

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



It is certainly hard to believe that the end of the school year is so rapidly approaching. As usual, the end of the school year provides a great number of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to come together. The annual Junior Prom and Senior Banquet are great social events. In addition, the Senior Scholarship/Awards Ceremony (June 2nd) 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 9th) is a positive way to move into the summer. Finally, the NRHS Graduation is the crowning achievement for all of us in the Nashoba Regional School District. It is a celebration of the entire community, the respective communities, and all of the families involved. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge every graduating senior for their accomplishment. It is an important feat and one of many gradual steps to adulthood and independence. We here at Nashoba are proud of the role that we have played in supporting your success. That said, we also recognize that it is the individual who ultimately achieves and makes something of themselves. Congratulations and best of luck in the future.

For information about these or any other activities, please visit the School Web Calendar on the main page of the NRHS web site for important dates and times: <http://calendar.nrsd.net/scripts/publish/webevent.pl?cmd=open&cal=cal1>.

Report Cards/Schedules/Student Information Forms:

Report cards will be mailed the last week in June. Please return the Student Information Sheet in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. In addition, we will include a copy of each student's respective schedule for the 2008-2009 school year. Guidance counselors will continue working until June 24th and then return on August 22nd. If there are questions about your child's schedule, please call or email a member of guidance. If you require a summer school form, please call the guidance or main office as well.

Summer Office Hours:

The summer main office hours will begin the week of June 23rd through August 22nd. 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.

Great News for Kelly McCue:

Kelly McCue has been selected to perform with the Boston Pops as one of only 20 students from every high school in the Commonwealth. The Boston Pops accepts only 20 out of thousands of submissions and then makes a selection of six and eventually one. That one person will perform with the Pops on July 4th. Here's hoping that Kelly is the final selection. Best of luck to her!



Nashoba Drama Program Honored:

Nashoba Regional High School's Drama students and our spring production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* has been nominated in 11 categories for excellence in theatre in the annual TAMY awards sponsored by Theatre At The Mount in Gardner. Congratulations to all of those who participated. Check the link for the specific nominations. <http://www.telegram.com/article/20080516/COULTER01/805160719>.

Toyota Community Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce that Marie DeLuca, Class of 2008, was selected as a regional winner in the 2008 Toyota Community Scholars Program. This highly competitive program received more than 8,000 applicants from across the nation, and only 100 were selected as winners. These students must have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership qualities and a commitment to community service.

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The winners will receive a four-year scholarship valued at \$10,000 for study at an accredited college or university. Marie plans to attend Brown University in the fall where she was admitted into the Program in Liberal Medical Education, a unique opportunity that combines undergraduate studies with professional studies in medicine in an eight-year program.

Marie was invited to attend an all-expense paid Recognition Event in San Antonio, TX, which included a Western BBQ at a Texas Ranch, a tour of Toyota's manufacturing facility and a gala banquet honoring the winners.

Congratulations to Marie!

Elizabeth Haskins Contest

Competing in the 28th annual Elizabeth Haskins Mathematics Contest on May 2nd at Fitchburg State College, many Nashoba students were well represented in the awards for their fine performances.



Nineteen high schools from the Montachusett Region brought a total of 660 students to this event which included taking a fifty question exam composed of a variety of challenging problems to solve. Keaton Burns captured first place in the senior division while Ian Stevenson took third in the same category. Zach Wassall was awarded third place amongst the sophomores.

The Nashoba juniors earned eight honorable mention awards which accounted for over 20% of the awards presented in this bracket. Those students included Steven Ek, Ramesh Govindan, Marjorie Lam, Nicholas Lawrence, Kelly Macko, Alexander Papanastassiou, Molly Porcher, Jeff Stokes, and Aaron Wassall. The senior honorable mention recipients were Marie DeLuca, Julie Heislein, Amy Lane, and Cristina Shea. Sophomores Justin DeBenedetto, Lars Gjestebj, Chris Haid and Sam Squires also received an honorable mention in this age group. We are proud of all our contestants who contributed to making this day outstanding.

Math Team

The Nashoba Math Team had a fabulous 2007 - 2008 season proving that it has become a formidable force in the four years since its inception. Our varsity team placed fifth in the Worcester County League, Division A. This earned us an invitation to the state meet, MAML (Massachusetts Math League), where we placed 4th above schools such as Wellesley, Wayland, and Deerfield.



Our MAML performance earned Nashoba its first-time ever invitation to the prestigious NEAML Meet (New Eng-

land Math League) where we competed against several strong New England teams and tied Westborough for 7th place. Nashoba's Team for this event included: Aaron Wassall, Josh Herbison, Zack Wassall, Thomas Granger, Campbell Hewett, and Caleb Wisch.

Nashoba's freshman team was a "dream team" this season taking first place in the Worcester County Freshman League, Division A. We're very fortunate that we will be seeing more from these math superstars over the next few years.

Awards are given to the following students for their outstanding performance this year:

Ian Stevenson (senior): 13th High Scorer, Varsity League
Thomas Granger (freshman): 28th High Scorer, Varsity League
Thomas Granger (freshman): 2nd High Scorer, Freshman League
Campbell Hewett (freshman): 8th High Scorer, Freshman League
Lauren Steigerwalt (freshman): 14th High Scorer, Freshman League
Caleb Wisch (freshman): 24th High Scorer, Freshman League

Congratulations on a great season! Hope to see you all next year. Mrs. Clark

DECA's National Competition

Please join me in congratulating Oliver Taylor and Caitlin MacBrien for a job well done at DECA's (Distributive Education Clubs of America) National Competition in Atlanta April 26-30. This was our first year competing on the national level and we had the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, activities, and meet students from across the country. At the competition there were over fourteen thousand students competing, running for national office, participating in conferences, and enjoying the DECA sponsored events, including a fashion show, dances, a trip to Six Flags, the Georgia Aquarium, tours of Coke and CNN, and a state dinner and ice cream social.



Oliver qualified to compete with the nations' top participants by placing in his event in the State Competition. His competition consisted of a hundred question exam and two role plays which earned him an achievement award.

Caitlin graduated from DECA's Leadership Conference where she was engaged in team building activities and raising money for MDA. Over a two day period, their

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conference raised over six thousand dollars for MDA, the most ever collected during the National Competition.

Again, let's congratulate all our students for successfully competing in DECA this past year and we look forward to DECA next year.

Sponsor a Child

One day in late March as Mrs. McHale's French III Honors class entered her classroom, they were greeted with "Congratulations! You are the proud parent of a 13 year old boy from Haiti!" Earlier in the month the class decided they wanted to sponsor a child from another country. So they went on the computer and researched different organizations and different children from all different countries. They made the final decision.

They chose World Vision Organization which focuses on lasting, community-based transformation to help secure a better future for the world's poorest children. Communities are transformed in the five key areas of water, food and agriculture, health care, education, and economic development.

They chose a 13 year old boy named Wancito Belonne. He lives in Haiti. What will sponsoring him mean to his future? The sponsorship builds wells, so he can access disease-free water. It delivers vaccinations and emergency care. It furnishes seeds and tools for reliable food supplies. It provides access to an education. These changes take time and the French III class will see them begin to take shape but they need your support for them to continue until Wancito is an adult.

There is a monthly commitment of \$35. Nashoba students, staff, and their families have always been very generous with donations and Mrs. McHale's students are hoping the same generosity will be given to help support Wancito. There is a huge jar in their classroom for donations and Mrs. McHale's other classes have all contributed to Wancito. But they want to ask you for help. If anyone wants to make a donation, please send a check made out to the Nashoba Foreign Language Club. It will be put to a good cause and the students will enjoy receiving a monthly progress report on Wancito. If you have any questions, please contact French teacher Kathy McHale at kmchale@nrsd.net.

Summer Hints from the ASC

Summer is closing in on us with only a few days of school left, and the end of classes is the foremost thing in many students' minds. Many of us are cramming for those last few exams and trying to dig through notes to find those hidden morsels of information. Few of us care to keep any of that knowledge after exams.

Did you know that an average student can plan on losing anywhere from 1-3 months of learning over the course of one summer? This number increases especially for math skills, where the average student can lose upwards of 2.6 months of math knowledge.

Students have a lot of learning to hang on to after exams are over and many of us don't realize how much we will lose over the summer.

The key to retaining the knowledge we've learned is to keep the mind sharp. Any small mind exercises can work to benefit a student tremendously, and allow them to hit their stride as soon as they get back from summer break.

Stop by the ASC Bulletin Board for some helpful hints for staying academically fit this summer!

Class of 2011

Class of 2011 t-shirts (limited supply) will be available during all three lunches the week of June 2-6th. \$15 a piece. Support your class!



Friends of Music News

Open House for Prospective Members June 10th!

On Tuesday, June 10th, the Friends of Music is hosting an open house for parents of band and choral students at 6:30 p.m. in the NRHS chorus room. Since many of our current members are "graduating" in June, we need to get some new parents involved. If you have even a small amount of time, please consider lending a hand in support of Nashoba's outstanding music program. We hope you'll take a few minutes to stop by, enjoy some light refreshments, and learn more about our various volunteer opportunities.

Thanks for Your Help!

The Friends of Music organization is grateful for the support it received this year from local businesses, parents, community members, and the NRHS administration, staff, and custodial team. Many businesses and families contributed to our financial well-being by purchasing advertisements and sponsorships for our programs. Parents prepared food, chaperoned busses, served food, sold tickets, and helped with the Artus Quintet concert. The Nashoba administration and staff helped with publicity and the custodians made certain that the auditorium area was sparkling prior to each concert. Thank you all very much!!!!!!



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Final Thoughts for The Year From The PTSA

First of all thanks to all the parents and staff who have helped out during the year with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon and the Retirement Gala. Secondly, as the school year ends, I would like to send a reminder to parents that the PTSA is always looking for a few parents to help with the activities that we sponsor every year. I realize everyone has busy schedules but the time commitment to the PTSA is so minimal. So if you would like to help with the activities, I would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me at Annegradeski1@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer to be on the Nashoba PTSA.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and hope to have some new volunteers for next year.

Thanks,
Anne Gradeski, Chairperson
Nashoba PTSA

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 gowns 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 19, a half day. All medication not picked up will be destroyed.

Updates for the Upcoming School Year!!!

Medication Administration Orders/Consents for 2008-2009:

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 developed a new Emergency form which includes your **pre-printed** demographics (this form also available from the district website). Please read over this, 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.

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 September. Here are the requirements:

Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements updated for 2006 Grades 7-12 required:

Hepatitis B	3 doses
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	4 doses, or 3 doses Td plus 1 Td booster
Polio	3 or more doses
MMR	2 doses
Varicella (Chicken Pox).	1 dose or documented history of chicken pox

Sports: A current physical exam is required prior to starting practice for any sport at the high school and suggested upon entering 10th grade. You may use the exam form provided by your physician (make copies), on our website at <http://www.nrsd.net/healthwellness.php>, or exam forms that are available in the nurse's office. Practices for some fall sports begin in August, before school starts, and a current physical is required to participate. Physicals are good for 13 months.

Health Issues: Chronic health issues such as seasonal allergies, asthma, diabetes, serious allergies which require **Epi-pen**, and others may require an *Individual Health Care Plan*. If your child falls into any of the above mentioned categories, please make an appointment to see the school Nurse if you have not done so already. *Our phone number at the high school is (978) 779-2257 ext. 1 or ask your child's physician to write a Health Care Plan and mail us a copy. These forms also available from the district website.

Do not hesitate to call the nurses' office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and healthy summer, from your nurses,
Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Tennyson, and Mrs. Sullender

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Prom Dress Collection

- New/gently used prom/party dresses (all sizes)
- Any accessories (shoes, jewelry, bags, etc.) accepted
- See Ashley Vannasse or Mrs. Tennyson for details
- (978)897-2415
- Boxes located in the Main Office and Nurses' Office

Quebec City Trip: January 2009

Bonjour! I am French teacher Kathy McHale at Nashoba and I am in the process of planning my next trip. It will be to Quebec City during the long Martin Luther King weekend next year. The dates are Thursday, January 15th to Sunday, January 18th. We will leave Nashoba by coach bus after school on Thursday. Friday will be a missed day of school but will count as an excused absence as a field trip.

Our itinerary includes a tour of Quebec City where we will see the Plains of Abraham, Parliament, Chateau Frontenac, Place Royale and more. We have lots of activities planned. On Friday we will take a 3D journey through the city's history, partake in a 17th century meal at a sugar shack which includes dancing, a taffy pull, and making maple butter. The evening concludes with a dog sled ride through the maple grove.

Saturday we participate in an Improv Game Show, visit Saint Anne's shrine, and walk across the suspended bridge over Montmorency Falls. The evening concludes with inner tubing at the Village des Sports.

Sunday morning we visit the Village of the Huron Indians where we'll learn more about their traditional way of life. Lunch is at a shopping center with an indoor amusement park before we head home. We should be home at about 10:00 PM.

Monday is Martin Luther King Day so the students should have time to complete their assignments for Tuesday. Please keep in mind that mid-term exams may be that Tuesday. The cost of the trip is approximately \$600 (if we have a full bus) which includes: roundtrip transportation on a coach bus, hotel for 3 nights, breakfasts and dinners, admission to all services, tips to the bus driver and tour guide, and a private night time security guard on our hotel floor. Medical and/or cancellation insurance is optional. Of course depending on the price of gas next January, this price may have to increase some. The first deposit will be due in late September.

Let me know by email if you'd like an itinerary. I am in room 164. My email is kmchale@nrsd.net. I hope you can come!

BRAZIL & ARGENTINA



BRAZIL & ARGENTINA February Vacation 2009
1st Nashoba Trip to South America
Contact Ms. Sutton or Mrs. Holman for more information and application
lsutton@nrsd.net Art Room (158/159)
cholman@nrsd.net Room 159

Attention adventure seekers! Do you get cabin fever in February? Want to get away from the cold winter and get some more stamps in your passport? Then join Ms. Sutton & Mrs. Holman on a trip to Brazil & Argentina this February break. We are taking a 10 day trip with EF tours, leaving Friday, February 13th, and returning Sunday, February 22nd. We will have a parent/student meeting at school on June 10th in room 159, Mrs. Holman's room at 7:00 pm. Please join us for more information.

How did we decide to go to Brazil & Argentina?

Ms. Sutton, an art teacher of 4 years, has traveled to Russia, Sweden, Italy, France, England, Belgium, and Holland with Nashoba student groups. Arriving back from a tour in Europe this April vacation, we decided that it would be great to take a trip together. She is excited to travel to Brazil and Argentina because of her appreciation of the beauty and art of the culture. As a Spanish teacher, Mrs. Holman is eager to go to a Spanish speaking country. Having studied in Spain and having been to the Caribbean and to Mexico, she is ready to explore South America. As it turns out, Nashoba has never led a student group to South America!

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When people take vacations abroad, generally people go to the Caribbean, Mexico or to Europe. So this is your opportunity to see South America and perhaps down the road you'll have other chances to go to the more commonly traveled areas. Please contact Ms. Sutton or Mrs. Holman to get more information. Hope to see you there! Gracias y obligada.

Our Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly overnight to Brazil

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro

Take a guided tour of Sugar Loaf

Day 3: Corcovado • Rio de Janeiro

Visit Corcovado: Christ the Redeemer statue

Take a beach tour

Enjoy a barbecue lunch

Optional: Brazilian Evening

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

Enjoy a cruise in the Guanabara Bay

Take a guided tour of Colonial Rio:

Day 5: Iguazu

Day 6: Iguazu

Macuco jungle expedition and boat ride

View the falls from the Brazilian side

Day 7: Iguazu • Buenos Aires

View the falls from the Argentine side

Fly to Buenos Aires

Day 8: Buenos Aires

Take a guided tour of Buenos Aires:

Optional: Tango Show

Day 9: Buenos Aires

Participate in a traditional Fiesta Gaucha

Board an overnight flight

Day 10: Arrive home

Sicily and Rome April 2009

Announcing the first ever Nashoba Regional High School trip to Sicily!

April vacation 2009 trip to Rome and Sicily

If interested, please see Mr. Becker (in room 165) for an information packet and an application

Highlights:

- The Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, and the Trevi fountain in Rome
- Shopping in Italy
- Resort towns, Greek temples, Norman Castles, baroque cathedrals, hilltop villages, Palazzos, Piazzas, and [One Big Volcano](#) in Sicily
- Sicilian and Italian food; and, of course, gelato
- A rarely traveled but very interesting region of Italy

A once-in-a-lifetime experience; perhaps learn about your cultural heritage

Day 1-2: Fly To Italy

Arrive in Palermo and proceed to the beautiful Trapani area to begin exploring.

Day 3: Segesta-Erice

Travel to the hillside town of Segesta to visit the elegant temple of Segesta. This large archeological zone, with its magnificent Doric temple, ranks as one of the best-preserved Greek architectural sites to be found anywhere. Continue on to the ancient Phoenician and Greek city of Erice, where you will visit the Castello di Venere. This Norman-built castle crowns an isolated rock and was built on the ruins of the ancient temple of Venus.

Day 4: Palermo-Monreale-Enna

Head to the capital and chief seaport of Sicily-Palermo. Here a local guide will show you the sights, including Palazzo dei Normanni, the royal palace built by the Normans. Discover the dazzling mosaics covering the Capella Palatina. Stop in Monreale on the green plain known as the Golden Basin to see the spectacular cathedral with its beautiful bronze doors, mosaics, and treasury. Continue on to Enna, where you will visit the medieval Castello di Lombardi and enjoy views from the tallest tower of the neighboring hilltop village, Mount Etna, and the Sicilian mountain peaks.

Day 5: Piazza Armerina-Agrigento

Begin today with a visit to Piazza Armerina, known for its beautiful mosaics at Villa Romana "del Casale." You will also visit its beautiful baroque cathedral. Continue on to Agrigento and the famous Valley of Temples. With a local guide, explore the Hellenistic temples that dot the hilltops from the oldest, Tempio d'Ercole, to the largest, Tempio di Giove Olimpico. The venerable Tempio della Concordia, with its 34 columns, is considered one of the world's best-preserved Greek temples.

Day 6: Siracusa-Taormina Area

Visit ancient Siracusa, once the most powerful Greek city in Italy, and see the archeological park. Continue on to the beautiful resort town of Taormina, nestled at the base of Mount Etna.

Day 7: Taormina-Mount Etna

Begin exploring Taormina today with a visit to the lovely Greek theater that dates from the 3rd century B.C. Performances are still given here in the summer, and the upper tiers offer a spectacular view of the coastline and Mount Etna. Later, ride partway up Mount Etna to take in the views of this still-active volcano.

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Day 8: Rome

Fly across to the Italian capital, Rome, and begin exploring. This evening, enjoy a walking tour of the Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps.

Day 9: Ancient Rome-Vatican

With a local guide, recapture the splendor of the "Eternal City" at the Roman Forum and See the Arch of Constantine and Trajan's Column. Discover the artistic legacy of Catholicism at the Vatican. Marvel at the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel before moving up the broad steps of the world's largest Christian church, St. Peter's Basilica. Later, visit one of the most recognizable structures on earth, the Colosseum

Day 10: Return Home

CLEATS FOR KIDS

**We want your old soccer stuff!
Don't throw away those outgrown soccer cleats.
Donate them to Cleats for Kids, a community service project.**

Now in its fifth year, "Cleats for Kids" collects and distributes used soccer cleats to kids who want to play soccer but can't afford the necessary equipment. By donating your used equipment, you can help someone else play soccer. Your old soccer equipment will be shipped and locally distributed to kids who can use them in several countries including Brazil and Honduras so they don't have to play in bare feet. A small donation for shipping between \$1 and \$5 would also be appreciated.



Drop off boxes are located at Nashoba Regional High School front office near the entrance area. Boxes will also be placed at some Bolton, Lancaster and Stow schools from now until the end of school year in June.

For questions, e-mail **Dan Bolton** at daniel.bolton@comcast.net

Thanks! Spread the word to your coaches and team mates!

Friends of Drama News June 2008

Congratulations again to all those who contributed to the success of the spring musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. We are pleased to announce that Nashoba Drama's production received nominations in a number of categories for the 2007-2008 TAMY Awards. Theatre at the Mount/Mount Wachusett Community College hosts the High School Musical Theatre Awards (The TAMYs) to recognize the outstanding effort area schools make in

striving for excellence in the performing arts and presenting outstanding musical theatre. Competition was increased this year as seventeen area high school performances were viewed by the judges.

Nashoba's *Thoroughly Modern Millie* received ELEVEN nominations: Thank you to all who contributed to this success! The TAMY Awards presentation will be held on June 3 – best of luck to all those nominated for their work on *Thoroughly Modern Mille!*

- Best Supporting Actor (James Gold)
- Best Supporting Actress (Jackie Murtha)
- Best Female Cameo Performance (Kelly McCue)
- Best Director (Bill Grady)
- Best Musical Director (Deb Bonneau)
- Best Choreographer (Melissa Hoffman)
- Best Chorus
- Best Stage Crew
- Best Playbill
- Best Lobby Display

Nashoba Drama celebrated the year at the annual *Drama Banquet*, held in May at the Nashoba Winery in Bolton. Students and parents enjoyed a delicious meal, music and dancing, the International Thespian Society induction of new members, and the satirical Denny Awards.

As the school year ends, we bid a fond farewell to our senior thespians. The talented members of the **Class of 2008** have brought energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to their efforts for Nashoba's drama program over the past four years. We offer our heartiest congratulations and wish them much success as they graduate from NRHS!

Friends of Drama offers heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to those parents who are graduating as well. On the Executive Committee, Robin Rogers-Browne, our tireless President, will leave with the Class of 2008. After years of set construction and emergency repairs David O'Toole will be moving on. Jill Tobia will be leaving her post as our very creative Costume Coordinator. Mary Davey and Toni O'Toole have been responsible for managing the award-nominated lobby displays and coordinating House volunteers for numerous shows; they also bid us farewell. Many parents of graduating seniors have provided their time and energy with tasks too numerous to mention, and Nashoba's successes are a

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reflection of their efforts. Thank you to all these graduating Drama parents for their outstanding work on behalf of Nashoba's drama students!

Students and parents are reminded that Drama activities begin in earnest at the outset of the school year. Work on the Ad Campaign - for families and business sponsors advertising in event programs - kicks off in August. This major effort, shared with Friends of Music, provides the financial foundation for drama throughout the entire year. **We can use many more helpers to contact contributors and solicit new sponsorships.** Please join in making the Ad Campaign a success!

Students interested in participating in the Fall Drama production should be on the lookout for auditions on **September 15 and 16.** (Students only come to **one** evening to audition. Rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays.) Drama society events planned for the fall include the Drama Society face-painting booth at the Bolton Fair. All are welcome and hours will count towards Thespian points. At the Drama Society's May meeting Jackie Murtha and Rebecca Shoer were elected as co-presidents for 2008-2009.

The Friends of Drama reorganized the Executive Committee at their May meeting. Diane Sestito (DianeSestito@aol.com) and Hilda Murtha (HildaMurtha@comcast.net) will be working together to guide us in the coming year. Please contact them if you are able to take on a coordinating role, or to join a committee for the coming school year.

Don't forget to check the Nashoba Drama website at: www.Nashobadrama.com for updates on TAMY awards and FOD activities. Congratulations again to Nashoba drama on completing a truly outstanding year!

Recycling News

Did you know that you can recycle newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers and mail 24 hours/7 days a week at the high school? Did you also know that we earn money for paper dropped off at our green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever® bin? This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for the recycling/environmental club. Please remember to bring your paper and drop it in the Abitibi Paper Retriever®. There is no financial commitment from you, just bring us your paper! For more information, log on to



<http://www.PaperRetriever.com> Thank you for your continued support of this important fund-raising effort!

While April 29, 2008 is probably a vague memory for most people, it is a day which will be etched in memory for members of Nashoba's current junior class and a group of hardy chaperones. On that day, just under two-hundred-fifty students visited Concord, MA to view significant historical sights; such as, the battlefield at Lexington and Concord, the manse of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne, the Alcotts' Orchard House, and the Sleepy Hollow cemetery.

During the planning stages of the trip, chaperones envisioned a warm, Spring day bathed in glorious sun. Instead, Mrs. Panarelli, Mrs. Lowe, Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Locke, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Castner, Mrs. Deneault, some resilient parent volunteers, and the class of 2009 braved the rain to hear a brusque Henry David Thoreau, a.k.a. Richard Smith, who questioned the students about their peculiar dress, and to the final resting places of the Alcotts, Emersons, and Hawthornes. The group placed stones on the cairn marking the original site of Thoreau's cabin.

The soggy chaperones and students returned to Nashoba with great tales about their adventures. In spite of the weather, the trip was a great success.



Rainy Junior Class Field Trip to Concord

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

6/16	G	7:40-9:10
Monday	F	9:15-10:45
6/17	E	7:40-9:10
Tuesday	D	9:15-10:45
6/18	C	7:40-9:10
Wednesday	B	9:15-10:45
6/19	A	7:40-9:10
Thursday	Make-up Exam	9:15-10:45

- Make sure the locker is cleaned out and the lock is placed (locked) on the outside of the locker. A fee will be assessed if the lock is missing or damaged.
- Return all books and supplies to teachers by June 19th. An outstanding financial obligation will be added to a student's profile for all unreturned books and supplies. Outstanding financial obligations can minimize participation in athletics, purchasing a parking tag, etc. See Mrs. Nicoll if you have any questions about a financial obligation.
- Buses will drop students off at 7:40 and pick them up at 10:45. If you only have one final exam, you need to report to the cafeteria for the other exam if you do not have transportation prior to or after the buses.
- Students only need to be present for actual finals. It is **not necessary to report to school** or classes for those classes that do not have a traditional final.
- Make-up Exams will only be permitted for students who have valid extenuating circumstances for missing the scheduled final or if the make-up date had been approved by an administrator in advance.

NASHOBA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

JUNE 2008

Jodi Specht, Director of Guidance
Ellin Tsiaras
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GUIDANCE NOTES

This is a reminder to underclassmen and their parents. In order to progress to the next sequential course in Math or a World Language, you must end the year with a 70 (C-) or higher. If you do not, you may choose to attend summer school to raise your grade, repeat the course here at Nashoba, or choose a different course for next year. Students planning to attend summer school need to have their courses approved by Guidance and MUST earn a C- or better to receive credit.

Counselors work the week after school closes in June and return the week before school opens in August. The Guidance Department is closed for the remainder of the summer vacation. Counselors will be contacting students in their case loads who have schedule conflicts before school reopens in August.

Attention Seniors: Review of Adams Scholarship:

In order to claim your Adams Scholarship for tuition at a Massachusetts public institution of higher education, you **must complete the FAFSA**, have it sent to your college, and also **send a copy of your award letter to the financial aid office of your college**. The letter will serve as proof of your eligibility for free tuition for 4 years. You will have to complete the FAFSA annually. If you have any further questions, please call Guidance. A copy of your awards letter can be found in your senior folder which will be distributed to you during senior week.

Senior Award & Scholarship Evening

The Award & Scholarship Evening is planned for Monday, June 2 from 7 – 9 pm in the high school auditorium. You will receive an invitation to the evening if you are the recipient of an award or scholarship.

JUNIOR REMINDERS!!!

AMTRAK Discount Coupons

If you are planning to travel to visit colleges, AMTRAK offers a discount for the student and parent for travel in the Northeast corridor. Information is available at www.campusvisit.com/amtrak.htm.



Post Graduate Planning – Summer To-do's

- Explore careers – use Career Cruising & Naviance, talk to people in interesting careers, review career profiles on line
- Visit colleges or training centers – explore different types of campuses, evaluate specific offerings at schools in which you are interested, begin a working list of schools of interest
- Get a rough estimate on your FAFSA – see collegeboard.com for details, sign up at finaid.com for scholarship information

Begin working drafts of your activities list and possible essay – use “Topic of Your Choice” if offered

Summer Test Prep Opportunities

Summer SAT prep classes in the area include:

Jantzi Test Prep www.4satprep.com
Kaplan www.kaptest.com/college
Minuteman Regional HS 781-861-6500 x412
Acton-Boxborough 978-264-4700
Hudson High School www.hudson.k12.ma.us

Reminder: If you apply to a college that requires the SAT II for admission, you must test by October for early admission programs.

Fall Testing Dates

SAT I & II Test Dates

Oct. 4 Registration Deadline is 9/9

Nov. 1 Registration Deadline is 9/26

Dec. 6 Registration Deadline is 11/5

NRHS is a test site on Nov. 1.

ACT

Oct 25. Registration deadline is 9/19

Dec 13. Registration deadline is 11/7

PSAT for the Classes of 2010 & 2011

The PSAT Exam will be administered at NRHS on Saturday, Oct. 18. Register in Guidance beginning September 10.

Register for Naviance/Family Connection

Some of our juniors still have not registered for Naviance Family Connection (a web-based college planning software tool used in Guidance). Please make the time to do this. See Mrs. Bouvier in Guidance if you have questions about registration. We use Family Connection to send important group emails to all juniors. This is the way we communicate with students and parents about important deadlines, college application procedures and more.

We have also asked juniors to add colleges in which they are interested to the "My Colleges" section of Family Connection. As you visit schools this summer and start creating your college list, please add the colleges to Family Connection.

FROM THE CAREER CENTER

Career Center News

Nashoba's School to Career program is designed to assist students across the academic spectrum in a process of career exploration and development through introspectively assessing their strengths and interests, envisioning their goals and examining the tools and opportunities available in the community to realize their futures.

What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising is an online career guidance resource developed to be a user-friendly program that combines comprehensive career information with a personal perspective by profiling individuals in every occupation. Additional features include career assessment tools, a comprehensive post-secondary schools database, resume builder tool and a career portfolio tool. Career Cruising is available for use by the Nashoba community. To access, go to www.careercruising.com, enter user-name: **Nashoba** and password: **Chieftains**

Junior Achievement Academy/Fall 2008

For students interested in Business and Entrepreneurship

The Junior Achievement Academy is a 12-week after school program that meets once per week (3:30 pm-5:30 pm) for students to explore the world of business through forming and managing their own company. During the 12-week curriculum, students are guided by a mentor team of college students and business professionals to develop and execute a business plan, sell stock to fund growth, and drive production and sales. The Fall semester sessions will be held at Babson College, Boston University, UMass Boston and Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the meeting sites and will list their location preference on the application. *For more information, please see Mrs. Allaire in the Career Center*

New England Institute of Technology Tech Nite

Tuesday, June 6th, 4-8 pm

Opportunity to tour the campus, classrooms and labs; talk with instructors and meet with financial aid and admission officers. www.neit.edu; 800-736-7744

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Career Explorations Summer Internships

Residential and Day Career Internship Program for high school students, ages 16-18, in Boston. 4 week and 5 week sessions available ranging in cost from \$3,995-\$6,995. Space is limited. For more information, go to www.ceinternships.com

Art School for Teens

A studio art program for teens, ages 13-18, interested in the visual arts. Mon-Thurs, July 14-24, 9 am-3 pm, \$295. Mount Wachusett Community College, 978-630-9123.

Spotlight on Musical Theater

Learn the basics of song and dance. For students in grades 9-12. Mon-Thurs, July 14-24, 9 am-3 pm, \$200. Mount Wachusett Community College, 978-630-9123.

Athletic Training Student Workshop Springfield College offers a one week workshop, July 13-17, for high school students interested in athletic training and sports medicine. Program Cost: \$625. Space is limited, please register by July 7th. For more information, call 413-748-3188.

Marine Biology

Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI offers a one week program for high school students in coastal ecosystems. Program Cost: \$925; For more information, Call (401) 254-3108.

Wall Street 101

High School juniors or seniors can learn about financial investments, develop leadership and teamwork skills and explore college life through a residential campus experience at Bentley College. Participate in simulations and role-playing in a high-tech financial Trading Room.

July 27-August 2 Tuition: \$1000. For more information, call 781-891-2598 or www.bentley.edu/camp

WPI Launch

Are you a freshman or sophomore interested in biology, computer science, and robotics?

The Launch program is a 5 day program during the week of August 4-8, 2008 from 9:00-4:30. Registration deadline is July 15. For more information, email launch@wpi.edu, or call 508-831-5286

WPI Collaborative for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Teen Business Camp

Entrepreneurship Day Camp is a highly interactive week of workshops, games, exercises and talks focused on the task of getting to know your own strengths, passions, interests and abilities to create a Summer Business or Social Venture based on your ideas.

June 23-27, 2008, 8 am-4:30 pm, Cost: \$295 (need based scholarship available). Contact: Gina M. Betti at 508-831-5761 or gbetti@wpi.edu. Web site: www.wpi.edu/+CEI click on programs, then Teen Venture Camp

Johnson & Wales Career Explorations

Summer program offerings in Culinary Arts, Technology, and Business for students entering their junior or senior year of high school. Registration Forms available in the Career Center. Deadlines begin early June.

Minuteman Regional High School Career Exploratory

Variety of career oriented courses available in areas such as Carpentry, Auto Body and Auto Mechanics, Electrical Wiring, HVAC/R, Landscaping, Robotics, CAD, Architectural Drawing, Digital Video Production, and Metal Working and Welding. July 7-August 1, www.minuteman.org Brochures available in the Career Center.

Other Summer Opportunities are available in the Career Center including adventure programs, summer study, leadership programs and volunteer/community service opportunities and by searching Peterson's Summer Opportunities at www.petersons.com, click on Summer Camps and Programs under K-12 Schools and Programs.

The Guidance Department will be closing for the summer on June 24th and will return on August 22nd.

Have a wonderful summer!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2008!





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Dear Parent or Guardian of Seniors of the Class of 2009,

The time has come to plan for the 2009 yearbook at Nashoba Regional High School. This year we have made arrangements for **Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch, Inc.** to take our senior portraits. Seniors will be sent an appointment card through the mail. It will state the specific day, time and location that he/she will be photographed. It is the responsibility of each senior to call Prestige Portraits and re-schedule his/her appointment if the day and time is not convenient. In the interest of uniformity and quality, all senior portraits that will appear in the 2009 yearbook must be taken by Prestige Portraits.

The yearbook required poses will be taken at the portrait session. Additional poses of many varieties may be purchased at the session for a nominal fee. You will also have the opportunity to purchase portrait packages, but are under no obligation to do so.

After the portraits are taken, proofs will be mailed to you from Prestige Portraits and you will be asked to select which pose you would like submitted to the yearbook. The required yearbook pose is a vertical head and shoulder pose, just above the waist, with a blue background. A pose with hands, hats, close ups or one showing unusual attire is not acceptable as a formal yearbook portrait.

There will be additional portrait sessions arranged in the fall if your senior cannot meet the summer appointment, but please encourage your Senior to attend this less crowded summer date.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Berube".

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Yearbook Advisor

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