When I pulled up to school this morning, the big wreath that adorns our school was up and ready to greet the students and staff. The holiday season is upon us at New Haven High School. Both the inside and outside of our school have been transformed in a way that is only seen during this winter season. A big thank you to the many students and staff that spent their time decorating the halls and classrooms for the holidays. The school looks fantastic! I want to take this opportunity to wish the families in our school and community a joyful holiday season. The time before Christmas break was very busy for our students as they completed finals and ECA testing.

Parents thank you for helping us keep your students focused as the final weeks of the semester concluded. Please continue to play a significant role as we move forward into the next semester. I hope that our students take winter break to rest and recharge and come back ready to dive into the second semester and finish strong. We are providing additional support for our students including study tables and after school tutoring to help insure successful students. It is always our goal to work closely with our students and community.

Thank you, as always, for allowing me to be your fearless leader. Remember “Promote Respect, Foster Pride, and Inspire Excellence.”

Looking forward to a terrific year,

Mr. Mohler
CROWN JEWEL MOMENTS

Several student groups at New Haven High School worked on community service projects this year. As the Christmas season approached, they decided to "Adopt" several families in need in our community. The students all felt great about being able to give back to the community.

Senior Defensive Back Tremon Jackson and Junior Running Back NiShawn Jones were selected to the Indiana Football Coaches Association 4A All-state football Team. This one of the BIGGEST awards a High School player can be awarded.

Deric Laurent signed a letter of intent for Indiana Wesleyan University for Track and Cross Country. Deric holds the school record for the 5,000 with a time of 15:34, is 1st team all Northeast 8, 1st Team all State, 4A runner IATCCC, and placed 35th at this years state cross county meet. Deric helped lead the cross country team to both Sectional and Regional Championships this year. He was named the team’s most valuable runner for the last 3 seasons.

Softball standout Hadley Decker signed with Anderson University. In addition to playing softball, Hadley is an honor roll student, a member of National Honor Society, Freshman mentor, a member of student council, and is also a member of the Volleyball team. Hadley was also nominated for the WPTA Scholar Athlete Award.

Cross country standouts Deric Laurent, Paige Boatright and Josh Hiatt were honored. Deric was named to 4A first team All state by Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches. Paige and Josh were both named to All-State Honorable Mention! In addition to being outstanding athletes, all three are excellent students!

Kayla Osborne placed 3rd and former NHHS student Abby Hamlin placed 2nd in their division. Both students attended the State Special Olympics STATE competition for Bowling.

Academic All State New Haven High School:

Hadley Decker, volleyball, Austin Blanton, soccer, Pedro Castaneda, soccer, Devin Dubbelde, soccer, Natalie Close, soccer

Owen Doster has moved into 11th place for all time wins at NHHS. He achieved his 100th win on the December 3rd.

Rachel Kitzmiller’s essay about her dream career was selected by the JA career Success Program. Due to the generosity of the Schwab Foundation, she will receive a $100 cash prize. She will also receive a job shadowing experience. Rachel wrote about wanting to become an physician’s assistant.
E-learning Review

With winter weather around the corner please take a few minutes to review the EACS E-learning Plan.

It is EACS’s expectation that each student will be able to connect to his/her teacher’s eLearning opportunities. Please let your student's teacher or principal know if you need further assistance or clarification on accessing your student’s eLearning content. It is our priority to make this learning opportunity succeed for EACS students. EACS welcomes parents in joining their child on their eLearning experience.

EACS HELP direct line is 260-446-0257

Ten items for students and parents regarding eLearning:

1. Each building will practice an eLearning day(s) as scheduled by the building principal prior to December 11.

2. The first cancellation of the year will be made up on President’s Day (which, currently, is a non-attendance day), Monday, February 15th, and will be a student attendance day.

3. The first official eLearning day will be determined after the first cancellation day.

4. Teachers will email eLearning instructions home to parents, and/or post those instructions on Canvas “Announcements”. All eLearning assignments will posted by 9:00 a.m. of the weather-induced eLearning day.

5. eLearning material assigned by teachers will cover content that would have been addressed if school were in session, continuing the classroom momentum into the weather-induced eLearning day.

6. The student’s responsibility is to complete and turn in any assigned/graded material within five school days after students return, excluding weekends and holidays. Example: If school is cancelled on Tuesday and students return on Wednesday, eLearning work is due the following Tuesday (five school days later).

7. If a student does not participate in eLearning, they will be marked with an “unexcused absence” unless a valid excuse is given to the school for the missed eLearning days.

8. Teachers will be accessible using an online platform during the weather-induced eLearning day from 9:00 to 3:00 to answer student questions. Teachers are encouraged to use Canvas/Compass Odyssey, or email, and to check in with Discussions/Messages on Canvas or Compass Odyssey, or email.

9. EACS schools will have a computer lab open before or after school for the five days after an eLearning day. (These times will be determined by each school)

10. A School Messenger will be sent from Dr. Folks

Snow Day Preparations-
Seniors Reminder about a few items happening —

- College and Universities are sending representatives to visit students here at New Haven High School. Check out the Guidance page on our website to see a full list of date and times of when they are visiting.

- Seniors remember to order your transcript through Parchment.com to send to College/Universities. Counselors were in your classrooms to remind you of this; but if you still need help, stop by the Guidance office for more info.

- Start work on your FAFSA form and compile tax information. The FAFSA cannot be sent before January 1, 2016, because it is based on 2015 income taxes. It must be received by March 10th, 2016. Without submitting this form, you will not be eligible for state or federal grant money or loans. You must file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Keep a copy for your records.

- Attend the FAFSA Financial Aid Day with your parents. Date will be announced in the guidance newsletter posted on the NHHS website. Date will be in February.

- Continue to check for scholarships.

- Complete your FAFSA. Remember that you and a parent must have a pin number to sign electronically. It must be submitted by March 10th, 2016. Keep a copy for your records. Continue to check for scholarships. Colleges should be sending you letters of acceptance. Begin to finalize selections and plans .

Contact your students Guidance Counselor for any questions or concerns with your student.

Counselor—Ms. O’Donoghue (9th grade, ESL, Special Ed students)  446-0220 x7209

Mrs. Gepfert—10, 11, 12th grade students with last name A-L  x7208

Mrs. Wallace—10, 11, 12th grade student with last name M-Z  x7214
When I arrive at school after the Thanksgiving holiday and the Christmas wreath has been hung on the face of New Haven High School, my spirits are lifted; and I am put in the holiday mood. That simple wreath transforms New Haven High School to show the community its Holiday spirit. To many in the community, the Christmas wreath on the front of the school is a sign that the holiday season has arrived.

This year I had the privilege of watching the process of hanging the 25 year old wreath on the front of NHHS. The Friday after Thanksgiving break, with the help of 12 students, two teachers, and three very long, heavy ropes, the lighted annual tradition took about 40 min to get into place. When you have time in the evening, take a drive by and enjoy.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Students and Staff of New Haven High
The JAG class had their annual Initiation and Installation banquet on October 22 at Link’s Wonderland. Principal Greg Mohler was a guest speaker and Assistant Principal Ann Murphy received a dozen roses for her outstanding support to JAG students in Math.

On October 23 the JAG officers attended the JAG Region 3 Leadership Development Conference at the Summit Training Center in Fort Wayne. Students participated in leadership skills activities and heard from motivational speakers. Attendees were Bry Kelso, President, DawnJanai Lee, VP Leadership, Ja’Nyia Grundy, Secretary, Bessie Armstrong, VP Community Service and Ja’Kyia Grundy, VP Civic Awareness.

Indiana Tech, along with Fort Wayne City council members Dr. John Crawford, Geoff Paddock, and Glen Hines, generously sponsored New Haven High School Jag student Brya Kelso on her trip to Washington D.C. Due to the generous sponsorship Brya, a Senior and NHHS JAG President of the Career association, attended the JAG national Student Leadership Conference held December 2nd thru December 6th 2015. Students representing JAG schools from across America attended this leadership development conference in Washington DC. They attended leadership workshops, had tours of Washington DC monuments including the Lincoln Monument, Dr. Martin Luther King Monument and the Smithsonian Institute.

Thank you Indiana Tech and City Council Members for making this possible.
Francine’s Friends Mobile Mammography Unit is returning to EACS. This is a wonderful and convenient service offered to EACS and to our community by Parkview Hospital.

Parkview recommends women have an annual mammogram beginning at age 40. Women 35 and older, who are not experiencing any problems with their breasts, can get a screening mammogram on the coach.

All participants must have a family physician as the screening report is sent to the physician.

For participants that have insurance, their insurance company will be billed. For those that have EACS Group Health Insurance, Mammograms will be considered as a wellness benefit, covered at 100%.

NO ONE will be turned away for inability to pay. Francine’s Friends has funding available and a donation toward the cost of the mammogram is welcome.

2016 screening schedule:

- January 11 (Monday) – Cedarville Elementary School
- January 15 (Friday) – Paul Harding Jr/EAU
- January 25 (Monday) – New Haven High School
- March 21 (Monday) – Leo Jr-Sr High School
- April 18 (Monday) – Woodlan K-12 Campus
- May 4 (Friday) – Heritage K-12 Campus

Appointments may be scheduled in by calling (260) 483-1847 or (800) 727-8439, ext. 26540.