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The Nathan Hale High School PTSA

Principal's Message

Marni Campbell, Nathan Hale Principal

December's Coalition Principle~Personalization

Teaching and learning should be personalized to the maximum feasible extent. Efforts should be directed toward a goal that no teacher have direct responsibility for more than 80 students in the high school.

Hello Hale! This week I had a great conversation with a student. He shared with me how much he enjoyed his American Government class. The next day, he showed me a recent project from that class; he had researched and become knowledgeable about House Joint Resolution 4215 and had presented his summary and arguments for and against the resolution to his class. He spoke articulately and with understanding about the legislation and about the election process. Truly this student is well on his way to becoming an honorable, thinking, skillful citizen, ready to participate in the election process! He has also learned how to analyze a complex piece of legislation, and how to participate in public discourse.

What struck me the most was this student's praise for his teacher. He told me that she makes class interesting and challenging. To truly be successful as an educational community, we must attend to three critical factors: **rigor, relevance, and relationships**. If any one of these is not in place, our students will not have a successful learning experience. The American Government assignment was truly rigorous, demanding that students read and understand complex and convoluted legal language and issues. It was also made relevant as students were required to present their learning to one another. And finally, the teacher had established a powerful relationship with her students, so that they know she had high expectations for them and would support them as they took risks as learners.

Rigor, relevance, and relationships are all hallmarks of a truly personalized learning experience, and they are interrelated. We cannot give students appropriately challenging work if we don't know and understand their skills and abilities. We can't give them relevant work if we don't know what's important to them. You will note that the second sentence in this month's principle states that no teacher should have direct responsibility for more than 80 students. Our Academy, Block, and Integrated Studies classes enable us to reduce the number of students our teachers are responsible for considerably. But we must still work to make sure that students are known and that their learning needs are met each day. Your contributions of time and talents help us to personalize our learning environment. Your contributions to our Nathan Hale Foundation annual campaign also enable us to increase our staffing and provide resources so that students are more likely have rigor, relevance, and personalized relationships each day.

I cannot thank you enough for your many gifts to our community, and for entrusting us with your children. Please contact me at macampbell@seattleschools.org with any thoughts, concerns, or ideas.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season! Marni A. Campbell

PTSA Volunteer Corner

Leanne Hawkins, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator

Hale volunteers are stepping in to help create a better community for all. Examples? **Grounds work/beautification:** **Joanne Besch** inspired gardeners on November 10 to dig up weeds (2 truckloads full!) and tidy Hale's front entrance. Mark the **second Saturday** of every month for more opportunities to spruce up our digs. **Feeding frenzy:** volunteers supply delicious finger foods for our "community and connections" sessions prior to school events. **Senate Representation:** **Janet Thompson, Bruce Kleaveland, and Erin Kohlenberg** attend bi-monthly Hale Senate sessions and report back to parents of the Classes of 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively. **Emergency preparedness:** Volunteers will help ensure every classroom is well stocked as we head into uncertain winter weather.

Feeling the urge to volunteer? Extra copies of the *Volunteer Opportunities* sheet are now in the Volunteer Room, or I can e-mail you a copy, OR you can tell me how you would like to volunteer and I'll try to find the right niche for you. And keep in mind that, though the PTSA focuses primarily on using adult help, students may earn **service hours** in many of these tasks – if unsure, check with me: Hawkins1022@msn.com or 206-364-2095.

Thank you!

PTSA President Message

Melissa Larson, PTSA President

December's CES Principle~ [Personalization]

My husband and I are from small towns and went to THE schools in town – you know, THE elementary, THE Jr. High and then THE High School. I also lived overseas and attended a very small school (seven students). So, as we entered the Middle School and High School years we were worried about how well anyone at these schools would get to know our son. We worried that his experience might be impersonal and institutional. With 1100+ students at a school and teachers seeing more than a 100 students a day, if he started to struggle in a class, how would anyone know if (or better yet why) he was struggling? With that many students to teach, how would anyone get to know him for who he really is? We had a wonderful community of people involved in his education at elementary school and we worried that might not be possible as he moved through his six -12 years. For the most part, we have been very happily surprised.

There have been teachers who not only showed up for matches and games but who also took time to ask about those matches and games the next day (and offer advice on technique!). There have been teachers who recommend books for him to read (that he loves) and who listened as he enthusiastically recommended books for the next year's reading list! There are teachers whose names start to crop up throughout the year . . . and it's readily apparent that real dialogues have been taking place both inside and outside of class.

Now that we are 2+ years into our high school experience, we feel our son has been getting a very personalized education and we do what we can to ensure not only that he continues to have that kind of connection with this learning community but that all students have that same kind of personal education.

What can we do? Participate at the school whenever we can to assist and get to know the school community – so we can ask better questions when we talk to our son about school and to people at school about him. No matter what urban legends say, family and community volunteers are very much needed at high school!

We also support efforts to fund smaller class sizes. Even when there isn't enough money to reduce the actual size of classes, NHHS staff work collaboratively to come up with creative ways to give students a personalized experience. We do everything we can to support their efforts because a personalized learning community makes learning so much more meaningful.

Let's Show Our Thanks!

Patricia D'Alessandro, Staff Appreciation

PTSA Staff Appreciation has two activities in the month of December. We have scheduled a **luncheon** for Hale teachers and staff on **Friday, December 7**. Last year's Italian theme worked out well, so we are repeating that this year. If you would like to help out, we need lots of cooks to send in food as well as helpers the day of.

We are also preparing a small **pre-holiday thank you for all staff**, so let us know if you are interested in being involved. Thanks! Please contact Patricia D'Alessandro at pmdalessandro@msn.com; 523-4005 or Roberta Nelson at robertasn@comcast.net; 522-5539.

Foundation News: "Voices of Nathan Hale" and Board Volunteers Needed

Steve Reynolds, Nathan Hale Foundation

A night to remember - with much thanksgiving.

The "Voices of Nathan Hale" Autumn Dinner and Auction, held Nov. 2nd, was incredible. The NHHS Foundation thanks those 200+ who attended and made this a magical event for our community and school. We give a brief summary here - see the winter NH News for photos and more. The auctions produced many happy bidders. Early holiday shoppers went home very satisfied with the great Nile venue and terrific food. We celebrated several strong voices for Nathan Hale: Carol Driver, and her four incredible years as chair of the annual campaign; KNHC C89.5 FM serving students as the voice of Nathan Hale for 36 years; and Nathan Hale Productions founders, particularly Gary Goldbaum, Carli MacColl, and John Maki, who helped return musical theater to NHHS. The staff's initial list of requests for Nathan Hale classrooms totaled \$22,000. Your generosity allowed us to meet and surpass our goal for the evening - there will be a second round. Plus \$2500 from the dessert auction for NHP, music and drama. Thank you to those who could attend for your incredible support. And thanks to all you parents, teachers, friends, and board members for working hard to get auction items donated. Last but not least, thank you volunteers, you are incredible. If you would like to help with next year's event, we need you. Please contact Steve Reynolds at 206-784-0625, stever@u.washington.edu.

Your help is needed on the Foundation Board

Our NHHS Foundation Board needs you. Two spots on the Board are open to parents/guardians. It would be great to have a 9th and 10th grader associate. One of you will take on the task of coordinating Foundation mailings; the other is needed to handle the engravings project. Both roles are workable in the evenings from home. Please contact Steve Reynolds, 206-784-0625, stever@u.washington.edu.

Show Raider Spirit ~ support Spree 08

Eileen Reddish

Proud of your school? Show it with "NHHS Raider" license plate frames. Available during the Bite of Hale for just \$3 each. Look for the Spree 08 table. What a great gift idea!

SPREE 2008 News

Leanne Hawkins

Surprise your favorite high school senior with a gift card this holiday season announcing you've bought him or her a ticket to SPREE, the after-graduation, action-packed, substance-free PARTY!!! Until December 31, tickets are only \$70 – such a deal! Price increases January 1. For ticket purchase information, contact Nancy Gruber: ngruber@speakeasy.net or 206-783-8784.

SPREE 2008 will sell flower bulbs at the Bite of Hale, December 13 – drop by our table and take home a load of springtime! We will also sell tasty concessions at basketball games, so come support the Raiders and get your tummy filled as you help support SPREE 2008. If you have any questions about SPREE, contact Janet Wraspir: fourwraspirs@comcast.net or 206-362-5795.

Ultimate Frisbee Coming Soon!

Jeanette Coate

Anyone interested in Ultimate Frisbee - players and parents- please e-mail Jeanette so she can keep you updated on scrimmages and pre-season Captain's training. Call or e-mail Jeanette at 206-547-0460 or NETTHEC@comcast.net

Lacrosse Season Coming!

Kerri Adams, Lacrosse Booster Rep.

The Lacrosse team is looking for recruits for the Spring season. Contact coach Bobby Laudig at bobbyl@ezaccess.com for sign-up information.

The best way to check this great sport out right now is to learn and play lacrosse at Magnuson Park indoors on Monday Nights at 6pm. Contact Kathy Bogat at #206-920-9169.

Books as holiday gifts & support the Musical!

Gabi McCarthy

The big fundraiser supporting the Nathan Hale Musical - the University Book Store Book Fair - happens the weekend of December 14, 15, 16, and 17. Starting that Thursday, any books you purchase at the University Book Store WITH THE NATHAN HALE PRODUCTIONS COUPON OR PROMOTION CODE will benefit our Spring production of Bat Boy, The Musical. Coupons will be available in the main office at school and at the NHP table at the store - you may even catch a little performance of our students while you're there. Order on-line by using the promotion code NHP.

Fundraisers like this one help us keep ticket prices low for everyone who would like to see the musical. We are grateful to the University Book Store for this opportunity to support the arts at NH AND shop at a great local business at the same time.

Questions? Call Gabi at 524-7249 or e-mail me at gabi.mccarthy@gmail.com

Ninth Grade Winter Exhibition Evening and Four Year Plan Presentation*

Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

From Ninth Grade Academy Teachers and Julia Shin, Ninth Grade Counselor

Parents and guardians are invited to an exhibition of second quarter work by ninth grade academy science and world history students. Part of the Coalition of Essential Schools (CES) philosophy to which Nathan Hale subscribes is the idea that students learn better when they have a chance to "exhibit" their knowledge in a real world setting.

In addition to the exhibitions of student work, we will have presentations in our Performing Arts Center by ninth grade counselor, Julia Shin, on the Four Year Plan (graduation requirements, college entrance requirements and courses to consider taking). The presentations are for students and parents to attend together, and provide registration preparation for the 2008 –09 academic year. Registration for the next school year begins in mentorship classes the last week in January.

We look forward to seeing ninth grade families on Wednesday, January 23.

**Please note: we have combined our Winter Parent/Guardian Meeting (Four Year Plan Presentation - originally scheduled for 1/29) and our Exhibition Evening. The correct date for both events is Wednesday, January 23.*

New Librarian May Be a Familiar Face

Deborah Gallaher, Librarian

Many of you may have known me as Rogers Elementary library media specialist, but as I mentioned to a Nathan Hale parent, I've moved up in the world. It's a pleasure to be here and among such a committed and talented staff.

Changes are underway in the library as we update our fiction collection, consolidate our library computers into a full lab, and revise our web page for accessible information and resources. I'm an advocate for the print and digital world, and as such I believe in providing my students with rich opportunities for reading and information literacy. Parents are always welcome, so please feel free to stop by and learn more about our program.

Contact me at dngallaher@seattleschools.org

Music Boosters

Janet Cairns

The NHHS **PEP Band** played at the NHHS State Playoff Football Game against Franklin Pierce. The Pep Band will be playing at four of the Raider home basketball games. Come watch a NHHS basketball game and enjoy the great music.

Upcoming Happenings -- All are invited to listen to our accomplished NHHS musicians and vocalists at the **Winter Concert, December 18th, 7:00 pm in the PAC**. There will be drawings for **Holiday Baskets**. The NHHS Orchestra, Band, Vocal Jazz, Choir and Jazz Band will perform. Students are to arrive at 6:15 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the next **Music Boosters meeting on December 12th** in the Band room. To find out about events and other important information, sign up for our **Music Boosters Yahoo group**. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: HaleMusicBoosters-subscribe@yahogroups.com and ask to be added to the NHHS Music Boosters yahoo loop. Thanks to **Eric Mandel** for coordinating the yahoo e-mail group. **Thanks to Gabi McCarthy and Terry Adams**, who set up the NHHS Music web site. The web site address is: www.nathanhale.org/music/home.html

Hale's Chapter of FCCLA Focuses on Homelessness

Cindy Kegley, Advisor

Sharing the belief that students **can** make a difference, Hale's chapter of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) identified homelessness as our area of interest for the next community outreach project. Ms. Janet Moore, Social Services Coordinator, spoke on this topic at the Nov. 7 meeting. From there we kicked off a Toiletries Drive. Between now and Dec. 7, Hale students are encouraged to bring in travel-sized containers of shampoo, soap, conditioner, deodorant, etc., and place them in the container located in their mentorship classrooms. The mentorship with the most donations gets a prize. Our activities include:

November 26: FCCLA students wrap gifts at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at University Village.

November 28: FCCLA students prepare and serve dinner at a community event that serves the homeless.

December 7: Toiletries drive ends, collections are gathered. Wool stockings are stuffed and handed out as gifts to the homeless.

The Hale community can support our efforts by bringing in your toiletry donations by Dec. 7. Thank you.

FCCLA is open to all Hale students. We meet every Wednesday in room 216 at lunch. Currently we have about 25 students, freshman – senior, actively involved.

Greetings from your counseling department! *From Megan Reibel*

For **Seniors:**

- Monster.com visits in January for seniors, more information to come in the Daily Bulletin.

For **Juniors:**

- Monster.com visits in January for juniors, more information to come in the Daily Bulletin.
- **Juniors who took the PSAT in October:** results are expected to arrive in December prior to Winter Break and will be announced in the bulletin for pick-up. You will also get your original test booklet back, so use these as tools to help you prepare for the SAT in the Spring. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 9th, from 7:00-8:30pm in the PAC. Mr. Jones will help juniors and parents interpret the PSAT results (bring scores with you!). We will also have a panel of experts who offer various SAT prep opportunities.
- **Sign up for the Spring SAT's and ACT's (with writing) now** so you secure a spot closest to where you live. Then depending on your score, you can take the SAT/ACT early in the Fall of your senior year. See the November Raider Reader available on the Hale website at hale.seattleschools.org for more details. Check to see if SAT subject tests (SAT II's) are required for the colleges you are considering applying to.
- If you have an IEP or 504 and need to request accommodations for the SAT or AP tests, please come to the counseling office for appropriate forms. These forms **MUST** be returned to the counseling office and mailed to The College Board at least 2 months prior to the actual test day.

For **Sophomores:**

- A school-sponsored parent night is in the works for late January/early February. The focus will be getting WASL information to families and being prepared for the spring test.

For **All Students:**

- **The Homework Center is OPEN** Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15 in the Library. Mondays/Wednesdays will provide Reading/Writing support and Tuesdays/Thursdays will be Math focused.
- **Coursework outside of Seattle Schools: effective 11/07**, any student who wishes to take an online course, course for credit (i.e. Dartmoor, EA2), summer course work at a community college or institution other than Seattle Schools' summer program, or have any course outside of the Seattle Schools' program considered for credit **MUST** have signed permission from the counselor **PRIOR** to beginning coursework. Forms are available from the counselors. Please contact your counselor directly.
 - If your child completed a **Seattle Schools' summer class in August '07**, please contact the counseling office at 252-3694 to ensure your child's grade and credit have been properly posted on his/her transcript.
 - **Evening School for credit retrieval**--December/January is when applications for Seattle Evening School arrive. We will announce the arrival of applications in the daily bulletin, which is available on the Hale website. Students can take up to 2 classes at the Marshall Building near Green Lake for credit retrieval. Cost is \$50 per class. Call the counseling office (252-3694) if you have questions.
- The counseling department would also like to challenge **ALL students** to have 60 hours **community service hours** complete with paperwork turned in by Friday January 11th, 2008. A celebration awaits those that are up to the challenge!

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Beautiful Poinsettias for Sale *Jessica Torvik, Horticulture Instructor*

Our horticulture students are selling red and white Poinsettias. Look for our table at Pancakes and Performances on Dec. 1 and the Bite of Hale on Dec. 13. We will also sell poinsettias at the horticulture site on Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 6 from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. The horticulture site is located just east of Nathan Hale near Meadowbrook Pond. Turn South at the intersection of 110th Street and 36th Avenue and park in our gravel parking lot at the end of the road.

The Annual Campaign Committee Thanks You for “being on the right side”

Christine Rylko

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you liked it or not.
– Thomas H. Huxley, 1825-1895

“His lack of education is more than compensated for by his keenly developed moral bankruptcy.”
– Woody Allen (1935 -)

Your contribution to the 2007-2008 Annual Campaign provided essential funding to buy educational tools that helps create skilled, honorable, and caring, citizens – *Thank you so much!*

2007-2008 Annual Campaign Highlights

Total Donated: \$117,908

Donations paid for:

\$100,000 for teacher salaries and educational supplies

\$ 6,000 for technical support

\$ 5,000 for the Homework Help Center

(the rest of the money paid for campaign expenses)

Tax-deductible donations can still be made through December 15 at www.nathanhale.org, or by using a pledge form available in the school office. **All money is used the 2007-2008 academic year.**

Exciting plans are being made now for your child's education at Nathan Hale. Check your mail in mid-January for announcements of new education initiatives at Nathan Hale that could be made possible by your donation, when the next Annual Campaign starts for the academic year 2008-2009.

Holiday Gift Ideas from Raider Gear - *Darcy Niedermeyer*

New gear available at the Bite of Hale! Check out the new logo design by Hale marketing class student Jarrod Reddish. Items include: clothing such as pullover **sweatshirt & baseball cap**, drawstring **backpack bag, blanket, sports bag**. Note on the order form that you are ordering a gift if you wish it delivered to you instead of your student at school. For photos of new gear see the web site: http://www.halesports.org/boosters/gear_boosters.php

About the YEARBOOK:

Cammie Wraspir, Heritage Business Manager

A) Senior parent/guardian: We believe you have been waiting for information about GRAD ADS and here it is! A GRAD AD is an advertisement (usually from the family/parent/guardian/friends) for the senior who is being acknowledged. The Grad Ad section of last year's yearbook was extremely successful and completely full! SALES will begin December 1, 2007. We will start our annual GRAD AD campaign with a kick-off mailing to every parent/guardian of a senior no later than December 15th. Look in your mailbox for a full packet of information. The packet will include a sample, rate sheet/prices, order form, and info letter. Grad Ads have a limited amount of space in the yearbook and our policy is first come, first serve. **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 5, 2008!** Be sure and fill your form out, add the check and get the photo(s) together soon. To reserve your space: get your packet back to the Heritage team as soon as possible.

B) ADVERTISING in the yearbook: Thank you for those who have been spreading the word. We already have potential advertisers. If you know of a local business that would benefit from positive exposure and a win-win situation with NHHS, please have them think about an advertisement in the Heritage.

C) For Your Information: **students without an ASB CARD will not be entitled to a yearbook in June.** The last day for ASB CARD/YEARBOOK sales is December 1, 2006. If students have not bought an ASB CARD, and want a yearbook please contact us as soon as possible. Students don't want to miss this chance. (The price of a yearbook in June will be \$75.)

Questions? Contact Ms. Tertocha, adviser; hal_@seattleschools.org or 206-252-3711 or stop by Rm .124.

Meet Christine Talianus, Drug & Alcohol Counselor

Christine Talianus works at Roosevelt, Nathan Hale, and Eckstein as a drug and alcohol prevention and intervention specialist. She has a Masters degree in Health Education and is a State Certified Drug Counselor. Ms. Talianus was hired for two years with a grant through the Northeast Seattle Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking. The Coalition hopes to find a way to fund her position in the future. (For more about the Coalition, affectionately known as NESCPUD, please see the article below.)

Ms. Talianus works at Eckstein on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at Roosevelt on Tuesdays, and at Nathan Hale on Thursdays. At each school, she will focus on being a resource for parents and students and will be working with students who are drug and/or alcohol users or at high risk of using.

Ms. Talianus has already contacted Nathan Hale staff to let them know she is available to present information to classes. She will help students who have been caught using or in possession of drugs or alcohol by giving them resources and guiding them toward assessments, if needed. Students, teachers, administrators, and staff may refer students to her if they suspect students of having a drug or alcohol problem. All referrals will be confidential, meaning the students won't need to know who referred them. She will support students in making healthy choices through one-on-one counseling or group counseling. She will not be involved in disciplinary action. She stresses that she is working at Hale to support students in making good choices and getting help for drug and alcohol use.

Questions or concerns? Email Ms. Talianus at cmtalianus@seattleschools.org. Students can find her at Hale in the Teen Health Center on Thursdays.

What Is NESCPUD? (něsk • pŭd)

Did you know? According to the American Medical Association, while many believe underage drinking is an inevitable "rite of passage" that adolescents can easily recover from, the opposite is true. The brain goes through dynamic change during adolescence, and alcohol can seriously damage long- and short-term growth processes. (www.alcoholpolicymd.com)

When Inga Manskopf, Community Coordinator for the Eckstein SPF-SIG (Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant) Project asked members of the Northeast Seattle Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking if they wanted to create a clever acronym for the group, members agreed that the name already perfectly described what the coalition is about. "Who needs a fancy acronym?" one member was heard to say. "I mean, BLT? It sounds like a sandwich."

In 2006, Eckstein Middle School was awarded a grant (SPF-SIG) by the Washington State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse to form a community coalition to prevent underage drinking. Guided by coordinator Inga Manskopf and chaired by Chris Kinsey, now the WASL Dean at Nathan Hale, the Coalition is made up of representatives from a cross-section of the community: counselors and administrators from Roosevelt and Nathan Hale high schools and Eckstein Middle School, staff from the University Family YMCA, the Seattle Police Department North Precinct, Children's Hospital, UW School of Education, Lakeside-Milam Recovery Center, and the Seattle City Attorney's Office, as well as interested parents.

The Strategic Prevention Framework guides the work of the coalition. The framework steps incorporate assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. All decisions made by the coalition must be based on data. The data collected about students in North Seattle point to the following risk factors: a generally favorable attitude toward drug and alcohol use; a perception by students that they will not be caught by parents or police if they drink alcohol; the fact that most underage drinking occurs in homes either with or without the knowledge of parents.

Taking these risk factors into account, the coalition has begun to implement strategies. They hired Christine Talianus, a Drug and Alcohol intervention Specialist. In January, the Guiding Good Choices workshops for parents will be offered in the evenings at Eckstein, Children's Hospital, and the University YMCA; workshop topics include how to prevent drug abuse in your family, managing family conflict, and strengthening family bonds.

For more information contact: Inga Manskopf, Community Coordinator, Eckstein Middle School SPF-SIG Project inmanskopf@seattleschools.org

Last chance to get Entertainment Books 2008!

At only \$20, they make a great holiday gift!

The ultimate in 2-for-1 coupons for Seattle-area restaurants and attractions is here! Now \$20 (down from \$30) you get discounts on great meals from the Brooklyn, Salish, Azteca, McDonald's, and Subway (to name a few). Enjoy discounts on other attractions/activities such as movies, SuperSonics, the Summit, museums, bowling, theater, music concerts, and on such essentials as gasoline, groceries, and dry-cleaning. Proceeds benefit the math department and math team/club.

Please make checks payable to Nathan Hale ASB for \$20. Bring the check to Mr. Brian Coon in room 115 or email at blcoon@seattleschools.org.

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Nathan Hale Sports Boosters need your help!!
Ric Wraspir

The Nathan Hale All Sports Boosters need replacements for the Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. The persons holding these positions are retiring at the end of the '08 school year. Please consider taking a more active role in helping the student-athletes at Hale. Now would be a good time to start, so you could work with the current position holder for the remainder of the year and get hands-on training and experience before taking on the role next year.

Below is a brief description of the job roles:

Chair: Facilitate the NH All Sport Booster to best support the need of the student/athletes of our school. Hold regular meetings of the Sport Booster representatives. Act as a representative of the Sport Booster at school event/meetings. Assist the Athletics Director. Work with a great team of Sport Booster reps, coaches and staff members.

Secretary: Take and distributed minutes from the NH All Sport Booster monthly meetings. Attend to other secretarial duties necessary to support the group.

Treasurer: Manage the finances of the NH All Sports Boosters. This is equivalent to managing two checking accounts. A simple IRS report is required yearly.

If you would like to talk about any of these positions, or want to join us in supporting NH athletics, contact Ric Wraspir at 206-362-5795 (nhsportsbooster@comcast.net). I would be glad to sit with you and discuss these options.

Auditions for Bat Boy The Musical coming up

Gabi McCarthy

Bat Boy has a lot of great singing and non-singing roles, so check out our website for audition information right away so you can sign up and get ready to **audition on Jan. 9th or 10th**, with callbacks on Jan 14th. The sign-up sheet for auditions slots is on the musical call board.

www.nathanhale.org/musical.

Also, Many Thanks to all

...who helped make the Performing Arts Festival on Nov. 17th such a wonderful community event! Five hours of outstanding performances from our students, teachers, and friends of Nathan Hale, with audience members dancing in the aisle at the end - what a joyful day!

See our website for a complete description of the acts. We raised over \$1,500 to improve the PAC. **A special thanks** to our student tech crew, led by Shane Goldbaum-Unger, who spent many hours setting up and supporting the performers.