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# highlights

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*Wrestling coach,  
Jerry Rickerson,  
working out in the  
weight room with  
a member of his  
team.*

## NAHS hosts international students

Outside of being a campus with diverse cultural representation from our area, North Atlanta is hosting several international students, including Sebastian

Jager, Souren Vardanyants, Roman Sasik, Kesinya Kozlovskaya and Georg Parma.



*Left to right: Sebastian Jager, Souren Vardanyants, Roman Sasik, Kesinya Kozlovskaya, Georg Parma and Dr. Douglas Frutiger.*

**Sebastian is from Anrochte, Germany.** He is 17 years old and has a younger brother, Dominic. Sebastian likes computers, reading, soccer and table tennis. He is also interested in economics, politics and history. He has traveled in Europe and the US.

**Souren is from Yerevan, Armenia** and he is 15 years old. Souren has a sister, Ann. He also likes table tennis. He likes to hang out with friends, roller-skate, cycling and play video games.

**Roman is from Prague, Czech Republic,** and he is 17 years old. He likes skateboarding and snowboarding. His favorite subject at North Atlanta is English literature and he hopes to improve his English while in the US this year.

**Kseniya is from Ust-Kamenoorsk, Kazakhstan** and is 16 years old. She is a very busy student at home and enjoys playing the piano.

**Georg is from Uedem, Germany** and is 17 years old. His hobbies include playing and coaching handball, listening to classical music and visiting old castles, houses, and museums. He has a brother 19 years old and a sister 22 years old.

Dr. Douglas Frutiger is Coordinator of the Center for International Studies. Each student is staying with a family in the North Atlanta area. We are very glad to have you here at NAHS and hope your year will be educational and enjoyable!

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# International Student Exchange Program

The Atlanta Public Schools sponsors a program for rising Juniors called International Student Exchange Program. Students travel to England, Japan, and France for 10 days to 2 weeks. They stay with a host family and attend school with their host brother or sister while learning a great deal about the culture, language and people of the country they visit.

that through all of our differences we all managed to be the same. We are just teenagers trying to love life, get along with parents and do well in school. We were different but so much alike

and I am appreciative of all those who helped me gain the experience of a lifetime.”

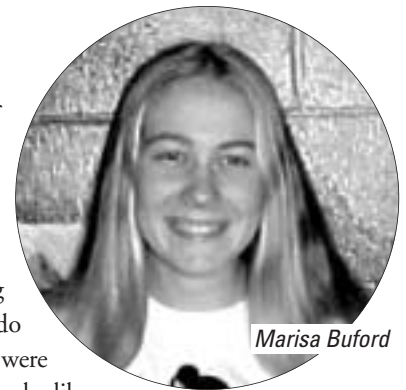


Rian McDonald

**Rian McDonald** and **Latonya Moore**

traveled to Manchester, England.

**Marisa Buford** took the long trip to Fukuoka, Japan. Here is Rian’s impression: “I was a Student Ambassador to Manchester, England. The cultural diversity I experienced while living there will forever be etched in my memory. I had the opportunity to experience their culture and I also saw how American culture has so strongly influenced other nations. I saw



Marisa Buford



Latonya Moore

*I saw that through all of our differences we all managed to be the same. We are just teenagers trying to love life, get along with parents and do well in school.*

## Korean students at North Atlanta



**John Pollock**, a NAHS

11th grader is currently studying in China under the School Year Abroad program. He will be sending weekly messages about his experience that will be posted on our website. These should be very interesting and entertaining! You can find them through a link on the Center for International Studies page.

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The fabulous International Night will be on Feb. 27th, 2003! Once again, International Night is being held on opening night of the spring Performing Arts production of “The Good Times Are Killing Me.” Students or parents interested in participating, planning or being part of the clean-up committee should see Charlotte Holland in the International Studies Office. Please check our website for more details as the date draws near.

### ISRAELI EXCHANGE

The Israeli Exchange is scheduled for March 16 - 23. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact Charlotte Holland in our International Studies office.

## International Baccalaureate testing

Most of us have figured out the course requirements for the International Baccalaureate Diploma, but the test requirement can sometimes be a mystery. Hopefully the following explanation will clear up some confusion.

- Students must take 6 formal exams, which consist mostly of essay and document-based questions. Three of these exams must be for higher-level (2 year) courses: Literature, History, and Foreign Language. Three of the exams can be in lower-level (1 year) courses: usually Math, Science, and Economics.
- Students only take two of these exams their Junior year, usually Math and Science. The other four exams are taken in their Senior year.
- Most of these exams have an internal assessment component, where work completed during the course is turned in for grading with the formal exam.
- The exams are evaluated around the world depending on their language and subject matter. The total points possible for any single exam (including the internal assessment) is 7 points.
- As part of the Theory of Knowledge course, an Extended Essay is also submitted for grading with a possible 3 points.
- To earn the IB diploma, the candidate must earn a total of 24 points out of the 45 possible.

Each year the majority of our I.B. Diploma Candidates achieve the Diploma, many with rather remarkable scores. The vast majority of those Candidates who fail to earn the Diploma typically have achieved a total of 22 or 23 points. Had they put a little more effort into studying, been a little more patient with their exams or done a somewhat better job of their TOK essays or their Extended Essay, the Diploma would have been theirs. For ultimately the International Baccalaureate Diploma is truly achievable by every student willing to put out the effort to earn it. In the end it is far more a test of character than it is a test of intelligence or ability.

For more information on the Requirements for Achieving the International Baccalaureate Diploma, please refer to the new Overview statement on our website.

### IB Junior Parents' Book Club

**This fall a group of parents formed a book club, to study the books assigned to our students in the Junior IB Literature class. We've been trying to adhere to our students' reading schedule so we're available to discuss these books with our students, and after their test we've met with Yvonne McVann and John Denine for our group discussion. We had a great time with Walden and The Scarlet Letter, and are now reading The Great Gatsby, which we'll discuss in mid January. If you're interested in joining our group, contact Ms. McVann or Holly Kelly so we can keep you posted on future meetings.**

## Mr. Maze: Teacher of the year

Michael S. Maze is a native of New Orleans. He is a graduate of Southern University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration with minor in Economics. He completed a post-baccalaureate program in Secondary Business Education, with a minor in education, as well. At the University of Northern Iowa, he obtained a Masters of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Secondary Principalship. From the University of Sarasota, he has a Specialist in Education (Ed.S.).

Mr. Maze worked as corporate trainer for Nextel Communication and as an educator with the East Baton Rouge Public School system, where he taught 7th and 8th grade. He is a member of the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church and is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. Currently, he resides in Ellenwood, GA. He enjoys talking to people, watching mobster movies and enjoys any aspect of the Performing Arts. He plays the trumpet.

Mr. Maze has this to say about his beliefs:

"My philosophy of teaching is strongly tied to my philosophy on life, which is 'to do all I can, while I can for God and my fellow man'. My desire to teach is rooted in the belief that children are the future, and if they are taught well, they will be prepared to take their rightful place in society. Therefore, I teach to the best of my ability because I want my students to be able to competently take care of themselves. I hope that the knowledge and skills I teach will provide every child with a sense of pride, dignity, self-respect and complete autonomy over his or her life. I try to accommodate all students and their individual learning styles. [My] lessons are created and modified to gain the maximum potential of every student. I demand excellence of my students. Just as I place high demands on myself, I expect all my students to perform at or above their maximum potential. I instill in them that there is no failure in my class. My students must try and this expectation is not negotiable! I encourage my students to believe that they are the best regardless of their appearance, socio-economic status, and sexual orientation. We all must respect diversity and the willingness for others to gain an appropriate education."

What inspired Mr. Maze to teach?

"Unfortunately, there are many students who lack direction, love, initiative and support. Becoming a teacher provided me an opportunity to serve children in a capacity that other professions cannot. I was inspired to teach by the practices of other great teachers, which confirmed my innate desire to teach. For as long as I can remember, I've always wanted to teach! I wanted to touch lives and help people learn. This desire surfaced because of the respect for education and teachers my parents instilled in me."

"My greatest contribution to education is my commitment to the students and parents I serve. Indeed, imparting knowledge and skills can be a very laborious task; however, I must commit to the mission and vision of saving every child and "Leaving no child behind." I am committed to being present daily, presenting lessons that will challenge, excite and compliment my students and build a collaborative working relationship with parents and the community. I agree with the African proverb, which states, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." By committing to cultivating healthy relationships between the school and community, I strongly believe that I can make a difference in the life of child. For, when you change the life of a child, you change the world forever."

# Reflections



Students responded to “Reflections” in an overwhelming way with dozens of submissions. The only category that didn’t have submissions was music. The art work has been posted in the Media Center. Reflections offered many students an opportunity to showcase their skills and talents and also share a part of themselves with the school. Several students said that they had not been involved in any other school related program before. The students were proud, but even more, all of us were extremely proud of them! *A special thanks Jan Willadsen and Cheryl Mybro for all of their efforts in coordinating such a professional and rewarding event.*

## REFLECTIONS WINNERS

- VISUAL ART** **First Place and BEST OF SHOW:**  
Justin Fong Borden and Kate Siegel  
*(second and first were a tie — no second in visual art)*
- PHOTOGRAPHY** **First Place:** Mary Mattimoe
- LITERATURE** **First Place:** Amber Suitt  
**Second Place:** Mina Rasheed
- MUSIC** **First Place:** Ari Gordin

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

- Shahreen Sultana
- Nicole Grasseschi
- Carrie Stuart
- Miracle Mosley
- Ashley Yieldings
- Marino Simon
- Andrea Gill
- Tia Alase
- Jose Vallecillos Martinez

# Handel's Messiah performed

The APS Center for the Performing Arts presented a wonderful holiday program on December 10 in the sanctuary of our business partner, Northside United Methodist Church. The program was opened with the first public performance of our new Bell Choir, under the direction of Ella Lewis, performing "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Carol of the Bells." "Handel's Messiah" was presented by members of the Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Chamber Orchestra. The Mass Chorale was directed by Rushia Evans and included faculty members Ella Lewis on the Harpsichord and Janine Parnell on violin. Vocal soloist included students Jenna Campbell, Garrett Campbell, Michelle Patrick, and Zorica Pavlovic, and alumnae Zipporah Gibbs, Nathaniel Shropshire, and Jacqueline Blackwell. Ismail Akbar was the featured cello soloist. This performance featured the truly professional quality of our Performing Arts program, and was greatly enjoyed by all.



*ROTC collecting for the Empty Stocking Fund for the Holidays*



NAHS students are gearing up for winter sports



Visit our Website for ALL sports calendars  
[www.northatlantahigh.org](http://www.northatlantahigh.org)

# TIPS, TIDBITS and Coming Events for Seniors

From the Counseling Center

## Saturday Session for Seniors to Begin

Beginning Saturday, November 23, 2002 and on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays through March, Mrs. Grimes will be available in the College and Career Room between 9:00-11:30am to assist Seniors and their parents in preparing for college, technical school or employment after graduation.

If you would like help obtaining or completing applications for schools or SAT/ACT tests, or learning about careers and training programs or how to do scholarship searches, come see us. Thanks to parent volunteers who will also be available to help on many Saturdays: Khadijah Abdur Rahman, Andrella Baylis, Betty Dukes, Lorraine Edwards and Vernon Myrick.

A bus will run to North Atlanta from the Lindberg Station on Saturdays during the morning hours. Please come! There are opportunities for every student to be successful after high school.

## SAT/ACT Registration

Seniors should have taken the SAT and/or ACT by December 7th at the latest if they wish to apply for colleges that have January deadlines. All seniors

who plan to attend a college in the Fall should take the test(s) in Jan. if they haven't already done so.

SAT registration should be done on line since we have very few hard copies left. It can be done without using a credit card; the College Board will bill you. Remaining SAT test dates are January 25, April 5, May 3 and June 7.

ACT applications are available in the Counseling Center. Remaining test dates are: February 8, April 12 and June 14.

Financial Aid Workshop, January 22, 2003, 7:00 pm in the Theater.

Learn about the HOPE scholarship how and when to complete the FAFSA for 2003-2004 from a representative of the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

## From the Scholarship Committee Scholarship Information Available

Please be informed that the Scholarship Committee has developed and implemented a procedure for applying for college scholarships. There is a weekly bulletin of scholarship information posted in every senior homeroom and in the senior

English classrooms. Senior English teachers have scholarship information/applications to distribute to students; however, it is the responsibility of the students to express interest and obtain the necessary forms for application.

Announcements for these opportunities are made by the English teachers every Monday and Tuesday during class. They are also announced over the PA during homeroom. There is also scholarship information, including a list of websites that can be found on the North Atlanta website. In addition, there are website bookmarks available on all of the computers in the media center. As well, there is a large poster of the scholarship bulletin that is posted on the 1st floor, near the Performing Arts Office.

In most cases, the applications must be submitted to the committee to be reviewed for nomination. Deadlines, and contact persons are clearly outlined in the bulletin.

Please encourage your seniors to pursue these opportunities and be mindful of deadlines. There is money out there, but we have to grab it! Remember, freshmen year in college is soon approaching.

## PTSA Membership Update — Prizes Awarded!!

We had 11 family winners at the Nov. 19th PTSA meeting whose names were drawn from the group that joined the PTSA by Oct. 31. They won one of the following gifts: a \$25 Gift Certificate to the Container Store; a \$25 Gift Certificate to Outback Steakhouse; a \$50 Gift Certificate to Cheyenne Grill; a Gift Certificate for a Family Dinner for Three at Boston Market; or a gift bag from Phipps Plaza with \$56 worth of items in it. Thanks and congratulations to our winners!! A separate drawing for teachers who joined by Oct. 31st will be done at an upcoming faculty meeting.

As of Nov. 22nd, 200 families and 54 faculty members joined and paid or donated a total of \$9,245; however, our goal is a minimum of \$15,000. Please support NAHS PTSA with a \$10 membership — and if possible, a donation in any amount. Remember that your PTSA funds the Student Directory, this monthly Newsletter, Teacher Appreciation events, Teacher Grants, the spring Honors Banquet, Senior Activities, Website maintenance, and much more. We can only do more if more of you join. **And don't forget — a donation presents a great opportunity for a tax deduction!**

Use the form below, or get a PTSA envelope in the main office, or use your own. Be sure to write your family name, student name(s), homeroom number(s) and teacher(s) on the envelope and return it to the main office administrators. Thank you.

— Judy Bozarth, NAHS PTSA Membership Chair; 404-364-0813; jsbozarth@prodigy.net

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
YEARLY DUES: \$10.00 ADD'L DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please include any necessary employer forms and give or mail to:

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## 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 and phone number for any clarification needed, with the basic information of who, what, when, where and why. The NAHS Newsletter focuses on the achievements of NAHS students, faculty and staff, including academic and extracurricular activities.

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## December

- 2-3 Reflections: deadline for school competition
- 3 Piano Recital, 7pm
- 4 Piano Recital, 7pm
- 5 Dance Show w/ Jazz Band, 7:30pm
- 7 SAT @ NAHS
- 9 Orchestra Boosters meeting @ 7pm
- 10 Messiah, 7pm
- 14 ACT @ NAHS
- 17 Winter Assembly, 2:15pm
- 17 PTSA meeting, Media Center @ 7 pm
- 18 Final Exams: 1, 3, & 7
- 19 Final Exams: 2, 4, & 6
- 20 Final Exams: 5
- 23-Jan 6 WINTER HOLIDAYS (return January 7)

## January 2003

- 7 TUESDAY: FIRST DAY OF SECOND SEMESTER
- 7 GA Math League test
- 10 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. Stone Mountain, 5:30
- 11 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. South Atlanta, 2:30
- 13 Orchestra Boosters meeting, 7pm
- 14 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. Clarkston, 5:30
- 15 NAPPS @ Morris Brandon, noon
- 17 School Dance
- 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

- 21 PTSA meeting, 7pm
- 25 SAT @ NAHS
- 27 - 31 Boys Soccer Tryouts
- 28 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. Westlake, 5:30
- 31 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. Druid Hills, 5:30
- 31 Senior Showcase, 7pm, Shaw Theater

## February

- 1 Varsity Basketball Home Game vs. Mcnair, 2:30
- 7-Mar Boys Soccer Tryouts
- 4 GA Math League test
- 8 ACT @ NAHS
- 10 Orchestra Boosters meeting, 7pm
- 12 NAPPS, 7pm
- 13 Senior Dance Showcase
- 17 PRESIDENTS' DAY - NO SCHOOL
- 18 PTSA meeting, 7pm

## Upcoming NAPPS Meetings

**January 15 - 12 Noon** - Morris Brandon Elem.

**February 12 - 7:00pm** - at the home of Scotland & Peggy Wright - **Dr. Beverly Hall will join us for an informal evening with dessert and coffee**

**March 12 - 12 Noon** - E. Rivers

**April 16 - 12 Noon** - Garden Hills (newly renovated!)

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NORTHATLANTAHIGH.ORG FOR AN EXTENDED CALENDAR**

**DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: January 20**

**Submit information and articles by placing in the PTSA mailbox in the office, or by emailing to [ellasanders123@aol.com](mailto:ellasanders123@aol.com)**



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