

Wildcat Weekly on the Web



News From Dr. Kullar

Parent Coffee

A reminder that our next parent coffee will be held on February 4th at 8:15am. We look forward to seeing you there! The turnout at the last few parent coffee's have been great!

Rachel's Challenge

What a great presentation that was!! Thank you to the parents who attended Tuesday night. We have to work together to teach our children the importance of being kind to one another. It was a powerful presentation and we have already been told by several students who much it impacted them. We want to keep this momentum going! We are launching our new incident reporter which is a tool being made available to our students. The tool will be accessible through our school website where students can report various incidents – positive or negative.

<http://nmsreporter.weebly.com/>

Chess

This is the first year we hosted a chess team and they are doing great! Our first success came through placing third in the annual MLK Holiday Chess Tournament. This competition had 500 students from across Atlanta and our school competed against 16 other schools! Great job team!! Our chess team will now compete again on February 8th to earn a spot in the Georgia Championship Tournament. Any one interested in being on the team, please see Ms. Sherri Wylie.

Yearbook

A reminder it's that time of year again – remember to order your year-books! You can place your order through the link below:

www.Balfour.com



Happenings

1/29— Pride Wall Signing

1/30—GMEA Performance, Savannah , Ga 7:45 PM

2/4—Rising 9th Grade Elective Fairs-Cambridge 6:30 PM, Milton 7:00PM

2/6—Middle School Parent Night Cambridge Only (Rising 9th) 6:30 PM

2/14—Teacher/Student Holiday Schools Closed

2/17—President's Day –Schools Closed

2/26—Spring Picture Day

2/27—Scoliosis Screening



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to **Shreya Ramesh, 6th Grade** for winning the **NMS Geography Bee**. She has taken the qualifying National test and is waiting to hear if she qualifies for the National Geographic Bee. We wish her the Best of Luck!

Congratulations also go out to **Bryson Moore** who finished in 2nd place and **Neil Verma** who won 3rd place.



The Northwestern Middle School Chess Team earned Third Place in the annual **MLK Holiday Chess Tournament** competing against 16 other Metro Atlanta Schools and 500 other students. Chess Team members include **Srikar Doddi, Hunter Copp, Ethan McCoy, Param Bhandare, Padmesh Ezhilmuthu, Nick Cammack, Juan Luis Taquechel**. The NMS Chess Team will compete again on February 8th to earn a spot in the Georgia Championship Tournament. The team is still accepting enrollments for this semester. Please visit Ms. Wylie in room 905 to pick up a membership form or contact parent sponsor Christopher Cammack at cpcammack@gmail.com to enroll. We would love to have all NMS Chess players participate in our journey to victories and trophies.





Fulton County Technology Competition

Many of our students have been working hard this year on various products for the Fulton County Technology Competition. Good luck to the following students as they compete this weekend at Westlake High School!

Shreya Kumar - Mobile Apps
Shreya Ramesh - Multimedia
Neil Verma - Animated Graphics
Eli Hutchison - Digital Video Editing
Roy Buziba - Internet Applications
Daniel Makarishchev - Robotics
Anita Li - Digital Photography
Hunter Copp - Mobile Apps
Kai McKeever - Project Programming
Manav Kania - Robotics
Olivia Duffie - Robotics



Imagining the Future: Middle School WEBChallenge

What will Atlanta be like in 20 years? What will our cars and homes look like? How will we surf the web? What new problems will affect our health and quality of life? Now is your chance to Imagine the Future! Design a website that identifies the challenges we will face in the future and how you will use science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to address those challenges. The competition is open to all Georgia middle school students who register a team of 2-4 with a faculty or adult advisor. Only faculty/adult advisors can register a team. Please e-mail Kristin Gould at gould@fultonschools.org if your student is interested or you are interested in sponsoring a team!

Visit <http://atlantasciencefestival.org/events/event/105> for more details.

Announcements

The 8th Grade Chorus will leave for Savannah Wednesday, January 29 at 6pm to perform for the GMEA In-Service Conference. Wish them luck!

CHORUS LGPE FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25. MANY CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONTACT MS. GRANT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND FROM APPROXIMATELY 7:30AM-1PM ON 2/25.



CLINIC NEWS

There are many students who have ***Medical Alerts*** such as Asthma, Seizures, Food Allergies, or other serious allergies- but do not have any healthcare plans or rescue medications in the clinic in the event of an emergency.

Letters, authorization forms, and healthcare plans will be sent home next week to all parents that have students with medical alerts. The letter will list the medical alert that is listed on the student's record. Please make sure that all information is complete. **All information provided on the healthcare plan must be signed by a MD. All authorization forms for prescription medications must be signed by a MD.** This information will be updated in the student's permanent record.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Scoliosis Screening for all 6th and 8th Grade Students will take place on Thursday, 2/27/14. We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help in the screening process. Training for all Volunteers will take place on Thursday, 1/30/14 at the PLC-North (Independence High School) in the Media Center from 9:00-10:30 AM. Additional information will be coming home with your student shortly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the NMS clinic.

Announcements

2014 YEARBOOK 8TH GRADE BABY PICTURE SUBMISSION



*Pictures are due by January 31, 2014
No late pictures can be accepted!*



Please follow the instructions below to submit your 8th grade student's baby picture electronically through *StudioWorks*.

- Go to: images.balfour.com (NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE WWW)
- Fill in the following information: School's project number = **425612**
Password = **nms2014**
(Fill in the contact info)
Click **Next**
- You will then be asked to look over the agreement that you are making with the school and Balfour Publishing. As long as you agree, mark that you have read them. Then click **next**.
- Click browse to upload baby picture – ONLY UPLOAD **ONE** PICTURE.
Please type your student's **first and last name** where it asks for 'people in this photo' and type **baby picture** as the 'event or occasion.'
- Click **begin uploading**

Contact Lindsey Smittkamp with any questions, smittkamp@fultonschools.org.

DON'T WAIT!!!!!! Order your 2014 yearbook online NOW at www.Balfour.com. If you have any questions, contact Lindsey Smittkamp at Smittkamp@fultonschools.org.



Connect with Career Tech

Historical facts from the Engineering & Technology Education Department

Until the early nineteenth century, the concept of science and technology applied together to solve engineering issues was not common. It took the Industrial revolution to draw the two disciplines together to create the concept of technology as applied science

Announcements

For students interested in competing in the *Fulton County Student Media Festival*: Entries to this contest are in the areas of video, website design, animation and photography. Projects are judged for their excellence in production, writing, creativity, lighting, and impact.

Every year hundreds of students in all grades in Georgia produce media projects and submit them for judging, first in local and then system festivals. The Media Festival does not pit one entry against another. All projects scoring 96 or higher in the Fulton County Contest advance to the Georgia Student Media Festival.

More information, as well as all forms and deadlines can be found at: <http://www.gsmf.us/forms.html>. Please read the rules and regulations closely, because all projects must be entered correctly and by the deadline. The deadline to get projects in to NMS so that they may be entered in the Fulton County Festival is Wednesday March 6.

Girls on the Run – Join the Team!

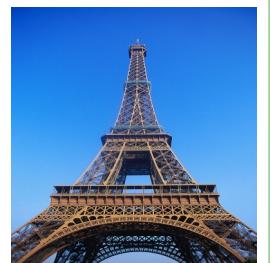
A nationwide, nonprofit, afterschool program that uses running to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Each season culminates with the girls and their running buddies participating in a 5k event.

Registration is open!

We will meet twice a week, Monday and Wednesday from 4:10-5:40. For more info and to register, visit www.girlsontherunatlanta.org.



Bonjour!
The French Club meeting is next Wednesday
January, 29th after school. Merci!



NMS ATHLETIC NEWS



Basketball Game Highlights

The 7th grade boys' basketball team is now 3-1. Wednesday the boys fought hard but had a painful loss to Ridgeview 48-50. *Mitchell Northern* had a great game shooting and making a handful of three pointers! Friday night our Wildcats beat Sandy Springs 48-17! *Syaire Waters* lead the team with 12 points while *Jake Silvia* and *Chase Valdez* teamed up to make over a dozen steals on defense!

The Northwestern 7th grade Girls basketball team is now 4-0. They beat Ridgeview 35-13 as *Erin Degnan* led the scoring with 10 points. *Audra Deakins* added 8 points. The girls beat Sandy Springs by the score of 48-2. *Julia Powell* led the scoring with 11 points. *Erin Degnan* added 8 points in a game which saw almost every player score. Team defense continues to be their strength.

"Attention parents! Click on the link below to see the latest cutting edge fitness instruction happening in our NMS PE classes. The program is called **"Play Out"** which incorporates challenging fitness instruction in a new fun and exciting way. **Play Out** instructors will again be coming to NMS PE classes on Jan 30th and 31st to work with all Quarter 3 students."

Play Out motto- "Why work out when you can PLAY OUT!!!!"  [Playout Final.mpeg](#)

LET'S GO WILDCATS!



8th Grade Boys and Girls NMS Basketball Players.

Your first practice of the season will start on Thursday January 30! Please come with practice clothes and all completed forms. Physical form, registration/insurance form and concussion form. Forms can be found here

<http://school.fultonschools.org/ms/northwestern/Pages/Athletics.aspx> Good luck with your season!

7th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Teams have 3 remaining games. Two at home on 1/24 and 1/27 and the last game of the season will be at Taylor Road Middle. Games start at 5PM! Please come out and Support your WILDCATS!

It has been voted and decided upon by 7th and 8th Grade Student Athletes that this season of Extramural Track and Field will be changed to Run Club. This team will focus on training for the upcoming Kids Kickin' Cancer 5k (and 1 mile fun run) that will be happening on Saturday March 22nd at NMS. Practices will start on Monday February 10th and continue Monday-Thursday of each week from 4:10-5:15pm until the culminating 5k event happens. No extramural forms will need to be completed to be a part of the team. Please contact Coach Conron, Coach H or Coach Green for any additional information. conronk@fultonschools.org Holzapfel@fultonschools.org greeny2@fultonschools.org

Kids Kickin Cancer 5K and Kids Fun Run

Saturday March 22, 2014

Northwestern Middle School 12805 Birmingham Highway

Milton, GA 30004

Race Time: 7:30 am



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO THE CHILDREN'S CANCER CENTER AT CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

AFTER RACE CELEBRATION at NMS: We will have a Health Fair after the race and our business partners and race sponsors will be passing out food and promoting their businesses.

REGISTRATION is available on-line at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=2123881 or by using this mail-in form.

Walk-Up Registration will open at 7:00 am on race day.

EACH REGISTRATION INCLUDES A T-SHIRT

RUNNER NAME: _____ **DOB:** ___/___/___ **AGE:** _____ **MALE/FEMALE**

(circle one)

CHECK SHIRT SIZE: (CHILD: L __, ADULT: S __ M __ L __ XL __ XXL __)

STREET: _____ **CITY** _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

E-MAIL: _____ **PHONE:** (____) _____

Registration Fee: Early Registration: \$20 (before 3/17/14) Full Registration: \$25 (after 3/17/14) Kids Fun Run \$10 10 years old and under. **Checks should be made payable to NMS 5K and mailed to: C/O Darren Holzapfel Northwestern Middle School 12805 Birmingham Highway, Milton GA 30004** Email questions to holzapfel@fultonschools.org

WAIVER: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I hereby waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the organizers, sponsors, officials, the City of Milton, and any other persons associated with the "Kids Kickin Cancer 5K" event. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I also grant my name and/or picture to be used in any media outlet regarding this event.

Counseling Corner

Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's Challenge was a huge success! We will be continuing the momentum to keep Rachel's dreams alive by being committed to acts of kindness in our school and community through the Chain Reaction Club. Any can join and come any-time. Our next meeting in Feb. 6th at 8:00. We will all meet in the front lobby. If you have any questions, please e-mail Janette Hinton at [hin-tonj@fultonschools.org](mailto:hintonj@fultonschools.org)

Eighth Grade Parents it is time to begin the Rising 9th Grade Transition Process for Cambridge and Milton High Schools.

The links below provide transition calendars for our feeder high schools. Please make note of the dates. Your participation in the high school transition meetings and adherence to the deadline dates will allow for a seamless placement transition for your student. If you have any questions regarding high school transition, please contact Euodia Harris at 770-667-2870 ext. 131 or via email at harrise1@fultonschools.org.

Save the date - The Principal's ALL Celebration will be held on Thursday, February 13th @ 7:45 a.m. Students will receive invitations next week. If your student does not receive an invitation by next Friday, please contact Euodia Harris @ harrise1@fultonschools.org. This is a celebration for the Principal's Honor Roll for those students earning All 'A's' in the first semester.

Helping Children After A Loss

If you have a child who has experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, or other close loved one, there is a FREE weekend retreat for kids 7 years old to a high school senior. Camp MAGIK—**Mainly About Grief In Kids** (www.campmagik.org) --is having their weekend retreat April 25-27 (deadline is April 18th). Please contact Rene Searles McClatchey, PhD, at rsm@saf.com, 404.790.0140, OR Stephanie Schuette, School Social Worker for WBMS, at Schuette@fultonschools.org for more information



Cambridge High School

Middle School Transition Timeline for 2014 - 2015 School Year

- January 21** **2014 - 2015 Course Offerings & Descriptions -**
Posted on line at cambridgehs.org
- February 4** **Special Programs Night**
Previews of courses in the following areas: Career Technology, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Advanced Placement, TAG, and Dual Enrollment --6:30 p.m.
Opening session in Cambridge High School Auditorium
- February 6** **Middle School visits to CHS -** Students will leave NMS @ 9:30
- February 6** **Middle School Parent Night -** 6:30 p.m.
Cambridge High School Auditorium
- February 14** **EOCT Registrations due**
- February 17th - 28th** **GCIS Parent Verification Due at NMS - Students must return GCIS**
parent form in order to receive course verification.
- February 21** **Verification Form #1 -** Delivered to middle schools
Form includes information about electives and elective registration
- February 28** **Verification Form #1 -** Returned to high school - Changes must be accompanied with a waiver.
- March 11th -14th** **EOCT Testing window**
- March (TBD)** **Verification Form #2**
- May (TBD)** **Verification Form #3**
- June 9** **Final Day to Request Schedule Changes -** After this date, class changes and waivers must be submitted in August.



Milton High School Rising 9th Grade Transition

Late January - Registration materials are delivered to NMS for distribution to rising 9th grade students.

Feb 4th - 9th Grade Elective Fair - Milton High School@ 7pm. *Parents are encouraged to attend for answers to general and specific questions regarding course selections and high school academic progression.*

Feb. 14th - EOCT Registrations due

Feb. 18th - Elective Registration forms due back to NMS.

Feb. 17th - Feb. 28th GCIS parent verification due. *This must be completed for students to receive the high school course verification.*

March 3rd - 5th - Rising 9th grade students receive verification forms.

March 7th - Verification forms with changes are returned to the Milton. *If a decision is made to waive a student into a class, the waiver must be attached to the verification form.*

March 11th - 14th - EOCT testing window

March 28th - Last day for waivers. *After this date, waivers will only be received in August.*

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JANUARY 27TH – JANUARY 31ST



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Cambridge Players Present

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**JANUARY
30 & 31, 2014**

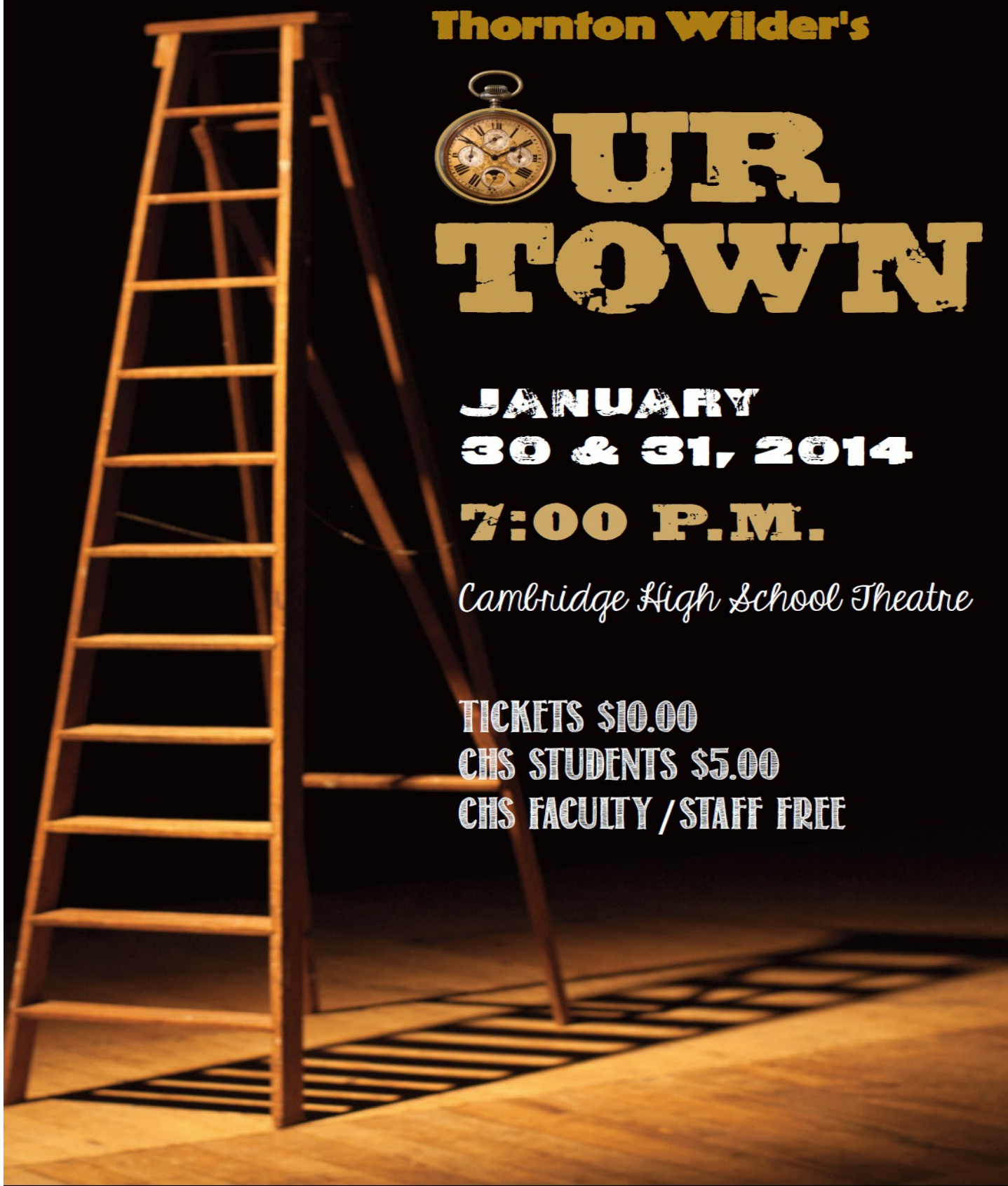
7:00 P.M.

Cambridge High School Theatre

TICKETS \$10.00

CHS STUDENTS \$5.00

CHS FACULTY / STAFF FREE



COMMUNITY News

Alpharetta Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance



Fathers and daughters are invited to put on their dancing shoes and step out together for a fun event at this year's annual Father/Daughter Valentine's Dance sponsored by the City of Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department. This year's dance theme is Hollywood's "Night of the Stars!" A special time full of super-star memories awaits participants along with dancing, refreshments, desserts, a keepsake photo and the always dazzling DJ light show.

Dads and their daughters can attend this event on Friday, February 7th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Alpharetta Community Center, 175 Roswell Street, Alpharetta. Semi-formal/dressy casual attire is recommended.

Registration is currently being taken. This event fills up fast, so don't miss this special opportunity to enjoy an evening with the precious little girl(s) in your life. The last day to register is Wednesday, February 5th, or when space is full. Pre-registration is required - walk-ins will not be accepted. Ticket prices are \$20 for residents (Alpharetta and Milton) and \$30 for non-residents. Both fathers and daughters require registration to attend.

The Northeast Atlanta Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. (NCL) is currently conducting its membership drive. The mission of NCL is to foster mother-daughter relationships within a philanthropic based organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. This opportunity is available to mothers/girls beginning with rising 7th graders. This organization enable you and your daughter to grow together while actively contributing to our community. The membership drive concludes in January so please visit the NCL website: www.nationalcharityleague.org for additional information on NCL or contact the Northeast Atlanta Chapter membership representative, Beth Litterer at blitterer@bellsouth.net.



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