

Dear Parents, Guardians,

Good morning! I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our October Staff Member of the Month, Mr. Michael Pape. Mr. Pape has been teaching here at North for all four years of his professional career. He is a graduate of Toms River East and Monmouth University. Currently teaching Sophomore English, Mr. Pape serves as the percussion tech for the Marching Mariners, the advisor to the Writing Center, and coached Boy's Lacrosse last spring. His favorite things about our school are the support of our staff as well as the kindness and generosity of our student body.

### **SENIOR PORTRAITS**

The last chance for Senior Portraits is NEXT Tuesday, October 16th. You MUST call Lora at (908) 964-0847 to get on the schedule. Walk-ins are not allowed. If you choose not to get these FREE photos, then you are not going to be in the yearbook, UNLESS you visit LA Photography or MP Pics. You may also call Lora to make an appointment to drive to their office for a photo (908) 964-3040. All photos must be submitted to Mrs. Macnab in B30 by November 2nd.

### **HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK!**

Attached is the spirit week flyer which is THIS WEEK. Please encourage your students to dress up in school appropriate attire to show their school spirit!!!!

Thanks!

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### **PSAT**

On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> our freshman and sophomore students as well as juniors, who signed up last spring will have opportunity to take the PSAT at no cost. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain valuable knowledge and experience in preparation for the SAT test. Additionally, results from this assessment are used in determining candidates for the National Merit Scholarship program. Please join me in encouraging all of our students to approach this assessment seriously and with confidence. Please click the link below for information regarding the assessment.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>

\*\*\*\* Seniors and juniors who do not test will participate in an activity in the arena. All students are expected to be in school by 7:15am as this is a regular school day. Any student who is not signed into school by 9:35am will be marked ABSENT due to attendance requirements.

### **GUIDANCE NEWS – ATTENTION SENIORS!!!**

We are currently partnering with Ocean County College on their Pathways program. The first part of the program will begin on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. OCC will be meeting with all senior students during their gym classes to present their College 101 information.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL COAT DRIVE**

Our Student Council is currently conducting their annual Coat Drive to benefit members of our community in need. Please bring your new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to our main office. Winter and colder weather will be here before you know it!

## **FRESHMAN ACADEMY CHALLENGE**

On Friday, October 12th, Toms River High School North will be hosting the 4th annual Freshman Academy Challenge. This event will take place on the High School North turf. In order to make this day a success for all freshman students we are asking that the students come to school on October 12th at regular time. Please bring a water bottle, wear sneakers and the following colors according to their respective academies:

Intrepid – White

Stars and Stripes - Blue

Liberty - Pink

Constellation - Green

We are looking forward to a fulfilling morning that will incorporate team building, social and emotional learning and activities.

## **OCTOBER COLLEGE VISITS**

College visits have been scheduled for this month. Meeting with representatives helps you in your selection process. Come hear what the colleges you're interested in have to offer. You MUST see Mrs. Rose in Guidance to sign up in advance to attend. A list will be posted in your Junior and Senior English classrooms and check the HS North website at [www.trschools.com](http://www.trschools.com) for complete lists each month.

### **Tuesday, October 9th**

Saint Leo University

Georgian Court University

Temple University

### **Wednesday, October 10th**

University of New Haven

St. Bonaventure

### **Thursday, October 11th**

Mt. Saint Vincent

Dominican College

### **Friday, October 12th**

Sacred Hearts University

St. Lawrence University

Rutgers University

SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design)

**Monday, October 15th**

Virginia Commonwealth University

Rutgers (New Brunswick)

**Tuesday, October 16th**

McDaniel College

Gettysburg College

**Wednesday, October 17th**

Mount St. Mary

**Thursday, October 18th**

Stevenson University

Wagner College

Ursinus College

Rider University

**Friday, October 19th**

Monmouth University

NJ Institute of Technology

**UPCOMING DAYS OFF**

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – ½ Day Students, Staff Professional Day

November 5 – 9 – Election Day & NJEA Convention

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - ½ Day for students/staff

November 22-23 – Closed for Thanksgiving

December 4<sup>th</sup> - ½ Day Students, Staff Professional Day

December 24 – January 1 – Schools Closed for Winter Break

Have a great week!

Ed Keller

