking their cumulative school records. These records include our **only copy of the health and immunization records** as well as the accumulated educational materials. Please keep these records in a safe place, as you will need copies in the future for college and employment.

****Remember to keep the original record and make copies as needed.**

Attention Parents:

**** ALL MEDICATION, in the nurses' office, must be picked up by 10 am on the last day of school, June 22, a half day. All medication not picked up will be destroyed.**

Updates for the Upcoming School year!

Medication Administration Orders/Consents for 2011-2012: If your child will be receiving prescription meds in school, please note the **pink** medication form that will be sent to your home via mail with report cards at the end of June. Please have this form completed and signed by you and your physician over the summer and return it to the high school "Attention: School Nurse" by the start of school in the fall.

Should you misplace the form, you can find it on our district website: <http://www.nrsd.net/healthwellness.php>

The **Student Emergency and Health Record (blue form)** will also be sent home with report cards in June. In order to streamline the required data for our students, we have an Emergency form which includes your **pre-printed** demographics. This form is also available on the district website. Please read this over, make any necessary corrections and return it to the high school via mail or with your child on the first day of school. Students missing **blue** Emergency forms will not be allowed to attend field trips for safety reasons.

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Physical Examinations and Immunizations: Please schedule your appointments now with your child's physician to be sure that all needed immunizations have been received prior to the start of school in August.

Nashoba Drama Society News

Nashoba Drama Society would like to thank all the students and parents who contributed to another successful year of productions. We are proud to announce that our talented students and directors have been nominated for 17 TAMY awards!! The TAMY awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater at area high schools. The awards ceremony was Sunday, May 22. Please congratulate our nominees. They include:

Best Actress - Lizzie Cross (Chicago Roxie)
Best Actress - Alana Toabe (Chicago Velma)
Best Supporting Actor - Nick Sestito (Chicago Billy Flynn)
Best Featured Actor - Ben McNally (Chicago Fred Casely)
Best Director - Bill Grady

The Chorus/Ensemble as well as our "Cell Block Girls" Ensemble, Musical Director, Choreographer, Scenic Design and Lighting crew, Props, Sets and Costumes as well as Lobby Display and Program are all nominated as one of the best in the area.

And the winners are:

Best Actress - Lizzy Cross

Best Playbill - generously printed by Dunn and Co.

Best Lobby Design - Samm MacLean for design concept and our "live" mannequins: Abbie McCaffrey, Faith Beglane, Stephanie Barney, Bridget Hannigan. Also to our lobby decorators: Jen Cote, Katy Needle, Kiran Reed, Rozzie Kopczynski.

Congratulations!!

We would also like to announce the newly elected officers of the Nashoba Drama Society:

- Co-Presidents - Beth Rogers (devilduck731@aol.com) and Angie DeSocio (angelinadesocio@yahoo.com)
- Secretary - Miranda Douth (manda3240@yahoo.com)
- Treasurer - Alex Llanso (alexllanoso37@gmail.com)

Please contact them to become a part of the fun and excitement next year! Also, join us for face painting at THE BOLTON FAIR.

Parents may contact Audrey MacLean (samjackaud@yahoo.com) to be added to our email list.

TRAVEL 2012

April 2012: France and Italy

The plans for next year's trip to Europe have been finalized! The trip is to France and Italy and will take place during the April school vacation of 2012. The dates are Friday April 13 – Saturday April 21. Let me tell you a little about me and the trip, then hopefully you will decide to join me on this exciting adventure.

My name is Kathy McHale and I have been teaching French at Nashoba for 25 years. I offer trips to students every year, although some years the trip was canceled due to lack of interest. Sometimes the trips are to Quebec, and other times they are to another continent, mostly Europe; although I have taken groups to Australia. I'm sure that if you ask those who have traveled with me, they will say I am a very organized and responsible person. You need not worry if you send your child on a trip with me. I will be happy to provide references.

Nashoba students, parents, relatives, friends, and staff are always welcome to come on these trips. The 2012 price of the France and Italy trip is \$3209. It is based on a minimum group size of 25. In the event that the total number of participants is below the minimum group size, Nashoba will be combined with other American schools that have chosen the same trip to meet the minimum number. For those who submit a \$295 deposit by the last day of school in June will receive a \$100 discount off the price, making the trip cost \$3109.

Prior to making any deposit on this trip, you must read the "Terms and Conditions" which explain all the rules. This is on the back of the registration form. The most important part of joining me on any trip is the ability to be flexible. It will be well organized, and you will receive monthly newsletters from me to update trip information, however, sometimes things beyond my control happen, and flexibility is required. For example, travel dates may change by a day or two, a hotel change may happen, the itinerary may be reversed, or luggage may be lost for a day. C'est la vie!

The price includes just about everything except lunches. It includes roundtrip airfare from Boston, hotel accommodations in Paris (2), Nice (2), Cinque Terre (2), and Rome (1), transportation to all sightseeing as per the itinerary, six breakfasts and dinners, train transportation from Paris to Nice, visits to the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Monaco, a perfume factory in Eze, the Louvre, Versailles, and a city tour in Rome, Nice, and Paris. A full-time Tour Director is with us throughout the trip. There are no hidden add-on fees such as week-

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end supplements, air tax/security fees, etc. The tour company I am using is Teach by Travel. I have traveled with them many times and have not been disappointed. If you would like to check them out before signing on, the web site is www.teachbytravel.com. My tour consultant is Sue Scanlon if you have any questions for her about the company.

What is not included in the price are lunches/beverages, free-time activities, tips to our tour director and bus driver, optional trip insurance, spending money, and, of course, a passport if you don't already have one. Also if you are an adult, there is a double room supplement and a single room supplement. Otherwise, rooming is in triples.

There are two payment options.

After you make your initial deposit of \$295 this June, you must make another payment of \$200 in September. Final payment is due in full by December 15, 2011.

There are no scheduled payments; pay as you like.

You may join the Easy Payment Plan. You still need to make the initial deposit of \$295 this June but then you make scheduled monthly payments and your final payment is due in February. If you opt for this, you are automatically charged the trip insurance.

If you would like an application, an itinerary, or more information, please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached by email at kmchale@nrds.net. I hope you can join me!

April 2012 China

Mr. Becker and Mrs. Armstrong will be leading a 12-day trip to China during April vacation 2012. We will be visiting the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Xian. If you are interested, please see Mr. Becker (in room 157) or Mrs. Armstrong (in room 165) for an application. For more info visit the site below:

<http://www.eftours.com/eLiterature/DBD/H/CHB.pdf>

Program fee includes:

- Airfare: Round-trip flights
- Transportation: Comfortable motorcoach • Internal flights
- Accommodations: 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)
- Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- Sightseeing: 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides • 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director
- Experiential learning: Taiji lesson • School visit • Meal with Chinese family and school visit • Bike ride on the Xi'an City Wall

- Optional: The Legend of Kung Fu show • Tang Dynasty show and dinner • Lantau Island

Endowment Fund Needs Parent Volunteers

Would you like to support your children's education at NRHS? Please consider joining the NRHS Endowment Fund.

The NRHS Endowment Fund Board is in need of parent volunteers. The group meets about six times during the school year, usually on the second Thursday of the month. A non-profit group (established in 1999), the Fund raises money each year in September by soliciting donations via a general mailing to the Nashoba Regional High School community. The monies raised fulfill grant requests submitted by teachers for enrichment and pilot programs and equipment and materials currently not provided by the school budget. Being a member of the Endowment Fund Board is an excellent way to be involved at Nashoba with a minimal time commitment which yields great returns to the students and teachers. Please contact Christel Conlin at christelc@comcast.net or Paula Castner at created4joy@comcast.net if you would like more information. All are welcome to attend our first meeting of the 2011-2012 school year on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Academic Support Center at NRHS.

Help Needed Watering Our New Garden

Volunteer for 1 or 2 days this summer, more if you'd like.

Students in the Life Skills programs, student volunteers from the *Best Buddies* program, SPED PAC, and community volunteers district-wide started a community garden project at Luther Burbank Middle School in Lancaster last summer.

This spring and summer help is needed for watering during summer weekends and some week days.

If you (or you and your family) are willing to volunteer please sign up by contacting Joan Finger at: joan@ZooterGroupTutoring.com or 978 621-9132 or Cheryl Lonardo at Luther Burbank Middle School: clonardo@nrds.net. We'll be in touch with dates and details. Have a great summer.

SPED PAC Wraps up the Year & Plans for Next — A message to all parents:

SPED PAC, serving the entire district, wraps up the year having held a variety of programs and working with School Committee on some important issues. Nashoba Unified Sports, under the auspices of the SPED PAC, has attracted over 100 kids, athletes and volunteers com-

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bined, participating regularly in the winter basketball program, giving kids with special needs opportunity to interact with their typical age mates. The volunteers have gained much as well. (Those who did not get their end of year poster, booklet or other memorabilia, should contact us.) We've worked closely with other organizations, particularly our local *Best Buddies*, providing information and resources to families of children with all levels of special needs.

Looking ahead to next year, we welcome **your** input. What topics would YOU like to see discussed at SPED PAC or need information about?

We have several topics under consideration, but want to be sure that everyone's opinions/needs are considered. Parents of students based in regular classrooms and receiving support in our learning centers may have questions different from those in the life skills or other programs' classes. Even if your child does NOT currently have an IEP, and you wonder about his/her learning needs, the evaluation process, or possible services, please let us know.

SPED PAC meetings include presentations on a variety of subjects and provide a forum for interaction with other parents, professionals and community members who have experience with children with special needs. If you haven't attended a meeting before, we'd love to have you attend. For more information, to indicate your preference about topics, or to be added to the monthly email distribution, please contact Joan Finger:
Joan@ZooterGroupTutoring.com or (978) 337 5132 or (978) 779-6046.

Our schedule for next year is not set. If you have a preference for a particular day of the week, please let us know. Lastly, best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful summer.

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