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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Tentative Dates:

Spring Formal

April 18th

Fashion Showcase

April 27th

Spelling Bee - April 13th

Teachers vs. Students

Parent Game Night

(Spades, BidWhist, & Wii Fit Competition) - April 25th @ 4pm

Honors Recognition

Ceremony - April 2nd

Family Night Baseball Game @ Garfield Park

April 15th at 4pm - Melvin Choice Dedication

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NLCP Student Activities Newsletter



HoopsHIGH : A New Beginning

HoopsHIGH has a new place to call home. HoopsHIGH is an afterschool program that teaches students about sports broadcasting and media production. This well-respected program is moving its new facility near the gymnasium at George W. Collins High School. The Collins campus gym is shared with North Lawndale College Prep, Collins Academy, and Collins High School.

The new HoopsHIGH space is actually two rooms that will operate as a control room/office and a mini-television studio. The control room will be fully-equipped with multiple editing stations, as well as an audio mixer, video switcher, and graphics area allowing students to do full sports broadcasts.

The adjoining room, which will serve as a studio, is the bigger of the two rooms. When it reaches its full operational capacity it is expected to have cameras and two sets: one new-style set and one casual set with a cozy sofa, chairs and a coffee table.

People who are closely tied to the program are optimistic about the space and what it means for the program. HoopsHIGH Advanced Apprentice Joseph Hardnett said, "I think of it as a great addition to the free Spirit Media and HoopsHIGH mission." Shaun Cave, HoopsHIGH's coordinator, said, "It's a great opportunity for the students and for the HoopsHIGH program to feel that it's growing and becoming more established."



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For Parents or students who want to find out more about getting involved with HoopsHIGH, please contact Shaun Cave @ 312-480-7018 or via email @

The Phoenix Rises? Phoenix Rising and You!

"The Phoenix... WE RISE!"

The time to plan for summer is NOW! Sophomores and Juniors applying to programs on college campuses must submit applications by April 1st (before spring break).

Freshmen and their parents are invited to attend a Phoenix Rising Kick Off Meeting on March 26th, 28th, and April 1st.

Phoenix Rising Participants? Students that attend Phoenix Rising programs

indicate that the program is strengthening participant self-confidence, enhancing NLCP's students life, and increasing students' desire to excel in high school and progress to college.

Student Political Actions Committee (SPAC)

The **S**tudent **P**olitical **A**ctions **C**ommittee (SPAC) provides great opportunities for students who are interested in getting involved in politics and activism. Students at NLCP are organized to work on issues in their school interest. In the past, students have worked to address issues of peace in schools, comprehensive sex education, male achievement, and countering military recruitment in high schools. Students have also had the opportunity to work on political campaigns, voter registration efforts and as paid election judges. This year students are working on the issue of “Parental Involvement” and they will be presenting their topic at the Mikva Challenge Civics Fair in the Spring.

SPAC is always open to new members! For students that are interested in using their voices to change their school and community please see Ms. Mathew in room 206 or via email @ smathew@nlcphs.org.



Can you decipher what this political cartoon means?



Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) provides a safe environment for gay and straight students to receive information and support in issues of sexual orientation, self-identity/esteem, acceptance by family and friends, support services, and a celebration of diversity. The GSA will also foster a safe and tolerant school culture for all stu-

dents. The programs offered by GSA have brought tremendous awareness and intellectual thought to our community and has been a comfort to the student body. This year, students have participated in “National Coming Out” day in October, where GSA members decorated a bulletin board and discussed why they joined GSA.

GSA will also be planning a “National Day of Silence” in April to address the bullying and hate crimes that exist within the LGBT community.

If you are interested in learning more about GSA, please stop by room 206—Christiana

You may also contact both Ms. Mathew: smathew@nlcphs.org or Ms. Eisenbaum: seisenbaum@nlcphs.org.



The Phoenix Pom Pon Team is back at it again, new and improved! The Phoenix Pom's are as follows: Jasmine Graham, Ericka haggard, Aretha Morgan, LaTisha Steele, Tashay Slater, Johnique Lowe, Sharis Williams, Quartney Taylor, Dyanmond Houston, and Takeyah Treadwell.

Just a few announcements “Phonenix Family,” Thursday, March 5th—Phoenix Pom Informational Session.

Phoenix Pom's & The Math Club

Saturday, March 7th—Phoenix Pom Dance Clinic and on Friday, March 13th—Phoenix Pom Pon tryouts for 2009—2010 Pom Season.

Math Club:

Math Club! Both the Christiana and Collins campus have a math club this year. We are in charge of creating school wide math competitions, assisting in math department

duties, fundraising, tutoring, and we are gearing up to enter a math competition. We are always accepting new participants!

Details:

Collins Math Club led by Ms. Luxton in room 302. Christiana Math Club led by Ms Atkinson in room 111. Both clubs meet once or twice a month on Mondays and or Tuesday. PEACE!

There Is HELP!

Domestic violence should not happen to anybody. Ever! Period! But it does - and when it does, there is HELP! Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or who are dating. Most often domestic violence affects women.

Society is not fully aware

of how often domestic violence occurs and how severe it is. Music star Chris Brown helped with this matter. As most have heard, the alleged criminal Chris Brown physically assaulted music star girlfriend Rihanna. Even though this is a big surprise and a eye opener for the public, many others who have been victims of domestic violence have been fully aware of this very serious issue.

Chris Brown's attacks on Rihanna have been pub-

licized and seen as extremely negative. His actions have alerted and concerned the young population about the patterns and the cycle of abuse.

According to recent studies, about one in three adolescent girls will be in a physically abusive relationship by the time she graduates from high school. This shocking statistic is realistic and problematic. The job at hand for society is to help these young women in abusive relationships and to make them conscious that they are indeed in an abusive relationship and that there is a way out.

Please speak with any member of the Dept. of Student Life, confidentially, if you have needs regarding this issue. Christiana Campus - Rm. 110 Collins Campus - Rm. 314

Phoenix Connections (NLCP Culture Committee)

Are you a real Phoenix? Do you know the in's and the out's of NLCP? Do you like planning events for your school, would you like to?

Well, Phoenix Connections is the group for you! Phoenix family, this is a brand new group, we focus in on several different topics every week. A number of students from both

campuses come together and figure out how to increase peace, reform school policies, break down any social barriers, and how to live out the "Phoenix Creed."

Our motto is, "One school, two campuses." It is the mission of Phoenix Connections to figure out just how the whole Phoenix family can join

in with us and walk wholeheartedly in our motto.

New members are always welcome!

For more information, Please Visit: Mrs. Pratt, Principal (Collins campus) at lpratt@nlcphs.org or (773) 542-6929

The Voices of North Lawndale (Gospel Choir)

"The Phoenix... WE RISE!" In 1999, Ms. Juanita Williams founded the North Lawndale College Prep gospel choir. The choir had a humble beginning with only seven member and their practices were held in a cramped computer room. However, the lack of performance space did not stop the NLCP Gospel choir lifting their voices in song.

After six sacrificial years of hard work and fervent prayer, the choir received a new leader, Ms. Yvette Vessel. The choir performed for Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Paul Wellstone's memorial service, the Shedd Aquarium Benefit Dinner, and recorded with the Lakeside singer's "Kids on Track" program. The choir has blossomed into a twenty-five ensemble "lifting our

voice in song."

The choir officially received their name by DelVin Barber, a freshmen at the time and the choir director. Jeramey Winfield was the President.

We plan to have a "Gospel Spring Explosion" coming up on the 28th of March. For information about the Voices of North Lawndale contact Ms. Vessel (Christiana Campus)



Domestic Abuse Hotline:
(877) 863-6338

Student Activities Newsletter

The Student Activities Committee is committed to prompting the multitude of outlets that the school has to offer outside of the classroom. Participating in extra-curricular activities are not only beneficial to your academic portfolio, but also brings value to your character, social life, and maturation as a young adult. Take a chance on holistic growth and meet new friends, open new doors, create new high school culture, and discover your full potential. There is something here at NLCP for everyone (parent, student, & community) but

you have to take the initiative to go for it all. We have over 40 programs offered and a host of other events that will heighten your high school experience. Take ownership of the school, as We Are The Phoenix...

WE SHALL RISE!!!



...EXCELLENCE PREVAILS!

INSIDE US ALL...

"Nothing Beats A Failure...But A Try"

If you are interested in getting more involved, please see or contact: Mr. Lenore at the following: (773) 542-1490 ext. 109 or via email: blenore@nlcphs.org

If you want to join the NEW NLCP Student Network, send a request to Jennifer Spearman (jennifersprmn@yahoo.com) or Delvin Barber (dbarber.inc@gmail.com)



WE REP'N PHOENIX...PHOENIX...PHOENIX....

WE REP'N PHOENIX...PHOENIX...PHOENIX....

...WE REP'N..WOOO..WOOO..WOOO...BOOM!!!!!!!