



Cougar Tails



December 2015

N O R T H P U T N A M H I G H S C H O O L

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Great First Semester

The first semester has seemingly flown by at North Putnam High School. Our students have been actively demonstrating their talents within the classroom, on athletic platforms, on a variety of stages in the school as well as within our local community and beyond. We are energized daily by the attitudes and behaviors we see within our building. There is no doubt that North Putnam High School has the best students in the area, and they continue to show that to us in everything they do.

As we finish this semester it is important for our students to adequately prepare for final exams. Finals begin Tuesday, December 15th and conclude on Friday, December 18th. Teachers are asked to design a cumulative final or project that will demonstrate the student's knowledge or skill on the content from the first semester. These finals are worth 20% of the student's overall semester grade. Because these assessments carry weight, we have attempted to limit the amount of travel by our athletic teams and will encourage other after school activities to not keep students out so late.

It is our hope that your student has had a successful first semester. If there is anything we can do to help your student, please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish you a restful break, spent

Important Dates

December

- 7 Winter Choir Concert
- 8 ECA Retakes Begin
- 10 Winter Band Concert
- 15 Final Exams Begin
- 18 End of Semester 1
- 19 Winter Break Begins

January

- 5 Start of Second Semester
- 8 Grade Reports Issued
- 11 Homecoming Week
- 15 Winter Homecoming
- 21 Financial Aid Night

February

- 5 Midterms Issued
- 9 Top 10% Banquet
- 10 ASVAB Testing
- 16 NHS Induction
- 18 Champions Together Con.

March

- 11 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 18 Grade Reports Issued
- 21 Spring Break Begins
- 30 Spring Blood Drive

April

- 15 No School—Snow Day
- 20 Midterms Issued
- 22 No School—Snow Day
- 22/23 Spring Musical
- 30 Prom

May

- 16 Senior Honors Banquet
- 18 Spring Choir Concert
- 24 Last Student Day
- 28 Commencement

Final Exam Schedule

Tuesday, December 15 th		
		Exam 3
1	8:15 - 8:50	35
3	8:55 - 10:25	90
2	10:30 - 11:06	36
4	11:11-12:41	
	Lunch A 11:11-11:41	Class: 11:46-12:41
	Class: 11:11-11:41	Lunch B 11:41-12:11
	Class: 11:11-12:11	Class: 12:15-12:41
		Lunch C 12:11-12:41
5	12:46 - 1:33	47
6	1:38 - 2:25	47
7	2:30 - 3:17	47

Wednesday, December 16 th		
		Exams 1 and 5
2	8:15 - 9:15	60
1	9:20-10:50	90
4	10:55-12:20	
	Lunch A 10:55-11:25	Class: 11:30-12:20
	Class: 10:55-11:25	Lunch B 11:20-11:50
	Class: 10:55-11:45	Class: 11:55-12:20 (50)
		Lunch C 11:50-12:20 (50)
6	12:25 - 12:59	34
5	1:04 - 2:34	90
7	2:39 - 3:17	38

Thursday, December 17 th		
		Exams 2 and 6
1	8:15 - 9:15	60
2	9:20-10:50	90
4	10:55-12:20	
	Lunch A 10:55-11:25	Class: 11:30-12:20
	Class: 10:55-11:25	Lunch B 11:20-11:50
	Class: 10:55-11:45	Class: 11:55-12:20 (50)
		Lunch C 11:50-12:20 (50)
5	12:25 - 12:59	34
6	1:04 - 2:34	90
7	2:39 - 3:17	38

Friday, December 18 th		
		Exams 4 and 7
3	8:15 - 9:15	60
4	9:20-10:50	90
2	10:55-12:20	
	Lunch A 10:55-11:25	Class: 11:30-12:20
	Class: 10:55-11:25	Lunch B 11:20-11:50
	Class: 10:55-11:45	Class: 11:55-12:20 (50)
		Lunch C 11:50-12:20 (50)
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Counselor Corner

FAFSA

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and must be completed by all Seniors who are planning on attending college in the Fall of 2016 or if they are a 21st Century Scholar. This application determines student financial aid for college. The FAFSA application must be submitted between January 1st and March 10th to meet the state deadline. There will be a financial aid night at the high school in January- please watch the announcements for the date and time.

Foundation Scholarships

The Putnam County Community Foundation application is an online application that is due January 8th by 5:00pm. Students should apply for scholarships that are specific to Putnam County. This is a lengthy application—students have been advised to have already begun the application and have selected and spoken to their two recommenders. The application must be submitted on the Friday that we return from Christmas break, so please encourage your students to have the application finished or mostly completed before break begins.

Winning Scholarship Applications Tips

Before you submit your scholarship application, check out these tips that are provided by scholarship sponsors nationwide.

Tip #1: Apply only if you are eligible.

Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before you send in your application.

Tip #2: Complete the application in full.

If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave a blank. Supply all additional supporting material, such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays.

Tip #3: Follow Directions.

Provide everything that's required, but don't supply things that aren't requested- you could be disqualified.

Tip #4: Neatness counts.

Always type your application, or if you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Make a couple of photocopies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.

Tip #5: Write an essay that makes a strong impression.

They key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: the who, what, where, and when of your topic. The simplest experience can be monumental if you honestly present how you were affected.

Tip #6: Watch all deadlines.

To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. Don't rely on extension- very few scholarship providers allow them at all.

Greetings from Mr. Winger,

It's hard to believe the fall semester is coming to a close. Our students have put in a lot of hard work this semester and we are encouraging them to finish strong. It is exciting to watch the Freshmen students make the transition from middle to high school. My hope is that the freshmen understand all of their options and take advantage of all that we have to offer here at North Putnam High School.

Our fall Preparing for College and Careers course will be ending in a few weeks. Earlier this semester I had a chance to complete some four year planning with these students. This included choosing a diploma type, listing postsecondary plans and mapping out the classes students wish to take throughout the rest of high school. Preparing for College and Careers students also took a field trip to Indiana State University. They were able to see the campus and learn about what expectations students need to meet to be admitted to the college.

An Area 30 representative will be coming to NPHS on December 8th during student resource time to invite our Sophomore students to visit Area 30. Sophomores who choose to visit Area 30 will have a chance to shadow two programs. This is a great opportunity for students who might be considering an Area 30 Program. Visits will occur Friday January 15th from 9:00-10:30. Transportation will be provided.

Please feel free to e-mail or call me with any questions you have. We have posted lots of great information at the following webpage: <http://nphsguidance.wordpress.com>

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