



# Director's Notes

## The COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

at Northwest Florida State College

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### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017

#### PARENT OPEN HOUSE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!



Our students have been in school for a couple of weeks now and it's already time for our annual Open House for our parents! This year's Open House will be held Thursday, September 14th, in the Student Services Center, Bldg. 400, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Student Services Center (SSC) is

located next door to our Collegiate HS building. The evening begins with a Business Meeting and School Progress Report for all parents in the main room on the 1st floor of the SSC. Voting, if needed, for the School Advisory Council's (SAC) Parent Member for each grade (10th, 11th and 12th) will also take place at the Open House. The deadline to apply for SAC Grade Parent member is Sept. 8th. An email about the SAC was sent home earlier, but please contact us if you have questions or are interested.

Our National Honor Society will be holding an induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. as we start the meeting.

Following the gathering of all parents for the initial business meeting, our parents will go to the Collegiate HS building to attend "Break out Sessions" determined by their student's grade level. The Open House and the Breakout Sessions are geared towards parents. Senior parents will hear information about scholarships, Bright Futures, graduation, the Capstone Project, and other senior activities in room 133/RATS Lab in our Collegiate HS building. Junior parents will be in the PIT/room 140 of the CHS building for info about student led conferences, the Comprehensive Graduation Plan (CGP), CTSS class, and academic strategies. Our sophomore parents will go to our CHS building and travel between four different sessions: 1) Using "TeacherEase" to Track Student Progress, 2) Self Directed Learning, 3) The Collegiate HS Experience, and 4) Student Led Conferences. 10th grade parents will be able to meet their sophomore's teachers, but in this evening setting there just will not be time to discuss students individually.

We don't anticipate the evening running longer than 7:30 p.m. so we hope it will fit into your schedule and you'll be able to join us on Thursday, September 14th!

#### COLLEGE NIGHT - SEPT. 13

Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) and the Okaloosa and Walton Counties Public Schools are sponsoring the highly anticipated annual College Night on Wednesday, September 13th, from 6 - 8 p.m. This event is open to the public and should bring in over 65+ representatives from colleges and universities from several states. It will be held on the Niceville campus of NWFSC in the gym, Building "T", referred to as The Arena. Please be sure to put this one on your calendar!



Throughout the school year we have representatives from various colleges stopping by our building to meet with parents and students, and we'll have many in our building the week of College Night, so as those dates and colleges become available we will let you know.

## Calendar of Events



*School Holiday*  
**Labor Day**  
**Monday, Sept. 4**

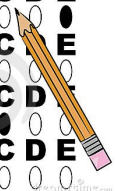


**Thursday, Sept. 14**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Student Services Center**



*College Night*  
**Wed., Sept. 13**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**The Arena, Bldg. T**

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**PSAT**  
**10th & 11th grades**  
**Wed. Oct. 11**

## **PARENTS AND STUDENTS! PROM PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!**



Prom is one of the biggest events of the year at the Collegiate HS, open to all of our students, and we already have a date, Saturday, April 7th! We have three parents who we are so grateful to for having graciously volunteered to head up our Prom committee, Mrs. Ashlie Wood, Mrs. Corinna Gestring and Mrs. Deena Lytle, but to really make this year's prom the best it can be, we will still need you!

***This committee has already had its first meeting but will meet again on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 3:15 p.m. in the Pit/room 140.*** At this first meeting several

Prom themes were proposed, *Around The World, Starry Night, Afterglow and Seasons.*

Students earn community service hours as they work on the prom, and parent help will be needed on various committees (food, donations of door prizes, set up, clean up, etc.), and as chaperones. There are lots of ways to serve with this special event, so even if you can't make the meetings, we hope you will consider being a part of our prom! If you can't make the meetings but would like to be involved, please email Mary Jane Robertson, robertsm@nwfsc.edu, or call 729-4949.

## **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO COLLEGIATE STUDENTS!**

Collegiate HS students have access to the clubs and activities that both the Collegiate HS and Northwest Florida State College offer. The club list at Collegiate is constantly evolving, but this year at this time our high school clubs include Interact, Tech Club, Leader Academy, Creative Writing Club, Locked League Club, Gaming Club, Venture Crew, Art Club, Spectrum, and National Honor Society (by invitation with a 3.75 unweighted gpa, and must be a junior with at least one semester at Collegiate, or if a previous NHS member elsewhere provide documentation of membership). Other high school opportunities include Yearbook, Prom, Student Government at each grade level, and Academic Team. Students should watch the announcement board in the lobby, the Club News bulletin board, flyers posted in the school, and emails for more specific information about meetings and activities of various clubs.

Our students can and do also participate in the college's Student Government, Forensics, PTK (college honor society), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, fine arts offerings, cheerleading, and dance team. The Student Activities office in building 410, the college website and the college newsletter that is emailed to every student are good sources for these offerings.

## **ORDERS/ PAYMENTS FOR YEARBOOKS BEING TAKEN NOW & SENIOR AD INFO**

Students can preorder a 2017-2018 Collegiate HS yearbook by paying \$40 in the front office. The \$40 price remains in effect throughout the first semester and will go up to \$45 when we return to school in January. Just a heads up that we order fewer yearbooks than we have students! You may pay by check or cash, and if you pay by check, please make it out to Collegiate HS. Our yearbooks usually arrive for distribution in late April/ early May.

Senior parents are reminded that you can reserve a free personalized senior "ad" for the yearbook. There is limited availability for these ads and you received instructions on the senior ad in an earlier email. The deadline for the senior ad is Friday, December 8, 2017, but earlier is always better! If you have questions about the senior ad or need another template please contact our yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Robin Masters, andrewsr@nwfsc.edu.

## **MILITARY MATTERS!**

Attention all Military (active duty and recently retired) Dependent Students! If you need some extra support in meeting your academic and personal goals, we have a Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC) assigned to the Collegiate HS, Ms. Sharon Wise. Ms. Wise is available at our school Monday through Friday, in room 134 to assist you as you make life changes, or by phone, (850) 598-2730.



## **GRADING REPORTS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER**

You will receive three informal grade reports each semester and one formal report. The first of the informal reports for this fall semester (provided for informational and guidance purposes) is the September Progress report; it is followed by a mid-term grade report in October and another Progress Report in November. The formal grade report from which grades are recorded is the semester report card that will be mailed home in January. If you have questions or concerns at any time during the semester about student grades or progress please contact our office, 729-4949.

10th grade parents also may check student progress on TeacherEase throughout the semester.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS THIS SEMESTER!**

Just a reminder that our school calendar is different from the county school calendar, so for your planning purposes our school holidays this Fall semester include Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day, Friday, Nov. 10 for Veteran's Day, Wednesday—Friday, Nov. 22 -24 for Thanksgiving, and our Winter Break runs Friday, December 15 - Wed. Jan 3 for students.



The college final exam schedule for our juniors and seniors is Dec. 11 - 14, so depending on their particular final exam schedule their break may begin earlier!



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