December 17, 2012

This is the last issue of Warrior Weekly for 2012. Winter break begins this Thursday, December 20th and students return to school on January 7th. Have a wonderful, safe and restful holiday.

Local School Council

What is the Local School Council (LSC)? Georgia law requires every school system to have a local school council operational in all elementary, middle and high schools. The primary goal of local school councils is to bring communities and schools closer together to make recommendations to solve education problems, to improve academic achievement, to provide support for teachers and administrators, and to bring parents into the school based decision-making process. Translated, we’re a group of school faculty and elected parents who are charged with responding to the needs of each of these groups. We are an advisory group to the Principal, and we can formally raise issues with Atlanta Public Schools that, by law and practice, require an answer. We are not a governance body, we don’t have decision-making authority, but we can influence policy and decisions through our recommendations. We also don’t raise funds, or have authority to say how funds are spent. And, our meetings are open for all interested parties to attend.

What is our Mission? Our primary mission is to support the principal, administrative staff, and teachers in their efforts to improve student academic performance. However, we can focus on a wide range of aspects of school operations to accomplish this mission, including but not limited to: school board policies; facilities; curriculum and assessments; school budget priorities; communications; transportation; school-based and community services; student discipline and attendance; and textbooks & learning resources.

What do we do? Every month, the LSC meets to review current

This Week @ NAHS

Tuesday, December 18
Semester 1 Final Exams
Warrior Basketball @ Millergrove
5:30 PM
Prospective Parent Session with Administrative Team
7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 19
Semester 1 Final Exams
Thursday, December 20 - Friday, January 4
WINTER BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday, December 22
Warrior Basketball vs. Westminster
12:00 PM
Thursday, December 27
Warrior Girls Basketball
Warrior Holiday Classic
5:30 PM
Warrior Boys Basketball @ Kell High School
vs. New Manchester
7:00 PM
Friday, December 28
Warrior Wrestling @ Fayette County Invitational
issues. Our meetings are the first Monday of each month at 4:00pm in the conference room across from the admin offices. These meetings are open to the public. We are in the process of setting priorities for this current year which to date include:

- supporting Dr. Taylor and his team as they lead the school forward after the changes that occurred administratively this fall;
- ensuring the availability of textbooks and other learning resources;
- transition to the new campus;
- addressing any inequities in curriculum or teaching resources across the SLCs;
- broader engagement & continuity throughout the school community;
- and increasing the overall rigor of the curriculum.

**We need and want your input.** Any parent, faculty member, or community resident is welcome to meet with us to share their concerns. We would encourage you to raise issues directly with Dr. Taylor and his staff first in most cases. If you can’t get an appropriate answer though, or believe your issue or concern may be broadly affecting the school, or you just need someone else to talk to, please contact one of the LSC members listed below. We will listen and make every effort to get the issue addressed.

**Coming soon?** We are looking into different ways to make ourselves more easily reachable through the web site and potentially a blog or discussion forum. In the meantime, your LSC members can be contacted as follows:

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**Elected Parents:**
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To view the full calendar visit our website [here](#). If you are viewing the monthly calendar, then days with multiple events scheduled may have "more" on them. Make sure you click on "more" to see all events that day.
PTSA

North Atlanta is fortunate to have an abundance of generous parent volunteers. Here's a holiday shout out to two who work behind-the-scenes: Kate Gaul, who puts together the Warrior Weekly calendar every weekend and Heather Cook, who updates the NAHS web site at all hours of the day and night. Thanks Kate and Heather for all your help keeping our community informed!

Also, the Chinese department would like to thank Laura Kratz for a generous donation of copier paper, which has made the end of the semester much easier on teachers and students!

Seniors, please remember to pay your fees. Make payments online HERE or bring cash or a money order to Mrs. Hunter in room 339. Read more details HERE.

Tomorrow is the last day to pay discounted prom fees. This year's Prom theme is Glitz, Glam and Grandeur – Hollywood Style. Prom will be Saturday, April 20th, 2013 from 7:30 - 11:30 PM at The Grand Hyatt, 3300 Peachtree Rd NE in Buckhead. Juniors can pay a discounted cost of $90.00 by December 18th. Prices will increase slightly in January. Parents, please keep in mind that 11th graders pay their junior year only and as a senior, there is no prom cost. Your child is getting TWO proms for the one-time cost. All seniors who did not pay last year as a junior will need to pay $110.00 through late March. Only cash or money orders will be accepted by the school. Please see Ms. Howard in the Media Center or Mrs. Rasheed in the College Zone.

National Honor Society is collecting Toys for Tots. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to help us make a significant contribution to this worthy cause. Toys can dropped off in Ms.
Grant's room 275. Thanks in advance for your support!

RED HOT JAZZ

Calling all Warriors to support the 7th annual Red Hot Jazz auction, North Atlanta’s signature gala on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Cobb Galleria. Do you, your spouse, parents, neighbors or friends work for a company that would be interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2013 Red Hot Jazz gala? We need everyone’s help to identify possible sponsorship opportunities for this fun evening. All of the proceeds directly benefit specific, high priority needs of our teachers and students -- needs that are not met by the budget of APS but necessary for a high quality, educational experience. Businesses get great exposure and demonstrate to our loyal families that they embrace the hope that comes with strong public schools. Corporate sponsorships start as low as $500. Contact Sara Catherine Kibler at 745ellsworth@comcast.net or 404-694-5100.

ARTS

KEEP VOTING!!! Please help North Atlanta's Orchestra (NAHSO) win $50,000!!! We have been nominated for a Power a Bright Future grant from The Clorox Company in hopes of securing up to $50,000 to fund essential activities and equipment/instrument purchases and to help NAHSO students serve as mentors & musical ambassadors as they spread their love of music. Please help us win up to $50,000 by casting votes through Dec. 19th at 11:59pm EDT. Adults and kids 13 and older can vote online EVERY DAY HERE for NAHSO. You can also text every 24 hours: 1680pbf to 95248. If you have a smart phone, then make it easier by scanning this code: