

## NA Seeks Partners in Excellence for After-School Program

North Atlanta High School is seeking corporate Partners in Excellence to sponsor an after school tutoring program next year that will offer enhanced instruction in a variety of academic disciplines. The school's PTSA is sponsoring the tutoring program.

Mrs. Delphia Bryant Young, North Atlanta principal, said that the tutoring program's goal is to allow students to meet academic expectations stated by Dr. Beverly Hall, superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools.

"North Atlanta High teachers are raising their expectations for all students," Mrs. Young said. "While many students do well under these rigorous expectations, other students do not. Students who are not meeting the higher expectations need additional academic assistance and more time to learn. The amount of extra help needed by these students often cannot take place in the classroom. Therefore, an after-school tutorial program has been proposed."

For \$2,000, a corporate sponsor will receive annual recognition in the NAHS website and newsletter and a corporate hotlink at the NAHS Web site, and will be honored at a PTSA recognition event.

At the \$1,000 benefactor level, sponsors will receive annual recognition on the website and in the newsletter and will be honored at the PTSA event. There's also patron sponsorships, \$500, and friendship sponsorships, \$250, which will bring recognition for the month in the newsletter and on the website.

Tutoring will be offered in Algebra I and II, biology, chemistry, citizenship, French I and II, geography, geometry, ninth and 10th grade literature and composition, Spanish I and II and U.S. history.

Instruction will also be given in all advanced placement courses, all international baccalaureate courses, and of course tests, the Georgia high school graduation tests and SAT preparation.

Community adult volunteers, master teachers and selected honor students will tutor participants. One on one tutoring to tutoring for a maximum of four students will be offered.

A student must demonstrate a need for academic assistance by either a teacher recommending the student's participation or by the student earning a grade below 74 in one of the areas offered. The student must complete an application and make a commitment to attend until the grade improves.

Tutorials will be offered two times a week from 4 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Students riding MARTA will board the 6:15 p.m. bus at the intersection of West Wesley and Northside Drive to travel to the Lenox MARTA station.

The estimated cost of the program, for 100 students at nine weeks, is \$11,520, Ms. Bryant said. This tutoring will be free to students.

"Our young people face academic challenges in achievement on a daily basis," a statement from the PTSA said. "These can not only affect overall class performance and response to peer pressure but can ultimately impact each student's level of confidence and self-esteem. When their comprehension in class falls short of a desired goal, initial confidence can quickly lead to discouragement and defeat."

"But we can help make these challenges easier with a support program for our young people that will encourage their enthusiasm to learn."

Dr. Hall's goals are to increase the percentage of students passing the Georgia High School Graduation Test in writing and mathematics on the first attempt, to increase the number of students enrolled in algebra II, geometry, advanced algebra/trigonometry, and foreign language, and increase the number of students in grades 10-12 enrolled in at least one advanced placement or international baccalaureate course. Another goal is to decrease the percentage of students absent 10 days or more.

For more information about donating to the program, contact the program coordinators, Mrs. Yvonne Pringle, Mrs. Cathy Blodgett or Ms. Mary Matthews at 404-351-0895 or Principal Mrs. Delphia Bryant Young at [dbryant@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:dbryant@atlanta.k12.ga.us). For more information about donating funds or raising donations, call Mrs. Sharon Giles, 404-303-1699, [sgiles@imsinc.com](mailto:sgiles@imsinc.com), or Ms. Jan Willadsen, 404-233-2738, [jwilladsen@mindspring.com](mailto:jwilladsen@mindspring.com).

For your convenience, the form on page 8 can be mailed to North Atlanta High School.

## 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
May.....	April 19

## New PTSA Members

Bill & Madge Brady

Sharon Suitt

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## NAHS PTSA Awards Teacher Grants

The North Atlanta PTSA awarded grants to several teachers who applied for funding for some outstanding projects. In an ongoing effort to support the facility, and thereby the students at North Atlanta, the PTSA is proud to fund the following:

Ms. Sheila Howard — "Bits and Beads of History" — A workshop presented in conjunction with Black History Month in which students were introduced to the history and culture of African ancestral jewelry and beads. Presented by Mr. Kwabena J. Ogunlade.

Ms. Jill Stewart — Model United Nations — An extracurricular activity that will begin in the fall of next year culminating in the "Model U.N" at Georgia State in December 2002.

Ms. Janine Parnell — Music Seminar — A masterclass/workshop exploring a non-traditional area of study for 9-12 grade students.

Ms. Yvonne Pringle — Tutorial Workshops for AP Statistics and IB Math — Workshop(s) to be held this spring to increase the number of students succeeding on these exams.

Dr. Arnold Heller — German Student Exchange — NAHS will have 12-14 German guests this March. Funds provided to supplement the cost of that exchange.

Thanks to all who applied for these grants. The PTSA, with the continued support of its growing membership, hopes to fund many more grants in the future. If you have not yet joined the PTSA, please do so today!

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## Mr. Kinsey Selected for Army Training

Assistant principal Larry Kinsey has been selected for the U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss for two weeks this summer.

Mr. Kinsey, a member of the Army Reserve, was called to active duty early in the war against terrorism after Sept. 11.

## Families Sought to Host Exchange Students

Council Exchanges is looking for families to open their hearts and homes to international exchange students. Our students come from countries such as Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Mongolia, Russia, Thailand and many more. America still is the country of dreams for these students despite the events of the past year. Host families are needed for the 2002-2003 school year.

Council's USA High School Program makes it possible for your family to cross international borders, learn about another culture, and gain a new friendship without having to pack your bags and leave your home. Six of our exchange students are at NAHS this school year. Let's continue to have a truly international school.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a host family, please contact William Teasley at 404-622-8783 or by email at [w.teasley@att.net](mailto:w.teasley@att.net).

## Baseball Warriors Win City Championship

North Atlanta's baseball team emerged as a contender for a state play-off spot in 5-AAAA, winning the Atlanta Public Schools baseball tournament with a 9-4 victory over Grady and a 5-0 record.

Coach Mike Moroto's Warriors started region play with an 11-4 win over Mays to continue undefeated. Eight different players have hit home runs as the Warriors have matched a balanced attack with strong pitching and a steady defense.

Senior pitchers Donald Walls and Stuart Small lead the Warriors. Walls is known for his blazing fastball, while Small is more of a crafty, Tom Glavine type hurler. Small also leads the team in home runs. Senior center fielder and leadoff man Adam Zandman is a speedy spark plug.

Junior left fielder Jonathan Colbert and shortstop Jarrett Llewellyn have provided power and defense, along with senior catcher Ross Udoff.

The grand opening of NAHS' renovated Warrior Field was Wednesday, April 3. An outstanding group of Buckhead dignitaries were expected to attend the event.



## Dancers of NA to Perform

The Dancers of North Atlanta will present an evening of dance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, in the Robert Shaw Theater at North Atlanta.

The concert will feature resident choreography by faculty members Jerylann Warner and Carti Martin, including guest teacher Tambra Harris. Guest choreographers are Cubie Burke and alumni Rae Ransom. They are joining forces to create a spectrum of selections from traditional African dance to classical ballet.

Students of all levels will take to the stage with high-energy and, for some, bittersweet emotions of their last performance at North Atlanta High School.

Tickets may be purchased at the door - \$5 general, \$3 students.



## NA Talent Shines at Black Heritage Celebration

The following North Atlanta students gave an outstanding performance in the Black Heritage Celebration for Black History month.

Choreographer, Tambra M. Harris; drummers, Akumba Bynum Roberson, Omelika Kuumba, Tambra Harris; North Atlanta's advanced dance class, Arlese Brady, Nijai Burch, Nadia Butler, Karla Loucas, Kristina Murray, Jessica Parks, Lauren Quinn, Shari Hill, Chrystal Johnson, Sheena Knight, Tiffany Moore, Zalilka Young; North Atlanta's Advanced Jazz Band, Albert Head III, Sankara Henderson, Kiara Mitchell, Brandon Smith, Joshua Brown, Eitan Davis, Chasity Gathers, Daniel A. Harper, Alex Jackson, Eric Love, Deangelo Rolax, Louis Thompson, Marcus Brokenborough, Johnny Buckner, Jewell Fortenberry, Michael Messinger, Lawrence Ross II, Nicole Williams, Robert Williams, Erica Wilson; tap dance, Nael Jones; African dance, Zanaida Bynum Roberson, Nneka Kelly, Zalika Young; Safiya Winston, Jondon Wolosodon; drama/acting: Veanna Black, Khary Colbert, Sansophia Dunlap; Rebekah Jackson; Cherish Marshall; Mariel Montolio; Kalaya Reedy; Ashley Logsdon; Miya Lewis; Zanaida Bynum Roberson; Jennifer Goines; Quinae McCommons; Yaquetta McDowell; Charity Phalo; Melanie Vogel; Kimberly Worthy; Arthur Few; Tessa Horehled; Jarrett Horne; Fiona May; Lauren Jones; Marsha Sewell; Mass Chorus and Chamber Singers.

The NAHS Boys Soccer Team is shown after winning the APS Championship vs. Grady with a score of 2-0. The team reached the final by beating South Atlanta 14-0 and Douglass 8-0.



## APPLE Corps Renews Efforts to Improve Public Education

APPLE Corps, a nonprofit organization founded to support public education in Atlanta, has renewed its efforts with the revival of its quarterly newsletter *SchoolTalk*.

"APPLE Corps is redoubling its efforts to work across all sectors of the community to gain committed, active support for public education," according to an announcement from Peter Fozzard, chair of the APPLE Corps Board of Directors in the inaugural January 2002 edition of *SchoolTalk*. "*SchoolTalk* is one avenue to engage the public through awareness and discussion of public education issues."

APPLE Corps also has a Web site ([www.applecorps.org](http://www.applecorps.org)) at which public education advocates can register, join a listserv, ask questions, share comments and make suggestions. The newsletter is available there in PDF format.

"For public education, it is a new day in Atlanta!" Fozzard's message said. "With the leadership of a new mayor, renewed city council and refreshed school board, there is both a heightened awareness of the needs of students and parents in Atlanta and the willingness to address those needs collaboratively. Together, the political leadership and the community at large can engage to support Dr. Beverly Hall, superintendent, and other education leaders to assure that all students in Atlanta have the quality teachers, principals and resources they need to learn."

APPLE Corps has sponsored community conversations on public education. The organization is located in the Woodruff Volunteer Center in the United Way Building at 100 Edgewood Ave. NE Suite 1224, Atlanta GA. 30303. The phone is 404-522-8640 and the fax 404-522-3021.

Besides Fozzard, of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, other members of the APPLE board are Frank Jones, vice chair, Ford professor emeritus of MIT; Henry Kelly, treasurer, Georgia Power; Margaret Hylton Jones, secretary, Margaret Jones & Associates; Chris Carlsten, community volunteer; Judith Gott, Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools; Judy Harper, BellSouth Business; Michelle Hayes, Atlanta Public Schools; Barbara Hopkins, Georgia State; LaFawn McCormick, BellSouth Business; Marshall D. Orson, community volunteer; Dr. Brady Stringer, OSG Inc.; Carol Wesley, Atlanta Public Schools; Dr. Gwendolyn Williams, Peachtree Urban Writing Project; and Connie York, Harry Norman Realtors.

### International Night is Coming

International Night is April 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM! Come and enjoy the festivities, food and fashion! There will be a French "Creperie," a Spanish "Cantina," a Middle Eastern food area and Chinese to go! Stay and watch Spanish ballroom dancing, Spanish Guitar and song, the traditional international fashion show and much, much more!

The opening night of *Working* performed by the Performing Arts students is at 7:30 PM. So come enjoy the International Night which begins at 5:00 PM and stay for the play!

# Sports Schedules

## Varsity Baseball

### April

15	vs. Stone Mountain	4:45 PM
17	@ St. Pius	4:30 PM
19	vs. Washington	4:30 PM
22	@ Columbia	5:00 PM
24	@ Tucker	4:30 PM
26	@ Clarkston	4:30 PM
29	vs. Cedar Grove	4:30 PM

### May

1	@ Blessed Trinity	5:00 PM
3	vs. Marist	4:30 PM

## Girls Varsity Soccer

### April

16	vs. South Atlanta	4:30 PM
17	@ Holy Innocents	4:30 PM
19, 23, 26	Region Tournament	TBA

### May

1, 7, 11, 15, 18	State Tournament	TBA
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## Boys Varsity Soccer

### April

17	vs. South Atlanta	5:00 PM
19, 23, 26	Region Tournament	TBA

# Important Dates for 2002

### April

8-12	Spring Holidays
15-May 15	Grade Level Counselors Review Registration Forms with Students by appointment (Parents welcome to appointments with students)
15-May 22	Registrar enters data into the computer
18	International Night 5:00 PM
<b>18</b>	<b>Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM</b>
18	<i>Working</i> Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
20	Junior/Senior Prom @ Westin Peachtree Hotel 8:00 PM-Midnight
22	Top 10% Banquet @ Lenox Marriott 7:00 PM

### May

2	Dance Performance Shaw Theater 7:30 PM
2-21	IB Exams
4	SAT @ NAHS
6-17	AP Exams
9	<b>ALL</b> Sports Banquet Gym & Cafeteria 7:00 PM
<b>16</b>	<b>Monthly PTSA Meeting Media Center 7:00 PM</b>
17-18	American Cancer Society Relay for Life @ E Rivers Elementary School
22-24	Final Exams
24	Last Day of School
28	Graduation @ Civic Center 8:30 PM

### June

1	SAT
8	ACT
17-20	Schedules for next year sent home for review

### August

12	First Day of Class for Fall Semester
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## Honors Banquet to be Held

The top 10 percent honors banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, at the J.W. Marriott at Lenox Square.

The annual banquet honors the top 10 percent students in each class, from ninth through 12th grades. A highlight of the banquet is the seniors saying farewell and announcing the colleges they'll attend.

Be sure to check the website at  
<http://www.northatlantahigh.org>  
 for the most current information and schedules

# Register for Summer School

The Atlanta Public Schools will have registration for summer school through May 10. The registration began April 1. Applications are available at the school office. A late fee of \$25 will be charged after May 10. No registration will be carried out from May 13-May 17. Late registration will be May 20-24.

The courses include the elementary literacy village and Xanadu enrichment programs for elementary students; the middle school literacy academy and algebra camp for middle school students; and the transition to high school, high school academy and high school science and mathematics summer enrichment academy for high school students. In addition, parenting workshops are offered.

The transition to high school course for students entering the ninth grade will be offered at North Atlanta.

For APS and non-APS students who are residents of the city of Atlanta, the cost is \$200 per course. The tuition is free for participation in pre-kindergarten and elementary, middle and high school Academic Remediation programs for students required to attend as outlined by the Student Progress and Success policy. Tuition is also free for the high school science and mathematics enrichment academy and middle school algebra camp. For non-residents of Atlanta, the cost is \$500. Breakfast and lunch will be served at all sites at the regular prices.

# Quiz Bowl Team Wins

Congratulations to the North Atlanta Jr. Quiz Bowl Team for winning the Dunwoody High School JV Scholar's Bowl Tournament on March 9 in a competition of 19 participating teams. Questions covered a wide variety of disciplines, including Science, History, Literature, Grammar, Music, Art, Sports, Geography, and Math. Sophomores David Crockett, Michael Kelly, and Hannah Rose Baker, and freshman Jerica Jones made an impressive showing by outscoring their opponents 2610 to 1065 over eight matches.

Their next competition is the JV state tournament on April 13. Since the three sophomores were on our team that brought home a second place trophy at JV state last year, they are optimistic about bringing home another first place trophy this year.

# Let the Olympic Spirit Shine



Sarah Hughes could be the teen next door. Or the one under your roof. Sure, she astonished the world by winning the gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake. At age 16, she pulled off a near-flawless performance in the long program to leap from fourth place to first, beating the favorite Michelle Kwan.

After her four minutes was finished, she paused perfectly still in the spotlight, her face glowing. Her face showed surprise, elation, joy-- all of the elements that used to be the best of the Olympics spirit before commercialism and professionalism corrupted the athletics competition. No one was more surprised than herself -- she said later she'd never skated so well. She'd reached that level of pure skill and artistry where an athlete goes beyond herself into a different level, where a higher force seems to be taking over. In a zone, as athletes say. Then she acted like the typical teen, young and fresh, a kid who had discovered something new about herself.

The magical state she achieved was the product of moment after moment of grueling practice. Sarah travels daily from her home in Great Neck, N.Y., to her practice rink in New Jersey, often a two-hour one-way trip. All of those hours in traffic, all of those falls, those hard days on the ice, culminated in her dizzying spin at the finish.

Sarah's accomplishment was witnessed by the entire world, before the grand eye of television. But our youngsters' accomplishments are equally as valid and gratifying. After long hours of frustration, a math problem might suddenly make sense. Or a young actor, after hours of rehearsal, suddenly feels the glory of Shakespeare's language coming from his own mouth. A baseball player or runner on the track suddenly breaks through to a new level of accomplishment.

Private improvements and accomplishment can be greater than athletics triumph cheered by millions. Remember Einstein toiling alone on the theory of relativity. Or a writer at his desk or an artist in his or her studio.

Sarah Hughes' joy will be an enduring image of the Winter Olympics, beyond the judging controversies and all of the rest. Look closely at North Atlanta's students, and recognize that same spirit here.

# Sign Up for Princeton Review SAT Course to be Offered at NA

We are pleased to announce the Princeton Review SAT Preparation Course will be taught on the campus of North Atlanta High School beginning fall 2002-2003. This integrated course combines classroom instruction with a powerful library of online multimedia lessons and drills for a dynamic, powerful, and cost effective test preparation experience. The actual cost of this course is nearly \$1000. However, this course is offered to a select number of North Atlanta students at the special rate of \$300.00 per student. In order to project the level of interest and to plan appropriately, parents are asked to complete the enclosed interest form. Again, this rate is based on onsite participation for NAHS enrollees.

## Students who would benefit:

- High school seniors prepping for fall and winter SATs
- High school juniors prepping for fall PSAT, and fall, winter, and spring SATs.
- High school sophomores looking to prep for fall PSAT and the summer before junior year.

## Course Description:

- The tuition is based on a per/student cost. Tuition = \$300
- Classroom preparation course for the convenience of NAHS students will begin 4-5 weeks before scheduled test dates, and end within one week of the test.
- Content: All problem types found in the Math and Verbal sections of the SAT/PSAT
- Length: 24 hrs of classroom instruction + 12 hours of practice exams =36 hours total.
- Small Classes: 18 students maximum; 13 students minimum.
- Materials: (Included in tuition) Verbal and Math student manual, 10 real SATs, Hit Parade Workbook, & PSAT supplement
- Full-Length Practice Exams: Four proctored administrations under actual SAT/PSAT conditions, computer scored and analyzed. Three online tests are also available; ability to input answers from paper-and-pencil test students take home and have their score computed immediately. Diagnostic reports are provided.
- Access Award Winning Web Site: <http://www.princetonreview.com> contains extensive information on colleges, financial aid, admissions, and deadline dates of major universities; access to more than 30 hours of online review modules with ability to benchmark where you are and return at a later time.
- Online Student Center: Contact information for teachers, countdown to test day, and SAT tip of the day.
- Online Help: Access FAQ database, the teacher's email address, or online student discussion groups.
- Instructors: All instructors are hired, trained and supervised by The Princeton Review.

Based on the number of persons responding to this opportunity, further information will be provided. Do not forget to complete the interest form below and have your child return it to the Guidance Center drop box or email your interest to Dr. K. Scruggs at [kscruggs@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:kscruggs@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

I am interested in enrolling my child in a Princeton Review Prep Course

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Partner in Excellence with NAHS After • School • Tutorial • Sponsor

Financial sponsorship will prove to be a significant role in helping make scholastic challenges easier for our young people and provide each of them a deserved opportunity to establish a level of excellence for a life of continued learning. Please Partner in Education Excellence with us to help make academic life successful for these students at North Atlanta High School.

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PTSA recognition event
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