NORTH ROSE WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Education Monthly Report

May, 2020

Sandy Jordan, Interim High School Principal

Greetings from the High School,

I would like to express my sincere thank you for this opportunity at NRW High School. This school is a hidden secret of excellence. I will always be the Champion for NRW High School.

The Instructional Leadership team has switched their focus Marking Period 4 and Final Grades for each student. The plan will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Every week, each teacher joins a ZOOM meeting by grade level. Jay Shetler, Assistant Principal, facilitates the meeting. Every student is reviewed. If students are not actively engaged in learning, multiple interventions are immediately started.

Staff is staying connected with each other and students. A few examples are included in your packet. A group of teachers created a Cougar Care Package for Seniors. The items in the care package are listed in the attachment. A window sign was included for Seniors to post at their home. Next month lawn signs will be delivered to each Senior.

Enjoy your reading material about the High School, SANDY

Jordan, Sandra

From: Pfluke, Jay
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:34 PM
To: Jordan, Sandra
Subject: Student answers

Honest student feedback

"If I could change one thing, it'd be the amount of work because I'd rather not wake up and start on my homework in the morning because I can't start my morning until I finish my work because the burden of having that much work to do every morning makes it so that I can't enjoy my mornings anymore. I just stress over homework until the afternoon and it's not fun at all."
Grade 10

"The change I would make is maybe having more paper copies for some subjects."
Grade 10

"If I could change one thing about distance learning it would be to some how make it feel like this is actually school and that I need to do it. Several other kids and I feel like this is not real and not school. So we aren't putting our best work due to the fact it feels more as we are on summer vacation and this is just an option. But I do not know a way we could change that."
Grade 11

"Some things I could do better is getting on a schedule!! I also need to stay caught up. Along with excepting the fact that everyone is doing this and its mandatory. Also i forget to get on Canvas all the time and its a HUGE pain...."
Grade 10

"I would enjoy if the distanced learning school days reflected the scheduled time of a normal school day. That does not mean that assignments need to be due at the time of a normal class period, however, I think it would help with the influx of Google Classroom notifications. I also wish teachers would post video lessons."
Grade 12

"I would have much more Zoom meetings; I prefer face to face instruction/discussion, which is what I miss the most during this difficult time. Lastly, I would change the assignments to not be about the pandemic, it gets very obnoxious and overwhelming to continuously get assignments regarding the virus."
Grade 12

I would like it if certain teachers decided on a designated day they would post work. I think I would have more motivation to complete my work if the work load and postings of the work were consistent. I need consistency in my education and distance learning has taken that away from me, making it quite difficult."
Grade 12

"I would change the constant paperwork we do into something creative because not only are we all stuck in our houses and having cabin fever like crazy but the constant barrage of assignments is stressful"
Grade 12

Mr. J. Pfluke
ELA 10/The Lab
North Rose-Wolcott High School

On sentences:
"If it doesn't move us closer to where we seek to go, delete it." ~ Seth Godin

Dear NRW COUGAR CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR,

So here we are! Your senior year! Who would have thought it would have gone this way? Your teachers at NRW wanted to send you a little something to tell you that we are thinking about you and we thought, "Who doesn't love a care package?" So here we are! We put our money and hearts together to organize a Cougar Care Package just for the Class of 2020. We want you to know many things but three really ring loud and true.

1. **We Are Proud Of You!** – You have overcome all sorts of obstacles to get to this point where you are today! Only you will know all the things that life brought your way over the last 13 years of education. Not only are we proud of you, but you should be proud of yourself as well. You are amazing!

2. **We Care About You!** – You truly can never know how much you mean to us. Many of us became teachers for opportunities to share experiences with students like you. Our love for you is unconditional. Even though we may not always see eye to eye, we always want to see you achieve the best version of you.

3. **You Will Always Be an NRW Cougar! –** This life is going to take you many different places in the world. Some of you will move far away and others will stick around. Many of you will enter the workforce ranging in all sorts of fields, while others may join the military to serve one of the noblest causes of defending our country. Some will take the college route, while others will take the route of the trades. No matter what you do and where you end up, there will always be a little green and white running through your veins. We were all together for this time for a purpose and we are honored to stand beside you as an NRW Cougar. We will always be connected to this place by the green and white.

In this care package, you will find some little tokens of appreciation that we hope you will enjoy.

- **Letters from Staff** – Whether you realize it or not, you have had an impact on us and we hope to have had an impact on you.

- **Refrigerator Magnet** – Something you can use to hold up those special moments that we all like to post on the fridge.

- **Wristbands**– A way to carry the Cougar Spirit with you no matter where you go!

- **A NRW SENIOR LIVES HERE Window Sign** – Post it proud in the front window of your house to let everyone know a leader of the pack lives there.

- **Car Bumper Magnet** – A way to spread the pride around town, or maybe hold the rusty parts together on the car! ☺

- **Vinyl Window Decal** – More bling for your ride!

- **Treats** – Who does not like snacks?

- **Hot Chocolate** – It is like a warm hug but in a mug. #COVID19APPROVED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

North Rose - Wolcott

Cougar Pride

A NRW CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR Lives Here

Jordan, Sandra

From:	Jordan, Sandra
Sent:	Friday, April 17, 2020 5:34 PM
To:	HS Teachers; HS Support Staff
Cc:	Mathews, Mark
Subject:	Friday, April 17
Attachments:	MP3 grade.pdf

Friday afternoons do not feel the way they use to, but this is all new for every one of us. There is still plenty of student centered activities; student participation tracker inputting, back to back grade level team meetings, Nick and Amy W. spearheading the Senior Care Packages, and of course my favorite (now) Google classroom. I was impressed with how Mark Williams explained new learning in his Google classroom. Mark was motivational, warm, understanding, and firm on his commitment to help anyone.

This week Sean and Amy sent out graduation goal letters to every senior. Each of you received the excel chart of what the seniors needed to graduate. The letters were concise and truly showed students and families that graduation is attainable if they just follow the plan. Sean and Amy turned this information around in less than a week!

There are some behind the scene heroes the past few weeks; Amy S., Carrie, Lois, and Mike. Whatever mailing, printing, calls, stuffing letters any of you asked for it got done the same day.

Nick and Amy W. have coordinated a "Senior Care Package". Of all the ideas that we have seen or heard about, this package was a group effort and unique. One of the most touching pieces in the package are the letters that you all wrote. For adult motivation and maybe a tear or two, I would like you to give Nick and Amy W. your permission to share your letters to seniors. I am even working on mine for my favorite senior that I will not give up on, A.K. This list is just some of the staff that have contributed to the care package. A thank you to everyone.

Amy Plowe- purchased and decorated envelopes for each individual senior
Wendy Hawkinson- printed vinyl window decals for students cars
Gina Duffy- created the window sign for all seniors
Chrissy Schwind- Purchased candy
Amy Wiktorowicz – Purchased candy and beefsticks
Brian Jeary- Purchased Hot chocolate
Amy Bromley, George Wetherell, Joe Baravecchio – Purchased magnetic bumper "stickers"
Nick Wojieck- Refrigerator magnets
Carrie Brown- Printing hundreds of items for the envelopes
Amy Beresford – Purchased wristbands for all seniors

Jordan, Sandra

From:	Jordan, Sandra
Sent:	Saturday, April 25, 2020 6:40 AM
To:	HS Teachers; HS Support Staff
Subject:	Friday updates April 24
Attachments:	distancelearningfromstudents.docx; 2020examcommittee.pdf

I am not sure about everyone else this distance working is hard. It is a whole mind shift. I find my time is structured more efficiently to be on time to my ZOOM-ZOOMs. Dedicating time to go to the park is essential with all this sitting. But I know all that we are doing for our students and families is appreciated. Please remember your family time and personal self-care and wellness time is mandatory. I can see from your connections with students too many of you are working Saturdays and Sundays!!!

Report card time is here. If you cannot get your grades entered by the due date, please let me know. Do the best that you can to meet the due date.

Thanks to Brian LaValley. Brian came into school this week to make a plague for the urn Nikos had made following the passing of Nikos' dad. This is just one example of how all the staff at NRW have gone above and beyond.

Sandy's Google classroom observation of the week; Kelly Allen moved her due dates to Tuesday because students had so many classes due on Friday for assignments. Just a thought.

Staff appreciation is in a few weeks. I wanted to let everyone receiving this update that all of you are educators/teachers. Carrie Brown received a frantic call from a dad who just did not know what to do because his daughter was feeling so overwhelmed. I heard Carrie talking to the dad and then Carrie said do you want me to talk with your daughter?
Dad handed the phone to the daughter and Carrie began to talk her down with just simple suggestions of managing the amount of school work and how to structure her time. In closing the loop, Carrie called back in two days to check on the student. All was well and that family was back to what *normal* is today. NO matter your title we all are educators/teachers.

Take a minute to review the attached student responses from Jay Pfluke's class. Totally honest feedback from students. Each of you will take one thing away, I am sure. Jay, thank you for sharing.

If you run across students that need Chromebook repair or technical assistance, this email is quick an efficient. **techdept@nrwcs.org**

Lockwood, Michael

From:	Jordan, Sandra
Sent:	Friday, May 1, 2020 5:40 PM
To:	HS Teachers; HS Support Staff
Cc:	Mathews, Mark
Subject:	Friday, May 1 update

This is my final Friday update. Next week Scott Bradley starts as your Principal. He is so excited to get to know each of you and take NRWHS to an even higher level of performance. I will transition with Scott and Jay, then back to retirement and being home full time with the husband. Retirement is easy but home full time, I will need to work on that. ☺ My personal email after next week is sjordanconnor@yahoo.com. I will always be the Champion of NRWHS.

I reviewed every report card yesterday and today. I was so excited about the teacher feedback. Each of you were concise and informative about each students' performance. Many students had 2 page report cards due to the high quality feedback. Some teachers were asked to update their grades they entered from Excellent to Exemplary. At first glance it appears that this is minor, but I agree with Nick when he brought it up. We communicated to families the use of Exemplary and we should not change our messaging and be accurate. The Middle School and the High School have some sharing of School Tool. Their grading used Excellent so it was not as simple as just deleting Excellent. Thank you to those that needed to correct.

Condolences to Carrie Brown who lost her Grandma this morning. Carrie was able to visit her through the window this week and together we were just laughing about Grandma yesterday. Prayers to Carrie and her family. If you would like to send a card,

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Brown
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As you heard today, the Governor has closed schools for this school year. In addition the August 2020 Regents examinations were also cancelled. There is no doubt September will look different.

Staff appreciation is next week so there are few surprises, one by email and one by home mail box. Stay tuned.

End of the week wisdom and motivation:
The 10 Qualities We Need As Leaders -

As a parent, you want to instill these 10 qualities in your children. These 10 are universal at any time of the year. At any moment, they are essential to our life. Without sharpening them regularly or displaying them in every aspect of our leading life, we fall short. These are what make up our "A" game.

We label this pandemic the COVID-19. It gives us, the A game 10. Remember, through every challenge comes a gift.

Please take a quiet moment to listen to the link below and reflect on the dedicated work you do every day for students, while being a rock for your family at home. https://youtu.be/zxlNxehADKQ

Be great, stay focused and take of yourself and family every day, SANDY

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