



# 88 MUSTANG MINUTES FALL 2017 ISSUE



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## Dates to Remember

- Friday, November 10  
— Veterans' Day  
Assembly — 9:00 am
- Wednesday,  
November 22—Friday,  
November 24 No  
School—Thanksgiving
- Saturday, December 2  
— Christmas Mustang  
Style — 7:00 am
- Thursday, December  
12 — Christmas  
Program — 6:30 pm
- Thursday, December  
21— Monday, January  
2 No School —  
Christmas Break

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

As this newsletter is going to print, the weather is finally starting to feel like autumn! Our students have been back in session for a full quarter grading period already, and our first Awards Assembly is a few days away.

Our district has continued to receive positive regards, both among educational organizations and visitors to the school. Our school was recently featured for its efforts to provide relief following Hurricane Harvey to a Texas classroom, and is in the midst of a campaign to assist with California Wildfire victims.

Earlier this quarter, a presenter from Plainfield delivered a very powerful message to all students regarding student safety and avoiding and/or reporting sexual abuse. Following his visit, the presenter emailed saying that the two days spent in our school showed him our district's focus on

not just the academic, but also the social and emotional learning needs of all students. He could tell that our school was one that truly cares for its students.

On the financial side, our district now has 565 days of cash on hand, and has now "turned a corner" from the days of Illinois backlogs. While this may not be permanent, your School Board has been a very good steward of tax dollars, making our district continuously receive the state's Financial Recognition status for the fifth year in a row!

Many great things continue to happen in this wonderful school community...stay tuned for even more to come!

Respectfully yours,

*Todd Dugan*

Todd Dugan  
Superintendent

## MEET THE MUSTANGS

Each issue, we highlight a member of the NH-M faculty/staff in this column. This month, we will meet **Mrs. Sarah Rheume**. Mrs. Rheume currently teaches Band, Chorus, and Music. Sarah has been at NH-M for 3 years, right after graduating from Eastern Illinois University in 2015 with a Bachelor's in Instrumental Music Education. Mrs. Rheume, her husband Mark, and their two cats (Abbey and Lily) live in nearby Springfield. Mrs. Rheume has enjoyed seeing the Band and Chorus programs more than triple in size over her three years, and is responsible for producing some of the best holiday and spring concerts the district has seen for quite some time! Her hobbies include gardening, cooking, music and spending time with her husband.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The NH-M Christmas Program will occur at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 12** at the NH-M School. ***School will be dismissed at regular 3:10 dismissal time on this day.*** The program will feature Christmas songs performed by the K-4th grades and NH-M Band and Chorus students. This year promises a unique format! Students should report to the school **no later than 6:15 pm.**



## SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS WANTED

This year marks the first time in many years that NH-M #88 has provided its own transportation, rather than hire a third-party for-profit contractor. While this is by far the most economical way in which to provide mandatory transportation for students, keeping substitute bus drivers available to fill in from time to time has proven to be difficult. If you or someone you know is interested in adding their name to the NH-M substitute bus driver pool, please have them contact NH-M office at 445-2421 and speak to Superintendent Todd Dugan. Training will be provided in the district, and highly competitive wages are available!



## VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

As our District has done in years past, New Holland-Middletown has typically waived the holiday option in order to attend school on Veterans' Day. The reason for this revolves around the average teenager being unaware of what Veterans' Day is all about, except for another day out of school. This year, the assembly will be held on **Friday, November 10, 2017.** We will have a breakfast in the cafeteria for local veterans beginning at 8:00 am, followed by an assembly program beginning at 9:00 am in the gym.



## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF #TEXASSTRONG

NH-M was recently featured on the cover of Illinois Leadership Matters magazine for its efforts in stepping up to provide relief for Hurricane Harvey victims. NH-M "adopted" a classroom in nearby Katy, Texas and collected books, supplies, classroom snacks, teacher supplies and the community stepped forward, even providing the postage to mail the supplies to the class in Texas!!



## SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

During the first full week of this school year, NH-M students were fortunate to be able to see 93% of the solar eclipse due to its proximity to southern Illinois. NH-M viewed this as an incredible learning opportunity, and was able to purchase affordable NASA-approved glasses for all students. While the next eclipse will occur again in eight years, this served as a great learning experience for our students!



## Boys' Basketball 2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
<b>October 30-November 3</b>	<b>Crusader Tournament</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Chester-East Lincoln</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
November 7	Delavan	Away	6:00 pm
November 9	Hartem	Away	6:00 pm
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Little Flower</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
November 16	Greenview	Away	6:00 pm
November 20	Illini Central	Away	6:00 pm
November 21	Tri-Valley	Away	5:30 pm
November 27	St. Agnes	Away	6:00 pm
<b>November 28</b>	<b>West Lincoln-Broadwell</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>Hope Academy</b>	<b>Home [ZLS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Home [NH-M]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Springfield Christian</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
December 15	Chester-East Lincoln	Away	6:00 pm
December 17	Epiphany	Away	10:00 am
<b>January 2</b>	<b>Holy Family/St. Patrick</b>	<b>Home [CCS]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Mt. Pulaski</b>	<b>Home [NH-M]</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
January 6 & 11	7 <sup>th</sup> Logan County Tournament	Lincoln College	TBA
January 13 & 18	8 <sup>th</sup> Logan County Tournament	Lincoln College	TBA
January 20	7 <sup>th</sup> Regionals Begin	TBA	TBA
January 27	8 <sup>th</sup> Regionals Begin	TBA	TBA

**\* All Home Games are played at Lincoln Carroll Catholic EXCEPT 12/5 and 1/4 @ NH-M and 11/30 @ Zion Lutheran\***

# **Come to Trunk or Treating!!**



**4-5 pm    NH-M Parking Lot    October 27**

## NH-M PRESENTING AT CONFERENCE

NH-M has been selected to present at the Illinois Computing Educators Conference in Schaumburg, Illinois! This is an educational technology conference that is attended by over 3,600 educators from across the region every year. NH-M #88 has been asked to share “Design Thinking & the Need for Maker Spaces” in a prestigious half-day session. 4th Teacher Darcy O’Connor and Superintendent Dugan will be sharing the innovations that NH-M has been piloting for years such as maker spaces, a STEM lab and other forms of personalized learning!



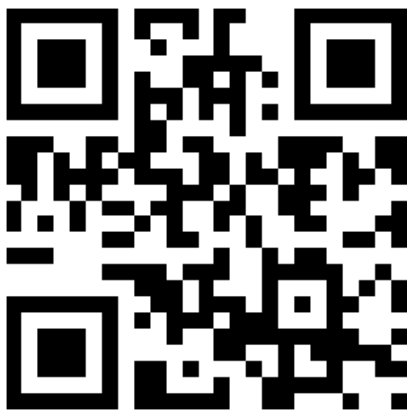
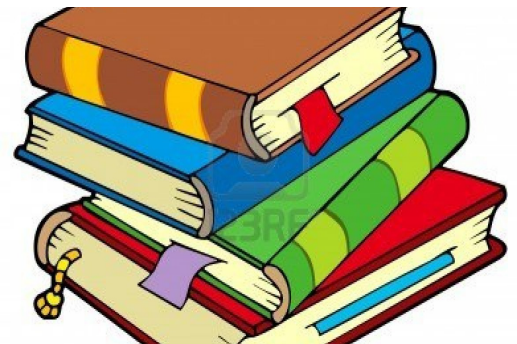
## CHRISTMAS MUSTANG STYLE

Mark your calendars for another NH-M community event on the morning of **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. The annual “Christmas Mustang Style” returns with some added features! As in years past, an all-you-can-eat breakfast will be served, along with the opportunity to support NH-M while enjoying fellowship from community members. Like in years past, performances from the NH-M Band and Chorus program will occur helping to bring the Christmas spirit to NH-M!



## THE ROLE OF TEXTBOOKS

In this digital age, schools often struggle with providing the latest and most relevant information to students while balancing that by providing the home support of a textbooks. While many schools have been making the move to online textbooks, NH-M has firmly embraced the blended learning approach of both textbooks and online access to resources. Some of the district’s textbooks have become outdated as new standards have recently been adopted in Science and Social Studies. NH-M is currently evaluating new Social Studies texts for next year (2018-2019) to meet these standards, and is also piloting a middle school online (with print material) program called NGSS StemScopes (aligned to the NGSS—Next Generation Science Standards). In the meantime, your child can expect to have their own copy of a textbook to take home for parent help and studying for each subject.



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