

# NHHS



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARENTS OF NEW HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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## New Haven High School

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## From the Desk of: Mr. Mohler, Principal

The school year is off to a great start here at New Haven High School! We are here to serve all students in our community, and we offer a wide variety of quality programs to meet the needs of each student. The Principal Advisory group has been meeting throughout the summer in an effort to give ownership to the students and assist in leading our school to greatness. We have a highly qualified faculty to serve the academic needs of our students and a support staff who is here to help provide a safe and caring environment for each individual who is part of our school community.

Our curriculum is data driven and focuses on student achievement. We have high expectations for each student. We expect students to attend school regularly, put forth an effort in each classroom, and respect the rights of each individual in our school community. Additionally, we believe the "BULLDOG WAY" of Promoting Respect, Fostering Pride, and Inspiring excellence will provide the framework for individual and school success. In short, New Haven High School is alive and well as we kick off what we believe will be a wonderful school year!

I would like to invite everyone to our "Tailgate Back to School Night" on Friday, September 7, 2012. This is a fun-filled event including food, games, prizes, face-painting, music, and special gifts. Additionally, there will be a "SURPRISE" that will be enjoyed by the entire community. Come on out on September 7th and celebrate the new school year! The festivities kick off at 5 PM and will wrap up at 7 PM. Stick around and support the undefeated Bulldog football team as they take on rival Carroll High School!

**Make today a GREAT day!**

**Mr. Greg Mohler  
Principal, New Haven High School**

## Important Dates

### September

**7th- Educational Tailgate Celebration**  
5:00—7:00, followed by Varsity football game versus Carroll at 7 pm

**18th — Parent iPad training, 6-7 pm, school library**

**28th- Homecoming vs. Belmont**

### October

**5th- Varsity Football game vs. East Noble (last home game)**

**25th—Parent teacher Conferences, 3:45—7 pm**

**"To Promote Respect, Foster Pride and Inspire Excellence"**

# Celebrations and Recognitions

## **I-PAD GIVEAWAY –**

### **THANK YOU PARENT & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!**

Hello my name is Denita Washington and I am the Family Group Specialist here at New Haven High School. I have to begin by saying thank you to all the community and parent volunteers who came out and supported the I-Pad Giveaway. Your love and support that was shown throughout that process was Crown Jewel status: Michael Westrick, Belinda Jackson, Allison Edmonds, Tina Kraner, Sharon Smith, Lynn Fritch, Gail Wonderly, Alex Vasquez, Sylvia Whitt, Berdonna Beachem, Mylien Hogue, Bonita Adams, Crystal Allen, Dean Schaffer, Vickie Turner, Chris Douse and Tesha Freeman. There is a saying that states, *"It takes a village to raise a child."* You all have played a part in this village by what you have done and for that I say thank you!

### **Basketball Player Nominated for Award**

Congratulations V.J. Beachem for being nominated to participate in the "2013 Elite Showcase Basketball Classic (ESBC)" on March 24, 2013 at Trinity University in Washington, D.C. The ESBC Executive committee chairman will announce the final team selections on February 22, 2013! Good luck, V.J.!

### **Recognize Your Favorite Teacher**

NHHS is home to lots of outstanding teachers, and the Golden Apple Award is a great way to acknowledge them publicly. Students can nominate their favorite teacher by submitting a short letter (no more than 100 words) explaining why you feel they should be the recipient of the monthly Golden Apple Award. An outstanding letter will be selected EVERY MONTH, and Indiana's NewsCenter will visit the school with a very simple award ceremony. The teacher being recognized and your school will be featured on two Indiana's NewsCenter newscasts. Send your letters of nomination to:

Golden Apple Award, Post Office 2121, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2121

# New NHHS Staff

## Welcome to Bulldog Country!

**Cindy Boettcher**: I previously taught at Heritage Jr. Sr. High School. I teach Remedial English, watch over Study Hall and assist with Credit Recovery Class. In my prior profession, I was a Certified Financial Planner for a large broker dealer in town before returning to school. After I graduated from high school, I found a job at a bank in Springfield, Ohio and have always worked in the financial arena. I married my high school sweetheart Brad, and have been married for 38 years! WOW that is a long time! My husband and I moved to Fort Wayne in 1974 as International Harvester transplants. We live out in the country by Heritage Jr Sr High School. We own a tanning salon in Decatur, called Electric Tan. It is managed by our son Ben. We have two dogs, Max (Jack Russell Terrier) and Sophie Pie (Chihuahua).

**Deb Medsker**: I previously taught at FW North Side. I teach freshman Algebra I and upper class Algebra. One month after graduating from Elmhurst HS, I went into the United States Air Force. I was stationed at Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Royal Air Force Base Alconbury in England, (where I learned how to play Cricket) and, finally, Beale Air Force Base in northern California. After separating from the Air Force, I came back to get my teaching degree from Purdue (by the way, not a good thing since my family and I have been IU fans for as long as I can remember!). In the past, I have coached high school softball for 15 years and high school basketball for six years. My all-time favorite sport is hockey (played a lot of pond hockey at Franke Park growing up). My favorite sports teams are the Detroit Redwings (hockey), the Pittsburgh Steelers (football), the Cincinnati Reds and St Louis Cardinals (baseball). Oh, and I like the occasional round of golf, otherwise known as, **greatest of life's frustrations!**

**Lora Gabet**: I did my student teaching at NHHS with Roland and have been a sub in EACS for 4 years. I now teach full time Language Arts, grades 12 and 9. It is so great to be back at NHHS full time and I look forward to an exciting year ahead!

**Kurt Van Horn**: I had been at Belmont for the last 19 years. I teach Manufacturing Systems, Manufacturing Processes, Construction Systems, Computer Aided Drafting, and Transportation. My wife and I have 14 year old twins at Heritage, an 8 year old son at St. Louis Academy (just outside New Haven) and expecting a son or daughter in November. I operate a barn painting business and help my father farm. I enjoy working with my family on 4-H projects. Our family enjoys going to San Antonio Texas to visit my wife's family.

**Eric Johnson**: Graduated from BSU in May 2005. Taught at Harding from 2005-2011 and taught at Heritage last year. I coached football at Harding from 2005-2008 and we won the state championship in 2007. Graduated with my Master's Degree in August 2012. Married with two children. :)

**Erica Widmer**: I am in my 10th year of teaching. I have previously taught at Angola High School, Wayne High School, and Prairie Heights High School. I have taught English 9, English 10, English 11, Honors English, Speech, and Theatre. I've been married for 4 years and my husband, Jim, is the Director of Music at Heritage Jr/Sr High School. I live in Angola, but am trying to sell my house and move to this area, so the hour long commute feels very long at 6:15 AM. We don't have any children, but we do have 2 cats that we love named Floyd and Rufus. One of my biggest passions in life is color guard. I have worked at several schools around Indiana and right now work at both Heritage and Carroll. I am also on the IHSCGA State Executive Board where I help decide rules and policies as well as provide education and guidance to other color guard directors. I'm very excited about my new job here at NHHS and look forward to the many new adventures that I'm sure will come with it!



# Athletics

**Did you know?....Always check [usatodayhss.com](http://usatodayhss.com) for current athletic information!**

## **New To New Haven Athletics**

My name is Dave Myers and I would like to formally introduce myself to the New Haven Community as the new athletic director. As many of you know, I was the Project Lead The Way and Industrial Technology teacher for the last 8 years. I am looking forward to meeting many of you as we work together to make New Haven School and New Haven Athletics a place of excellence and pride!

## **Golf Outing**



Thank you to all of our community members and businesses that came together and made our 5<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing another great success. We raised almost \$17,000.00 this year, taking our 5 year total to almost \$90,000.00! A special thank you to Scott and Susie Eagleson and the Whispering Creek staff , as well as the Pat Anderson Family.

## **Homecoming Week**

Mark your calendars for “Homecoming 2012” the week of September 24. The football team will play Belmont on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. This promises to be a very exciting week here at New Haven High School. Our Student Council has many great events planned for the week.



# Announcements

**National Honor Society** will have its first meeting on September 6th. Questions should be direction to Ms. Moening at [bmoening@eacs.k12.in.us](mailto:bmoening@eacs.k12.in.us).

**SADD** is partnering with State Farm in their national campaign: Celebrate My Drive. This event is being held to promote safe teen driving. On September 15th from 3:00 - 5:00, students(and parents) are invited to come to the NHHS parking lot for food, contests, informational displays, and great door prizes. NHHS will also be presented with a \$2500 grant for further use in promoting teens safe driving and good choices.

## Title I News

### **What is Title I?**

Title I is federal funding for activities, programs, and services which support a select group of students at New Haven High School who struggle academically. Currently, we are in the process of using federal guidelines to identify those students and offer them some unique opportunities for academic assistance.

### **How will Title I affect me?**

Title I only affects a select group of students and families. If you are a parent of one of the students chosen, you will receive an invitation in the mail to attend a meeting informing you of the opportunities being offered to your student and the expectations for both you and your student. The information should be coming to the families of selected student during the second week of September. The parent meeting will occur on Wednesday, September 26. There will be two (2) meetings on that day, one at 8 A.M. and one at 6 P.M. You may simply choose whichever time is most convenient.

### **Important Dates**

Week of **September 10-14**: Invitations sent out

**September 26, 2012**: Meeting 8 A.M. & 6 P.M.

## 2012 HOMECOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18---

**POWDERPUFF PRACTICES (on the football field)**

**SENIORS & FRESHMAN**

**JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES**

**HALLWAY DECORATING 4:00-7:00PM**

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

**BONFIRE @ GRACE GATHERING 7:00-9:00PM**

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

**POWDERPUFF GAMES** on the football field 7:00PM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

**PEP SESSION**

**PARADE 4:30PM**

**GAME 7:00 PM**

**CAMPUS LIFE KICKOFF** after game

# Announcements

## From the Family Group Specialist

### Back to School Educational Tailgate Party

I have some amazing programs and events that I would like to partner with parents and students to help make history here as a Bulldog. The first event this year will be the Back to School Educational Tailgate Party. My thoughts behind this event is to empower families to be proactive in their Scholars academic success while having fun and building relationships with staff and the community. I have confirmed several vendors who are just excited to come: **Fort Wayne Girls Rock, IPFW, Ivy Tech University, Indiana Tech, Power House, Parkview's Don't Text & Drive, Walgreens, JAG, St. Francis University, YMCA, Youth for Christ, NAVY Representative, AWP Sports Performance, Parkview LIVE, New Haven High School Key Club and Tennis Team and New Haven High School Cheerleaders will be doing free face painting.**

### iPad Training

We will have our first **Parents Are a Part of the Equation** parent meeting on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012** in the library from 6:00-7:00 pm. It will be a session discussing the I-Pads and how parents can use them as a resource to partner in learning. Mr. Keith Madsen, East Allen County Schools Technology Coach will be spearheading this session. We will end the evening with light refreshments and fellowship. If you have been wondering how learning can go forward with your child's I-Pad please come out and be informed.

**NEW HAVEN GEMS** is a Mentor Group for young ladies that I work with each year. The mission of this program is to empower young ladies to reach their full potential academically, physically and emotionally. We will do this through positive interaction in the school and community. The cost is \$20.00 which pays for your t-shirt and journal. I have space available for twenty young ladies to participate.

**September Topic:** Understanding Your Orientation (How you came to be)

**Activity:** Creating a vision board and setting short & long term goals.

**October: Topic:** Soul Food (Your Mental & Emotional Diet)

**Activity:** Introducing journal writing and the power that comes from putting your thoughts to paper.

**November/ December Topic:** Personal Management

**Activity:** Attending the Fort Wayne Girls Rock Lock IN as a group (November).

**Activity:** Community service project: singing songs of cheer to local businesses during the holiday season (December).

### STARS:

Student Program is a school-based program for invited students who demonstrate leadership and who are willing to promote and improve positive attitudes toward school. I will meet with this group every two weeks to discuss, one on one, about their academic success or stresses. I also will e-mail teachers of the classes the students are struggling or having success in to see what we need to do to produce excellence. I will work with community businesses to give the students both the experience and exposure to things outside of school.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**CALL:** (260) 446-0220 x7244

# Guidance

## Guidance Office Hours:

The Guidance Office is open daily from 7:30 am – 3:45 pm.

Counselors are available during school hours by appointment. After hour appointments can be made by calling a counselor.

## Guidance Staff

**Maureen O'Donoghue**, Director of Guidance ext. 7209  
Grade 9  
**Shanon Nunley**, Counselor ext. 7214  
Grades 10 & 11  
**Jana Gepfert**, Counselor ext. 7208  
Grade 12  
**Michelle Cordrey**, Secretary ext. 7211

## Parent Meeting Dates

August 27 Senior Parent Meeting  
September 19 Junior Parent Meeting  
October 25 Sophomore Parent Meeting  
October 25 Freshman Parent Meeting

Postcards will be sent home with more information

## Upcoming Events

September 24-28 College Go Week  
October 17 PSAT for all 10th graders  
October 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences

## SAT Dates

Test Date	Registration	Late Registration
October 6*	September 7	September 21
November 3*	October 4	October 19
December 1*	November 1	November 16
January 26*	December 28	January 11
March 9	February 8	February 22
May 4*	April 5	April 19
June 1*	May 2	May 17

\*Test given at NHHS  
NHHS School Code 152545

NHHS Guidance Department recommends that all juniors take the SAT and ACT prior to the end of the junior year.

## ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration	Late Registration
September 8	August 17	August 18-24
October 27	September 21	September 22-Oct 5
December 8	November 2	November 3-16
February 9	January 11	January 12-18
April 13	March 8	March 9-22
June 8	May 3	May 4-17

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Register on line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

# Library Advisory Committee: Bringing 21st Century Changes to Your Library

September will bring some big changes to the NHHS library. With the 21st Century well on its way, the time for the school library to step up and meet the growing student and information needs is here. To help Mrs. Brower keep the focus on what these needs are, a Library Advisory Committee has been formed. Interested students and staff can join the group through My Big Campus or talk to Mrs. Brower directly. Parents and community members are also welcome to participate!

Mystery Fantasy  
Romance  
Fiction  
SCIENCE FICTION  
Historical  
Fiction Horror

The first order of business will be to "genrify" the fiction section. High school students rarely have time to browse the entire fiction section at their leisure. Often, a student walks in with specific ideas on the type, or genre, of book they want to read. With the new "genrification" of the fiction section, students can walk right up to a section and choose.

For those that worry this bookstore-type setup will pigeon hole students into a smaller selection, every high school librarian that has tried this recently has seen many positive results. Mrs. Brower spoke with several of these librarians who reported increased circulations, forgotten books now being read, and a more balanced approach to purchasing new fiction.

Future projects will include rearranging the library for a more flexible learning space, building special collections (Manga, poetry, and War-historical are currently on request), programs, and more. In addition, we will be looking for fundraiser opportunities to help create a comfortable learning environment with all the resources a 21st Century high school student needs to have.

Mrs. Brower is the NHHS Library Media Specialist and the recent recipient of the 2012 Indiana Library Federation's Outstanding New Library Media Specialist Award.



# EACS 7 Keys

## Pathway to College or Career Readiness

**Key 1:** Read at advanced levels in grades K-2.

**Key 2:** Score Pass+ on Language Arts and Mathematics portion of ISTEP in grades 3-8.

**Key 3:** Complete Algebra I by grade 8 and Algebra II by grade 10 with a “B” or better.

**Key 4:** Complete an advanced science class such as Physics or Chemistry by grade 11 with a “B” or better.

**Key 5:** Score “3” on an AP exam or complete dual credit courses with a “B” or better.

**Key 6:** Score 1650 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT.

**Key 7:** Complete an advanced technology class with a grade of “B” or better.