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Message from the Principal

Welcome, students and parents, to the 2009-2010 school year, which also marks our 20th anniversary. I want to take a moment to personally thank you for selecting Northeast Magnet High School. We recognize that you have a choice, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve both you and your student(s).

This year Northeast Magnet has set many goals to better serve our students. As you are aware, we boast some of the best state assessment scores in Kansas; however, we are not content to rest on that success. This year we are expanding our focus to the ACT by using that test format in many of our Building Common Assessments and by planning many ACT preparation opportunities for our students. We believe these practices will help them perform better on the test, leading to an increased number of academic scholarships.

Another major push for us is Projects Based Learning. For the most part, this is nothing new for Northeast Magnet. Our history shows that from the beginning we have been leaders in the district where projects are concerned. In fact, Projects-Based Learning is many of our teachers'

primary method of instruction. Last year we began asking our teachers to collaborate with each other, creating projects with real-world applications. This was a great success, so we are continuing this trend.

Also, building strong relationships between our staff and students is something we strive to do. We will continue to grow in this area as we work to serve all students through our Advocacy program. Advocacy is designed to give students a caring adult who may or may not be their teacher. The advocate will meet weekly with students, review transcripts, monitor grades and, in general, make sure our students are on track to graduate. Moreover, Advocacy is a time for our teachers and students to get to know each other on a more personal level, creating an environment of trust.

It is a great pleasure to serve the families of Northeast Magnet High School. We are all on the same team, and it takes all of us working together to continue to succeed. Thanks for all you do to help Northeast Magnet be one of the best schools in the state. If there is anything I can do to better serve you or your student(s), please don't hesitate to contact me.

Counselor Corner

Seniors

College Applications: Seniors should complete college and scholarship applications in the next few weeks if they plan to attend college next year.

College Visits: Most colleges have special days for seniors to visit, but you can contact the office of admissions to schedule a visit. For this purpose, seniors are allowed two excused absences, but a parent must call the office and excuse them prior to the visit.

Scholarships: We will continue to post a community scholarship list twice each month. Students may apply for as many of these as they want.

College & Career Center: Ms. Henderson, our college and career coordinator is available to advise all students as they explore and make decisions regarding life after high school. Mr. Manion, the junior and senior counselor, is also available for any help in the transition after high school.

Juniors

College: In November, all juniors can attend the Futures Fair at Century II. This provides students with the opportunity to meet with over 100 institutions representing universities, community colleges, technical schools, and the military.

ACT: It is important for any student considering college to take the ACT test sometime during the junior year. Registration packets are available in the guidance office or online at www.act.org.

Sophomores

The PSAT will be administered to all sophomores at Northeast Magnet on October 14th. This is a practice test for the SAT.

Freshmen

The PLAN test will be administered to all freshmen on October 14th. ACT designed this practice test to give an estimated score, link colleges of interest, help identify careers that match interests, and highlight academic strengths and weaknesses.

Schedule

10/1	Sophomore/ Junior Cookie Dough Fundraiser
10/2 (4-7 PM)	JROTC drill meet at West High
10/5	United Way Week
10/10 (8-11 AM)	JROTC Orienteering Meet @ Pawnee Prairie Park
10/11 (8-11 AM)	JROTC Crop Walk @ Sedg Co Park
10/13, 10/15 (4:30-7:30)	Parent/ Teacher Conferences
10/14	PSAT
10/14	PLAN
10/15 (4-7 PM)	JROTC meet @ South High
10/16	No School (Teacher Work Day)
10/19	No School (Inservice)
10/20 (6-8 PM)	Booster Club, Project Graduation, & Site Council
10/22 (4-7 PM)	JROTC drill meet at Heights
10/22	Career Fair
10/24 (8-11 AM)	JROTC Orienteering Meet at Pawnee Prairie Park
10/24 (7-10 PM)	NHS Semi-Formal
10/30	Fall Magnet Day
10/31	KS Best Robotics Mall Day
11/7 (8-11 AM)	JROTC at Veteran's Day Parade (Downtown Wichita)
11/10 (5-11PM)	Marine Corps Ball at Dole Center in McConnell AFB
11/13, 11/14 (7-9 PM)	Fall Musical
11/17 (6-8 PM)	Booster Club, Project Graduation, & Site Council
11/21 (8-3 PM)	Scholar's Bowl Varsity Tournament
11/25 — 11/27	No School

Message from the Assistant Principal

Parents, students, and community, welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. It is an honor to serve as the new assistant principal of Northeast Magnet, one of the greatest high schools in this or any other universe! We are off to a tremendous start: teachers are teaching, students are learning, and great things are happening every day at NEM.

As a school, we take pride in the daily accomplishments of our students; however, we also recognize that there is another major contributor to that success. Without you, the parents, we would not be who we are, so thank you for all of the support we receive from you on a daily basis.

To continue to succeed at the rate to which we have grown accustomed, we ask that you take time to review a couple of the policies in the student handbook.

Attendance (page 29) is a key to success in all endeavors. Whenever possible, we ask that students be here. That being said, there are

obviously reasons why students would have to miss. We understand that. If your student is going to be absent, please be sure to contact the office.

Dress code(pages 40-41) is another area where we could use all the support we can get. The weather is still warm, which means we are seeing a lot of the short skirts and shorts, along with low-cut shirts. We want to have the focus be on learning and not on other things. Also, we are fighting the ongoing battle with some of our male students "sagging" their pants. Any support we can get at home is greatly appreciated.

Also, if you have moved or any of your contact information has changed, please update this with our registrar Kelly Blades at 973-2300. If we do not have your email address, we would like to have that, too.

Again, thank you for all you do for us. We are going to have a fantastic year.

Featured Article Math Department

The Math Department is beginning the new school year with an all new approach. Rather than have individual teachers create their own classroom tests, we will create Building Common Assessments during Professional Learning Communities to focus on Geometry and Algebra classes.

In designing these aligned unit tests, our goal is to ensure that students are introduced to common concepts in a timely manner to prepare them for their next math class, regardless of any schedule change or instructor. Also, to better prepare our students for life after high school, Building Common Assessments will include questions similar to those found on the ACT. Since students also will take the Kansas Math Assessment, questions relating to those standards will be included .

Bowling Tryouts

Interested in trying out for the Southeast men's or women's bowling team? Contact Coach Koch at dkoch@usd259.net or call him at 973-2880. Remember that you must have a physical on file at Southeast to try-out, which are November 30th through December 3rd at Thunderbird Lanes. Until then, keep on striking.

Library Fees

Overdue/Lost Books: Books are overdue after two weeks, and the fee is 10 cents per day. The library will charge a replacement fee (cost of the book) for lost/damaged books. Printing: If a student prints for non-school purposes, he/she will be charged 10 cents per page. Students will then be charged one dollar per colored page.

Featured Article JROTC

Welcome

Welcome all incoming and current cadets! The 09-10 school year has kicked off, and the program is progressing toward its very bright future with its direction, attitude, and productivity. As a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program, we have many events and competitions coming up.

The program participates in many community service events, in school assemblies, and in parades. We also do Color Guards outside of NEM for events such as the BOE. The MCJROTC program helps cadets not just become better leaders but also better citizens. The program has a lot to offer to aspiring cadets. If you are interested in MCJROTC, please contact C/Captain Herrera, C/Cpl. Hoose, C/LcCpl. Simmons, or any current cadet for more information.

DRILL

Drill helps cadets improve their discipline and leadership skills. While cadets build and hone their drill technique and skill, they interact with fellow cadets. Drill is an interesting and worthwhile experience, especially when you compete against other schools in USD 259 or at the annual Air Capitol Drill Meet that is held at South High.

COLOR GUARD

Color Guard is another way to build discipline and drill technique. A Color guard team consists of four people and involves more work than drill due to more commands. Color Guard teams consist of a commander who mans a flag, another flag bearer, and two armed cadets. Once cadets become proficient in Color Guard, they are eligible to perform at the Superintendents Breakfast and the Marine Corps Ball.

MARINE CORPS BALL

Every year on November 10th Marines around the globe celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. In our program we organize our own Marine Corps Ball that is held at McConnell Air Force Base here in Wichita, Kansas. Dinner is catered for every one who attends. Afterward, a traditional ceremony is held, and then we conclude the ball with a dance for all attendees. During our ceremony we honor those who have served our country, and we have a cake-cutting ceremony. We have a special Marine speak for us in the ceremony. Cadets have fun every year, and when the time comes around again, we invite you to come and join us in celebrating the Marine Corps' 234th birthday.

CLASS ROOM

In class cadets learn not only about the program but also learn about the Marine Corps. The Corps History and other military services are taught by Marine instructors. As a first year cadet (Let 1), we cover and enforce the basics. If you are in the program all

four years you will have the opportunity to go through Let 2, 3 and 4 training. Each Let level progresses in difficulty while offering varying aspects and skills of leadership and military customs and courtesies. Rank is another aspect that cadets earn through their progression in the program. Rank shall and will be earned through academic proficiency, military bearing, and overall bearing.

C.O's Corner

Hello, I'm C/Captain Francisco Herera. I'm the C.O (Commanding Officer) of this outstanding program, and I would like to cover my 4 main goals for the school year. Morale is the first, and I believe most important, aspect of the program. Without motivation and dedication from our cadets, officers, and instructors alike, there is no program. Bonding and team work are the main ways of improving the overall morale in a unit. My next goal is Social Events and Field trips. Social events seem to boost camaraderie through interaction. Some field trips and events include The Marine Corps Ball, Lock-in, New Mexico forced death march, and orientation trip to visit a military base. My third goal is Discipline and higher standards. Marines Corps Cadets should emulate the Marines. This means the highest discipline and standards should be met. This starts with appearance, bearing, and attitude, attitude being the most important. My last but still critical goal is volunteering and fundraising. Marine Corps cadets put forth many hours and get involved. Sign up for events and community service hours downstairs in the JROTC classroom. Fundraising is also crucial to funding activities and events.