

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN STUDENTS SERVICES

Please welcome Mrs. Cantor to Student Services. She is now serving the new administrative assistant for Mrs. Swagger, Mrs. Hayman, and Nurse Varner.

Seniors need to have their FAFSA completed at their point if they plan to attend a two-year or four year college or university in 2019-2020. Please go FAFSA.gov and complete yours if you have not already done so!

Seniors make sure you order your cap, gown, tassel and diploma for graduation exercises if you have not already done so! You will need to call Josten's at: **828-681-1712 and place your order immediately or order online at Jostens.com.**

Seniors need to also check out the high school website for current scholarships and pick up a copy of our latest newsletter. The Patrick Beaver, State Employees Credit Union, and Lake Hickory Rotary are now available for pick up. All have deadlines!!

Counselors will be going over course registration information with 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students on **February 20th for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Spring PRIDE cards will be coming out soon for all qualifying students!

FROM THE WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

This month in all our French classes we are working on projects! Students in French 1 will be presenting on various Francophone countries. Often, people don't think about everywhere in the world that they speak French. To think that French only exists in France would be like thinking that England is the only place that speaks English. Students will be studying French as it exists in Europe, North America and Africa and making cultural connections between

language and costumes. French 2 is working on French poetry analysis. In this project, they will be looking for different poetic devices and finding ways to connect poems, authors and culture. They will also be putting these poems into historical context to give us a bigger picture of what was happening that caused this work of literature. In this project, they will be presenting completely in French! We are excited to see what they create!



FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

The NCHS Math department has been working hard this year with our 11th grade students to prepare them for the ACT, which takes place on February 20th. The ACT has 60 multiple choice math problems and students only have 60 minutes to read, work, and answer them. Therefore, math teachers are outlining specific methods on how to outsmart the ACT by using its consistent formatting to reduce the amount of time it takes to find the solution to a problem, as opposed to the traditional solving methods. They have been emphasizing techniques on

how to utilize a graphing calculator to increase speed and accuracy on problems. In order to be better prepared, students have already taken 2 practice ACTs and are reviewing their strengths and weaknesses with their homeroom teacher to help improve their scores. NCHS is committed to ensuring our students are prepared for the ACT as well as their futures!

FROM THE NJROTC

The second quarter was full of community service and competitions for the Red Devil NJROTC cadets. Our Air Rifle team, led by Cadet Diana Venegas, competed in the Area Six Region 1 Air Rifle Meet finishing third place and qualified for the Area Six Air Rifle Championship representing Region 1. South Caldwell hosted an all service drill meet on Veteran's Day weekend which included Army, Air Force and Navy JROTC units. Cadets performed and finished third place in First Year Unarmed Squad, third place in Unarmed Squad and second place in varsity Color Guard.

Cadets have over 100 hours of community service to include Nursing Home Bingo at Conover Rehabilitation Center, Salvation Army bell ringing, Veteran's Day performance at Kingston Residence in Hickory, and Veteran's Day observations throughout Catawba County. The recent Annual Military Inspection was conducted on December 4th and the unit was graded at "Above Average". The inspecting officer noted that "the personnel inspection was superb." This was accomplished with the outstanding cadet leadership of the unit. We are looking forward to another successful quarter.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department is enjoying a great start to 2nd semester. English teachers continue to prepare their junior homeroom students for the ACT, which will be administered to all juniors on February 20th. Additionally, Senior Erin Bowden from Mrs. Gargis' AP Literature and Composition course competed in the countywide Poetry Out Loud competition and finished in 2nd place. About her performance, Bowden says, "I competed in Poetry Out Loud because of my love for performing and poetry. Poetry Out Loud combines the two, and I had so much fun. I am proud of my performance and 2nd place finish."

CTE DEPARTMENT

Senior Lauren McNeely is currently performing an internship at Conover Veterinary Hospital. We would like to thank Conover Veterinary Hospital for their partnership and willingness to give our students great hand-on experience. Lauren will be attending UNCW next year and plans to major in Marine Biology. She requested this internship to learn the anatomy of household animals, process for treating animals, and the requirements of becoming a veterinarian.



FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Two Newton-Conover students (Addie Joplin and Cathy Lee) were selected to perform in the Mars Hill Choral Festival on February 1st & 2nd. More than

130 high school students from across North Carolina participated in the festival.

FROM THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT



The History department is having a great semester so far. All of our teachers are smoothly moving through the content from the American Revolution, American

Government, Ancient Rome, and even the 1st World War. We are very excited for the semester and are focusing heavily on reading comprehension this semester and the development of our student's college readiness. One of the main focuses of the North Carolina state exam is a child's ability to read and answer questions and in order to do that we believe we must practice it daily. As a department we have also had a focus on developing the vocabulary of our juniors (as well as all students) and improving the ACT scores for our students that are preparing for college. We hope that your children are enjoying learning about history and we look forward to seeing you out in the classroom!



FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



→ Envirothon has started preparing for the regional competition that will occur in March

of 2019. Envirothon members will be taking a placement exam for the regional competition Thursday, February 21st. Catawba County Soil and Water Conservation District representative Leia Hamlyn will be giving the test in room 125 that day. Wish Envirothon members good luck on this exam and the regional competition!



→ Science Olympiad has already begun preparations for the regional tournament that will occur March 16th, 2019. Any students that score 1st place in their events at the Regional Tournament will earn a spot to

compete at the State Science Olympiad Tournament in Raleigh, NC. We wish the best of luck to the N-CHS Science Olympiad team in March!



Each science teacher hosts tutoring times on varying days of the week or by

appointment. Please have your student talk with their teacher if they are in need for additional assistance with their course work.