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Nordonia Band Off to a Busy Start

The Lancer Band has had a busy summer and start of the school year. All band members once again spent a week at Slippery Rock University to learn their music and drill routine for marching season. This year the band will be performing music from the band Chicago.

The band played at two shows at Cuyahoga Falls and Kent Roosevelt High Schools, before school began. Band members also got the opportunity to welcome a new area business, Chik-fil-a, by playing to those camped out on the eve of their opening day.

Some of the Lancer Band fundraisers include selling Band Cards to receive discounts to local stores and restaurants which are available for \$10 and an entertainment book with more discount coupons for businesses in the area which will sell for \$25. Please help support the band by visiting the concession stand by the bleachers during the home football games.

Keep October 4, 2008, on your calendar for the 17th Annual Nordonia Festival of Bands hosted by our Lancer Band at Boliantz Stadium. We hope to see you there!

Mixed Media Class Seeking Donations

The Mixed Media class will be doing a relief sculpture using recycled materials. Items like pop tabs, bottle caps, lids from 35 mm film canisters, straws, plastic forks and spoons, popsicle sticks, buttons, and more are being collected to use in a pattern. If you have a collection of materials such as this or would be interested in saving these types of items, please contact Lisa Dressig at lisa.dressig@nordoniaschools.org or 330-908-6091. The project will be started in October.

Special Education Department Adds Two Teachers

There are two new teachers in the Special Education Department. Sarah Hojnacki is teaching the Multiple Disabilities Class, taking the place of Ken Salzbrenner who has moved to the position of Intervention Specialist working with students with learning disabilities. We also welcome Mark Geis who is working with students with learning disabilities as an Intervention Specialist.

Hojnacki was raised and continues to live in Solon, Ohio. She was on the track team at Solon High School. She went to college at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. She has taught Special Education in the Kenston School District and the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center. Hojnacki enjoys teaching Spinning and Pilates at the Solon Community Center.

Geis was raised in North Canton and played football in high school. He is a graduate of Kent State University. He and his wife are currently living in Stow. Geis has a brother who is an Athletic Director at Kent State and a sister who is pursuing a Doctorate degree in Forensic Psychology. He coaches football for our varsity football team.

Entertainment Books Available

Entertainment Books are available at the high school in room 132L. The Cleveland Edition costs \$25.00, while the Akron Edition is \$30.00. You can make checks payable to: Nordonia High School – MADDO. Proceeds will benefit Make a Difference Day Ohio to be held at Nordonia High School on October 25, 2008. Donations will be forwarded to the Emergency Assistance Center, Baskets of Hope, Akron Battered Women's Shelter, Forever Friends and shipping of care packages to the military serving overseas. Please call 330-908-6036 for more information.

Social Studies Department Welcomes New Teacher



There is a new face in Social Studies. Andreas Johansson has replaced Al Huge and will be teaching United States History to sophomores. Johansson is not a stranger to Nordonia High School. He did his student teaching at Nordonia with Mr. Testa and Mrs. Powers during the 2006-2007 school year and has been participating in the Rivers, Roads and Rails program sponsored by Cleveland State University and the National Park Service with Mr. Loman, Mr. Testa, Mr. King and Mr. Costanzo for the past three years.

Johansson brings a wealth of experience and technological know-how to Nordonia. He has a bachelor's degree in International Relations, as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching from Kent State University. Last school year, Johansson taught a multi-cultural class at Fairless Middle School. He has a passion for the outdoors, place-based education, hands-on learning and "real" life lessons and simulations. Johansson is very comfortable with technology and will be working on a webpage for the Social Studies department.

Johansson is fluent in Swedish and is an army veteran. He has traveled extensively within the United States and throughout Europe. He is married and has an infant daughter. His hobbies include white-water rafting and building things with his hands.

World History Textbook Adoption Completes the Series

The Social Studies department has adopted new World History books from Holt publishers for the freshmen at Nordonia High School. Students in the Nordonia school system will now be using Holt Social Studies textbooks in 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades. These textbooks are state of the art and come with online access for students through a password system. Instead of carrying heavy books home every night to do homework, students can access the entire textbook online at home, the library or any computer terminal.

Textbooks are a huge expense for school districts. The World History books cost nearly \$80 each. To keep textbook spending under control and use the district's scarce resources wisely, the Social Studies department ordered class sets of World History books, and students received online access which only costs \$6 per student. All of the teacher resources that come with the new books are digital and include interactive maps, exciting quiz reviews and teaching materials for the 21st century.

During the 2007-2008 school year, Social Studies adopted new U.S. History books using the same format – class sets and online access. The success of this type of textbook adoption allows teachers to have up-to-date materials and resources while keeping textbook costs under control.



Business Department Updates



We are very excited to welcome Annette Lang to the Business department at Nordonia High School. Lang is no stranger to our high school as she began her career here and then taught at Field Local Schools for a period of time before returning to Nordonia.

Students will enjoy her educational energy and creative teaching style. She has also taken on the responsibility of yearbook advisor. Her yearbook classes are already concentrating on producing an outstanding yearbook. In addition to the yearbook classes, she will be teaching Personal Finance, Office2007 and Web Design throughout the year. Stop by to meet her in lab 308.

Sue Bolles is in her ninth year at Nordonia. She will continue her hard work in her classes of Business Law, Automated Accounting and Computerized Office Applications. Bolles operates Lab 306 and would be happy to assist students in her area of expertise.

Carm Vacca completes the Business department as she educates students in the subject areas of Personal Finance, Desktop Publishing and Entrepreneurship. Vacca's Entrepreneurship class has already begun its study of applied economics and will soon begin operating its own Junior Achievement business. Past entrepreneurship students offered some great products for sale to their customers. Look for their product marketing soon!

Business department news and class updates will appear in future issues. Good luck to all students this year.

More New Faces Added to English Department

The English Department welcomes three new members, Anna Velotta, Jacklyn Czekaj, and Jessica Goodrich, to the department this year. Each of our new department members brings with them an array of experience and education. We are excited to have them on our team.

Miss Anna Velotta

Velotta was born and raised in Parma, graduated from Normandy High School and obtained her bachelor's degree in Integrated Language Arts from Kent State University. She plans to pursue a master's degree in School Counseling.

Velotta is an old acquaintance to Nordonia City Schools. She completed her student teaching requirements through Kent State at Nordonia High School in 2006. For the last two years, she taught English 9-12 in Cleveland Heights, where she was active in several activities, such as planning Prom as the Senior Class advisor and serving as co-advisor to the National Honor Society. She hopes that her experience working within a smaller learning community designed around teaching to multiple intelligences will continue to serve as an aide for her future students.

Velotta joins us with a gratefulness to be welcomed back, high expectations for her students, and an overwhelming amount of excitement. She hopes her students will be ready to be involved, challenged and enjoy reading!

Mrs. Jacklyn Czekaj

Czekaj's experience in the education profession began when she started teaching dance in 2000 at Willoughby's Fine Arts Association and The Andrews School for Girls. Czekaj decided to build upon her Bachelor of Arts degree in dance from The University of Akron; she obtained her Master of Arts in Teaching from Kent State in 2007. Czekaj spent her first year teaching ninth and tenth grade language arts at Rootstown High School. She continues to teach dance and is extremely excited to join the Nordonia Hills School District. Czekaj looks forward to completing her Praxis III evaluation, obtaining her reading endorsement and supporting arts education in public schools.

Miss Jessica Goodrich

Upon graduating from Kent Roosevelt High School, Goodrich attended Cedarville University and obtained her bachelor's degree in Adolescent to Young Adult Language Arts. Goodrich comes to Nordonia from Indian Rocks Christian High School in Tampa, Florida, where she taught ninth and twelfth grade English. In addition to her academic duties, she was a class advisor and junior varsity cheerleading coach. In her spare time, she enjoys being involved in music at her church and spending time with her family and friends.

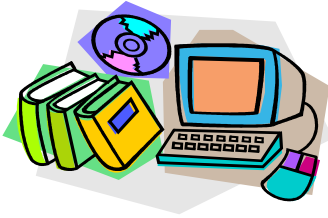
Parent Mentor Program Available in Nordonia District

A parent mentor is the parent of a child with a disability employed to help school districts and families by providing training, support and information services. Kitty Boylan is the parent mentor for the Nordonia School District. You can reach Nordonia's Parent Mentor office by phone at 330-908-6219 or email at parent.mentors@nordoniaschools.org. Ohio Parent Mentor projects are funded through grants from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Some of the services provided by the parent mentor include guiding parents through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities, listening and providing support to families and staff, providing information and resources, attending IEP and other meetings when requested and conducting information sessions and workshops. Parents of typical students are welcome to contact the parent mentor office with questions or concerns.

The parent mentor project has established a wonderful resource library for parents and staff. There are many books for children, teens, books on parenting and specific disabilities including LD and ADHD. There is a collection of books in each building office that are waiting to be borrowed! For a complete book list, contact the parent mentor office or visit the parent mentor page on the district website under "Pupil Services."

Due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict, the Knight of Stars Talent Show has been moved to the date of March 27, 2009. The new audition dates are March 3 and 4, 2009. Auditions in October have been cancelled. Another announcement will be made nearer to the actual performance date. We hope to see you there! With questions, call Regina Christy, Nordonia Teen Institute Advisor, at 330-908-6124.



Knight Readers

Discussion Club

As the 2008-2009 school year gets underway, the IMC is looking for student readers to join the Knight Readers Book Discussion Club. Interested students should stop in the IMC and pick up this year's first book, Phillipa Gregory's *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Ms. Dillon is available in the IMC to answer any questions. Book discussions usually take place after-school in one of the local coffee houses.

Cure the Research

Project Blues

The tool for helping students set the pace for school projects is the INFOhio Project Calculator. Students enter key dates and the type of project and the calculator plots a step-by-step timeframe that includes research and writing tips. The website has a rubric for evaluating the research process. Students can begin using this stress buster today at this URL:

www.infohio.org/projectcalculator/

Nordonia High School Library (IMC)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New INFOhio Databases Have Arrived in the IMC

INFOhio's Core Collection of Electronic Resources has changed. Many exciting new products join other high-quality INFOhio online databases that include easily searchable, standards-based resources encouraging knowledge construction and developing enhanced research strategies. New this year:



BIOGRAPHY REFERENCE BANK - This resource provides biographical information on historical and contemporary figures of note from around the world. Biography Reference Bank contains information on approximately half a million people with full text online articles from more than 100 volumes.



SCIENCE ONLINE - This database provides information on topics currently being explored in the science curriculum in a detailed yet understandable manner. With its collection of images, videos and animations, it is well suited to help students grasp difficult scientific concepts.



WORLDBOOK ONLINE REFERENCE CENTER - The World Book suite of encyclopedias covers a variety of reading and complexity levels. It is embellished with images, video clips, timelines, maps and more making it highly usable by students of all ability levels.



SCHOOLROOMS® ADDS FEATURES - If you haven't checked out SchoolRooms recently, here's another reason to investigate this new discovery portal: Near the end of last school year INFOhio added articles from many of our Core Collection of Electronic Resources. Not only can students search among more than 22,000 websites selected by Ohio educators to support Academic Content Standards, results lists can link to magazine and newspaper articles, encyclopedia articles and more.

CYBER



CAFE

The IMC Cyber Café has moved to Wednesdays. All students are welcome to use IMC resources between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Students can meet their friends to work on group projects, use computers, printers and photocopiers or check out a book. Free refreshments are always served. Students entering Cyber Café should use the back door by the band room.

Sophomore News from Guidance

Welcome sophomores! Sophomores have survived the freshman year and now have achieved upperclassmen status. There is still a great opportunity for you to be involved in Nordonia High School. This is the year to explore those opportunities. If your interests are art, music, leadership or athletics, these are just some of the groups available to you. Seek them out and make a contribution to yourself and to Nordonia High School. Academics, of course, are critical to your success as you build a foundation for what you would like to do in the future. Remember that your first job is to be a student!

There are some very important events to focus on and prepare for in your sophomore year. First of all, the Ohio Graduation Test is given to all sophomores in March. It is necessary that you pass all sections of this test in order to graduate with the Class of 2011. Be sure that you are doing all you can to prepare for that test by listening closely in classes. Teachers in all subject areas work very diligently to prepare each student for this test. Visit the website at the Ohio Department of Education www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/OGT/ for more information about the tests. Your teachers and classmates at Nordonia High School have achieved Excellent ratings from the state based on our results of this test and other standards. Let's work hard to continue the tradition of Excellence!

I made classroom visits in late September and early October to discuss academic success, graduation requirements, OGT testing, CVCC program requirements and information. We outlined important dates and things you should do as students and as families to prepare for what you are going to do after high school. The PLAN test is given later this fall and is an optional tenth-grade test that gives students a forecast as to how they might do on the ACT assessment. PLAN also provides extensive information for educational and career planning. Watch for registration information later in October.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center has so many outstanding opportunities for our juniors and seniors. We will spend time this year exploring the options students have at CVCC. CVCC offers a wide variety of programs for both students who want to go to work right after high school and students who will be continuing on to college. Pick up brochures in the guidance office to view programs which might be of interest to you. Detailed information on how to apply for these programs will be given later this year. It is very important that students who want to be accepted to a program at the Career Center keep on track with grades and attendance. There is no room in your schedule to repeat required classes!

Keep up the good foundation that you began in your freshman year. Encouragement from home, individual responsibility and focus and support from teachers are all a part of continuing—or beginning—to achieve success. This is *your* life; make the most of it!

If I can be of assistance, please contact me at 330-908-6022.

Maryellen Feeman

Counselor, Class of 2011

Junior News from Guidance

Welcome back junior class! I hope that you had a fun, relaxing summer and are ready to begin your junior year of high school. This is an important year for so many reasons. This year we will begin discussing your transition from high school. Whatever your future holds, now is the time to begin planning! Be sure to work hard, keep your grades up, and take advantage of the tutoring help in our tutor labs to ensure a timely graduation next year.

On Thursday, October 23, 2008, all junior parents and students are invited to an evening program, "Through the Maze." Mrs. Ross will meet with you to discuss the college search process, college applications, college admissions tests (ACT/SAT), financial aid, and other important information regarding the transition to college after high school. You will receive an invitation for this program in October.

The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test will be given to registered juniors in October. The PSAT is the practice test for the SAT and is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program. The test will be given at Nordonia to registered juniors on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, during the school day from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Juniors will have two opportunities to take any OGT section that they failed last year. The first opportunity will be during the week of October 27, 2008. Students will only take the sections that they failed last spring. Be sure to take advantage of the assistance that is available in the APR tutor labs. You can also visit the Ohio Department of Education website (www.ode.state.oh.us), click on "Testing & Assessment" (left side tab), click on "OGT" (left side tab), and click on "Resources for OGT" (in red). Another valuable website is: ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/studentsOGT.htm (do not type "www" first). Here you will find practice tests, sample questions and other student resources.

Finally, be sure to get or stay involved this year with our many sports and/or clubs. This will be important for your college applications next year, and it just makes high school more enjoyable! Please feel free to contact me at any time at 330-908-6003. Good luck this year!

Staci Ross

Counselor, Class of 2010

College Fair Coming Soon to CVCC

The 14th Annual College Fair will be held at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville, Wednesday, October 8, 2008. College-bound sophomores, juniors, and seniors will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from over 120 universities, colleges, and technical schools located throughout the United States.

The College Fair opens at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. Notice that the fair has been reduced from the regular 2 hours to 1 ½ hours this year. During the evening, Kent State University will also give financial aid presentations.

Because parking is limited, car-pooling is strongly encouraged. There will be additional parking at St. Joseph's Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 8111 Brecksville Road. A shuttle bus will transport you to the fair and back to your car.

Go to www.cvccworks.com for directions to the Career Center.

Yearbook News

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2008 *Nordonian* Arriving Soon

The 52nd edition of the yearbook, "I Am," is scheduled to arrive late September. A few extra books will be sold first come, first served for \$65.00 cash or a check payable to Nordonia High School. Students should check the bulletin board outside of room 308 to see if they purchased a yearbook. Any unpaid balances must be paid before the books will be distributed. Siblings and parents may pick up books for graduates. To allow a non-relative to pick up a book, e-mail the information to Ms. Annette Lang (address above). If you would like a book mailed, please send a check for \$10.00 payable to Nordonia High School along with a shipping address.

Senior Yearbook Pictures

Seniors are required to have their yearbook photo taken at Jim Venditti Photography, Inc. in Bedford, our official school photographer. If you have not scheduled your senior portrait, call the studio at 440-232-7575 to make your appointment. There is no charge for the senior portrait sitting, so all seniors can be pictured in the 2009 yearbook. Everyone must be photographed by January 15, 2009, to meet our publisher's deadline. Don't delay; call today.

Senior portraits may be purchased at the photography studio of your choice; however, the yearbook photo must be taken at Venditti's. If you have not chosen a photographer, we highly recommend Jim Venditti Photography, Inc. for their fine work, excellent customer service and reasonable prices. The studio will be happy to explain the types of sessions and fees for senior portraits. When you call to make your appointment, let the studio know whether you are booking a senior portrait session or the free "yearbook only" photo sitting.

2009 Yearbook Information

We have some exciting changes to the yearbook for 2009. First, new this year, you can now order your yearbook online at Jostenyearbooks.com. Additionally, order forms for the 2009 yearbook will be mailed directly to your home. The form will also be available on the district website. Yearbook staff members will collect order forms and payments during lunch periods for two weeks in October, then again in January and March. The pre-sale price is \$58.00 for orders received or postmarked by January 18, 2009; the price increases to \$62.00 on January 20, 2009. For an extra charge, you can add personalization, icons for your year of graduation, sports, and other activities, a clear protective cover, an autograph section, photo pockets, and a CD with a variety of music. Options can be ordered individually or in packages for extra savings. Personalized books and all options must be ordered by March 15, 2009.

A \$20 deposit in October with the balance payable in January will guarantee the lower price. Order early and save.

Senior PDA Ads

We will again be offering family members and friends the opportunity to place Parental Display of Affection (PDA) ads in color or black-and-white for seniors. Start looking through your baby pictures now and writing your congratulatory messages! Pricing and order forms will be sent home in October for this very popular way to reminisce and tell your senior how much you care.

Looking for Advertisers

The yearbook is always in the market for new businesses to advertise in the yearbook. Ads are seen by thousands of people and are reasonably priced. Phone or e-mail to have a staff member contact you with advertising information.



The Academic Consumable Fees for the 2008-2009 school year are as follows:

K-6 \$40.00 MS \$60.00 HS \$75.00 CVCC Student \$37.50

Fee payments will be accepted beginning August 18, 2008. Fees may be paid in one of the following methods:

- Mail to the building
- Drop off at building
- Pay at Orientation or Open House

Student Fees Waiver forms are available in building main offices. Waivers will be approved for the following:

1. Qualification of free or reduced lunch program (attach current year notification of acceptance)
2. Welfare case load number (must show proof)
3. AFDC number (must show proof)
4. Income verification which meets government guidelines (must show proof)

Please complete and return the form below to your student’s school with your check(s) made payable to:

Nordonia Hills City Schools

Student(s) Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher(s) Name _____ (Elementary only)

School Building _____

Please include one check per student.

- _____ \$40.00 Grades K-6 Academic Consumable Student Fee
- _____ \$60.00 Grades 7-8 Academic Consumable Student Fee
- _____ \$75.00 Grades 9-12 Academic Consumable Student Fee (CVCC students pay only \$37.50)
- _____ \$37.50 Academic Consumable Student Fee for student attending CVCC
- _____ \$10.00 Middle School Band Fee
- _____ \$10.00 Middle School Club Fee _____
Club
- _____ \$42.50 Middle School Athletic Participation Fee
- _____ \$50.00 High School Band Fee
- _____ \$20.00 Club Fee including Show Choir _____
Club
- _____ \$90.00 High School Athletic Participation Fee (due prior to first official contest per Sport)
- _____ \$83.00 AP Test Fee payment deadline: March 9, 2009 (fee per course, applicable to students who are enrolled in AP courses)

MILITARY RELEASE OPT-OUT FORM

Release of name, address and telephone number (GRADES 11 OR 12 ONLY)

Nordonia High School

Student Name _____ Grade 11 or 12 **(please circle grade)**

As a student, you have the right to request that your private information is not released to military recruiters and others. Complete this OPT-Out Form and return to the guidance office.

_____ I request that this student's name, address, and telephone number **not be released** to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of Parent _____ Date: _____

OR

_____ I am 18 years old and request my own name, address, telephone number and school records **not be released** to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

Federal public law 107-110, section 9528 of the ESEA, "No Child Left Behind Act" requires school districts to release student names, addresses and phone numbers to military recruiters upon their request. Students are then called at home by recruiters. The law also requires the school district to notify you of your right to Opt-Out from this by requesting the school district not release your information to military recruiters. The completion of this form serves as your request to withhold your private information.

Requests for addresses are for 11th and 12th grade students.

Attention students, Nordonia staff and community members:

Paper & Cardboard Recycling

Cash fundraiser to benefit each school building in the Nordonia District: Abitibi recycling bins are located at each school building in the district. Please consider dropping off: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, cardboard and miscellaneous mail. Bins need to be at full capacity to receive cash payment which will benefit students and staff.

Do not include: glass, metal, plastic or trash.

Thanks for RECYCLING!



Please plan to attend the Volunteerism Fair which will be held in the Nordonia High School Cafeteria Oct. 25, 2008.

Local agencies will be available with volunteer information.

Food Sales and Chinese Raffle will be held in the cafeteria.

Entertainment: local bands to perform from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the auditorium—\$4.00 donation to enjoy the bands.

- * Iron Union
- * Illy Mob
- * Fallen Captive
- * Hathaway
- * Manifest Destiny

Teen Institute face painting

Corn Hole Tournaments—entry fee \$5.00 per person. Start time 1:00 p.m. Call for details. Teams must include a Nordonia staff member or Nordonia student.

Bake Sale: Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you for your support!



“HELP FROM THE HEART”

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2008, 9 AM—4 PM

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: 3:30-6 PM

NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL

Nordonia Cares

Red Cross Bloodmobile

10:00—4:00 Large Gym

Every day can "Make a Difference."

How can I help:

Monetary donations will be accepted. Deadline October 17, 2008.

Please make check payable to:

Nordonia High School - Make A Difference Day

Drop off at any building or mail to:

Nordonia High School
 Make A Difference Day
 8006 S Bedford Rd
 Macedonia Oh 44056

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Specify choice of project: _____ Amt. _____
 Emergency Assistance Ctr _____ Amt. _____
 HIM Life _____ Amt. _____
 Brentwood Health CC _____ Amt. _____
 Animal Shelter _____ Amt. _____
 Basket of Hope _____ Amt. _____
 Battered Women Shelter _____ Amt. _____
 Forever Friends _____ Amt. _____

Donations are tax deductible.

Sponsors:

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by becoming a sponsor.

- Make a Difference Gold \$500.00**
- Make a Difference Silver \$250.00**
- Make a Difference Copper \$100.00**

Checks payable to: Nordonia High School - Make a Difference Day

Name to appear in advertising: _____
 Contact: _____
 Phone: _____
 Amount: _____



Please join the Nordonia School District Secretarial Support staff, certified & classified staff, students, Kappa Iota, and "The Nana's" Red Hat Society with the second annual "Make A Difference Day."

Various local charitable organizations will be aided on "Make a Difference Day". Item collection to include:

- Emergency Assistance - New toys and gift cards for "Adopt A Family" program
- HIM Life - Fall Fest Party, collection of decorations candy and prizes (donations made no later than October 11, 2008)
- Brentwood Health Care Center - monetary donations for staff appreciation
- United States Military Overseas - phone cards, thank you cards and personal items (see next page)
- "Forever Friends" Animal Shelter - monetary donations, gently used bedding or towels, cat toys, cat houses/towers, dry/wet food and litter
- Baskets of Hope - gift cards and monetary donations
- Battered Women Shelter - monetary donations to sponsor a field trip for children
- Children Miracle Network - collection of beverage pull tabs (place in Ziploc bag, indicate amount)

Drop off items at the High School October 1, 2008 through October 25, 2008.

Military Care Package Suggestions:

Food: NO PORK products; any non-perishable food works – They do not always have access to microwaves and utensils, so easy-open cans and pouches that do not need heating are best.

Tuna – cans or pouches

Small packs of condiments – mayo, mustard, relish, etc. – also plastic “silverware”

Fruit roll-ups

Fruit cups/applesauce

Jerky

Pop tarts

Granola bars

Power bars/high carb protein bars

Powdered drink mixes – preferably single serving

Hard candies/lollipops (They pass these out to the local children)

Peanut butter crackers/cheese crackers – those small packages – Austin

Other snack type crackers/cookies – not homemade – they mold too quickly in the heat – no preservatives

No chocolate – again it melts – but M&M’s and Reese’s have been known to survive the heat and the guys love them – even if they melt they form one BIG chocolate glob inside the bag.



Personal Care:

Disposable razors

Lotions – it is so dry – try for low odor – neutral scents

Blister pads/moleskin

Bug repellent lotion, not spray

Sunscreen – again lotion

Anti-bacterial lotion or wipes

Recreation: They do have down time and need to relieve stress, plus again they do interact with local Iraqi children.

Cards – watch the designs

Hand-held or travel games

Nerf balls

Frisbees

Mini versions of fun toys sold as party favors – squirt guns, Frisbees, balls, etc. They were a hit and are available at the Dollar Store.

CDs and DVDs – They do have access to DVD players many have computers to watch them on.

A box of all occasion cards for them to use to send home for birthdays, etc.

Disposable cameras

International phone cards (purchase at Giant Eagle or Marc’s)