Good evening parents,

This is Scott Hanson, Principal of North Springs High School with your weekly update for October 29th.

Congratulations to the Spartan JROTC Teams that competed this weekend. Our Spartan Battalion finished 2nd overall in the state this weekend in competition. Great job.

We are also pleased to report that for the 2nd straight year, our overall SAT averages increased again, this time a huge 61 points to 1102. This increase was the highest increase of all Fulton County Schools. Congratulations to our students, staff and community for this great increase.

Georgia Apply to College Week

The annual Georgia Apply to College Week is one week away!

2018 GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE WEEK ACTIVITIES

October 29th – November 2nd

- Monday, October 29th – Kick off to GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE WEEK
- Tuesday, October 30th - COLLEGE SPIRIT DAY and COLLEGE SCAVENGER HUNT
- Wednesday, October 31st – Georgia Apply to College Day Face Painting Day and FACULTY GREEK DAY
- Thursday, November 1st – GEORGIA Apply to College Day in media center
- Friday, November 2nd – Georgia Apply to College Cookout Day, Senior Tailgate Party in Senior Courtyard for A-Lunch, B-Lunch and C-Lunch

Block Scheduling Parent Meetings

There will be two community meetings about block scheduling. These meetings will be held on Tuesday, 10/30 at 9:00 am, and then an evening meeting on 10/30 at 6:30. Both meetings will be in the North Springs Media Center.

Spartan Café

The Spartan Café is open daily for our students. Please come visit and get your favorite hot beverage now that the weather has turned cooler.

Freshman Academy College Fieldtrips
The college field trip is fast approaching! The freshman class will visit a college on Thursday, November 1, to tour campus and attend an admission session. Last week, every student received their college permission slip. Please sign and return these forms to any Freshman Academy teacher! Permission slips and payment are due by October 25!

- **Payment**  
The field trip fee is $25.00, which covers the transportation and lunch on campus. The easiest way to pay is online through the Online Payment System (OPS); the link is on the right side of the school website. You can pay in cash; bring your money to Ms. Peyton (E102).

- **Chaperones**  
We are also in search of additional parent chaperones to join us on the trips! Please consider attending; there will be two faculty members that will organize and lead the students. The parent chaperones will ride the bus in front with the teachers, help monitor students throughout the presentations & tours, eat lunch in the cafeteria, and ride the bus back home. The students would love to ask you questions about your college experiences, too! All chaperones, with the exception of UGA, need to be at school by 8:15 am, and all trips should be back on NSCHS campus by 2 pm. Chaperones and student going to UGA must be on campus at 7am to depart at 7:10 am. If you are interested in chaperoning, please email Ms. Olson at olsonk@fultonschools.org

We still need chaperones for the following schools:

Morehouse University, North Georgia University, Georgia Gwinnett College, Kennesaw State University, Gwinnett Tech, Georgia State University, and West Georgia University

Any additional questions about the field trip can be directed to Ms. Pekatos at pekatos@fultonschools.org. Thank you!

**North Springs Counseling Department**

Junior conferences are beginning now and will run through first week of December - Please use the online link provided to schedule the junior conference for your student. You may use your cell phone or computer to schedule. Appointments must be scheduled in advance and you must be on-time to avoid cancellation of your time slot as there will be others scheduled after you. In advance of the conference, please visit the **North Springs web page**, click on students tab, counseling tab and view the Post Secondary options packet for parents/students to answer most questions you may have in advance. Please feel free to write down any other questions you may have so we may be able to assist you during your allotted time. If you are not able to make the conference in person, information from the meeting will be sent home with your student. Thank you!
Open office hours will be held the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month. You may schedule with counseling secretary Ms. Rocha. (This time is not for junior conference appointments as those are scheduled with the online link provided). Appointments for November will shift due to the Thanksgiving holiday and will be held the 14th and 28th of November.

**Dual Enrollment Night**

We had a very successful Dual Enrollment parent meeting this past week. Not able to attend, or want more information? Please see the attachment below for more information.

- [NSHS- Dual Enrollment.pdf](#)

**Weekly Sports Schedule**

Check here for a listing of the week’s athletic events.

- [NS Weekly Athletic Event Schedule 10.29.18-11.3.18.pdf](#)

**Juuling, Vaping and E-Cigarettes**

This next item is for general information, but to make our parents aware of a new trend that has potentially harmful effects on students. Cigarette alternatives have been around for a while, and are starting to become more prevalent among teenagers. E-cigs, vapes, Juuls, Heat not Burn, etc., are all dangerous alternatives to cigarettes that are highly addictive, and more harmful to your health than cigarettes. The Fulton County Code of Student Conduct (page 13, Rule 14), specifically calls out these devices as violations of the code and will result in disciplinary action. This video from a news station in Virginia is a good introduction to these dangers, and what you can look for.

[https://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/are-your-kids-juuling-at-school-7-on-your-side-investigates](https://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/are-your-kids-juuling-at-school-7-on-your-side-investigates)

**Students Ordering Food for Delivery at School**

Students are not allowed to order food to be delivered to school throughout the day by delivery drivers, i.e., Uber Eats. In addition, students are not allowed to leave the building to meet delivery drivers either on campus or just off campus. This is a
violation of Fulton County policy, but more importantly raises safety concerns with students leaving the building without permission, and propping doors open to get back inside. Administrators will monitor this daily, with disciplinary consequences being issued to students who leave the building.

**North Springs Remind 101**

North Springs will be utilizing Remind 101 to send quick bites of information out in between the weekly emailed updates. Want to receive these updates, please use the attached QR codes with your phone to sign up. You can sign up for any or all 5 of the message streams we will be using. We will not be bombarding you with extra messages, just ones to point out something happening that week, or if we need to communicate quick about weather and school closings.

**Pick Up/Drop Off Reminder**

A gentle reminder about car traffic and rider pick up and drop off inside campus. Many parents enter North Springs HS from Roswell Road, and attempt to drop students off right at the top of the hill. This poses safety problems for our students as people stop unexpectedly at the corner. There were several fender benders last school year at this precise point which snarled traffic. This corner at the top of the hill is a designated cross walk, and stopping also creates a hazard for students crossing. Please proceed into the parking lot to the designated drop off area to ensure students are dropped off safely.

North Spring communicates with the community in multiple ways. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up to date with all the great things happening at North Springs.

Those are all your updates for the week of 10/29. Have a great evening.