

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- October 16 (Friday) End of First Quarter (42 days)
- October 21 (Wednesday) Parent-Teacher Conferences after student day 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- October 22 (Thursday) Parent-Teacher Conferences after student day 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- October 23 (Friday) Professional Development
- November 25 (Wednesday) Thanksgiving Recess begins**
- November 30 (Monday) Classes resume**
- December 18 (Friday) End of Second Quarter (41 days), End of First Semester (83 days)**
- December 21 (Monday) Winter Recess begins**
- January 4 (Monday) Classes resume
- January 18 (Monday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
- February 15 (Monday) Professional Development
- March 12 (Friday) End of Third Quarter (48 days)
- March 17 (Wednesday) Parent-Teacher Conferences after student day 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- March 18 (Thursday) Parent-Teacher Conferences after student day 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- March 19 (Friday) Professional Development
- March 22 (Monday) Spring Recess begins
- March 29 (Monday) Classes resume
- April 2 (Friday) Professional Development
- May 28 (Friday) End of Fourth Quarter-final student day (48 days)



The Northside News

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Martin Mahan, *Principal*

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Dear Parents,

We have completed a successful first nine week grading period at Northside High School. By now you are aware of how your student has progressed over the first nine weeks. Please remind your student that the nine week grades are temporary grades. The grades will become official at the end of the first semester. Students still have time to improve their grades. Please encourage your student to attend school everyday, study each night, and to turn in their homework each day.

This year we have continued our building wide focus on literacy. We are focusing on reading, writing, reasoning and speaking. This focus is designed to improve literacy across the curriculum. We have conducted building wide open response sessions in order to improve student learning and to prepare students for state and national assessments. Parents, you can assist us by modeling reading at home and by discussing the things that you read with your children.

Academic Improvement Plans are now being implemented as well. These plans are designed to offer remediation for students who did not fare well on their End of Course exams that were given last spring. Those classes are Algebra I, Geometry, Biology and 11th grade English. We currently offer a remediation lab throughout the school day. The students who have an Academic Improvement Plan will have a class each day dedicated to remediation.

We have committed ourselves to expanding our Advanced Placement (AP) offerings at NHS. This year our teachers and counseling staff have worked tirelessly to improve access to AP courses. This commitment has fostered a 100% increase in the number of students taking AP courses and the number of AP assessments that will be given this spring.

The collaborative learning team at Northside is focused on literacy, Advance Placement courses, effective remediation programs, and ensuring that we maintain high expectations in every endeavor. I would like to thank each of you for your support as we focus on high expectations.

This is also the time of year that all of us start preparing for the holiday season. Allow me to wish you a joyous holiday season and let me encourage you to take some time to relax and enjoy your family.

Sincerely,

Martin Mahan
Principal

SEMESTER EXAMS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 16, 2009

8:05 – 9:40 2nd Period
9:40 – 9:45 Announcements
9:45 – 9:55 BREAK
10:00 – 11:35 4th Period
11:35 – 12:35 LUNCH
12:40 – 2:15 6th Period
2:20 Students Dismissed

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 17, 2009

8:05 – 9:40 3rd Period
9:40 – 9:45 Announcements
9:45 – 9:55 BREAK
10:00 – 11:35 5th Period
11:35 – 12:35 LUNCH
12:40 – 2:15 7th Period
2:20 Students Dismissed

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 18, 2009

8:05 – 9:40 1st Period
9:40 – 9:45 Announcements
9:45 – 10:25 2nd Period
10:30 – 11:10 3rd Period
11:15 – 11:55 4th Period
12:00 – 12:40 Lunch
12:45 – 1:30 5th Period
1:35 – 2:25 6th Period
2:30 – 3:10 7th Period

Visit the **NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL** website!
<http://www.fortsmithschools.org/schools/inside/page1.htm>



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**NORTHSIDE
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**GRIZZLIES
LADY BEARS**



2009/2010 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 12 Red/White VG/VB Home 6:00
Nov. 17	..... Little Rock Hall	..... JVB/VG/VB	..... Home	..... 5:00
Nov. 21	..... West Memphis	..... JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 4:00
Nov. 24	..... Keota	..... JVG/VG	..... Home	..... 3:30
Nov. 24	..... J.A. Fair	..... JVB/VB	..... Home	..... 4:45
Dec. 1	..... Subiaco	..... JVB/VB	..... Away	..... 6:00
Dec. 3-5	..... SCOT'S CLASSIC	..... VB	..... Topeka, KS	..... TBA
Dec. 3-5	..... FAT CITY CLASSIC	..... VG	..... Jonesboro, AR	..... TBA
Dec. 10-12	..... PIONEER CLASSIC	..... VB	..... Leavenworth, KS	..... TBA
Dec. 10-12	..... TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	..... VG	..... UAFS	..... TBA
Dec. 18	..... Forrest City	..... JVG/VG	..... Away	..... 5:30
Dec. 21	..... Greenwood	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 3:30
Dec. 28-30	..... COKE CLASSIC	..... VB	..... UAFS	..... TBA
Dec. 28-30	..... ARDMORE CLASSIC	..... VG	..... Ardmore, OK	..... TBA
Jan. 8	..... Fayetteville	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Home	..... 3:30
Jan. 12	..... Bentonville	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Home	..... 3:30
Jan. 15	..... Rogers	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 3:30
Jan. 19	..... Har-Ber	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Home	..... 3:30
Jan. 22	..... Heritage	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Homecoming	..... 3:30
Jan. 26	..... Springdale	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Home	..... 3:30
Jan. 29	..... Southside	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... UAFS (A)	..... 3:30
Feb. 5	..... Fayetteville	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 9	..... Bentonville	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 12	..... Rogers	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Senior Night	..... 3:30
Feb. 16	..... Har-Ber	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 19	..... Heritage	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 4:30
Feb. 23	..... Springdale	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... Away	..... 3:30
Feb. 26	..... Southside	..... JVG/JVB/VG/VB	..... UAFS (H)	..... 3:30
March 2-6	..... STATE TOURNAMENT	.....	..... TBA	

TBS Schedule for 2009-2010

November 2 to December 8

January 11 to February 11

February 15 to March 16

March 29 to April 30

Monday - Thursday

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Located at :

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GRIZZLY NEWS!

NHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) welcomes parents to...

- **Senior Parents Financial Aid/College Scholarship Information Night - Tuesday, January 12, 2010.** Counselors will share important information regarding **financial aid and college scholarships.**

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

ACT: www.actstudent.org

Senior Website: <http://northsideseniors.pbwiki.com>

Parent Website: <http://northsideparents.pbwiki.com>

NHS COUNSELORS

Keri Rathbun — A - E

Stephanie Freeman — F - L

Colleen Adkins — M - R

LaVonda Hartgraves — S - Z

Karen Vicens — ELA Students

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...

The NHS faculty and staff appreciates our PTA for providing refreshments during the Parent Teacher conferences and for all of the time you are volunteering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Drama Production
Northside Auditorium
November 19-21, 2009

Thanksgiving Break
November 25 - 27, 2009

Library Book Fair
Week of December 7, 2009

Band Christmas Concert
Northside Auditorium
December 8, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

ACT Test
December 12, 2009

Orchestra Christmas Concert
December 14, 2009

Choir Christmas Concert
Northside Auditorium
December 10, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

Winter Recess
Dismiss December 21, 2009
Return January 4, 2010

ATTENTION STUDENTS
Yearbook parent ads may be purchased through the end of November. Please contact Leigh Ann Hasley at 783-2170 if interested. Yearbooks may be purchased at school for \$45.00