

# Bear Facts Update



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January 2015

## Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Happy New Year! It is my hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday break that was filled with family, friends, and great memories. As we begin a new semester, there are a few items to bring to your attention.

First, the week of February 23 will begin the new state testing for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The freshmen students will take tests in English, Algebra or Geometry, and Physical Science. Sophomore students will take a test in American History while seniors will take U.S. Government only if they have the government course during second semester.

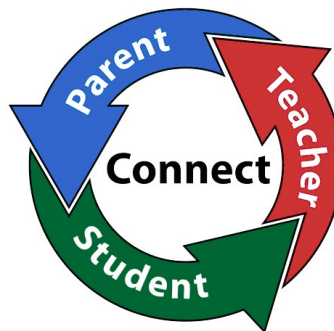
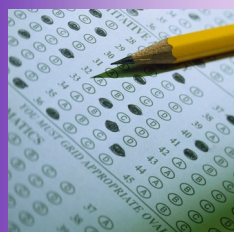
Second, NRHS is about to begin student course registration. Students in grades 9-11 will schedule for next year's courses on Wednesday, January 28. Please touch base with your student(s) concerning courses, so that they choose appropriately.

Third, Mr. Bear will be February 4 at 7:00 PM in the PAC. This is an opportunity for junior male students to perform their talents in order to be crowned Mr. Bear. Over the last few years, this event has become extremely popular. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, this is a friendly reminder that Parent/Teacher conferences are February 5 from 4:30-7:30 PM. In addition, a presentation will be offered for the new College Credit Plus Program that is replacing Post-Secondary Option (PSEOP). The presentation will be February 5 at 6:30 PM in the PAC. Please plan to attend in order to touch base with your student's teachers.

Best wishes!

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## President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone – it's hard to believe the school year is half over! PTA volunteers have been hard at work around the school. We appreciate those who have been donating their time. Thanks to everyone who participated in our Craft Fair! It was a huge success and we made almost \$13,000! Our Craft Fair Vice Presidents, Julie Novak, Beth Knull, and Helena Johnson did a fantastic job by increased our crafters, attendance and space to exceed all expectations – thank you SO MUCH.

At our January PTA meeting we selected our Nominating Committee. The following people were voted in: Tricia Stanton, Tawny Zajc, Becky Cozzens, Lynn Twarog, Becky Humes and Beth Miller will be the alternate. The slate for the 2015-2016 year will be presented at our meeting in February and voted on at the March meeting. Please review the Executive Committee Positions Form included in this newsletter for information on the duties required for each position. If you are interested, submit the form by January 23, 2015. Forms may be returned to myself, a Nominating Committee member or placed in the NRHS PTA mailbox located at the high school.

I will be accepting nominations for the Ohio PTA Achievement Award. Candidates may be a community member, teacher, staff or parent who you feel deserves to be recognized for the outstanding job they do and for going the extra mile for our students. Please take the time and nominate them for this award. I will be accepting nominations until Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be voting at our March meeting and nominations will not be accepted from the floor. Please email or send me your nominations.

Thank you again for everything you do to make NRHS a great organization to support our students! Please feel free to contact me anytime. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the High School Community Room at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there!

Chris May  
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# Next Meeting



## Dates to Remember

- 1/21 – Registration materials distributed for 2015/16, 3<sup>rd</sup> period  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night re: scheduling, 7:00 pm, PAC  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Vision and Hearing Testing through January 26
- 1/22 – Student council Meeting, 2:30 pm, Media Center
- 1/23 – CVCC Field Trip rescheduled from January 7  
Deadline for local scholarships, 2:30 pm  
Report Cards Distributed
- 1/27 – Link Crew Activity, Freshmen and Leaders, 2<sup>nd</sup> period
- 1/28 – High School course registration all day during English classes
- 2/3 – Mr. Bear dress rehearsal, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, PAC
- 2/4 – Late Start, 8:45 am  
Mr. Bear Pageant, 7:00 pm, PAC
- 2/5 – Pride In Academics, 7:30 am, Community Room  
Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30 – 7:30 pm  
PSEOP Information, (Post Secondary Enrollment Option), 6:30 pm, PAC
- 2/9 – Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Room
- 2/10 – PTA Meeting, 9:30 am, Community Room
- 2/11 – HS & MS Jazz Band Concert, 7:00 pm, PAC
- 2/12 – Club Photo Day  
Student council Meeting, 2:30 pm, Media Center
- 2/16 – President's Day – No School
- 2/20 – Progress Reports Available
- 2/26 – District Early Release



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## NORTH ROYALTON HIGH SCHOOL

### PTA GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of the North Royalton High School PTA took place on Tuesday, January 13th, 2015 in the Community Room. Chris May called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chris welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes: Lynn Dorman:** Lynn Dorman stated that the minutes of the November meeting were published online. There were no corrections. The minutes will stand as published.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report: Regina Atkinson:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report: Becky Cozzens:** Becky Cozzens reported that the balance on hand is \$16,970.66. There weren't any questions. The Treasurer's report will be filed for financial review.

**Principal's Report: Mr. Becerra:** Mr. Becerra welcomed everyone to the meeting. He passed on some very sad news regarding Kasey Spirakus, our Director of Pupil Services. She passed away last week. He asked that we keep her family in our thoughts and prayers. This week is semester exams. Students are off of school on Friday, January 16th and Monday, January 19th. Mr. Bear auditions are January 14th from 11:30-2:30. Mr. Bear is February 4th. Freshmen vision and hearing screening will begin the week of January 19th. Student registration for classes will be January 28th. Information will come home next week. The next late start date for NRHS is Wednesday, February 4th. The first round of state testing for freshmen will begin the week of February 23rd. Finally, NRHS was recognized as an AP Honor Roll school! NRHS is one of only thirty high schools in Ohio to earn this recognition.

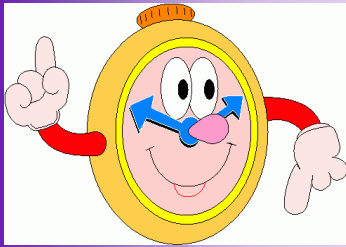
**Guidance Report: Mrs. Hoag** Mrs. Hoag is on maternity leave so Mr. Spessard attended the meeting. Congratulations to Mrs. Hoag and her husband on the birth of their second son, Noah. The PHNR is hosting an adult only seminar called "Hidden in Plain Sight". It is an interactive exhibit that looks into a teenager's bedroom to show signs of risky behavior. This program takes place on Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the NR Family YMCA.

**Activities Report: Rachel Hoag** Mr. Spessard reported that Student Council will begin to plan Prom this month. Mr. Bear auditions are January 14th from 11:30-2:30. Mr. Bear will be held on February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Link crew will be meeting with the freshmen classes on January 27th for an in school activity. The After Prom Committee is being led by Darlene Kelly. Please contact her if you are interested in participating. Information is on the NRHS webpage. You may also contact Mr. Dietrich at [jonathan.dietrich@northroyaltonsd.org](mailto:jonathan.dietrich@northroyaltonsd.org), and he will pass your name along to Darlene.

#### **Counseling Dates:**

- January 16th End of Grading Period
- January 16th No School- Inservice Day
- January 19th No School- Martin Luther King Day
- January 23rd Report Cards
- January 23rd Deadline for local scholarships
- January 28th High School Course Registration during English class
- February 4th Mr. Bear Pageant 7:00 p.m. PAC
- February 5th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- February 5th Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program 6:30 p.m. PAC
- February 10th HS PTA Meeting 9:30 a.m. Community Room

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**School Board Member Report: John Kelly, President:** No report

**President's Report: Chris May:** Please be sure to sign in and record any volunteer hours. Thanks to Rima Chehade for organizing treats for fall conferences, Leslie Panfil for her hard work on the Reflections Program and Regina Atkinson for sending holiday cards to the staff. Thank you for everyone who helped out with our craft fair! Even with the ice storm it was a huge success. We expanded into the hallways and café 2. Last year was our biggest year at \$9,700 and this year we hit almost \$13,000!. Our Craft fair chairs, Julie Novak, Helena Johnson and Beth Knull did a fantastic job, I can't thank them enough! Also a big thanks to Mr. Dietrich and Miss McFadden and their team of student volunteers. We will be voting on Bylaws and Standing Rules changes later in old business. Please feel free to review the changes. Our Nominating Committee will be created under New Business; 5 people make up the committee with an alternate. It will be formed this month, the slate will be presented in February, and voted on in March. Founders Night is April 23<sup>th</sup> this year. Directories are in the front for Committee Chairs. Please pick up your copy. Are there any questions?

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Newsletter: Becky Humes.**

Becky asked everyone to send any newsletter correspondence to [NRHSnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:NRHSnewsletter@hotmail.com). Articles are due Wednesday.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Craft Fair Contracts: Julie Novak**

No report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Craft Fair Set-Up: Beth Knull**

Thank you to everyone who helped with set up and tear down at the Craft Fair. Perhaps have more men help with tear down next year.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President-Craft Fair Kitchen: Helena Johnson**

No report.

**Council Delegates: Tawny Zajc and Marie Laheta**

Tawny reported that the MS PTA purchased 30 chrome books for the students. MS Leadership Conference is January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Gurka reported that a safety grant will be used to replace old doors. There was a discussion regarding delayed start versus early release. If you have an opinion, please email Mr. Gurka. Mrs. Reinkober reported that the Board will go back to the drawing board regarding the failed bond issue. Help is needed for Safety Town Registration. A Sign up Genius has been sent out. Albion received the Blue Ribbon Award! Scholarship applications are due January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Conferences:**

Rima Chehade thanked Shirley Berish, Helen Limberg and Becky Humes for their help with the goodie bags for the teachers.

**Curriculum Advisory:**

Shirley Berish had no report.

**Fall Formal:**

Kelly Tarnowski had no report.

**Financial review:**

Beth Miller will review the financial information after the meeting.

**Health, Welfare and Safety:**

Sally Liosi had no report.

**Honors and Awards:**

Karen Grasso had no report.

**LEGISLATION:**

OPEN COMMITTEE

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Helen Limberg reported that we have 468 members. 91 of those are staff. Also, if a student applies for a PTA scholarship, the parent must be a member of PTA.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:**

Lynn Twarog had no report.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Kathy Dapsis is in need of one more person to help with this committee. Please, no parent of a senior.

**SOCIALS:**

This hasn't been as successful lately as PTA sponsored events. We would like to assist student driven events.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Becky Cozzens had no report.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:**

Tricia Stanton had no report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules- as council units, we are suggesting some changes to our standing rules, which results in changes to our bylaws. One change is the responsibility of 1<sup>st</sup> VP. We are recommending that 1<sup>st</sup> VP position should include the duties of the Membership committee due to the amount of funds they handle and the scope of the committee. Additionally, we are combining the duties of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. May I have a motion to accept the proposed changes to the NRHS PTA Bylaws and Standing Rules? Motion made by Becky Humes, Second by Tricia Stanton. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

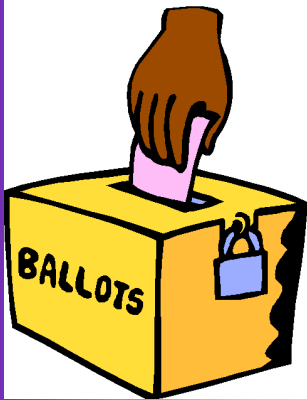
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominating Committee – voting took place to create the Nominating Committee so that the 2015-2016 Slate of Officers may be selected. The following make up the nominating Committee:

1. Tricia Stanton
2. Tawny Zajc
3. Becky Cozzens
4. Lynn Twarog
5. Becky Humes
6. Beth Miller (alternate)



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Ohio PTA Achievement Award – Nominations are being accepted for candidates for this award. Candidates may be community members, teachers, staff, or a parent who you feel deserves to be recognized for the outstanding job they do and goes the extra mile for our students. Please take the time and nominate them for this award. The person submitting the nomination is expected to present the award and the nominee, without them knowing, to Founder's Night on Thursday, April 23<sup>th</sup>. Nominations will be accepted until one week before our March meeting, so they would be due to Chris May no later than Tuesday, March 3rd. We will be voting at our March meeting. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our next PTA meeting will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the HS Community Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Lynn Dorman



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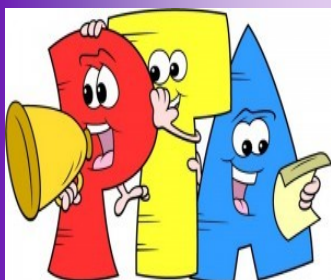
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## NORTH ROYALTON HIGH SCHOOL PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS



The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to fill the slate for the 2015-2016 school year. The slate of officers will be presented at the February PTA meeting and voted on at the March PTA meeting. If you are interested in being considered for an elected position for the next school year, please complete the form on the back of this sheet and return it to PTA Unit President, a member of the Nominating Committee or put in the NRHS PTA mailbox at the high school by January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Following is a list of the Executive Committee positions and a summary of their duties.

**PRESIDENT** shall represent North Royalton High School PTA at community functions or appoint a representative. The President must fill all committee positions; shall attend workshops for Presidents and a parliamentary procedure course, if available. The President shall make sure that the Bylaws and Standing Rules be amended every two years. The President shall serve on the Budget Committee. The President is a Key Communicator contact for the district for their unit and should pass along information regarding the district as asked.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** shall represent the unit when asked to do so in the absence of the President. The First Vice President shall be chairperson for the Membership Committee and coordinates annual membership drive. Prepares membership form to be included in student packets in the summer and prepares the form given to staff at the beginning of the school year. Prepares and submits membership information to Ohio PTA. Prepares and distributes membership cards. Establishes membership list and gives a copy to the secretary.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** shall represent the unit when asked to do so by the President. The Second Vice President shall serve as fund-raising chairperson; which handles the Craft Fair contracts and the publicity, and serves on the Budget Committee.

**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT** shall represent the unit when asked to do so by the President. The Third Vice President shall be chairperson of the Craft Fair set-up.

**FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT** shall represent the unit when asked to do so by the President. The Fourth Vice President shall be chairperson of the Craft Fair kitchen.

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**SECRETARY** shall record and distribute or read the minutes of each meeting. The Secretary should also hold a copy of the Membership List. The secretary shall also give copies of the minutes for the financial review committee. The Secretary shall read or pass around the correspondence at the meetings. The secretary will write letters as directed by the President or the members and shall be responsible for acknowledging the high school staff at the holidays. The secretary shall send notice of all meetings including: general membership, executive board, executive committee and special meetings in accordance with the bylaws.

**TREASURER** shall keep books for the North Royalton High School PTA and at each meeting have a treasurer report and list of expenditures. The outgoing Treasurer shall obtain the signatures required by the bank for the transfer of authorization of the PTA checking account. The outgoing and incoming Treasurers will also serve on the Budget Committee. The outgoing Treasurer shall file the taxes for the unit by November of the next school year.

**COUNCIL DELEGATE/ ALTERNATE DELEGATE** shall represent their unit at the PTA Council meetings. The Council Delegate shall personally contact an alternate delegate to represent the unit if unable to attend PTA Council meetings or PTA Council Committee meetings. The President should be contacted if the delegate is unable to find a replacement. A written summary of the council meeting shall be submitted if the delegate is unable to attend the High School PTA meeting to present an oral report. Each delegate is to either be on the Nominating Committee or Founder's Night Committee. An alternate may be requested to be on the Financial Review Committee for North Royalton PTA Council.

You may return the form in an envelope and mark it "NRHS PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE." **Return this form to YOUR PTA UNIT'S PRESIDENT, a Nominating Committee member, or put in the NRHS PTA mailbox at the high school.**

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BELOW BY JANUARY 23<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current PTA Position (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many years at Current Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in being considered for the following Executive Committee position(s) for the 2015-16 school year.**

☐ **President**  
☐ **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Newsletter)**  
☐ **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Craft Fair Contracts)**  
☐ **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Craft Fair Set-up)**  
☐ **4<sup>th</sup> Vice President (Craft Fair Kitchen)**  
☐ **Secretary**  
☐ **Treasurer**  
☐ **Council Delegate**

**List in order of preference if you are listing more than 1 position (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc.)**