

September 2018 Newsletter



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New Club Schedule

New this year, clubs will meet every other month on the first Friday. We will follow the one-hour delay schedule. This change is due to the calendar change removing early release Fridays.

Club Schedule 2018-2019

September 7, 2018
 November 2, 2018
 January 4, 2018
 March 1, 2018
 May 3, 2018

New Blue Jackets Buzzing Around

Nicholas County High School Class Officers 2018-2019

MATTHEW ROBINSON

AMANDA COVERT

WES HOPKINS



HS HISTORY

MS MATH

MS SOCIAL STUDIES

Freshman
 President: Payton Miller
 Vice President: Julia Villaflor
 Secretary: Megan Purvis
 Treasurer: Keegan Rose

Sophomore
 President: McKenna Rice
 Vice President: Madyson Planck
 Secretary: Aylisa Craig
 Treasurer: Autumn Adams

Junior
 President: Peyton Hall
 Vice President: Fielden Bechanan
 Secretary: Kami Letcher
 Treasurer: Sydney Ishmael

Senior
 President: Shelby Tedder
 Vice President: Olivia Villaflor
 Secretary: Jenna Ishmael
 Treasurer: Abbie Bearden

Hometown: Camilla, GA
Birthday: November 11
Education: University of Kentucky
Out of School Activities: Football and Yearbook

Hometown: Cynthiana, KY
Birthday: February 21
Education: Maysville Midway, University of the Cumberlands
Out of School Activities: Take care of her 4 kids: Dalton (20), Dakota (18), Devon (15), and Dawson (15), kayaking and fishing, and anything outside.

Hometown: Carlisle, KY
Birthday: December 28
Education: Undergrad at Eastern Kentucky University, Masters at University of the Cumberlands
Out of School Activities: Middle School Athletic Director, 5th and 6th Grade Football Coach, Assistant Varsity Coach, and Track Coach

Club News

By: Fielden Bechanan

The FBLA, FFA, and FCCLA clubs stayed busy this summer. Nicholas County FBLA, advised by Mrs. Kim Simons, travelled to the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The chapter took 12 students who competed in a variety of events. Their trip began June 26 and ended July 1. Nicholas County FFA, advised by Mr. Cameron Earlywine and Mrs. Ashley Rogers, competed at the State FFA Convention at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky June 4-7. They brought 18 students who competed in a variety of contests. A few weeks later this year's FFA Officer Team traveled to FFA Camp in Hardinsburg, Kentucky at the Leadership Training Center where they learned a variety of leadership skills for this year. To round out the summer, on August 3, FFA, FCCLA, advised by Mrs. Jessica Letcher-Hamilton, and 4-H collaborated for the Farm to Table scholarship dinner at Forest Retreat. This event was a success, raising money for scholarships to give to selected students who help with the event. Nicholas County clubs are already off to a great start this school year!

Sport News

By: Emmy Saunders

The Nicholas County Jackets football team started off their pre-season with a disappointing loss against Fleming County, but came back with a huge win against Bellevue for the first official game of the season. The first home game on August 24 against Pendleton County resulted in another great victory for our Blue Jackets! On the road last week, the Blue Jackets had a show-stopping win against Fairview, 43-0. The next home game is September 7 against Lewis County. Congratulations to Coach Hop and our football team!

The Nicholas County Volleyball team started off their season with an impressive win in their home debut. The Lady Jackets have continued this winning streak throughout the season. In the All-A Region Tournament the Lady Jackets fought hard and received runner-up. Madyson Planck and Leandra Evans also made the All-Tournament team. Congratulations to Coach Penny Bretz and the Lady Jackets!

Three Nicholas County High School Golf members qualified for the state tournament, on August 9, at the All-A Region match. These members included Jenna Sanders, Tate Letcher, and Morgan Watkins. The All-A State tournament will take place on September 8. Congratulations to Coach French and the golf team for being off to a great start with the season.

NCMHS Site Base Decision Making Council

Barbara Allison, Chairman
 Tiffany Gook, Co-Chair
 Carla Gray, Teacher Member
 Elizabeth Johnson, Teacher Member
 Patty Tolliver, Parent Member
 Chris Anderson, Parent Member
 **Site Base Decision Making Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm

Special Points of Interests

Barbara Allison, Principal
 Josh Earlywine, Assistant Principal
 Kacey Miller, Counselor
 Regina McCall, Bookkeeper/Health Room

Contact Information

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Please contact the school with any questions you may have about upcoming events.



Mr. Bechanan Named Superintendent

Doug Bechanan began as Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools on July 1, 2018. He came to this position as no stranger to Nicholas County as he has worked the past 27 years in positions within the school system.

Mr. Bechanan began his teaching career in 1991 as an Agricultural Education Teacher and FFA advisor at Nicholas County High School. In 1998, he was named high school principal where he maintained his position until 2005 when he was named District Administrator, responsible for Personnel, Federal Programs, and Grants.



A graduate of the University of Kentucky with undergraduate degrees in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Economics, Bechanan also obtained a graduate degree in Agricultural Education and certificates in Educational Administration and Supervision.

Teacher of the Month – Mrs. Sarah O’Donnell

Based on the results of student votes from our Survey Monkey survey, Mrs. O’Donnell outshined all other NCMHS teachers with her wit and charm. Some reasons listed in her nominations include the following: “Her teaching methods are efficient and beneficial to students, yet her class is still interesting and upbeat. I never dread her class.” “Spanish is intriguing. I’ve probably learned more in Spanish than I’ve learned in any other subject within the last few years.” “She’s an iconic legendary queen!” “Mrs. Wood [O’Donnell] always makes me smile and she makes it really easy to learn Spanish.” When asked what sets Mrs. O’ Donnell apart from other teachers, these were the responses: “Her personality. She genuinely cares for her students’ wellbeing and education. She is never mean to kids, but still has amazing classroom control.” “[Her] teaching methods and difficult yet simple curriculum to teach. Also, she’s always energetic so she never wastes time.” “She’s a great teacher and actually helps people when they make mistakes. She is always excited/happy to see us.” Congratulations on this honor, Mrs. O’Donnell! It is very well deserved!



New Cross Country Coach

Travis Yazell is the new Cross Country Coach for the 2018-19 school year. He is married to Hannah Hunt Yazell (5th/6th grade teacher) and has three children: John Taylor, Jackson, and Jacob. When asked about his thoughts for the year, Yazell replied, “I have been really impressed with how hard the runners have been working, not only with their running, but in the weight room as well. Getting a late start with this group and starting a different training program from what the runners were accustomed to has been the biggest challenge. It looks like I will have a solid seven to eight girls who can really push each other with the goal of either having individual or team state qualifiers. On the boys’ side I have only had two boys out. If one of them puts in the work, he has a chance of making a run at qualifying for state. We will race at Mason Co. twice this week which will give me an idea of where we are and what we need to do to get ready for Regions at the end of October.”

NCHS is very excited to see what all the Cross-Country Team will accomplish this year!

High School Student of the Month

Teachers at NCHS have nominated students to be spotlighted as the Student of the Month. August’s spotlight is **Dustin Liver**. Mrs. Ashleigh Cobb said, “I just want to brag on Dustin Liver for a minute. He is in my 7th grade science class as a dual credit student. Today we did our first lab; he was not busy, so I asked him to help with a particularly antsy student group to keep them focused. He was amazing! He had them on task, he was reteaching material when they didn’t understand, he focused their attention, and even asked them questions to further their learning! I am so proud of him and thankful to have him when I need a little assistance!”



Middle School Student of the Month

Teachers at NCMS have nominated students to be spotlighted as the Student of the Month. August’s spotlight is **Payton Sibert**. Mrs. Heather Mulholland said, “She is such a hardworking student in math class! She participates every single day. She is always giving her best effort. I enjoy seeing her work through math problems with persistence and enthusiasm. She is always willing to help others during group work, and is extremely polite and helpful to teaches as well.”



Student Achievement

Band Camp

By: Tara Honican and Brian Hoover

The Nicholas County High School Marching Band kicked off what they hope to be a good season by attending a two-week camp this summer. The camp revolved around learning a new show and getting it performance ready for competitions. While at band camp, members experienced even more of a challenge with the weather. Constant rain forced members inside, or to practice in undesirable conditions for musicians.

During band camp, each section had one advisor studying music education to mentor them. They were an asset helping each member learn to perform to their highest capacity. They helped everyone including rookies (first time marchers) learn the basics to marching including proper posture, technique, and appropriate style. Band camp is essential for success throughout the season, and a very worthy place for creating irreplaceable bonds, even though very few breaks were given throughout the day.

All in all, band camp this year was a definite milestone in creating not only success for this year, but as well as for the years ahead. The NCHS Marching Band will be performing at most home football games during halftime and various competitions throughout the state.

Nicholas County Well Represented at GSP

By: Isaac Sexton

Governor’s Scholars Program (GSP) is a five-week course designed for students who perform exceptionally well in school. To attend GSP, one must fill out a very thorough application, which includes teacher recommendations and a list of all activities the student has participated in. This past summer, two NCHS students were accepted into the program.

When asked about their experience, Olivia Villaflor stated, “The Governor’s Scholars Program was one of the most rewarding summers of my entire life. The memories and friendships I made are ones that will last a lifetime. To this day, I keep in touch with my hall-mates and other scholars from my classes. Before I applied for GSP I was thinking “Do I really want to spend five weeks of my summer taking classes?” But, in all honesty, it doesn’t even feel like a school setting. The classes are fun and where you meet some of your best friends. My favorite class was my Political and Legal Issues class because my teacher created a mock murder case for us to solve with the help of our forensics class and we even got to role play prosecutors and defense attorneys. But the absolute best part of GSP was all the extracurricular activities you can get involved in. I especially loved the weekends at GSP because of all the fun activities you could get involved in including the showcases on Friday nights and the dances on Saturday nights. One of my absolute favorite memories is when my hall had a movie night and we all became obsessed with “The Greatest Showman” together. I would highly encourage anyone who’s thinking of applying to do so. You meet the most amazing people that you have so much in common with, even if you don’t realize it. I promise you won’t regret it!”

The second NC participant, Jenna Ishmael, stated, “GSP was an amazing experience that I will always hold very close to my heart. The first couple of days are overwhelming since you are thrown into a crowd of 344 strangers without phones or any technology. I was homesick the first day, but by the second, I had already made plenty of friends. The days are adventure packed and no two days are the same. Each day you are given many opportunities to try new things and make new friends. I studied forensic science, learned to swing dance, taught math to children at a refugee center, attended a funeral for a praying mantis, watched the Reds win on the 4th of July, learned basic Judo, played in the rain, but most importantly, I learned to reject the single story. By the last week, I found myself crying and not wanting the best summer of my life to end. The summer I dreaded to begin soon became the summer I dreaded to end. I went into GSP for the scholarship money, but came out with best friends and memories that will last me a lifetime. My heart is scattered across Kentucky. I encourage everyone to apply for this amazing program. Overall, the program will shape you into a much better person.”

NCHS is exceptionally proud of these two students for all their hard work!

HOBY

By: Brian Hoover and Isaac Sexton

This summer Peyton Hall was nominated to attend HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar). HOBY is a prestigious seminar for high school students entering junior year. Students across the state apply for available spots through their schools and are sent as representatives for their school. Peyton Hall was selected to be NCHS’s representative at the 2018 HOBY seminar.

When asked about his experience Peyton replied, “For the first time, I was genuinely connecting with kids from outside of school. I didn’t need to feel insecure about my shortcomings, because for once I didn’t feel the need to compete. I could just be myself, and make friends for the sake of making friends! HOBY taught me to express myself, to take charge in what I am passionate about, and to enjoy the moment for what it is.”

Congratulations on your achievement, Peyton!



AUGUST 2018

Aaron Caudill
 Angela Cook
 Anna Ferguson
 Anthony Turner
 Austin Carmony
 Austin Griggs
 Brady Ramirez
 Brady Switzer
 Brennon Bentley
 Brian Hoover
 Cameron Vance
 Carter Fryman
 Cayla Cook
 Chloe Mitchell
 Dalton Davenport



Dawson Fryman
 Ethan Fryman
 Ethan Napier
 Gage Ross
 Gunner McCarty
 Hannah Collett
 Isaac Fryman
 Isaiah Johnson
 Isaiah McCall
 Jacob Herrington
 Jayden Perkins
 Johnya McFarland
 Joshua Hatton
 Kayci Jo Orazen
 Keelee McCoy



Lauren McFarland
 Lindsey Scalf
 Logan Parton
 Mathew Baxter
 Nadia Walker
 Nathaniel Reynolds
 Neveah Bowles
 Olivia Villafior
 Olivia Watkins
 Riley Mola
 Sandra Campos
 Shaylee Prather
 Spencer Neace
 Tessa Humphries
 Zach Linvi

SEPTEMBER 2018

Abby Adams
 Alyssa Kenney
 Anabel Peterman
 Aryanna Cox
 Autumn Mynear
 Bobbie Jo Adams
 Bodie Taggett
 Branson Sosby
 Brian Jolly
 Brianna Barnett
 Brooklyn Earlywine
 Carlos Lopez
 Cathalina Carrasco
 Christopher Taulbee
 Dakota Hughes



David Cox
 Dillion Earlywine
 Drew Berry
 Dustin Estes
 Dustin Whitt
 Elizabeth Kiskaden
 Emily Guerrero
 Hayden Clark
 Hayden Fultz
 Isaac Moseley
 Isaac Sexton
 Jacob Hatton
 Jonathon Patton
 Joseph Girod
 Justin Estes



Kami Letcher
 Katelyn Robinson
 Keileigh Watkins
 Kyle Saunders
 Laina Mattox
 Lydia Aleman
 Maddie Allison
 Marshall Evans
 Melanie Evans
 Paul Capo
 Payton Sibert
 Taylor Carter
 Tyler Horn
 Vanessa Ring
 Zach Albright

September Sports

Band

9/8 @Bourbon Co.
 9/15 @Boyle Co.
 9/22 @Mason Co.
 9/29 @Morehead State

MS Football

9/6 @Rowan Co.
 9/15 vs. Boyd Co.
 9/20 vs. West Carter
 9/26 @Fleming Co.

JV Football

9/10 @Lewis Co.
 9/17 vs. Morgan Co.
 9/24 @Frankfort

Varsity Football

9/7 vs. Lewis Co.
 9/14 @West Carter
 9/21 vs. Bishop Brossart
 9/28 vs. Berea

Golf

9/4 vs. Harrison @Carnico
 9/7 All A Practice Round
 9/8 All A State @Somerset
 9/10 EKC Boys Qualifier
 9/11 vs. Bracken Co. @Lauren Oaks
 9/17 EKC Boys Finals @ Hidden Cove
 9/18 vs. Bracken Co./Augusta @Carnico
 9/18 EKC Girls Championship @Sandy Creek GC
 9/19 vs. Paris @Stoner Creek
 9/24 Girls Regional @Longview GC
 9/25 Boys Regional @A.J. Jolly

Volleyball

9/4 vs. Bath Co.
 9/5 @Menifee Co.
 9/6 @Harrison Co.
 9/10 @Berea
 9/12 @Augusta
 9/13 @Mason Co.
 9/17 @Sayre
 9/18 vs. Pendleton Co.
 9/20 @St. Patrick
 9/24 @East Jessamine
 9/25 @Robertson Co.

Volleyball Continued

9/27 vs. Bracken Co.

Cross Country

9/1 Henry Clay/Tanner Duke Invitational
 9/4 Mason. Co All Comers
 9/8 Mason Co. Invitational
 9/15 Double S Stampede Scott Co.
 9/22 Harrison Co. Invitational
 9/29 Bourbon Co. Colonel Stampede

MS Girls' Basketball

9/5 @Lewis Co.
 9/7 ORVC @Augusta
 9/8 ORVC @Augusta
 9/10 @Robertson Co.
 9/11 vs. Paris
 9/12 @Harrison Co.
 9/17 vs. Frankfort
 9/19 @St. Pat
 9/20 vs. Bourbon
 9/24 vs. Montgomery Co.
 9/25 vs. Menifee Co.
 9/27 vs. Augusta

Thank You!

The NCHS Journalism Team this year is directed by Mrs. Lavonda Eaglin and Mrs. Elizabeth McCord. The team members are Fielden Bechanan, Montserrat Carrasco, Emmy Saunders, Brian Hoover, Tara Honican, and Isaac Sexton. Each month, the Journalism Team will post a newsletter, consisting of events going on at NCMHS. Also, check the website, nicholas.kyschools.us, for the first episode of the Bluejacket Buzz (and stay tuned for the second episode)!