

North Atlanta Athletic Fields To Shine

North Atlanta will soon enjoy its own field of dreams — make that fields of dreams.

The Warriors' baseball diamond and football/soccer field are being renovated under a city school board program. The track around the football/soccer field is also being resurfaced.

"The school board received funds to upgrade all athletics fields in the city," said Larry Kinsey, assistant principal in charge of facilities and grounds. "We're the first one to get this program started. We're truly excited about what they are doing for our athletics fields and grounds."

Mr. Kinsey said a group of alumni of Northside High/North Fulton High, which merged to form North Atlanta, encouraged the renovation of the baseball diamond, which was not of regulation dimensions. Balls were often hit to the ridge beyond the outfield, making ground rule doubles an annoying frequent feature of games.

Under the renovation, the backstop and home plate will be pushed back to their proper place under the school's original layout. The distance to the outfield fences will still be less than 300 feet, but the screens will be placed at a height of around 15 feet, so as to make home runs difficult. A large screen will also surround home plate. The field will also receive a new infield.

North Atlanta High's Warrior football team games will be away.

While the school encourages community groups and neighborhood residents to use the fields, Mr. Kinsey said he wants to prevent unauthorized usage. The school hopes to install gates and trash cans so that the fields are kept clean.

"We ask those desiring to use the fields to call and request first," Mr. Kinsey said. "We're community

oriented and encourage the entire community to take part in our school, but we ask that they alert someone at the school about their desires and needs. Our first focus is the students."

Those seeking permission to use the fields can call Mr. Kinsey at 404-351-0895, extension 2024. He said the fields will be completed as soon as possible, depending upon the weather.



Bulldozers level the playing fields as North Atlanta's athletic fields undergo renovation.

North Atlanta High School PTSA Newsletter

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The *NAHS Newsletter* seeks to inform current and potential NAHS parents, students, teachers and the community-at-large about the school's programs, academic achievements, clubs and extracurricular activities to promote a sense of unity and community involvement.

All news articles are due in the PTSA Newsletter mailbox in the School Office by 3:30 PM of the specified date, and are subject to editing for space, clarity and consistency. With each submission, please include your name, telephone number for any clarification needed, and the basic information on who, what, when, where and why. The *NAHS Newsletter* focuses on the achievements of NAHS students, faculty and staff, including academic and extracurricular activities. Deadlines for the 1999-2000 school year are as follows:

Issue

Deadline

NovemberOctober 24

Dec/Jan.....November 5

February 2002 ..January 7

March 2002.....F.ebruary 4

April 2002.....March 4

May 2002.....April 15

Parent Volunteers ALWAYS Needed and Appreciated

Yes, that means YOU. We definitely have something for everyone. It would be incredible if we could say that every parent participated in supporting our students, faculty, and administration at North Atlanta this school year.

We have already made great strides in improving parental involvement at our school this year. We have volunteers working in the Attendance Office, the Media Center, the Counselors' Office, and the College Resource Room. We have a team of parents working on our Directory, Newsletter, and Website. We have parents working on our Fundraising and Buildings & Grounds committees. Parents helped sell tickets for the Parisian's sale and for our first drama production, *Spoon River*. We had parents helping with Hands On Atlanta and the Red Cross Blood Drive. Parents have signed-up to work with the Science & Math Fair, the Social Studies Fair, and the Governor's Honors Program.

All our ongoing jobs need more volunteers to keep them fully functional. We need more judges for Science & Math Fair and the Social Studies Fair. And there will be other one-time projects that need our help.

If you haven't volunteered for anything yet, there are many ways to get involved. You can find out what your friends are doing and work with them. You can call or go to our school and talk to the individual you'd like to assist. You can contact any PTSA officer or committee chairman to offer your assistance. Or, you can sign-up through Holly Kelly by calling 404-351-2387 or emailing hollydkelly@yahoo.com.

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Editor's Note: In the last issue, we incorrectly listed Ms. Kara Harris as a new teacher when, in fact, she has been at North Atlanta since February 2001. We regret the error.

PTSA Membership Drive

If you haven't joined yet, we still need you. One unique benefit of joining is additional communication regarding what's going on around school. By providing your e-mail address or phone number on your membership envelope, you will get a reminder for upcoming meetings and special events.

Please fill out the form below, and either give to your student to give to his homeroom teacher, or take to the school office. If you prefer to use a pre-printed envelope, they are available in the school office.

If you have any questions please call Holly Kelly (404-351-2387) or Sandy Logsdon (404-261-0634).

Increase Your Donation With Matching Gifts

Some companies will match or even double your donations to non-profit organizations. Does your employer have a Matching Gifts program? If so, fill out your company's form and forward it to Carolyn Cushing for verification. You can leave it in the school office, in the PTSA Treasurer's box, or mail it to her at 1039 Northcliffe Dr. NW Atlanta, GA 30318.



Thrills for Chills!

The Key Club, Red Cross Club and Hands on Atlanta are teaming up to present a safe and fun-filled Halloween evening for NAHS students, family and young children within the community. Activities as face painting, the mystery maze, storytelling, pumpkin painting, treats and much more are planned to take place in the school's Lecture Hall on October 31, from 5-7:00 PM. There are activities for everyone, which includes two 45-minute shows of "The Lighthearted Astronomer," in the school's planetarium. General admission is only \$5.00 for the entire evening. Parents admitted free! Plan to bring the kids and enjoy a safe evening of fun. Proceeds benefit the Red Cross and Sept. 11th Disaster Fund.

STUFF in Performance

The NAHS Performing Arts Magnet Presents ST.U.F.F. — Students' Talent Unveiled Fairly prequently, A Showcase of Our Student Talent in Instrumental, Vocal, Piano, Jazz and Classical, on October 26, 2001, at 7:30 PM in the North Atlanta High School Theater. Admission is \$5.

NORTH ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL PTSA 2001-2002 DUES AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

_____ parents' names

_____ students' names

_____ homerooms

_____ phone numbers (H & W)

_____ address

_____ e-mail

Please indicate your interest by marking M for mother, F for Father, G for Guardian

We would like to help with the following committees:

- _____ Building & Grounds
- _____ Directory (circle: publication or distribution)
- _____ Fund Raising
- _____ Hospitality
- _____ Newsletter (writing, photography, editing, distribution)
- _____ Public Relations
- _____ Teacher Appreciation
- _____ Other _____

We would like to help with the following:

- _____ Activities during the school day
- _____ Activities in the evening
- _____ Making phone calls

Our Special Interests include: _____

Our Student's Area of Study: _____

Our Student's Special Interests: _____

DUES: \$10.00

DONATION: _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

Please put in the PTA membership box in the office, or give to your student's homeroom teacher.

Center for International Studies News

CIS Fall Potluck Dinner Set for October 25

The NAHS Center for International Studies will hold its Fall 2001 Parent's Potluck dinner Meeting on Thursday, October 25 at 6:00 PM in the NAHS cafeteria. Everyone attending should bring their favorite dish to serve 6-8 folks. This is a chance to meet the faculty, see old friends and learn more about the International Studies Program. If you have any questions, please call Charlotte Holland at (404) 351-0895.

International Baccalaureate Records Shattered

Every year for the last three years new records have been set by North Atlanta High School's International Baccalaureate Seniors. This year 25 students received the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The previous record, set in 1999, was 21 diplomas. Prior to that, the highest number of Diplomas achieved in a single year was 11, earned in 1998.

The 25 students earning the International Baccalaureate Diploma this year were:

Kennedy Adams, Jose Alvarado, Jalia Armstrong, Carli Blomquist, Carolyn Crockett, Katherine Dahl, Minh-Nguyet Dang, Christopher Fierer, Anthony Jordan, Brandi Jordan, Kelli Jordan, Jean Keenan, Claire Kimsey, Veronica Manchel, Sara Mayeux, Jennifer McCurdy, Ashley Plank, Sivram Prasad, Curtis Preston, Christie Spence, An Tran, Truc Vo, Dasef Weems, and Elizabeth Young

As well this year, a new record was set for the highest score on the I.B. exams. Altogether it is possible to earn 45 points for the exams and essays required to earn the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The previous record, set in 1999 by Hamid Raof, was 38 points. This year Sara Mayeux raised the bar by scoring a record 41 points. Other high scores were earned by Claire Kimsey with 40 points and Elizabeth Young who tied the old record of 38 points.

Georgia Tech Gives Grant to Business Program

The Georgia Tech Center for International Business Education and Research (GT CIBER), a component of Georgia Tech's DuPree college of Management, has awarded North Atlanta High School's International Studies Program \$1500.00. This money is to be used, in the words of the grant award letter, "to move forward your unique and challenging programs, and to provide your student population with new educational curricular contents and programs in international business-related fields."

According to Dr. Frutiger, the Coordinator of the International Studies Program, the money will be used to "help further develop a nationally recognized model for international business instruction at the high school level." Such a program, Dr. Frutiger suggests, will align the business instruction received at North Atlanta High with the curricula at major business colleges, allowing our students to have a "leg-up" when it comes to both admission to and success in a college business program. He further hopes that this curricular development will eventually develop a program which will give our graduates a university-based or industry-based certification in International Business.



JROTC Annual Saber Day Planned for October 23, 2001

On October 23, 2001, at 9:30 AM, the North Atlanta High School JROTC Department will conduct the Annual Saber Day Program. The JROTC Department consists of 259 cadets with C/LTC Brandon Green as the Cadet Battalion Commander. The mission of the JROTC is to motivate young people to be better citizens and to develop patriotism.

Saber Day is, by tradition, the day on which cadet officers of the Atlanta Public Schools' Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) units are commissioned. Although the exact origin of the term "Saber Day" is not known, it is generally believed that the custom began in the days of ancient Sparta. The day marked the young Spartan's entry into military service, and it carried with it the assumption of the duties of adulthood.

During the ceremony, parents of the new officers are required to present the Sabers to the cadets. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception will be held for the cadet officers, parents, sponsors and invited guests.



United We Stand



This year the NAHS Media Center is focusing on "Unity Among the Cultures," by highlighting each month a different ethnic group and their culture. With the North Atlanta family being so diverse, the media center staff felt it necessary to provide resources to teachers and students to help in understanding the various cultures, as we become a closer United States.



During Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15), Honorable Judge Carolina Colin-Antonioni and representatives from the Latin American Association, spoke to our Hispanic students in an assembly on October 12 about striving toward excellence and reaching success by focusing on goals. A beautiful and appropriate song titled, "Why Mary?" was sung by Lorena Garcia-Diaz and representatives from the Latin American Association shared what their Office of Youth Services has available for Hispanic Youth.

Look for Technology Night in Media Center

Look forward to "Technology Night" in the media center. At our next PTSA Open House, a technology night is being planned to help our parents and the community be aware of our latest technology available to parents, teachers and students. Until that time, please feel free to visit the media center and inquire. The CTA or the Media Specialists will be happy to help you explore our available technology, upon request.

SEND HELP

The PTSA can always use your assistance. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please contact us through the NAHS Main Office at **(404) 351-0895**

New PTSA Members

Sept. 12-Oct. 5

Beal, Judy
Books, Nancy & Dave
Bradshaw, Barbara & Fred
Bryant, Delphia
Buckner, John & Cookie
Campbell, Gay
Cantrell, Sharon,
Davis, Michelle
Dawkins, Margot
Densler, Benjamin
Driscoll, Terry & Sandy
Dunn, Genee
Dupree, Jannie
Elms, David
Ferguson, Nancy & Steve
Gay, Yolanda
Giles, Sharon
Grimes, Carolyn
Hank, Mary Lou & David
Haygood, Samuel & June
Holland, Charlotte & Bernie
Holland, Diane
Horne, Lila & Wil
Howarth, Robin & Ruth
Jackson, Albert & Annette
Jones, Ramona & James
Lawrence, Walter & Rita
Lewis, Lorenzo
Llewellyn, David & Elizabeth
Logsdon, Sandy & David
McDaniel, Stacy

Meneg, Betsy
Monroe, Linda
Monroe, Donna
Morrison, Sharon
Mosley, Keith & Katheryne
Murray, Lithangia
Orrison, Becky & Dave
Patterson, Roy & Sandra
Porter, CleEsther
Potter-Miller, Savannah
Prtichett, Nancy
Quinn, Bill & Grace
Rakestraw, Darren
Roper, Beth
Rush, Jean
Ryan, Susan & Peter
Scott, Bill & Susan
Sharpe, Herb & Mary
Small, Lindley & Warren
Smith, Cynthia & Mark
Stuart, Sid & Linda
Sturgeon, Greg & Christy
Terrell, Paulette Jones & Keith
Thomas, Drewnell & Thomas Starr
Thomas, Robert & Ray Quinnelly
Ware, Linda
Watts, Hugh & Mildred
Willadsen, Jan
Williams, Grant & Earlene
Worthy, Brenda
Wright, Scot & Peggy

Work is underway on the athletic fields at NAHS. See story on p. 1.



Project Assistance Available for Challenge Students

The gifted program strives to differentiate the learning experience to foster the full potential of our gifted and talented students. Students receive direct instruction in both content areas through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes. In addition, pre-AP (advanced placement) and Pacesetter classes are designed to prepare students for more advanced curricula in grades 11 and 12. Other curriculum activities include participation in the academic fairs and competitions, joint enrollment and individual class projects.

North Atlanta High School is fortunate to have Ms. Sharon Morrison serve as the Challenge Program Teacher. If you have specific needs or concerns for your son or daughter, you may schedule a conference with Ms. Morrison by phone or in person. You may also send a note with your child to request a conference to put in Ms. Morrison's box in the main office.



Together, we can save a life

North Atlanta High School Blood Drive Set

North Atlanta High School in cooperation with the American Red Cross is sponsoring a Blood Drive. It will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2001 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. in the Lecture Hall.

Hands On Atlanta Day at North Atlanta a Success

Hands on Atlanta Day throughout the city was held on October 6, 2001. Volunteers for North Atlanta High School painted stair rails and doors to beautify the school. Following a morning of service, participants traveled to Centennial Park for a city-wide celebration.

North Atlanta High School is fortunate to have Ms. Jessica Barton to serve as the Team Leader. For more information on volunteering with Hands on Atlanta, you may call the school office and leave a message for Ms. Barton.



The NAHS baseball fields undergo renovation this fall. See story p. 1.

Important Dates 2001-2002

October

- 18 "Celebrating 10 Years of Excellence" Courtyard 6:30-8:30 PM
- 20 PSAT
- 23 Annual JROTC Saber Day 9:30 AM
- 24 Red Cross Blood Drive Lecture Hall 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 25 CIS Potluck Dinner Lecture Hall 6:00 PM
- 25 "Works in Progress" Lecture Hall 7:00 PM
- 26 S.T.U.F.F. Shaw Auditorium 7:30 PM
- 27 ACT @ NAHS
- 30 GHP Mock Interviews Lecture Hall 2:30-3:30 PM
- 31 Halloween Night Activities for Families Lecture Hall 5-7:00 PM

November

- 6 PTSA Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM**
- 13 Orchestra Concert NUMC 7:00 PM
- 15 Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM**
- 29 *The Messiah* NUMC 7:00 PM

December

- 6 "Jingle & Jive" Dance Performance
- 11-12 Piano Recital 7:00 PM

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: October 24, 2001



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