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Get to Know Our Faculty

Mrs. Katherine Bonner Branch first thought of becoming a teacher in high school. Her high school English teacher told her, "I can see you teaching. You have what it takes to be a good teacher."

After graduating from Mary Persons High School in 1991, Mrs. Branch attended Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. For a brief few semesters, she thought of becoming a journalist and even interned at a local newspaper, but upon beginning student teaching, she knew teaching was her true calling.

She interviewed at the Houston County Job Fair at HCHS, and there she met Mr. Dyson. After an interview at Northside and multiple phone calls, Mr. Dyson offered her a job one week before her college graduation.

Her first year of teaching was 1995-1996, and that year she taught Ninth Grade Literature, American Literature, and British Literature, and she also co-sponsored the Debate team. As the years passed, Mrs. Branch went on to sponsor Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), the sophomore class, the yearbook, the newspaper, and the Senior Class. One of her favorite things is to help guide and facilitate students' plans for events and their lives. All of these sponsorships enabled her to get to know students and parents on a more personal level. The year 2000 was a big year for Mrs. Branch. First, she graduated with a Masters in English from Georgia College and State University. After graduation she

married John Branch, her high school sweetheart. Having completed two enlistments with the United States Army, he enrolled at Macon State to finish his degree in Information Technology. After he finished his degree, he went to work on Robins Air Force Base.

In 2006, they were blessed with a daughter, Jena Katherine, and in 2010 with a son, James Richard, J.R. for short. Jena is an eighth grader at Northside Middle and cannot wait to get to Northside and be a part of the exceptional chorus and drama programs. J.R. is a third grader at Miller Elementary and hopes to keep honing his Super Mario skills for many years.

Mrs. Branch has served as a reader for the A.P. English Literature examination for the last two years and is also the department chair for the English Department. She was also selected as the 2014-2015 Northside High School and Houston County Teacher of the Year. After 24 years of teaching, all at Northside, she is still enjoying her students and has felt renewed in her teaching through her work with all of the great faculty at Northside and in Houston County.

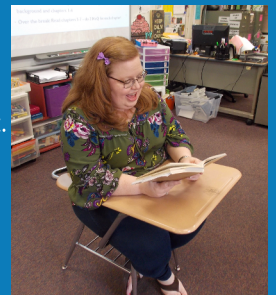
CONGRATULATIONS TO MITCHELL UPSHAW

Congratulations to Mitchell Upshaw on being named the Northside High School Optimist Student of the Month for October. Mitchell is now eligible for Student of the year which will be announced in April.



Senior Class Events

November 11th-12th- Graduation Invitation and Cap & Gown Orders During Lunch



NHS DECA Helps to Welcome Families Served by Jay's Hope

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and Northside High DECA helped welcome families served by Jay's Hope to the Northside vs Peach County football game on August 31. Upon entering the stadium, the families were served pizza provided by DECA members, and then were recognized on the track before the game. NHS has been a long-time supporter of the fight against childhood cancer and Jay's Hope, an organization that helps serve the needs of families and children battling the disease.



Northside Student Wins Art Awards

Northside High School freshman Jackson Traugh won three awards at the art competition held at the Georgia National Fair. Jackson placed 1st in Pen Art for 9th and 10th graders and 2nd place in 3-D Art and Painted Wood Work.



NHS Pink Out

Northside's Junior Optimist Club will be hosting the Pink Out game Nov 1. All of the proceeds from our One Team, One Dream, One Fight shirts will be split between Jay's Hope and Relay for Life. Shirts are available for purchase in the Eagle Exchange, or at the Touchdown Club meetings each Monday at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Junior Optimists will also be providing concession workers for the Optimist Bowl, Nov 2.



School Meal Data

A study was recently conducted in Houston County of the effects of students who began eating breakfast at school prior to not eating and found that students who began eating breakfast at school grew academically at a rate 18% higher than those students who did not eat breakfast at school, had a 14% higher attendance rate, and had 21% less discipline referrals. Food for thought: all students at Northside have access to free breakfast and lunch. This resource has been found to increase attendance and academic performance, and lower discipline referrals. Please encourage your children to eat both breakfast and lunch.

Softball Reaches State Playoffs

Congratulations to the Lady Eagles softball team, and coach Kylie McHugh for qualifying for the GHSA state playoffs.



Volleyball Reaches State Playoffs

Congratulations to the Lady Eagles volleyball team and Coach Mollie Jones for qualifying for the GHSA state playoffs. Special congratulations to senior Madison Lamontagne for receiving All-Region Honors.



AFJROTC Excels in Inspection

On October 24th, the Northside High School AFJROTC received their unit inspection and achieved "Exceeds Standards". The unit receives this inspection every three years and "Exceeds Standards" is the highest rating a unit can receive.



Cross Country Has Successful Season

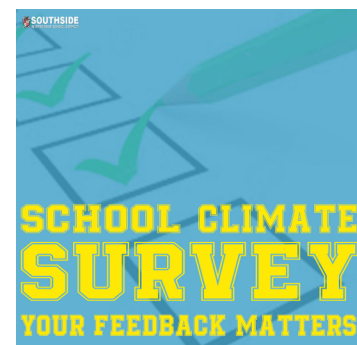
Congratulations to the NHS Cross Country Team for a good season. Special congratulations to the boys team for their 3rd place finish at the 1-AAAAAA Region Meet, and Penelope Jackson, who individually qualified for state with a 6th place finish.



School Climate Survey

Attached is a link for the 2019-2020 Northside High School School Climate Survey. Please take a few minutes and provide us with some feedback. We value your input and will use the results to improve our practices.

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>



Chick-fil-A Leader Academy

The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a year-long program open to all students at Northside High School. The program prepares students to be effective and impactful leaders. Each student in the academy is referred to as "leader " and is taught, encouraged, and expected to make an "Impact Through Action". The program features monthly leader labs that focus on core leadership principles and culminates in an impact project. Leader Academy focuses on the following leadership characteristics: Vision and Values, Servant Leadership, Teamwork, Communication, Innovation, and Impact. Our Leader Academy Coordinators are Dr. Fielding and Dr. Woolfolk. Our Chick-fil-A sponsor is Mr. Pat Braski.

Chick-Fil-a Leaders

Zykerria Sherman

Estrella Marcelo

Cody Halsell

Jordan Brown

Samiya Dent

Gwendolyn Smith

Adam Lemond

Niyah Spivey

Ah'kyra Jackson

Abigail Emery

Stevie Nelson

Tim Johansen

Emily Cohen

Nicholas Blanchard

Annaliese Jackson

Autumn Davis

Ceniah Arline

Morgan Willis

Afton Ruffin

Niyati Patel

Leeza Brown

Amijah Rawls

Shyteria Waters

Lania Golden

Alanie Nelson

Jasmine Joseph

Mikayla Dotson

Mackenzie Dotson

Samantha Stewart

Brianna Foust



1-ACT PLACES 2ND AT REGION COMPETITION

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the NHS 1-Act for their 2nd place finish at the 1-AAAAAA Region Competition with their rendition of the musical *Urine Town*. Geni Harris and Javion Waters won All Star Cast, Breanna Green was named Best Supporting Actress, Hannah Peterson was named Best Lead Actress, and Bryan Avila was named Best Lead Actor.



FCCLA Fundraiser

Drive a Ford Day!

Sponsored by NHS **FCCLA**



FCCLA receives \$20 per test drive. NO PRESSURE TO BUY!

- Saturday November 16, 2019
- 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- 401 S. Davis DR, Warner Robins, GA (The MAC)
- Must be 18 years old to participate. Only one driver per family
- Come out and support NHS **FCCLA**!

Kinship Support Group

Houston County Kinship Caregiver Support Group

Kinship Caregiver Support Group is for caregivers who are raising another person's child (grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friend, etc)
We understand that raising another generation can be difficult. Come and enjoy the discussions with other families experiencing similar situations and build a network of support as we educate ourselves.
Children Activities/Tutoring help is available on site for children over 3 years old.

Meetings:

September 19, October 17,
November 14, December 19

Northside High School Media Center

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Dinner Served 5:30pm – 5:50pm

Networking and Speakers 6:00 – 7:00

Children are welcome to attend activities and homework help will be available.

You MUST RSVP your attendance to

Tarah Faiella tarah.faiella@hcbg.net

Jalaysia Malloy jalaysia.malloy@dhs.ga.gov



Northside High School Hall of Fame

Northside High School seeks nominees for its second annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This Hall of Fame recognizes, preserves and promotes Northside's heritage and traditions by honoring the contributions and accomplishments of individuals associated with the school.

Northside High Principal Dr. Jody Dean commented, "With so many exceptional Northside alumni, staff and contributors, we are looking forward to the opportunity to recognize their many accomplishments through this Hall of Fame."

Alumni, retired faculty members and contributors may be nominated for the Hall of Fame. Prior to nomination, alumni must have graduated a minimum of 10 years prior and retired faculty must have been retired for at least five years. Contributors sought are those who have volunteered at the schools over the years. The selection committee will consider accomplishments, special honors, impact and achievements.

The deadline for nomination is Nov. 30, 2019. The induction ceremony will be held March 21, 2020. For the online application, click on <http://bit.ly/NHSHallofFame>



Upcoming Events

NHS Events

November 4th-8th- Post-Secondary Options Week
November 5th- 12 Week Progress Reports Go Home
November 11th- Veterans Day (Student Holiday)
November 14th- Thanksgiving Lunch at School
November 14th- STEM Night
November 19th- AFJROTC Blood Drive (Multi-Purpose Room)
November 21st- ASVAB (Media Center)
November 25th-29th- Thanksgiving Break (Student Holiday)

Special Recognition Dates

November- Georgia Apply to College Month; Parent Engagement Month
November 3rd- Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
November 4th- Custodian Appreciation Day
November 5th- Election Day
November 11th-15th- School Psychology Awareness Week

Athletic Schedules

Football

Varsity

November 1st- vs. Valdosta (Pink Out Game)- 7:30
November 8th- vs. Houston County (Senior Night)- 7:30

Girls Basketball

Varsity

November 11th- vs. Crisp (Scrimmage)- 5:00
November 16th- vs. Upson-Lee- 2:00
November 19th- @ Peach- 6:00
November 23rd- @ Bleckley- 2:30
November 25-26- Turkey Day Shootout (Shaw
High School, Columbus)- TBA
November 30th- @ Perry- 2:30

JV

November 16th- vs. Upson-Lee- 11:30
November 23rd- @ Bleckley- 11:30
November 30th- @ Perry- 11:30

Boys Basketball

Varsity

November 11th- vs. Crisp (Scrimmage)- 6:30
November 16th- vs. Upson-Lee- 4:00
November 19th- @ Peach- 7:30
November 23rd- @ Bleckley- 4:00
November 30th- @ Perry- 4:00

JV

November 16th- vs. Upson-Lee- 1:00
November 23rd- @ Bleckley- 1:00
November 30th- @ Perry- 1:00