



Northwood High School PTSA Newsletter

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PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents, Teachers and Students!

Since this is our first Newsletter of the year, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012. I like the quote from Oprah Winfrey that basically says “A new year provides another opportunity to get **it** right.” Whatever **it** means to you, I believe we [parents, teachers, and students] share the “**it**” of fostering a better education community within our school.

Northwood’s PTSA continues the national mission to “*make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.*” In addition to providing relevant information through our monthly meeting every 3rd Tuesday, this school year we have, with your help:

- welcomed our teachers back-to-school with a special breakfast
- supported the Student Government’s Homecoming Dance through donations and chaperones
- started a Latino outreach program by providing translation services for meetings
- provided opportunities for our community to purchase scrumptious products through HoneyBaked Ham without the long lines
- held a Silent Auction benefiting After-Prom Activities
- continued sponsorship of the ListServ through Yahoo – a great way to stay informed!

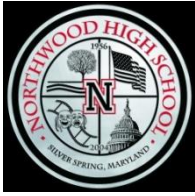
However, there is still much to do and your continued support is needed. First, if you have not joined Northwood’s PTSA, please do so today. Then, consider how you can best support Northwood’s community. Whether you give your time—we need volunteers for After-Prom activities and the Faculty Luncheon—or your financial support for the many spring and year-end activities, we cannot do **it** without your support.

Let’s share the **it** by fostering a better education community within our school. Contact Northwood’s PTSA, get involved, and help us make **it** better.

Yolanda Mazyck
Northwood PTSA President

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NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTSA 2012 SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the goals of the Northwood PTSA is to encourage students to become lifelong learners. The PTSA decided this year to award \$500 scholarships to four students in Northwood's 2012 graduating class. The scholarships will be awarded to students that are *accepted to an accredited post graduate school in the fall of 2012.*

Eligibility

To be considered for one of these scholarships, the applicant must:

- Have a financial need: FARMS Eligibility at any time of student's MCPS attendance
- Be a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland
- Be a senior who will graduate from Northwood High School in 2012 and who will enter *an accredited post graduate school* as a freshman in the fall of 2012.

Selection Criteria

The PTSA Scholarship Committee will review the applications and will award the scholarships based on the eligibility criteria above, the student's record of achievement at Northwood (academic, community service, and extracurricular activities), and commitment to attend college.

Application Deadline

The application letter must be submitted to Ms. Hammond-Davis at Northwood's Career Center by **Friday, February 24, 2012.** For more information, contact Ms. Hammond-Davis.

Forms to Submit

1. The completed two-page application form, which includes:
 - A. The names of two references (one must be a teacher or administrator of Northwood High School)
 - B. A list of your extracurricular activities
 - C. Your signature authorizing the Northwood Career Center Personnel and PTSA scholarship committee to view your transcript

Process

After submitting your completed application forms the committee will screen the applications and will conduct interviews with scholarship finalist. Possible questions at the interview may include:

- Your reasons for wanting to attend college
- Any plans that you may have for college (possible majors and careers)
- How you plan to fund your years *in college*

The scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Night in May (date to be determined).

Northwood High School PTSA 2012 Scholarship Application Form

Please Print Student's Name and Contact Information

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.) (Student ID Number)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Home Telephone Number) (Cell Phone Number) (Email Address)

Parent/Guardian's name and contact information

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Home Telephone Number) (Cell Phone Number) (Email Address)

First reference

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

(Best telephone number to contact him or her) (Email Address)

Second reference

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

(Best telephone number to contact him or her) (Email Address)

Please list your extra-curricular activities at Northwood (athletics, clubs, and student government), community service, and other activities outside of school, including jobs. Use an extra sheet of paper if needed.

Activity/Job	Grade	Hours Per Week	Positions held, honors won, certificates earned
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

Authorization for Examination of Northwood Transcript

I, _____, authorize the Northwood Career Center and the members of the
 (Printed Name of Student)

PTSA Scholarship Committee to look at my Northwood transcript as part of my application for the Northwood High School PTSA 2012 Scholarships.

 (Student Signature)

 (Date)

Please submit your completed application form with your transcript authorization signature, by **Friday, February 24, 2012** to the Northwood Career Center.

ACADEMY AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

9th Grade Academy

The 9th Grade Academy has been working hard creating and implementing strategies to help 9th graders adjust to high school academics. Throughout the semester, the team has been mentoring students, assisting them with their freshman year and advising struggling students. The 9th grade counselors visited Social Studies classes in January to help students register for their upcoming 10th grade year and finalize schedules. The Academy will continue to work with students throughout the semester to help students successfully finish their first year of high school.

Academy of Musical Theatre

After a highly successful Footloose Show in November, our Academy of Musical Theatre students and staff are getting to work on their next featured production. The Academy of Musical Theatre presents **Billboard Magic-Hollywood Soundtracks** on April 19, 20 and 21. Tickets will be \$5 for senior citizens, \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. This show will display your favorite songs from the movies by way of singing, dancing, live instrumentation, and innovative lighting, video and sound. We hope you will enjoy the red carpet treatment and come out to see the show!!

The Musical Theater Company Prepares for Spring Events

The Musical Theater Company is developing a new show for the spring semester designed to entertain and compete on a national stage. Doubling as a fundraising event, an evening of singing and dancing will be presented in the school cafeteria on Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m., designed around a Dinner Theater theme. Following the Dinner Theater event, many of the students in MTC will join the Choir, Band and Orchestra, traveling to Disney World March 29 – April 2, to compete in the Show Choir Division of the Festival Disney events with groups from

across the US. This is the group's first competitive event.

Next, most of the students in MTC will be auditioning for and performing in Billboard Magic, scheduled for April 19-21.

Finally, the Musical Theater Company will be part of The Spring Showcase, featuring MTC and The Dance Company, Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harry A. Putt Auditorium.

Child Development

Students in Child and Adolescent Development work with children in a variety of settings and study development from before birth through adolescence. After a rigorous training period, students become part of a team of teachers responsible for the day-to-day workings of a lab school. Child Development students interested in early childhood through education, pediatric medicine, physical therapy, family law, psychology, and sociology enroll in this course in preparation for college and career experiences. Classroom activities include observations, research, lesson planning, teaching, portfolio development and special projects. In addition, students earn college credits at Montgomery College upon completion of the 3-year program and earn a higher salary at pre-schools and day care centers upon successful completion of the 90 + 9 clock hours.

In this course, we cater to 4–5-year-olds. Pre-school children who are 4 years by February 2012 are eligible to be enrolled for the said academic year. The tuition is very economical: \$225.00 for the semester. We welcome you to encourage your friends and family of these little ones to register their children and experience the wonderful early childhood education in the **Preschool Program at Northwood High School**. Please call 301-649-8088 or 593 - 3800 for more information, or e-mail Ramrattie.Goolsarran@mcpsmd.org.

Dance

The Dance Department had a busy 1st semester which culminated in our Winter Dance Concert on January 5th. It was a great evening with over 225 Dance students performing Modern, Jazz, Broadway, Hip Hop and African dance. We had over 900 guests in attendance, setting a new attendance record for any Northwood show since our reopening. Our year will culminate with the Spring Dance Concert on May 23 and 24 at 7 pm.

Dance Company Highlights

The Northwood Dance Company performed in the informal concert at the Maryland Public High School Dance Showcase on January 6 and spent the day taking dance classes at Goucher College. Our Dance Company is also planning to compete at the Kings Dominion Dance Festival on April 14, where last year we brought home a Superior Rating and the 3rd Place Overall Grand Champion Award. The Dance Company will work this semester on new pieces and original choreography to be displayed at a Showcase performance with the Musical Theatre Company on May 4th at 7 pm.

Mathematics

Spotlights for 2nd Semester

The Math Professional Learning Community is looking forward to providing a variety of opportunities to support our students in and beyond the classroom. The Math Department will be participating in a range of activities to help your children gain the support, knowledge, and skills to be successful. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to your student's teachers. This will facilitate future correspondence with the teacher regarding class and school matters. Standards for Mathematical Practices (SMP's) are an ongoing emphasis. These standards describe varieties of skills that mathematics teachers will seek to develop in our students. Here is a list of the eight Standards for Mathematical Practices for your information.

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

The Math PLC will model SMP's each month to review, practice, and collaborate on the practices and to integrate them into lessons. This will include incorporating different technology and media to enhance student discourse and discovery learning. New applications such as Numberphile will enable students to analyze videos to explore special math properties and types of numbers. This represents ways of thinking about numbers that students enjoy, watching and learning about the numbers they use in class each day.

HSA Review. On-going tutoring and preparation for the administration of the Algebra 1 High School Assessment is underway.

- Keep in mind that the Algebra HSA is a graduation requirement.
- Students should aim to pass the test with a score of 412 or higher.
- To prepare your students for this exam, please visit www.mdk12.org where online HSA practice problems and solutions are available.
- This practice site may also be accessed from the Northwood homepage by clicking the HSA box on the lower left side of the page.
- In addition, students may contact their math teacher or the Math Resource Teacher for extra help sessions.

Real-life Projects. Projects afford students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of critical mathematics and literacy skills as they relate to real-life applications. The skills, contextual literacy, connections, and applications that students gain will provide practical knowledge for future academic and life skills. Students will

also receive summative assessment grades for projects. This semester we will focus on projects that enable students to break down and understand high level math concepts. The Moving Sidewalk will model how the application of a moving walkway, like the ones found in airports, applies the concept of vectors. Vectors are taught in higher level math courses such as Precalculus and Calculus. Please encourage your student to complete the projects in an effective and timely manner to achieve the optimum benefit from this experience.

Our students also apply their math knowledge and skills by participating in the **It's Academic** competition. In January, Northwood's It's Academic team made it to the playoffs with an astounding 4 wins! The competition will continue over the upcoming weeks. This competition is part of the Montgomery Academic Beltway League, which is separate from MCPS's televised Quizmaster. Go Northwood!!!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

David Lindsey

Mathematics Resource Teacher

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Media Center

Get Ready For "Hunger Games"

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, the build up for movie version of Suzanne Collins hit sci-fi adventure book "The Hunger Games" will be in full swing.

It might seem counter-intuitive, but historically films have actually increased reading of the books made into films, and does not dampen readership in any way. Many students read the books first because they want to know the "real" story before they go in, and they want to be "in the know". How do you like that—books are still cool. If you don't believe that, just look at the "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series.

"Hunger Games" is a highly popular dystopia involving a great heroine named Katniss and several love interests. This entire series has been highly popular here at Northwood. I would

guess that well over 50 students have read the book, and most of them also read the two sequels, which total over 1,200 pages.

The second book in the trilogy is called "Catching Fire," and the third is "Mockingjay". We will keep plenty of these titles on hand for everyone to read before or after the movie, and the sequels should be in high demand because the book ends with a bit of a cliff-hanger.

Enjoy the movie, but stop by and read the book first to be on the inside track!

Music

The Band, Orchestra and Choirs will be performing during the month of March at various venues throughout the county for the MCPS County Music Festivals. These non-competitive performances are adjudicated, with the judges' feedback being used to improve the group's performance. Also look for the Spring Concerts, Choral on April 26, and the Instrumental on May 2, both at 7 pm in the Northwood Auditorium. Admission will be \$5.

Science

Mr. Erol Miller was awarded Educator of the Year by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Mr. Miller plans to continue Chesapeake Bay Education by taking approximately 30 students on an annual Potomac River field trip sponsored by a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in the spring.

We have also registered to attend Sneak Peek Friday (April 27, 2012) for the 2nd USA Science & Engineering Festival at the Washington Convention Center. As attendees, our students will have access to the Expo Exhibit Hall with 250 organizations offering over 1500 hands-on interactive activities. Northwood students' will hear presentations by some of the nation's leaders in science, technology and engineering.

In conjunction with the USA Science & Engineering Festival, Northwood will host a speaker on Monday, April 23, 2012. Dr. Ainissa

Ramirez, a materials scientist, comes from the 'Nifty Fifty (*times* 2).' This is a group of one hundred noted science and engineering professionals who will fan out across the Washington, DC area in the 2011-2012 school year to speak about their work and careers at various middle and high schools.

Social Studies

AP Psychology will be participating in a home and away field trip to the University of Maryland. Students will be going to the University of Maryland to participate in AP Psychology labs and then a professor from the University of Maryland will be coming here to Northwood. Topics that will be covered include psycholinguistics, cognitive psychology, language acquisition, bilingualism and biopsychology.

Beginning at the end of March and going into April, Advanced Placement (AP) social studies classes will administer **AP mock exams** to its students. Please check the school website and calendar for more information.

Student Service Learning

- Consider getting involved in service on President's Day, February 20, and the "Early Release" day on March 2.
- Local, State, and National elections provide opportunities for students to be involved in the political process. Political organizations and opportunities identified with a graduation cap icon on the website www.mcpsssl.org are approved for SSL. Any service provided to an individual running for public office requires MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* granted in advance.
- Remember: SSL is a graduation requirement. SSL, along with all other requirements, must be met for a high school diploma to be awarded.
- Spring Break next month is a good time to get involved in service. Address real need in the community while gaining knowledge, developing skills, and earning SSL hours in a meaningful way.
- Seniors who have documented 260 or more SSL hours by the first Friday in April will be awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service. **This year due to spring break all**

documentation for this award is due to the SSL coordinator, Mr. Fuggitti, by Thursday, April 12.

Technology Department

The Technology Department had a successful first semester where students were involved in research, designs, and construction of technological products, systems or processes that will enable them to make educated decisions on how they choose and use technology. **This process will help them choose a career path in technology.**

Personal Finance students produced brochures for their final project at the end of the semester. The brochure reflected what the students had learned during the semester as well as the different types of activities that were used to learn the information. Once the brochures were graded, copies were made for the students to pass out to their peers as a means of advertising the class to perspective students for the 2012-2013 school year.

Theatre Department

Northwood Theatre Department presents *12 Angry Jurors*, on March 8, 9 @ 7 pm and March 10 @ 2 pm and 7 pm. Based on *12 Angry Men*, these jurors must decide whether to give a young boy the death penalty. Did he or did he not commit murder? Come find out!

Wellness Center

The Northwood Wellness Center is committed to working with students in the school community to reach their full potential by offering coordinated medical care, quality counseling, positive youth development and health education experiences in a confidential and culturally sensitive manner.

In order to **effectively resolve conflicts**, first we have to understand what conflict is. *Conflict* is unavoidable, yet can actually be beneficial to our relationships, if we handle it constructively. Conflict can be defined as a *perceived difference of interest*. "We want different things,

and if they get their way I'm afraid I might not get what I need too!"

Conflict resolution is often misunderstood as giving up or giving in or not fighting for what you believe in. However, most approaches to conflict resolution aren't about just "getting along" but rather about "getting what you need." For example: Parent wants child to study and complete homework as soon as they get home from school and the child wants to be able to relax and watch TV. The parent needs to feel like they are being a good parent and making sure their child is successful in school. The child needs to feel like they can do things on their own and that they are capable of making good decisions.

Tips for communication

- **Be a role model:** One of the best ways to teach others how you want them to communicate with you is for you to model good communication with them. Demonstrate to others that it is ok to share what you need and to ask for help by doing so yourself.
- **Listen Deeply:** This has two meanings...
 1. Simply sitting there with your ears open and your mouth closed can still allow you to be caught up in your own thoughts. Instead, try focusing all of your attention on the other person until they're done sharing; then you'll get your turn.
 2. Try listening for the person's *emotions*, *values*, and basic *needs* they are trying to protect and fulfill. If we can identify the needs of the other person involved, we can understand them and work with them better.
- **Speak Honestly and Thoughtfully:** If we really want to be heard, it is important to tell people what we honestly think, feel, and

need, and to do it in a way they can understand...

1. **Focus on I and not you:** Use 'I statements,' in which you focus on your own experience, helping to prevent the other person from thinking you are trying to blame or judge them.
2. **Ask for what you do want, not what you don't:** Asking for what you don't want leaves the question "Okay, but what do you want me to do instead?" It is more helpful to start by asking for what it is you *do* want the other person to do.
3. **Make requests, not demands:** People naturally don't like being told what to do. Communicate in a way that includes a fair request and a reasonable explanation which highlights your needs that the other person can help meet.

Choose a strategy for resolution:

- **Weigh pros and cons of different strategies before taking action.**
- **Help the others to get what they need:** They will be more likely to help with your needs.
- **Sometimes avoidance is the best strategy if safety is a risk.**

Acknowledgment: These tips borrow key ideas from three important books that may also be helpful to you: 1) *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life* by Marshall Rosenberg, 2) *The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution* by Bernard Mayer, and 3) *Social Conflict: Escalation, Stalemate, and Settlement* by Dean Pruitt and Sung Hee Kim.

CLUB NEWS

Bocce

Let's roll!!! The Bocce team started off the season with a victory over Watkins Mill. The Bocce team is in its second year at Northwood. All students, with or without disabilities, are encouraged to participate. The emphasis for our scholar athletes is sportsmanship, effort, and fun. Please give a nod to Gerber Alvarez, Tony Delcid, Caroline Ebbay, Stinson Mackie,

Thomas Stallone, Spencer Sampson, and Brian Sosa if you see them around. We look forward to having another exciting season.

If interested in joining, please contact Tracy Roberts at Tracy_Roberts@mcpsmd.org.

The Comedy Workshop

Members of The Comedy Workshop at Northwood (a project of the non-profit The Comedy Academy, Inc.) will be performing their new show "YOU THINK WE'RE KIDDING? A Sketch Comedy Perpetration Consisting Of Thirteen Acts of Ridicule" on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

The 13 comedy sketches were written by Diego Aguilar, Harry M. Bagdasian, Liam Brennan, Molly Brennan, Lisa Levin Itté, John Kilmer and Josh Rosen. Performing in the show will be Conor Brennan, Liam Brennan, Sasha Brown, Anne Chernikoff, James Finley, Miriam Finley, Jeffrey Hacker, Toby Henley, Nicholas Lingenfelter, Jeanette Moser, Brian Paton, Jonathan Rabinovich, Jeffrey Rosen, Amanda Ross, Maura Russell, Erica Shortall, Alexandra Turpie, Peter Walderhaug and Maxwell Warsaw.

Curtain time for "YOU THINK WE'RE KIDDING? A Sketch Comedy Perpetration Consisting Of Thirteen Acts of Ridicule" will be 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at The Randolph Road Theatre (formerly The Round House Theatre), 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00 each. All proceeds will go to support the non-profit Comedy Academy, Inc.'s programs for area teens. For More Information Call The Comedy Academy at 301-681-5212.

Social Studies

National History Day's (NHD) competition this year is: Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History. NHD is a competition where students make history come alive by engaging in primary and secondary source research, culminating in a project that illustrates the significance of the events they choose. This year will be Northwood's second appearance in the competition. If there are any interested students, please see Mrs. Bond-Lamberty.

The social studies department is looking for student candidates to participate in the **National History Bowl and National History Bee** contests coming up in March and April. These are contests where students compete against other students in the county and state. Please see Mrs. Bond-Lamberty for more details. The

social studies department also offers the debate **club and Model U.N.** Please see Mr. D'Souza for more information.

The **Social Studies Honor Society** will be accepting applications for new members beginning in March. Please check the Social Studies page on Northwood's website for more details.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports try-outs start March 1st.

Baseball
Girls Lax
Coed Volleyball
Boys Lax
Softball
Track & Field
Boys Tennis
Boys Volleyball

Remember, in order to tryout, students must bring the following items:

- a current physical in order to participate (physicals are only good for 1 year)
- the parent permission form
- a med card

**All these forms can be found on the Northwood website under Athletics.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the Athletic Director, Mr. Fuggitti, at 301-649-8229.



PTSA AND PARENT NEWS

After-Prom

This year's After-Prom theme is "The Tale of Two Cities: Hollywood/New York." After-Prom is a project sponsored by our PTSA to keep the Prom attendees safe by providing a night filled with fun, supervised activities. To make this event successful, we are looking for donations from the Northwood community of food, prizes, and of course, cash and gift cards. All donations are tax deductible. Any donation you could supply would be greatly appreciated.

Prom and After-Prom activities are limited to juniors and seniors. Therefore, we are seeking assistance from parents with students in either class, by asking for specific donations. If you are a parent of a junior or senior, please consider donating the amount of your students' year of graduation. So, for juniors that would be \$20.13 and seniors \$20.12. These amounts are suggestions—feel free to give as your situation allows. Whether you choose to give as suggested or an increased amount, our goal is 100% participation from junior and senior parents. All donations—monetary, prizes, food, and/or volunteering your time—are welcome, and will help the Northwood PTSA plan a safe, supervised, fun-filled alternative for After-Prom.

Also, the committee is always looking for parent volunteers to help with the success of this night. Please contact Vivian Sretchen, at Vivian_Sretchen@mcpsmd.org, to volunteer.

Athletic Boosters

Athletic Booster Club is holding their annual Spring Mulch Sale. See the order form on p. 15 of the newsletter. Order deadline is Wednesday, April 4.

Graduation

Graduation is Monday, June 4, 2012, at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC, at 2:30 pm. The PTSA, as in previous years, has reserved a bus to transport parents or elderly family members who would rather not drive to

DAR or ride the metro (DAR is approximately a three-block walk from the metro). **The cost of riding the bus is \$15.00 round trip and \$8.00 one-way.** We are reserving one-way seats to and from DAR. The school transports all graduates to DAR, but does not transport students back to Northwood. If you choose to ride the bus and want your student to ride back to Northwood with you, you will need to reserve a one-way seat for your student to return with you. This is an exciting time for all of us and our hope is that this provision will decrease the stress of getting to graduation should you need or want other means of transportation. You can **send in your completed form (on page 12 of the newsletter) and payment to the main office in an envelope marked: Cathy Louviere/Graduation Bus. Please make checks out to Northwood HS PTSA.**

Painless Fundraising

There are three EASY options to help raise money for NHS by simply making your normal purchases of groceries. And one easy option for raising money while you do your normal online shopping.

Why is painless fundraising important to Northwood HS? Because it generates a significant percentage of our total revenue!

Program	2010-11 NHS amount	2011-12 NHS estimate	What other MoCo schools make
Sniders	\$540	\$600	\$1000 plus
Giant		\$2200	\$4000-5000 plus
Safeway/escrrip	\$2400	\$2700	\$6000 plus

How can you help?

Safeway and e-scrip.

e-scrip is the program that Safeway uses to donate 1% of the value of your purchases to the NHS PTSA. They also run two 10% programs, one in August and one in January.

What to do? Make sure your Safeway card is registered at escrrip.com and that you have identified Northwood High School PTSA as your

designated school. (This needs to be done annually.) If signing up on the web sounds too complicated, just email your Safeway card number to susanluck@comcast.net and we will sign you up. Once you are signed up, everything happens automatically.

NOTE: escrip is bigger and broader than just Safeway. When you shop online, start from the escrip online mall icon on the lower left hand corner of the NHS home page. Any purchases you make from participating companies (and there are a bunch of them) earn donations for NHS PTSA. You can also register credit cards at escrip.com and purchases at certain restaurants will generate funds for NHS.

Giant A Plus

Giant also has a program that donates 1% of the value of your purchases to NHS. Register your Giant card (needs to be done each year) at www.giantfood.com/aplus or provide your Giant card number and the first 3 letters of your last name (yes, that's what they require) to susanluck@comcast.net and we will register your Giant card for you.

Snider's Foods

Snider's Foods—the local grocery store on Seminary Rd—also provides a donation of 1% of the value of your purchases, tallied through cash register receipts. Drop off your Snider's receipts in drop boxes in the main office or the media center at NHS or mail them to the NHS PTSA, 919 University Blvd W., Silver Spring MD 20901.

What would our ideal program look like? Dreaming BIG

Every one of our NHS families and staff have signed up their Giant and Safeway cards and designated NHS as the recipient school. (That would be approximately 1250 people participating). Every family that shops at Snider's saves their receipts and turns them in to NHS PTSA. Each family asks their friends and relatives to sign up their Giant and Safeway cards and designate NHS as the recipient school. If each family could get just ONE friend, relative or co-worker to sign up, we would have 2500 people purchasing groceries and generating cash for Northwood.

Do the math – its all about getting as many people to sign up as we can

Let's say we were able to sign up 600 people for Giant, Safeway and save Snider's receipts (less than half of our ideal without friends and family). Figuring a low average of \$100 spent on groceries per week (and allowing for Giant's partial year program) NHS would receive \$30,000 a year FREE! We currently receive \$6000. Help us close the gap.

(In case you were wondering, if we had each family participate, along with one friend, relative or co-worker, Northwood would receive approximately \$125,000 per year.)

Safety Reminder

Please remember when turning left into Northwood from the eastbound left turn lane on University Boulevard not to block westbound traffic. Make sure that all lanes are clear before turning into Northwood. There have been several accidents at this intersection this year.

YMCA Parenting Classes

Parenting Teens 6 sessions

A down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers. The groups discussion format teaches skills to help improve parent/teen relations; develop teen self-esteem and self-reliance; and promote responsible teen behavior at home, school and the community.

Required text, \$20; suggested donation, \$30/per person, no one will be turned away.

Wednesdays, February 8-March 14, 7-8:30 pm,
YMCA Ayrilawn Program Center, Bethesda.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 1	Report cards distributed
February 20	President's Day, no school
February 21	PTSA meeting, Media Center, 7:30 pm
March 1	Spring sports try-outs begin
March 2	Early release
March 8, 9	Northwood Theatre Department presents <i>12 Angry Jurors</i> , Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
March 10	Northwood Theatre Department presents <i>12 Angry Jurors</i> , Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 2pm and 7 pm
March 20	PTSA meeting, Media Center, 7:30 pm Comedy Workshop performance <i>YOU THINK WE'RE KIDDING?</i> , Randolph Road Theatre, 7 pm
March 29	Third marking period ends
March 30	Professional day for teachers, no school
April 2-9	Spring break
April 12	Report cards distributed
April 17	PTSA meeting, Media Center, 7:30 pm
April 19, 20, 21	Billboard Magic Hollywood Soundtracks, Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
April 26	Choral Concert, Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
May 2	Instrumental Concert, Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
May 4	Spring Showcase, Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
May 15	PTSA meeting, Media Center, 7:30 pm
May 23, 24	Spring Dance Concert, Henry A. Pitt Auditorium, 7 pm
May 28	Memorial Day, no school
June 4	Graduation, Class of 2012, DAR Constitution Hall, 2:30 pm



2012 NORTHWOOD HS MULCH SALE

(April 4th deadline for orders)

The Athletic Booster Club is holding the annual Northwood HS Spring Mulch Sale. Proceeds of this sale will help support our student athletes.

If you order 12 or more bags of mulch at \$4.00 per bag, we will provide curbside delivery (within a 5 mile radius of Northwood HS).

When: Pick up on Sat., April 14, from 9 am - 2 pm at Northwood
Delivery of mulch on Sat., April 14
(Mulch not delivered on Saturday will be delivered on Sunday)

What: Dark Brown Shredded Hardwood Mulch in 2 Cubic Foot Bags

To Order: Please mail your order form and check (payable to Northwood HS) to the address listed below on the order form

Deadline: Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 4th

How much mulch do you need? You will need about 12 bags to cover 100 square feet with 2 inches of mulch. For more information, call Louise Jung at (301) 589-0374 or email at ljungatheart@gmail.com

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Cut here and send this form with your check payable to Northwood High School

Northwood Mulch Sale c/o Northwood High School, 919 University Blvd W., Silver Spring, MD 20901

Name _____

Address for mulch delivery: Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please select one:

I will be **picking up** my order on Saturday, April 14th between 9 am and 2 pm at Northwood High School

Number of bags _____ x \$3.50 = \$ _____

I live within a 5-mile radius of Northwood and would like **curbside delivery** on my order of **12 or more** bags

Number of bags _____ x \$4.00 = \$ _____

***** Please include your check made payable to "Northwood High School." *****

FROM: Montgomery County Public Schools
Northwood HS PTSA
919 University Blvd., W.
Silver Spring, MD 20901

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JOIN THE PTSA & LISTSERV

The PTSA Membership form is on the NHS website (NHS Home Page>Click *PTSA* tab at top>Click *Join the PTSA* at the bottom). The purpose of the PTSA listserv is to share information about Northwood High School with parents, supporters and students who have chosen to attend Northwood High School in the Down County Consortium. Stay informed through email of all the latest news and events pertaining to Northwood High School.

A link to join the listserv is on the PTSA webpage (click the *PTSA* tab at the top of the NHS Home Page) or go directly to the link below to join the Northwood PTSA Yahoo Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthwoodPTSA/>.

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