

Narraguagus High School
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The Downeast Salmon Federation proudly announces the 2012 winners of their Annual Student Art contest, which celebrates the ecological and cultural significance of the wild, free flowing rivers in our region. This year 104 students from kindergarten through 12th grade across Washington County participated in the competition. Winners from our school include: Katelyn Hartford--2nd place, Sinai Herrera--3rd place and Taya Bloomer--Honorable mention. Congratulations to all the winners.

With the smashing success of the fall play, *Cinderstein*, the Narraguagus High School Drama Club was filled with anxiety over what the spring play should be. After much perusing, the NHS Drama Club decided upon *Ashton Towers* (a spoof of *Austin Powers*). Now, after weeks of production, the Drama Club is ready to share with its enthusiastic and supportive audiences.

So come one and come all, for the spring production of *Ashton Towers*! Dr. Nogood is on the loose, and international man of intrigue, Ashton Towers, is thawed out and brought in to save the day. Dr. Nogood's hilarious satellite discussion with the cabinet and Ashton Towers reveals that he is building—horrors!—a time machine. And guess who he's got to protect it? Mini-you! Ashton and Nogood face-off in the Time Machine, transforming from a cowboy showdown to knights in armor to cavemen. *Ashton Towers* is sure to leave you saying, "Yeah, baby!"

The play will be presented on Friday & Saturday, March 16 & 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students or senior citizens.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as DAC All-Stars

Cheering: Haley Toppin & Deondra Yeaton

Boys' Basketball: Tyler Tenney

Girls' Basketball: Haley Eckert, Ripley King & Anna Ramsay

Also, congratulations to Chris Burke for being named "Coach of the Year" for girls' basketball

Parent conferences will be coming up soon. The high school conferences have been set for Thursday, April 5th, from 12:30-4:30 and 5:30-8:00. Parents are reminded to call the school to set up appointments with any individual teachers. Conferences are by appointment only.

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It's been a busy winter Under the Dome at Narraguagus High School. The girls' basketball team earned a spot in the Class C Tourney at the Bangor Auditorium by defeating Piscataquis Community High School in a playoff game. Although, they were not successful in defeating #2 Calais with a 15-0 record, they certainly gave Calais a workout with the final score 49-46. Congratulations go out to Ripley King on her honorable mention selection to the *Bangor Daily News* All Tourney Team for Class C Girls' Tournament.

Congratulations goes out to Lisa Emerson. Mrs. Emerson was recently named Top Teacher by the VFW. Her name was nominated by the John E. Williams Memorial VFW Post in Harrington. She will now represent the state at the National Finals in Washington, DC.

College Goal Sunday was held on January 29th. Many seniors and their parents were able to get assistance in filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to get all of their questions answered with the help of experts from FAME.

There will be a dental clinic for students at Narraguagus High School on Friday, March 16th. This clinic is sponsored by the Prevention Works Inc and the program is designed to give children access to preventative oral hygiene services in a non traditional low stress environment. If you would like more information and/or a permission form for your student, please visit the school website at msad37.org/nhs and click on the health services tab.

A school wide assembly was held recently with motivational speaker, Gary Crocker, entertaining the students & staff. His message was delivered through many humorous stories, which most kids could relate to in Downeast Maine with his "downeast accent". He was able to incorporate a few of our staff members in his tales, which kept our students very attentive and bursting out into laughter. Mr. Crocker, an "Unregistered Maine Guide", believes the power of humor can improve any situation. If you would like to read more about this speaker, please visit his website at www.garycrocker.com

The NHS Power Cards sponsored by the National Honor Society are available in the high school office at \$5 each. These cards give you discounts or other savings at a variety of local business. Businesses on this year's card include: 44 North, Bayside Supermarket, China Hill (Ellsworth), Denny's (Ellsworth), Delia's Branch Grocery, Elmer's Country Store, Elmer's Discount, Elmer's Gardens, Grasshopper Shop (Ellsworth), HC Rolfe & Sons, Joshy's Place, McDonald's (Ellsworth & Machias), McLaughlin's Auto Parts, New Beginnings Salon, Subway (Harrington), Pat's Pizza (Ellsworth) and Seafood Shack.

The annual Winter Sports Banquet was held on February 15th. Congratulations to the following students for receiving individual plaques:

Cheering

Haley Toppin (coach's award), Bayley Ray-Smith & Jennifer Mathews (most improved)

Girls' Basketball

Rachelle Carver (coach's award), Anna Ramsay (MVP) and Haley Eckert (most improved)

Boys' Basketball

Tyler Tenney (MVP) and Andrew Kennedy & David Grant (coach's award)

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION COURSE DATE NOW AVAILABLE: Dates have been set for an upcoming Adult Education course in SOLAR ENERGY. The 3-night course will held on Mondays--April 30, May 7 & May 14 from 6-9 p.m. Interested students should contact the high school at 483-2746 to register. There is a \$25 registration fee.

Congratulations to Whitney Sargent. She recently competed in the Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition in Ellsworth.

The teacher workshop day scheduled for March 14th has been moved to the end of the school year. All MSAD #37 schools will be in session on that day.

Yearbooks are still available at \$40 each. If you still need to purchase a 2012 Squire yearbook, please contact Mr. Newman, the yearbook advisor, at the high school at 483-2746 or you can visit the high school website at msad37.org/nhs and click on the yearbook tab. From there you can print off and fill out a yearbook form or you can order directly through a link with Jostens.

The 6th Annual P.I.E. Night (Promoting an Individual's Education) was held for Juniors and Seniors and their parents on February 16th. The evening started out with a meet and greet along with the opportunity to taste some of the many pies provided by our staff and parents. Each student and parent was able to attend two sessions of their choice and then met back in the cafeteria for many prize drawings. This year's session choices included:

“Why Community College May Be the Right Choice for You”,
“Combining Military with Education”,
“Downeast Dan Goes to College”,
“The Good, the Bad & the Ugly”, and
“College Life—Listen Up”

The spring play has been chosen and will be presented at two performances on March 16 & 17 at 6:30 p.m. Courtesy of Brooklyn Publishers here is a synopsis of the play ~ “Ashton Towers” by Robert Frankel. “Looking for a shameless takeoff on the popular *Austin Powers* movie series? Look no further! Dr. Nogood is on the loose, and international man of intrigue, Ashton Towers, is brought in coffin-like and covered in foil. When he is finally revitalized, he sits up stiffly and says, “Yeah, baby!” Dr. Nogood’s hilarious satellite discussion with the cabinet and Ashton Towers reveals that he is building—horrors!—a time machine. And guess who he’s got to protect it? Mini-you—a clever creation using one actor as the legs and another as the body!

Ashton and Nogood face-off in the Time Machine, transforming from a cowboy showdown to knights in armor to cavemen. We even get a tasteful but hilarious takeoff on the movie *compilation scenes of words we can't say*. Easy to produce, with simple settings and flexible casting, *Ashton Towers* is sure to leave your audience saying, "Yeah, baby!"

On Tuesday, March 20th, at 7 p.m. there will be an Acoustic Coffee House held in the cafeteria at Narraguagus High School. This will be an informal chance for students in grades 5-12 to showcase their talent in music, poetry and performing arts. Admission will be by donation. Please join us to support Music in Our Local Schools.

Upcoming calendar events

March 12 th	Math meet at Machias
March 29 th	Math meet at Ellsworth
April 5 th	Early Release day & Parent conferences
April 6 th	Early Release day
April 10 th	State math meet in Bangor

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The volleyball team participated in a fundraiser this Fall to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness. Funds were raised by holding a family bottle drive and at the last home game the team had a Pie Sale. The team raised \$679.58 to benefit the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center. Recently, Michael Reisman, Executive Director of the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center met with the team and accepted their generous donation. In a thank you note from Mr. Reisman, he states that "The mission of the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center is to offer hope, knowledge, and support for people living with cancer and to their families and friends. The Beth C. Wright Center offers a wide variety of programs and services to people living with cancer. All of our programs and services are offered at no charge. This year we have helped 350 people who attended programs at the Center in Ellsworth or in other locations around Washington and Hancock Counties. The Beth C. Wright Center has also given out more than 22,000 in financial assistance this year to more than 90 people from Mount Desert Island to Eastport to help them cope with some of the financial stresses associated with their diagnoses and treatments. The Center has become a place and organization where lasting friendships and strong bonds are

created. Cancer survivors, volunteers, friends, caregivers, and health care providers come to the Center and other locations in the community to participate in programs. The successes of the Beth C. Wright Center are made possible by the great support of the business, service organizations and individuals in the Down East community”.

The Annual Holiday Concert will be held in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday, December 20th, at 7 p.m.

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Narraguagus High School staff and student body have once again pledged to help those in need. We have established an “Angel Tree” for needy children in Washington County. Our tree has a variety of ages, both boys and girls, and we know that together we can make a child smile on Christmas morning. Any individuals or organizations wishing to help our school as we work to make our community better may contact Mary Fickett in the guidance office at 483-2747. Unwrapped gifts are due to the school by December 19th.

Anyone interested in purchasing regular season’s passes may do so by contacting the main office at 483-2746. Season ticket prices are:

ADULTS

\$27 for girls’ basketball pass OR boys’ basketball pass
\$54 for both girls’ & boys’ basketball passes

STUDENTS

\$13 for girls’ basketball pass OR boys’ basketball pass
\$25 for both girls’ & boys’ basketball passes

The senior class is gearing up for Project Graduation this year. They will be coordinating several fundraising events through May. If you would like to sponsor an event or make a donation, please call the high school at 483-2746 or send donations to: Class of 2012 Project Graduation, Narraguagus High School, 1611 Main Street, Harrington, ME 04643. Currently, students are selling raffle tickets for 2 (two) \$250 Visa gift cards, to be drawn at December 15th’s home boys’ basketball game. See any senior to purchase tickets.

BOOSTERS’ CLUB NEWS

If you are interested in attending a ‘Guagus Boosters’ Club meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for December 6th at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Boosters' PRIDE balcony seats are available to purchase again this year. There are 12 seats available on a first come first serve basis. Prices are \$100 for adults and \$50 for children under 12. A season's pass includes your choice of boys' or girls' regular season home games, cushioned seats and cold water or soda. If you are interested in a pass, please contact Julie Carver at 483-1209. Make checks payable to NHS Boosters' Club.

The Boosters Club is sponsoring advertisement listings in this year's basketball programs.

A listing includes: Your business name, brief product or service description and contact information.

Each listing is \$25 for the season. If you would like to add \$10 more you can sponsor a t-shirt toss at one of the games!

Checks need to be made payable to Narraguagus High School with Boosters in memo. Listings and payment may be left in the office at the school or given to a club member.

The first home game is December 9 vs. Jonesport-Beals High School



PICTURE—Some of the students participating in the food drive sponsored by the EdGE afterschool program at NHS.

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Students at NHS have been collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry, sponsored by the EdGE afterschool program. Homerooms competed to see which homeroom could bring in the most items. Over 700 items were collected during the efforts.

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Athletes at NHS are currently participating in basketball and cheering tryouts. Basketball season will soon be upon us. If you are interested in a basketball schedule, please stop by the school or print one from the high school website at msad37.org/nhs. Anyone interested in purchasing season's passes may do so by contacting the main office at 483-2746. Season ticket prices are:

ADULTS

\$30 for girls' basketball pass OR boys' basketball pass
\$60 for both girls' & boys' basketball passes

STUDENTS

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The National Honor Society Induction was held on November 3rd. Fifteen new members have met the criteria of character, scholarship, leadership and service, which gave them the privilege of joining the NHS National Honor Society. New members include: Thania Centeno Hernandez, Lindsey Collora, Adrienne Dorr, Katlyn Dow, Caleb Dublin, Haley Eckert, Katelyn Hartford, Kathryn Mathews, Lidia Ortiz, Maria Paniagua Albor, Lauren Ramsay, Leanne Robitaille, Jessica Rolfe, Austin Ronco and Brandon Torrey.

Congratulations to the following students selected as Downeast Athletic Conference All-Stars for the fall sports season:

Boys' Soccer: Tyler Tenney

Girls' Soccer: Lindsey Collora & Anna Ramsay

Cross Country: Cody Blackburn, Ridge Osgood & Monica Spatafor

Volleyball: Francesca Couture & Haley Toppin

Congratulations to Tyler Tenney on his selection to the Class C Regional Soccer All-Star Team

The Annual Veterans' Day Assembly was held on November 10th. This year's honored veteran's include: Robert Coles, Vinal Reynolds and Maurice Tenney, Sr.

Wow...if you missed the Narraguagus Drama Club's presentation of Kamron Klitgaard's *Cinderstein* (A Play Within a Play), you missed out on an evening of belly laughs. The program was entertaining for all ages, which was evident in the packed house audience both nights. A synopsis of the play courtesy of Hauer Publishing: The local high school drama teacher wrote his own version of *Cinderella* by combining the Princess' tale with the story of *Frankenstein*, but the production is bombing—the Fairy Godmother wants to be called the Fairy Goshmother, three new stepsisters must be added to the cast, several actors quit, and the extras are fed up with being extras. Then, after being forced to play a girl, one of the boys worries that if his father, an avid sports fanatic, sees him his acting career will be over. Despite the director's explicit instructions that the Prince's Ball scene must be slow and elegant, the cast speeds it up to super-speed so that the boy won't be seen but the actress playing the Queen is incapable of improvisation and can't keep up. When Dr. Frankenstein drops Cinderella's brain and replaces it with a cat's brain instead, this insane production changes beyond even the director's recognition.

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The school year is off to a great start. We would like to welcome new staff to our building for the 2011-12 school. Jim Howell is the new criminal justice teacher, Danielle Sullivan is the new music teacher for NHS and MSAD #37, Todd Emerson is the new math teacher, Steve McInnis joins the special services department, and Lana Smith is an ed tech.

Congratulations to cross country team members qualifying for the Eastern Regionals by placing the DAC championship: Monica Spatafore (3rd), Ridge Osgood (2nd) and Cody Blackburn (3rd).

Parent conferences are coming up on Wednesday, November 9th. If you wish to see one or more of your child's teachers you will need an appointment. Please call the school at 483-2746 to schedule your appointment(s). Due to the parent conferences there will be early release days on November 9th & 10th with an 11:30 dismissal time at NHS.

Jostens will be at the school on Friday, October 28th, to take class ring orders for sophomores and any other interested students starting at 7:00 a.m.

Fall athletes will be recognized for the participation and accomplishments at the annual Athletic Awards' Night being held on Tuesday, November 1st, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The National Honor Society Induction will be held on Thursday, November 3rd, at 6:30.

With Narraguagus High School Drama Club's production of *Cinderstein*, prepare to laugh so hard it will feel like you've had an ab-workout! Combining the tales of Cinderella and Frankenstein, this play provides non-stop laughter. Come out and support our talented students. Performances are scheduled for November 4th and 5th starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets at the door will be: \$5 for adults and \$3 for students or senior citizens. There will be presale reserved seating tickets available at \$6 for adults and \$4 for students or senior citizens.

Interested veterans and community members are invited to join us at our annual Veterans' Day program to be held on Thursday, November 10th, at 9:00 a.m.