



HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Inside Look - September 2010

STUDENT STARS

- 🎉 Congratulations to the following choir students who auditioned and were selected to the High Point Chamber Singers 2010-2011: Sopranos - KL, Faith Leuzarder, Heidi Mingle, Brittany Rockenfeller, Jaime Stapel, AS, RW, and Kellen Wittrien; Tenors - Kevin Clarke, Austin Haggerty, Eric Makowski, and David Pauls; Altos - Catherine Kedala, Hannah Lozaw, KM, Kelly Osborne, Dana Procida, Kaitlyn Texel, JT, and Veronica Wask; Basses - Brandon Babcock, Dallas Haines, Luke Faulkner, Byong-Ho Lee, DJ Martin, and Nate Schadeegg.
- 🎉 At its September meeting, the International Club donated bags of rice to Haiti.
- 🎉 Fine Arts II and French III/IV students have completed a Paris café mural in the French classroom.
- 🎉 Fine Arts II and Biology students are working on a collaborative effort to create a mural in the Biology classroom.
- 🎉 Amanda Autoure and Ryan McConnell were recognized for their summer participation at the Waksman Student Scholar program at Rutgers University.
- 🎉 Media Tech 3 students recorded their first of many community partnership commercials: Tool Time Renovations & Repair were extremely pleased with the professionalism and quality of project.
- 🎉 Congratulations to JG (scored 760) and Matthew Miller (scored 720) for their outstanding results in the math section of the May SAT.
- 🎉 The following students have joined the English 700 Club based on their scores on the most recent administration of the SAT: Josh Wilkerson, 780 on Reading and 700 on Writing; RV, 700 on Reading; Matthew Miller, 720 on Writing and 730 on Reading; and JG, 770 on Reading.

STELLAR STAFF

- 🌟 Congratulations to Marie Walsh and Anna Empirio on completion of their Masters degrees in Educational Technology.
- 🌟 Madelaine Travaille and Liana Heller participated in the summer research program at Rutgers University.
- 🌟 Becky Sarno is beginning her internship with various administrators in the district. This will lead to her supervisor and principal certifications.
- 🌟 Congratulations to Chris Kappelmeier and Madelaine Travaille for their outstanding work with the AP Science and Math students.

ATHLETICS

- 🏆 In June, Sarah Disanza received a medal, placing fourth in the Freshman Mile at the New Balance Outdoor National Track & Field Meet in Greensboro, NC, with a time of 5:16!
- 🏆 Kevin Fenlon earned his Advanced National Diploma and Director of Coaching Diploma from the National Soccer Coach Association
- 🏆 Our Field Hockey team is 11-0 and won in the first round of the Hunterdon- Warren- Sussex County Tournament. They will play Philipsburg in round two on October 16.
- 🏆 High Point's Football team is 4-1 and defeated Sparta, 28-14!
- 🏆 Boys' Soccer defeated Warren Hills in the first round of the Hunterdon- Warren- Sussex County Tournament and will face North Hunterdon in round two.
- 🏆 Girls' Soccer is 6-2-2; they will play Voorhees in round two of the Hunterdon- Warren- Sussex County tournament this Saturday.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 Nine Math department members attended a four-hour HSPA workshop on September 21.
- 💡 Stacey Zaremba began her Ph.D. program at Walden University.
- 💡 Art Mina and Lisabeth Muller completed graduate courses over the summer.
- 💡 Over the summer, Patricia Porter attended a two-day workshop on Differentiated Instruction at Caldwell College.
- 💡 Carolyn Acker attended the 2010 Summer Institute for Teachers at Columbia University sponsored by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. She also took a week-long course in July, entitled Holocaust and Human Behavior, which is taught by Facing History and Ourselves.
- 💡 Mary Hassenplug, Becky Sarno, and Tom Costello participated in a webinar entitled Designing Literacy Initiatives, a presentation that supports the district goal of achieving AYP.
- 💡 Mary Hassenplug participated in a webinar entitled Implications of the Common Core State Standards. The webinar will guide the English department toward realignment based on the newly adopted Common Core Standards.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

- The New Jersey Herald, 9/19/2010: "D" Carries Wildcats"
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/16/2010: High Point Plays to Stalemate against Sparta
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/16/2010: Short week for Falcons, Wildcats
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/15/2010: Finding ways to win; second-half surge vaults High Point
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/12/2010: Blue-collar defense highlights High Point victory
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/9/2010: High Point Posed for Banner Year
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/8/2010: Students excel in science program
- The New Jersey Herald, 9/8/2010: Scholarship Recipient Jonathan Weiss

WHAT'S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY (CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT)

- 👤 The new Algebra I College Prep C course is up and running. This course meets the new NJDOE graduation requirement.
- 👤 All at-risk students took a two-day on-line HSPA pre-test during the week of September 20.
- 👤 Teachers of Innovative Learning Strategies, Math Lab, and Integrated 3 are meeting in small groups to develop timelines, benchmarks, and measurable goals for at-risk students.
- 👤 Ed Blevins and his students are participating again in the program "Trout in the Classroom." There was a significant upgrade to equipment needed for this program over the summer. Plans are to involve students in a Quadrant D lesson by measuring the growth rates of the trout, observing their behaviors, and writing about it on a blog to which other schools may contribute.
- 👤 Lisabeth Muller and Joy Carter are sponsoring a trip for science students to Costa Rica in June. They are actively seeking students to participate in this wonderful travel adventure.
- 👤 The Guidance Department presented Freshman Parent Night. The evening was organized by Lisa Frisbie. There were four workshops each presented by Lisa Frisbie, Jon Tallamy, Gib Carter, Donna Lembo, and Tom Costello. There were over one hundred families present. The overwhelming response from parents was that the evening was a great success.
- 👤 English teachers Laraine Reedy and Scott Clausen moved beyond the books in an effort to make real-world connections and applications in their literature classes. Ms. Reedy provided a Yoga demonstration as a cross-cultural experience in the study of Siddhartha. Mr. Clausen's students, during their study of Transcendentalism, experienced a nature walk and began journaling projects modeled after "The Dial," the regularly published paper/magazine of the Transcendentalists.
- 👤 On Wednesday, September 29, Ms. Sylvia Allen spoke to Mrs. Acker's Literature of the Holocaust and Genocide classes about her non-profit organization, Sylvia's Children. Sylvia's Children supports a school of 1,000 children in a village in Uganda, Africa. Mrs. Acker's Lit of the Holocaust classes will be organizing a clothing drive to benefit Sylvia's Children.
- 👤 Joanne Koch and Donna Lembo attended a HSPA training on September 16.
- 👤 On September 16, Kristen Jaccodine and Linda Smith attended an evening program at Newton High School on NCAA eligibility.

- 👂 The Guidance Department ran three class meetings: On September 10 the seniors met with the counselors to discuss their future plans. Items such as SAT registration, visiting colleges, career planning, scholarship and their individual meetings were the topics of discussion. On September 17, the juniors met with the counselors to discuss planning their junior year. Topics included PSAT and SAT/ACT registration, Bloustein and scholarship programs, career planning, and NCAA registration. Lisa Frisbie coordinated a program with Josten's called For All Freshmen. The program focused on fostering commitment and dedication to high school. The program ended with all freshmen signing an enlarged diploma verifying their commitment.
- 👂 On September 24, Freshman Guidance Counselor Lisa Frisbie presented a program called **Transitioning to High School** in all English classes. Topics covered were the role of their Guidance Counselor and services available to them at High Point, along with critical aspects of high school that are different from their previous schools. Common "Keys to Success" were explained as each student wrote them into his/her planner for future reference. A mixer activity was conducted to assist the students from the various sending districts in getting to know each other. This activity was followed by a discussion of tolerance and the value of using the many opportunities High Point has to offer to find friends, get involved in positive activities, and make the most of the high school experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 👂 The NJASC Trip to TCNJ will be on October 19.
- 👂 The 12th annual Interdisciplinary Forum on the Viet Nam Era will be facilitated by Joe Santora, Mike Langan, and Erik Carlson.
- 👂 Joe Santora will be attending the School Law Forum on October 20.
- 👂 The Pass It along Youth Conference trip will be on October 6, chaperoned by Christine Henry.
- 👂 The Fall Drama will feature a production of *The Crucible* on October 29, 30, and 31.
- 👂 On October 31, Spanish III classes will visit Union City to spend a day interacting with native Spanish speakers.
- 👂 Kevin Fenlon is running the New York City Marathon on November 7.
- 👂 Twenty students enrolled to go to France during spring break.
- 👂 Madelaine Travaille will be hosting a Molecular Biology Workshop here at High Point for the Princeton University Satellite Learning Center. She will be doing DNA extraction, Crime Scene Investigation using PCR, GMO Food Analysis, DNA Bioinformatics, and 3-D Protein Modeling. This program will be held after school and is free to High Point employees and teachers within our sending district.
- 👂 Tom Costello will be hosting the CORR course for Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships.
- 👂 School Violence Awareness Week will be observed 10/18-10/22. Trooper Bambara and our new SRO, Tony Daniels, will be available to visit classes and speak about student safety, anti-bullying approaches, conflict resolution, or other pertinent topics.
- 👂 On behalf of the cast and crew of The Crucible, we would like to cordially invite you to attend our fall production. The Crucible is a gripping drama in two acts by Arthur Miller about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in Old Salem (1692). Performances are Friday, October 29, at 7:00 pm; Saturday, October 30, at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, October 31, at 2:00pm. Please contact Theresa Riccardi for ticket information. Also, please remember that all seating is reserved.