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# Hoof Beats

Newsletter of the Middle Creek High School PTSA

## SCHEDULES FOR 2008-2009

Students will receive a copy of their course selections for 2008-2009 with their report card in June. These course selections should already be adjusted for any changes that needed to be made based on final grades from the spring semester. If you see errors on these selections, please let us know immediately. Corrections to course selections will be submitted online this year. Directions for doing this will also be sent with report cards.

It is extraordinarily important that you examine these course selections carefully. Teaching assignments and staffing decisions are being made based on this information. Students will not be permitted to change their course selections - particularly for AP courses - after June.

Students should expect to get a copy of their schedule in early August. Counselors will contact students who have significant conflicts over the summer. Students will not be contacted if their schedule can be completed using their alternates.

Please contact your counselor if you have questions prior to June 13. After this point, counselors will be on summer break but Dean of Students Anne Coln ([acoln@wcpss.net](mailto:acoln@wcpss.net)) or Assistant Principal for Instruction Brian Pittman ([bpittman@wcpss.net](mailto:bpittman@wcpss.net)) can answer any questions that you may have.

## PARKING & OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH PASSES

Wake County Board of Education has proposed an increase in parking fees for the 08-09 school year. We expect the county will set a final parking fee by mid to late June. We will make parking forms available at that time. The application will be posted on the website and a phone message will be sent out as soon as everything is final.

Off-campus lunch applications for rising juniors and seniors are now available from the front office. Contact Kelly Cannon at [kcannon@wcpss.net](mailto:kcannon@wcpss.net) for more information.

## Guidance News

Congratulations to sophomore Elliott Jones. Elliott has been accepted to do a summer internship at the Duke

Comprehensive Cancer Center. He will be involved in research and will work with doctors and scientists.

Seniors are reminded to bring a copy of all college/university acceptance and scholarship letters to Mrs. Butler so that this information can be included in the class record.

164 students recently completed 333 Advanced Placement exams in order to earn college credit while in high school at Middle Creek High School. Several parents volunteered to proctor, which greatly supported all the counselors. Thanks are due to Katie and Tom Stuart, Peggy Turner, Pat Calarie, Elaine Park, Kelli Jones, and Wendie Redding.

The Awards Program for the Class of 2008 on Tuesday, May 27, was a huge success. Tammy Butler, counselor for the class, announced that seniors had met Principal John Williams' challenge to earn at least three million dollars in scholarships. Scholarships included four North Carolina Teaching Fellows awards, two prestigious National Merit Scholarships, one ROTC scholarship, and a scholarship to the Merchant Marine Academy.

The class valedictorian is **Alana Bossen** and the salutatorian is **Anthony Lucas**. Alana will attend Duke University and Tony will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Seventy-seven seniors were recognized as members of the National Honor Society and ten are members of the National Achievers Honor Society. Eighty-three will graduate as North Carolina Scholars. Nineteen seniors received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award from President Bush, which requires a 3.5 unweighted GPA, 630 on the SAT Reading and 640 on the SAT Math.

Mr. Williams stated that the Class of 2008, the fourth graduating class of Middle Creek High School, is truly an outstanding class, demonstrated by exceptional achievement in academics, athletics and the arts.

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## MCHS Band News

Congratulations to **Mary Goodnight** (Senior - Clarinet) and **John McHenry** (Sophomore - Tuba). They were selected for NC All-State Honors Bands, only the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> students from MCHS to earn that honor!

Congratulations also to **Ben Johnson** and **Jason Phillips** for performing with the WCPSS All-Star Marching Band on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The band marched and performed in the Raleigh "Salute to Our Troops" Parade.

73 cyclists participated in our annual Biking with the Band event on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This 15, 30 and 65 mile event is a joint fundraiser for the band programs and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Students from the concert and symphonic bands played the bikers out of the MCHS parking lot at 8 am (VERY early for high schoolers!) Thanks to all those band students who showed up to play and who stayed to cheer the bikers over the finish line. Thank you also to Helena Mazzella for organizing another successful event and to all the band moms and dads who worked the rest stops and SAG wagons. We particularly want to thank the event sponsors: Doug Gollehon, Cary Orthopedic; Mark Odom, Endodontist, Cary; Mike Mazzella, Mazzella Sports Therapy; Spin Cycle.

At our band spring concert on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the following students were given awards voted on by their peers:

John Phillip Sousa Award for Outstanding Musicianship and Leadership - **Dillon Redding**  
Best Musician, Symphonic Band - **Mary Goodnight**  
Service Award, Symphonic Band - **Jenny Holder**  
Most Improved, Symphonic Band - **Alexia Hinton**  
Patrick Gillmore Award for Musicianship - **John McHenry**  
Service Award, Concert Band - **Amy Pittman**  
Most Improved, Concert Band - **Nancy Lamb**

Also recognized on May 18<sup>th</sup> were band members who have been awarded the honor of playing with other triangle area bands:

Triangle Youth Brass Band: **Dillon Redding, Lauren Ord**.  
Triangle Youth Brass Ensemble: **John McHenry, Erin Amundson, Ben Johnson**.  
Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble: **Justin Longoria**.

Finally, a big CONGRATULATIONS to Symphonic band member **Tony Lucas**, Salutatorian of the MCHS Class of 2008!

Additional information about the MCHS band program is available at [www.middlecreekband.org](http://www.middlecreekband.org).