

Late start days to be implemented this school year

By Megha Uberoi

On the second Wednesday of each month, all Appleton Area School District schools will begin two hours later than usual.

Last year in April the AASD was considering implementing late start days once a month to allow for teacher collaboration times. The district reached a decision and this new policy will be put into effect this year.

Mr. Pynenberg, one of the assistant principals, said, “It is our responsibility as administrators to give students the ability to learn at high levels.”

While getting to school may be an issue for students who do not have a means of transportation, buses and cabs have agreed to accommodate the new schedule once per month.

Also, according to Aramark, breakfast services will remain unchanged for students on late start days.

Since school will be starting later, the day’s schedule would follow a two hour delay schedule. Morning classes start at 9:30 a.m. and will each be 36 minutes long compared to the 46 minutes of class on a reading day.

Mr. Pynenberg said even though school will be starting later, it should still be seen as a regular school day.

“Not much is going to



Students enter school, ready for the day. Late start days are scheduled the second Wednesday each month, starting Sept. 11. Photo Illustration by Elizabeth Floodstrand

change in the day. Every single hour is going to meet, and it will be business as usual at North,” Mr. Pynenberg said.

Another thing to note is that the idea of teacher collaboration at North is not brand new. The Late Start policy was put into effect in order to enhance and increase that collaboration time because the results have been beneficial.

According to Mr. Pynenberg, research shows that collaboration among teachers enhances decision making and helps to ensure a high quality consistent education for all students.

Many of the students at

North are looking forward to the Late Start days because for them it means more time to sleep.

Student views, however, on whether the late start days will have any real benefits are conflicted.

Sophomore Annalise Peebles said, “The late start days definitely have the potential to better prepare teachers for their classes depending on how the teachers use the extra time.”

Gabby Shapiro said, “Even though teachers have extra time to make lesson plans, that might be one of the only benefits, and maybe one month a day will not make much of a difference on instruction. I guess we will have to see how it works.”

While students at North may reap the benefits of the late start days with extra sleep time, what will the teachers be doing with the extra time given to them?

“With the collaboration time built into the schedule, more effective teaching will be the result.”
- Mrs. Klunder

Late start dates

- Sept. 11, 2013
- Oct. 9, 2013
- Nov. 13, 2013
- Dec. 11, 2013
- Jan. 8, 2014
- Feb. 12, 2014
- March 12, 2014
- April 9, 2014
- May 14, 2014

Teachers may take advantage of the valuable time given to them. Common Core standards were recently adopted resulting in curriculum changes for many classes.

Mrs. Klunder, an AP mathematics teacher, said that much of the collaboration time will be spent on “building effective lessons that address these important changes to mathematics instruction.” The school will examine data to observe whether student learning has been affected.

As for teachers adapting to the new schedule, Mrs. Klunder said, “While some adjustments will have to occur due to the late start, I think teachers will be able to plan appropriately for this shortened Wednesday schedule and still have effective lessons. With the collaboration time built into the schedule, more effective teaching will be the result.”

What’s new at North? Fresh faces on the staff this year

By Megha Uberoi

The 2013-2014 school year brings many new things. Many teaching positions will be occupied by new staff members. Here is a little insight on some of the fresh faces this coming year at North.

There will be many new teachers working in the English Language Arts department, formerly called Communication Arts. Mrs. Heather Marzullo will be teaching Senior Projects and AP Literature and Composition to seniors. She will also be joining the staff as a literacy coach.

Mr. Maxwell Herrmann is a graduate from Appleton

What’s



at North?

East High School and was a student teacher at North during the 2012-2013 school year. This year he will be back teaching Creative Writing, AP American Literature, and American Studies.

Mrs. Laurie Frisch will also be a part of the ELA department and will teach

English Literature and Composition classes for seniors.

There are two new additions to the world language department. Ms. Hilary Haskell will be teaching ELL and one section of Spanish this year. This year there will be combined Latin I and II classes for Appleton North, East and West, all taught by Ms. Carol Hall.

There is one new teacher in the math department, Mr. Mike Allen, who will be teaching Integrated Math II.

Last year Mr. Hacker retired from North, leaving a vacant position as a health teacher, which Mr. Kevin Bleck, a 2000 North grad, will occupy.

Mr. Rob Salm will be teaching one section of health as well.

A former 2005 Appleton North grad, Mr. Andrew Shadick, will be joining the history department as a Social Studies teacher.

Another new face this year will be Ms. Nancy McGee, former Appleton North student Reven McGee’s mother, who will be working as a paraprofessional in the CD department.

Mrs. Christine Londo is new to North this year as the registrar in the guidance department. The guidance registrar, a person students often interact with, is responsible for organizing and helping with

student transcripts. She is an Appleton East graduate and was the guidance secretary at East, before being offered this position at Appleton North.

One important club’s mentorship has changed with Mrs. Strom taking charge of the Yearbook staff. Students interested in joining yearbook this year should feel free to contact her.

And that, Appleton North, is an introduction to some of the new faces students may see at North this year. Make them feel welcome to North, and pay attention to the Noctiluca features section throughout the year for more on the new staff.

MEET THE EDITORS

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Favorite Class: English, Band, Creative Writing
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: The amazing opportunities and working with fellow staff members
Favorite quote: "You are love, you are light, you are good enough just the way you are!" -Sara Ramirez

Hello, I'm Monica. I have a passion for writing and am very excited to continue working with my fellow staff and contributors on the Noctiluca this year. I hope to publish a novel someday and experience other cultures through travel.



Name: Arpita Wahal
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Years on the paper: Four
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Favorite Class: Biology
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Writing articles
Favorite quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt

I enjoy playing tennis, and I play violin in the North orchestra. In the past I've been the editor for the Features and Centerspread sections.



Name: Maya Murzello
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Favorite Class: Chemistry
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Teching
Favorite quote: "It's a blessing, and a curse." -Adrian Monk

I love to travel and hope to see the Seven Wonders of the World. So far, I have seen three. One place I want to go to in the future is France.



Name: Elizabeth Floodstrand
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Position: Photography Editor
Years on the paper: Four
Hobbies: Softball, guitar, writing, photography
Favorite Class: Creative Writing, English
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: The sense of community.

Hi! My name is Elizabeth. I've always loved taking pictures and I can't wait to take some great shots for the paper as well as receive photos from lovely contributors. If you would like to take photos for the Noctiluca feel free to contact me in person or on Facebook. In addition to being on the paper, I'm also an officer in the GSA and on the softball team. In my limited spare time I enjoy playing guitar, blogging, and watching "Doctor Who" and "Teen Wolf".



Name: Megha Uberoi
Grade: 10
Position: News Editor
Years on the paper: Two
Hobbies: Tennis, violin, writing, sleeping
Favorite Class: Biology
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Writing new stories
Favorite quote: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." - Les Brown

Hi! My name is Megha Uberoi. I am a sophomore at North this year and the News editor for the Noctiluca. I love to play tennis, listen to music, and spend time with my friends. This is my second year on the paper and I am definitely looking forward to it! If you're interested in writing for the news section please don't hesitate to contact me.



Name: Caroline Augustine
Grade: 11
Position: Culture Editor
Years on the paper: Two
Hobbies: Violin, theatre, longboarding, singing, writing
Favorite Class: Lunch
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Getting to know our school community through the voices of the student body
Favorite quote: "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." -Oscar Wilde

My name is Caroline, and I am a junior. For those of you who are curious I have a passion for violin, longboarding, theatre, and cats (and writing of course, this is the reason I am an editor!).



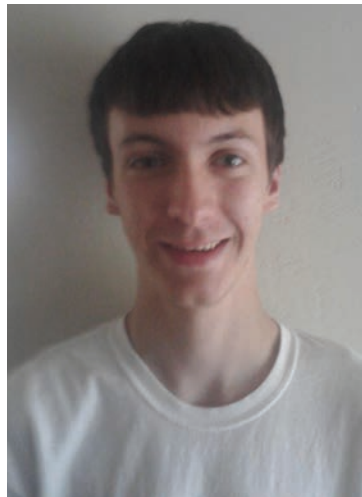
Name: Sam Allen
Grade: 12
Position: Opinions Editor
Years on the paper: One as a fledgling writer and two as Opinions Editor
Hobbies: The three r's: reading, writing, and running
Favorite Class: History
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Newsing things right in the face
Favorite quote: "The tougher it gets, the cooler I get." -Richard Nixon

I write editorials and Cheers and Jeers. You can Google me if you like.



Name: Julia Lammers
Grade: 11
Position: Centerspread Editor
Years on the paper: Two
Hobbies: Swimming, practicing clarinet, sleeping
Favorite Class: Band
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Forcing my friends and enemies to write for me
Favorite quote: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." -Mahatma Gandhi

One time I was walking in the music hallway, and a girl I had never seen before came up to me and kindly told me that my dress was stuck to my backpack and everyone could see my shorts. I was so embarrassed. If that happens again, or if you want to write for the paper, or if you just like to talk, come say hi in the halls.



Name: Alek Combs
Grade: 11
Position: Features Editor
Years on the paper: One
Hobbies: Playing clarinet, photography
Favorite Class: Band
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Getting to clean the publications lab
Favorite quote: "Sometimes, mermaids can devour tigers." -Kagura Mikazuchi

Salutations! My name is Alek Combs. I enjoy playing clarinet, taking photographs, watching anime, and playing Magic the Gathering. One of the most gratifying things in my life is drinking tea. I hope you enjoy my pages, and if you want to write for the Features section we will take you.



Name: Miller Jozwiak
Grade: 12
Position: Sports Editor
Years on the paper: 3
Hobbies: Swimming in Connor Rolain's pool
Favorite Class: Health
Favorite aspect of being on the paper: Bothering people by asking them questions.

Interested in joining the Noctiluca? Contact an editor via Facebook or school email, or attend the first home-room meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12.

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Noctiluca Editorial

Listen up: all knowledge comes in handy

As we are confronted with a long year of school ahead of us, the age-old question still persists: what are we actually doing here?

With the majority of post-recession job growth being in mathematical and technological sectors according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it may seem like a drag to sit through classes such as History or Literature when they seem so far from the money nowadays.

"When will I need to learn about Attila the Hun when I'm off market-analyzing stuff for a faceless corporation?"

If only the world were so simple. Not only showing up and doing a job each day, but making an impression, planning ahead, and working with abstract people and ideas is all the rage in today's society. All of these abilities are expounded upon greatly with the addition of a little-used

skill known as critical thinking, labeled by Forbes as the most important skill sought for in employees.

Critical thinking is the ability to problem-solve and evaluate different solutions to problems; in

a nutshell, being able to come up with great ideas and tear the bad ones down.

The thing about critical thinking is that it needs fuel: fuel in the form of mounds upon mounds of knowledge. There is simply no way to solve difficult problems and analyze insane ideas without making connections from



Getting ahead in life takes much more knowledge than what is mentioned in a job description. Photo from usa.gov

within a plethora of information. The most important function of this is not to make tasks harder but easier; if there is a problem, it has probably been solved ages ago by somebody just waiting for their example to be

of learning "useless" things is higher than ever, and losing sight of all else besides one goal or specialty simply will not do. This is the reason why Microsoft began asking its job candidates why manhole covers are round: it is a random, open-ended question that can be answered with logic or general knowledge, just like the questions its employees face day to day.

People don't generally get a raise, promotion, or better job simply by doing what they are told to do, and that is why it is so important to learn a whole bunch of seemingly irrelevant subjects, i.e. the majority of them.

So sure, post a status update that talks about how "*Science is stoopid lol*," but the guy who saves the boss' life with nothing but an ample knowledge of physics and a nearby paperclip will get the promotion instead.

copied.

Even so, with class choices at Appleton North ranging from Art to AP Physics to Weight Training and Conditioning, it can be easy to insulate oneself with a choice few preferred subjects, ignore the others, and wait for the whole year to end.

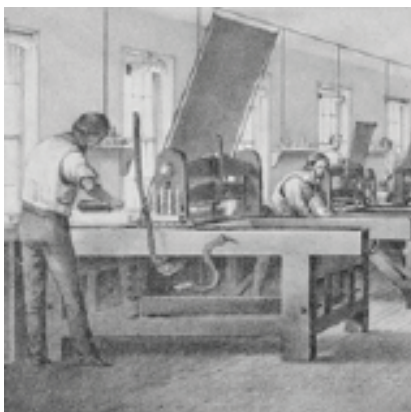
However, the importance

Noctiluca's mission relevant to community

By Monica Stoeger

In this day and age, people communicate through a variety of methods. While the Internet and social media websites

dominate as a fleeting communication source, I believe that it is still important to preserve and maintain the print medium. Personally, I find few things more satisfying than the crinkling one hears while flipping open a newspaper.



Even after hundreds of years, print media is still as important as ever. Photo from usa.gov

publication. In order to complete each issue, an extensive process must be followed.

From pre-planning an issue to assigning stories to writers, from editing articles to laying out each page, from fixing multiple proofs to sending each monthly issue to the printer, none of it would be possible without various forms of communication.

It is part of the Noctiluca's mission to deliver fair and accurate news to our readership.

We strive to use multiple sources in order to present a wider range of viewpoints within an article and to more accurately represent and portray our student body and the surrounding community.

By staying informed through the newspaper, readers gain awareness of the happenings, people, and beliefs around them. It is my hope that the Appleton North community will grow in its understanding and tolerance of campus diversity through the efforts of this publication.

I encourage my fellow students to become involved in journalism.

The Noctiluca welcomes all students to join the staff. Contributions can include writing, comics, artwork, photography and more.

Joining the Noctiluca staff my freshman year has been one of the best decisions I have

made throughout my high school years. I believe it has made me a more open-minded individual and has improved my communication skills significantly. I, as well as the rest of the Noctiluca staff, will strive to maintain and improve upon our publication this academic year—a mission that starts with the readers.

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Common Questions

By Julia Lammers

As a freshman, there are a lot of new ropes to learn. Never fear! Noctiluca will answer the most frequently asked questions by freshmen. If you have any further questions, ask a Link Leader in a green T-shirt or teacher.

Q: *What if I get lost and am late to class? Will I get in trouble?*

Noctiluca: If you get lost, don't panic! Almost everyone has gotten lost before. North can be a little intimidating at first, but you will learn your route eventually. Find a Link Leader in a green T-shirt and they will point you on your way. Don't be afraid to ask for help from a teacher either, even one you don't have. Chances are, they know the building best and will be more than willing to show you your path. As for being late, freshman teachers expect that students may get lost and you will not receive a detention for being a few minutes late or showing up at the wrong class. However, don't make it a habit the first few days.

Q: *What are my options for lunch?*

N: Only seniors and juniors (second semester only) are allowed to leave campus for lunch. No, the Subway across the street is not on campus and therefore you cannot stop by for a \$5 foot long during fourth hour. However, some students enjoy soaking up the sun on the patio outside the commons and that's perfectly all right. For those of you in music classes, if you enjoy practicing your instrument (as you should), ask your teacher during class for a pass to the practice rooms over your lunch hour. After you are done eating, show your pass to the teacher posted on the way to the hallway, and you are free to run chromatic scales as long as you would like, or until the bell rings. Yet another option is to go to library to read or get homework done! How does one do that you ask? Read on...

Q: *How do library lunch passes work?*

N: Great question! Before your lunch hour, head to the library and grab a pass for your hour lunch. Sign your name on the sheet and the pass. After you eat lunch, show your pass to the teacher in the cafeteria and go to the library. Sign the time you checked in next to your name and put the pass in the basket. Once you sign in, you have to stay in the library until the end of the hour. Questions? Ask the librarians!

Q: *How can I branch out and meet new people?*

N: You may not have classes with your middle school friends, and that is okay! The best way to meet new people is to join a club. Plus, you'll be around people who share a common interest. To learn more about clubs, look across the page and pay attention to the announcements during the first few weeks of school.

Q: *Is six minutes passing time enough?*

N: Definitely. North may seem big, but in time, you will find your way to class in under a few minutes and even have time to go to the bathroom!

Q: *How should I carry my supplies to class with me?*

N: This is a big difference from middle school. In high school, you carry your backpack with most of your supplies in it from class to class. The easiest way is to stop by your locker before lunch and switch out your supplies for morning and afternoon classes. It is not recommended to carry your whole locker in your backpack!

Q: *Can I chew gum?*

N: YES! Except for gym class. It is up to each individual teacher, but most let you chew gum. It is a privilege, so do not stick it under chairs and desks or spit it out in the bubbler.



Silver team freshmen watch activities at the freshman orientation pep rally. Orientation gives freshmen a taste of what is to come. Photo by Julia Lammers



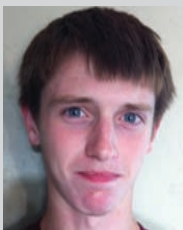
Link Leaders Neceda Schreiter, Payton sitting on bleachers with freshmen Eliza and Ellie during orientation. Freshmen had the chance to meet Link Leaders through a variety of ice breakers.

Freshman Disorientation

Too intimidated by the humongous questions answered at freshman orientation the class of 2017 (and new students) need to know, without all the

Words from

Students that survived their freshman year



Gavin Desrosiers, Sophomore
"Don't believe Rodney when he says candy."



Erin Geitman, Junior
"Enjoy being a freshman while it's so new and fun. Make no mistake, you are a member to make good decisions in high school-- you don't need to have everything on a party."



Olivia Kuenster, Senior
"You don't have to join certain sports just because your friends are. Get involved in things you like and you'll make new friends who have common interests."



Blessing and Elliot Goldinger sit in the bleachers during the pep rally at freshman orientation to get to know their fellow classmates and cheer for their favorite sports teams. Photo by Julia Lammers

Freshman Orientation

Freshman orientation is a fun way to get all your questions answered. (Noctiluca walks through what they are ice breakers.

From the wise

Mr. Stoecker offer their advice to the class of 2017:

Mr. Stoecker says he's out of



Rodney, Janitor
“Here at Appleton North High School, we hand out free knowledge. So freshman, grab all the free knowledge you can possibly muster and save it for that testing date.”

in clubs or middle school the stuff you ends that

Get involved

By Julia Lammers

To meet new people and have copious amounts of fun, consider joining one of Appleton North’s many clubs. There is a group for almost every interest. Most clubs meet on Thursdays during homeroom, with a few exceptions. There is usually a hot pink sheet by the main staircase with a list of clubs meeting every homeroom. If you miss the first meeting of a club, you can still join, just come to the next meeting. Joining more than one club is encouraged! Here’s a list to get you started, and read the Noctiluca throughout the year to find out more about North’s clubs.

HOSA-- Future Health Professionals



Janice Wu, the president of HOSA, said, “HOSA is geared towards those interested in a health career but you gain a lot of skills in other areas of life. Being a member of HOSA gives you the opportunity to attend the state conference at Chula Vista, the national conference in Orlando, Fla., as well as lots of other cool experiences. Even if you’re not interested in the health field or just exploring your options, it’s a great organization to meet new people and investigate career choices. Meetings are to be decided. If you are interested in joining, contact Mrs. Camber or Mrs. Moder. You can also check out the HOSA board located on the left side of the main stairwell near the LGI.” Interested students can also get in touch with Janice, the president, through Facebook or Twitter.

DECA-- Business and Marketing



According to DECA.org, “DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.” Claudia Tischer, co-president of Appleton North’s chapter of DECA, said, “I believe that DECA teaches you things you won’t learn in a classroom and gives you endless opportunities. Anyone can join DECA. There are many different clusters that you can compete in such as finance, fashion and retail, business law and ethics, travel and tourism and even more! Depending on what cluster you choose to compete in, you can learn so many different things. There is also the opportunity to travel and compete. Last year we were in Anaheim, Calif., for ICDC (International Career Development Conference) and this year we will be going to Atlanta. Along with that, we will be traveling to a Milwaukee Brewers game, the Resch Center in Green Bay, a leadership conference in Milwaukee, the state competition in Lake Geneva, and even New York City!” Take advantage of these amazing travel opportunities this year simply by joining the club. DECA meetings are held in the LGI or in Mrs. Dechant’s room, 1101, around the first Thursday of every month. The first meeting will be during homeroom on Sept. 12 in the LGI. Tischer said, “There will be announcements for when we will be meeting on our Facebook page, Twitter, and the morning announcements. If you want to join DECA this would be the perfect year to join! Also make sure to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Dechant or any of our DECA Officers along with the Co-Presidents this year, Claudia Tischer and Kourtney Liebe. You can usually find us in the school store or Mrs. Dechant’s room. Hope to see you at our first meeting!”

Key Club-- We don’t make keys, we make a difference



Key Club is the club to join if you love service work, having a fun time with friends and overall improving the community. Andrea Bryson, the president, said in a Facebook message: “There are many ways to get involved in Key Club. The three main things that we do are volunteering, fundraising and putting on a Special Olympic basketball game. The easiest way to get involved is through volunteering and fundraising. These events will come up throughout the year. Some events we will attend on our own, other events we will team up with key clubs from our area or our local Kiwanis club. Each event is different and provides members with a new opportunity. There are also many opportunities for students looking for more of a leadership role, especially with the Special Olympic Basketball game, since we are the sole organizer for the event. We try to split up what needs to be done and allow club members to help organize the event. I think the biggest perk of being in Key Club is we have no limits. You can volunteer as much or as little as you want. Events we attend change each year depending on our member’s interests and availability. We are also available to aid a member in achieving their volunteering or fundraising goals. Our meetings are every other Wednesday from 3:10 to 3:40 p.m. Our first meeting will be the second week of school on Sept. 11.”

The Noctiluca-- the school newspaper



The Noctiluca is what you’re reading right now! It’s a way to keep up with North events and to be entertained and discover facts about your fellow classmates. Being a part of the Noctiluca gives you the chance to meet new people, take pictures, draw comics and write stories. It is rewarding to see your name next to an article you wrote. We have room for anyone and everyone who is interested in joining. All clubs are encouraged to send in information or to contact Monica Stoecker through school e-mail if interested in being featured in future issues.

Horoscopes

By Alek Combs



Virgo

August 22-September 23

If you are having trouble making friends remember that the dark arts are always an option.

Libra

September 23-October 23

The stars say you look good today. I say you look good every day.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Impress your new friends; the estimated airspeed velocity of an unladen European Swallow is ten meters per second.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 22

Studies show that cramming increases confidence but does nothing to increase knowledge. I don't know about you, but I think confidence is the much better reward.

Capricorn

December 23-January 19

Congratulations! You woke up today. Try not to fall asleep in class again.

Aquarius

January 20-February 19

I see you are rocking your back-to-school outfit today. Dressing up is a good way to boost confidence.

Pisces

February 20-March 20

You may have noticed your handwriting is not what it used to be. Yeah, you should work on that.

Aries

March 21-April 20

Make friends by showing the class your mad yodeling skills.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

No, that teacher does not hate you. Try not turning in any assignments for a week. After that he will hate you.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

You did not trip on the stairs today! You can still convince the school you are not clumsy.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Having trouble remembering your locker combination? Write it somewhere in the school. Nobody will know which locker it belongs to and you can look at it whenever you need to.

Leo

July 23-August 21

It's great that you are determined to be a stellar student now, but it would be wise to remember this feeling in a few months.

CRACKERS



By Elizabeth Floodstrand

The Noctiluca wants your poetry

Here at the Noctiluca we want to publish poetry. We want to publish a poem with every issue of the paper. Your poetry can be about anything you want, but since these will be published in the paper we have to follow laws regarding obscenity, libel, privacy, and disruption of the school process. Submissions for the paper can be given to Alek Combs, the features editor. You can e-mail him at combs.alek1@gmail.com. Depending on the number of submissions, more than one poem may be published. Anyone who wants poetry published should send in his or her submissions.

Five homework tips

By Monica Stoeger

Follow these tips for a strong start.

1. Set miniature deadlines for yourself.
2. Do your assignments in order of the most important to the least.
3. Use your assignment notebook to stay organized.
4. Don't procrastinate; you'll only stress yourself out.
5. Take small breaks between assignments so you don't overwork yourself.

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Summer Shakespeare provides summer opportunities

By Catherine Backer

Every summer since 2000 a group of dedicated, passionate individuals come together for the six-week course of Summer Shakespeare housed at Appleton North High School. Running mid-June through late July, the course entails learning about William Shakespeare, his times and his theatre, culminating in the presentation of one of his plays. This is all guided by the North Theatre director and certified Shakespeare fanatic Ronald Parker.

Many students in the program are returning for their second, third, or even fourth year there, such as junior David Fisher.

"This has been my second year in Summer Shakespeare. I came back because Summer Shakes brings together the best of theatre, minus the stress of school, with the social opportunity of meeting kids from all around the area. The time commitment is just enough to have a job, to spend time with your friends and family, to enjoy your summer, yet you're still connected to an amazing group of people, and you're learning the beauty of the English language and theatre through the one and only Shakespeare," said Fisher.

This summer's chosen work of the Bard was the history "Henry V". The play involves King Henry, who accepts the crown of England not know-



The cast of Henry V takes a bow to conclude the show. Performances ran from July 24 through the 28. Photo by David Hartman

ing at all how to rule and having to put his carefree teen years behind him. The role of Henry was double cast, meaning that two different actors played the part, each getting half of the shows. Ian Parker and Corrie Riedl both accepted the challenge of the title role, each bringing their own nuances and interpretations to the stage.

"Playing Henry was a great challenge for me in many ways. It was my first time playing a man, so I had to continuously think about how I was sitting, standing, walking, moving my hands, and how my voice sounded. Also, the amount of lines that Henry has in the show made memorizing the part extremely challenging," said Riedl, a 2013 graduate from West High School and Re-

naissance School for the Arts. "I was double cast with Ian Parker, and we worked together through the entire rehearsal process. It was really interesting how even though we worked together on pretty much everything start to finish, we both came up with two very different ways to play Henry."

Summer Shakespeare offers not only a spectacular experience onstage for students but an enlightening and engaging one behind the scenes as well. Brandon Cavaiani, a 2013 graduate from North, took on the role of assistant technical director and assistant light designer for the show.

When asked what the most valuable part of Summer Shakespeare was, he replied, "There is something for everyone. If you want to act,

act. If you want to build sets, build sets. If you want to work with the costumers, work with the costumers. As long as you vocalize your interests then you will be given opportunities. More than that, the connections you make really are forever. "We" becomes a huge part of your vocabulary. It's welcoming, which was the value I saw. It becomes a home."

Cavaiani is not the only one to see unique opportunities abound in Summer Shakespeare; David Fisher was given an unexpected chance to use his skills as a musician and composer in the production. "For me, the most challenging part of Henry V was something I wasn't expecting when I signed up this year. We took on the challenge of including a choral piece before we knew how we were going to pull it off. About halfway through the rehearsal process, we received copies of the music to Non Nobis Domine, a very challenging form of music. As a piano player and an aspiring composer, I was honored that Parker asked if I would be able to teach this song."

Fisher studied the music, broke it down and wrote his own arrangement. "With the help of an open minded cast, and volunteers to sing from offstage as well, we added a strong musical element into the show in a crucial moment

For information on how to get involved, check for updates on Appleton North Theatre's website or join Appleton North Theatre and drama club.

of the plot. This was definitely a large project and a wonderful challenge I was never short of encouragement or help with."

After weeks and weeks of hard work the cast and crew of 50 gave six triumphant performances with full audiences to the community at the end of July.

"Summer Shakespeare is so valuable to everyone involved," said Riedl. "The students involved learn about Shakespeare's life and work, basic theatrical techniques, staging, lighting, set building, costuming, and makeup; all this is advertised in the course description. What they don't tell you is that while learning about all these things, the lucky students involved learn more about themselves. Summer Shakespeare has taught me more about who I am as a person than any other class possibly could. It provides a confidence and a sense of pride to everyone involved, whether it's their first time onstage or their twentieth. That's where the real value in Summer Shakespeare lies."

What's on your playlist?

By Caroline Augustine

Jack Sweigart
Freshman



- "I Wanna Be Sedated"
- The Ramones
- "Meloncholy Hill"
-The Gorillaz
- "The Prime Time of Your Life"
- Daft Punk
- "Explorers"
- Muse
- "Hello Operator"
- The White Stripes
- "Explorers"
- Muse
- "The World at Large"
- Modest Mouse

Elise Painton
Sophomore



- "The Love Club"
-Lorde
- "Out of My League"
-Fitz and the Tantrums
- "Radar Detector"
-Darwin Deez
- "So Many Details"
-Toro y Moi
- "Myth"
-Beach House
- "Ezra"
-Flume

Paige Palomaki
Junior



- "She Ain't You"
-New Hollow
- "Snow (Hey Oh)"
-Red Hot Chili Peppers
- "Why"
-Rascal Flatts
- "Bruises"
-Train ft. Ashley Monroe
- "Leave You Alone"
-Young Jeezy ft. Ne-Yo
- "You Found Me"
-The Fray

Liza Long
Senior



- "Do or Die"
-Thirty Seconds to Mars
- "The Writer"
-Ellie Goulding
- "Not Your Fault"
-Awolnation
- "White Dress"
-Ben Rector
- "World"
-Five for Fighting
- "Amsterdam"
-Imagine Dragons

Marda Rude
Senior



- "Demons"
-Imagine Dragons
- "Pompeii"
-Bastille
- "Applause"
-Lady Gaga
- "Arrows & Vines"
-SoHo Ghetto
- "Want U Back"
-Cher Lloyd

Boys volleyball: Repeat possible?



Senior Ian Gerrity spikes a set during practice.

Photo by Miller Jozwiak

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This time last year, Appleton North's volleyball team was beginning to build one of the most legendary sports seasons this school has ever seen. The team capped off their undefeated season, with a trip to Milwaukee for the state tournament. A mostly senior team, led by Wisconsin Player of the Year Connor Gross, dominated its way into the finals.

The team was a force to be reckoned with, never even going to a game five during their matches at state. After defeating Burlington in the state championship, many began to wonder how the Lightning would do this season after losing most of its key players.



Maass

Who would step onto the court with the lone returning starter, senior Mike Lukasiewicz? Volleyball Magazine's National Coach of the Year Mike Maass' answer to that question seems to be a positive one.

"We have a talented but inexperienced group returning," Maass recently commented about the 2013 team.

Although inexperienced, some of North's current players had an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities last season. Last year, during the 32 team Racine Invite, many of North's key senior players

were missing due to other engagements last season. This provided the chance for current seniors Mike Lukasiewicz, Jared Dudley, Ian Gerrity, and Austin Nelson to step into the spotlight. The four helped defeat multiple competitive teams, including Burlington.

Although North lacks the big name players of last season, this year's senior class combined with the talent of the incoming juniors could very well be a prevailing force in the FVA this season.

Fresh from Coach Gus Maves' JV team joining the Varsity squad this season are juniors, Isiah Campbell, Brian Jones, Kody Fiorito, Liam Mahoney, Nate Hoeffner, Dennis

Garvey, and Josh Moua.

Coach Maass' final comment was, "It is going to take some time this year to figure out the rotation and for the players to learn new roles. With that being said I still expect us to contend for the conference championship and a team that is playing our best when the WIAA playoffs begin."

It is impossible to predict the outcome of this season, but the team believes there are many reasons to think North will do well.

Returning starter Mike Lukasiewicz put it the best, saying, "No one has seen this group play together. It's going to be a fun year with an awesome group."

COMMENTARY

Football works with new position players

Roster's position spots being filled by new names

By Justus Oestreich

The Appleton North Lightning had another phenomenal year on the gridiron last year, despite injuries to defensive end Logan Neitzke and running back Isaac Barthelmess.

The Lightning won their fourth consecutive VFA North title, and went undefeated in the regular season. They eventually fell to the Hudson Raiders in Level 3 of the WIAA Division 1 Playoffs, 40-21.

Appleton North looks to build on the success of the 2012 season by capturing a fifth consecutive VFA North title and perhaps a trip to Camp Randall Stadium on November 22nd to play for a coveted state title.

This goal will only be attainable if the Lightning receives great production out of senior quarterback Dan Rothbauer and senior running back Keegan Kreul. Rothbauer was an extremely talented wide receiver for the squad last year with 27 receptions for 284 yards, but is being moved to quarterback this year.

He will try to fill the shoes of Tanner Schuh, the talented pocket passer who tore apart the defenses of the VFA in 2012. Schuh led the VFA



Senior Captain Evan Polce catches a ball during practice. He is one of the key position players on the defensive side of the ball. Photo by Elizabeth Floodstrand

in passing with 1,124 yards through the air and added on 18 touchdowns. After his impressive senior year, Schuh will be continuing his football career at Lawrence University.

Rothbauer may play the same position as Schuh, but their respective styles vary greatly. As he transitions to quarterback this year, he will be more mobile scrambling out of the pocket, unlike Schuh, who was not much of a threat to escape the pocket for big gains. Rothbauer's versatility out of the pocket will be key this season.

Keegan Kreul will be taking the spot of Appleton North legend Sawyer Schultz.

Schultz finished second in rushing in the VFA North with 662 yards, and led in rushing touchdowns with nine. Schultz was beloved for his tough running style, and willingness to draw contact with defenders. Schultz didn't run around would-be tacklers, he ran through them. Schultz's lasting legacy at North will be his 4th and 1 run against Kimberly during the Homecoming Game, where he was stuffed at the line but somehow spun out

and gained enough yardage to move the chains. Kreul was used in goal line situations last year and was known to lay the lumber when blocking. He has a very similar running style to Schultz and will not shy away from contact. Kreul will be running behind a massive offensive line led by senior Garrett Rano that should give him plenty of running room.

The Appleton North Lightning football team has lost a considerable amount of talent from last year, but is still capable of great things in the 2013 season.

Soccer coach leaves North for Neenah

By Miller Jozwiak

Appleton North's boys soccer team started off the season strong, beating Kenosha Tremper, Green Bay Preble and New Berlin in the Muskego Invitational Aug. 23-24. However, North players were surprised at the sudden departure of head varsity coach Nate Werner.

Werner, a teacher in the district for 16 years and coach at North for seven, left to be the athletic director at Neenah High School. He announced his decision to the players after practice Aug. 26.

Senior captain Max Johansen said the position was what he was looking for and was the best for his family.

"This season is for him now," said Johansen. "We knew he didn't want to leave now, he wanted to stay and finish this season, so whatever we win is for him now."

"And although we were shocked and caught off guard, we understand this is what is best for him and his family," Johansen said.

JV-A head coach Brandon Schnese will be stepping in for Werner for the season, Johansen said. Players seem to be looking forward to the new coach's presence on the team senior Keegan Govin said.

"He's a great guy. He never puts down players, he only helps them. To me, he's more than a coach," Govin said about Schnese.