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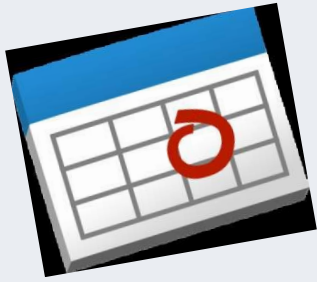
Winter Formal 2017 Candlelight and Snowflakes

Wildcats were ready to dance the night away on Saturday, December 2nd at the University of Charleston Ballroom, for the 2017 Winter Formal. This year's theme was Candlelight and Snowflakes. The moonlight lit the sky around the Capitol Dome as a beautiful backdrop to a wonderful evening.

DJ Nick Scott kept the party going as those in attendance danced the night away. The night culminated with the crowning of the 2017 Winter Formal King and Queen. Xavier Scott was voted the king and Torri Porterfield was chosen as the queen. A special thanks to Cathy Harless and all of her dedication to the students of Nitro High School for another successful and fun filled evening.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER.....

REMEMBER TO CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR NEW INFORMATION!

December 5	Poetry Out Loud School Competition 8-10am Boys Basketball @ Tolsia
December 7	Girl's Basketball @ Ravenswood @ 7
December 8	Benefit Auction for After Prom Fundraiser @ 7 in the Commons sponsored by A to Z Auctions Boys Basketball @ Nicholas County Jason Eades Wrestling Tournament @ Pt. Pleasant HS
December 9	Jason Eades Wrestling Tournament @ Pt. Pleasant HS ACT test date
December 12	Girl's Basketball @ St. Albans @ 7
December 14	Girl's Basketball @ Winfield @ 7
December 15	Boys Basketball @ Poca
December 16	Girl's Basketball @ WVSU VS Ripley @ 7 JCI Wrestling Tournament in Jackson County
December 18	Block Schedule Final Exams periods 1 and 5 Girl's Basketball VS Hoover @ 7
December 19	Block Schedule Final Exams periods 2 and 6 Girl's Basketball @ Oak Hill @ 7
December 20	Block Schedule Final Exams periods 3 and 7 Boys Basketball @ home vs Point Pleasant
December 21	Block Schedule Final Exams periods 4 and 8
December 22	End of 1st Semester Early Out Boys Basketball @ Wayne
December 25 thru January 1 - Christmas Break - No School	
December 28	Boys Basketball @ home vs Herbert Hoover
December 29	Mountain Madness Wrestling Tournament in Baltimore
December 30	Boys Basketball @ home vs St. Albans Mountain Madness Wrestling Tournament in Baltimore
January 5 & 6	Pat Vance Wrestling Tournament @ NHS



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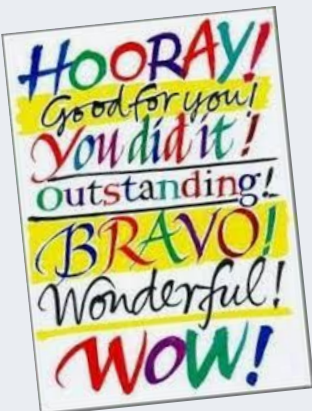
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FINISHED BUSINESS

This season started with one goal in mind - Taking Care of Unfinished Business. The team was hit with several injuries at the beginning of the season, this is normally what will derail a team; not our Wildcats. They had their eyes on the goal and knew what had to be done.

After winning the Sectional and Regional Championship, the next step was the State Tournament. The boys won the regional championship when they knocked off Winfield in an exciting overtime with Seth Jordan scoring the winning goal. The boys then moved onto the semi-final championship game against Charleston Catholic and after a total of 100 minutes of scoreless soccer then the PK's begun and Nitro came away as the winner.

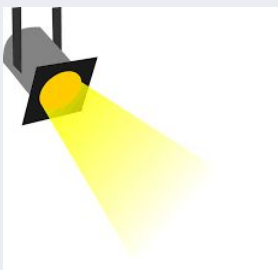
Next step the State Championship against Robert C. Byrd High School. Nitro went into halftime with a 1-0 lead, but knew the Eagles weren't going to give up easily. The Eagles came in with a sneaky goal, but Wildcats weren't finished yet. Our overall defense shut them down and didn't give them many opportunities to score. The Wildcats outlasted the Eagles and captured Nitro's second ever Boys State Soccer Championship with a 2-1 final score. We want to congratulate Coach Eich and the team on this amazing accomplishment. The team would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support they received; from the pep assembly and send off to the stands that were filled with fans. They can't express how much the support meant to the team.





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Faculty Spotlight

This month's faculty spotlight will be shining bright on some pretty awesome people, that help keep Nitro High School running day to day. Spotlight will be on Garrett Burdette-Athletic Director; Officer Blake-School PRO; Teresa Evans-School Nurse; and Caty Culbertson-Attendance Director/Social Worker.

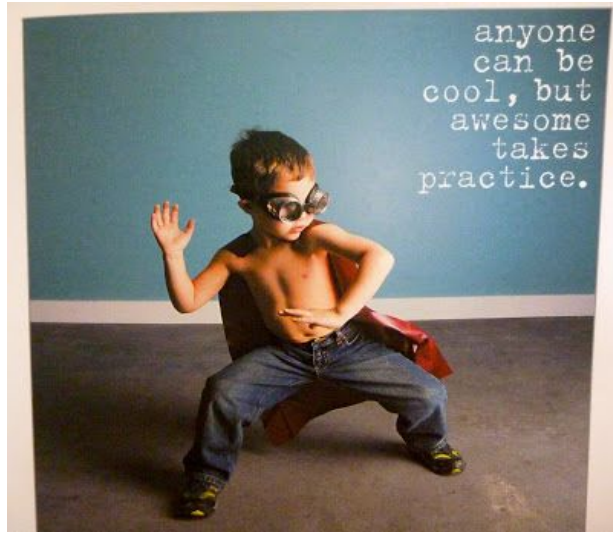
Caty Culbertson is the attendance director and social worker for the Nitro attendance area. She has worked 24 years as a social worker and is on her 5th year at Nitro. Mrs. Culbertson received her Bachelor of Science from Lipscomb University and her Masters from Marshall University in Community Agency Counseling. She is married to her husband Craig and they have four children-Caleb, Molly, Josh and Jon; 10 grandchildren; and a dog and cat. Caty is very involved in the community and is always assisting those that need a helping hand. In her spare time she likes to sew, craft, and garden. Her favorite memories while at Nitro are when she makes home visits, and is able to help to make a difference in a family's life.

Next up is our very own Prevention Resource Office, Ray Blake. Officer Blake has been a police officer for 12.5 years and a PRO for 4 years. Officer Blake is co-teaching Digital Imaging II this year with Mrs. Petry; he is also very active going to classrooms talking about bullying, social media, safety, drugs, alcohol, and other prevention related classes. Officer Blake is a 1993 Nitro alumni, going on to graduate from WV State College in 1997 and the WV State Police Academy (125th basic class) in 2005. He is married to his wife Jessica and they have one daughter, Kayleigh. Rounding out the Blake family is Barkly, a golden retriever, and Finn, a Yorkie. In his spare time Officer Blake likes to bowl, fish, golf, and coach Kayleigh's basketball team. His favorite memories are starting the bowling club at Nitro in 2015 and our first competition bowling team in 2016.

Garrett Burdette not only teaches Earth Science at Nitro, he is also our Athletic Director. He has been at Nitro for four years teaching and as AD. Mr. Burdette graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan and West Virginia State University with a bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Chemistry; he is currently working on his Masters in Leadership. He is married to his wife Brittany and they have a dog named Rue and two cats named Mowgli and Finley. He loves to go hunting and golf when he has the time. He has loved his entire time at Nitro; from the students to the friends he's made on the staff.

Teresa Evans is the school nurse not only at Nitro, but also splits her time at Nitro Elementary, and Cross Lanes Christian. She is a veteran in the medical profession, having worked in nursing for 44 years, with her last 9 years being in the Nitro area. In her addition to working in Kanawha County Schools, she has also worked at CAMC Memorial in the newborn and ICU; St. Francis; United HealthCare; CAMC Teays Valley since 2000. Ms. Evans got her Associate of Arts in Nursing from Morris Harvey; Bachelors of Science in Nursing from University of Charleston. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau-International Nursing Honor Society, nationally certified as an Operating Room Nurse and as a School Nurse. Ms. Evans is a widow and has a daughter Katelin who is a 2016 graduate of Nitro High and a current student at West Virginia University. She loves to read and garden and is active in her church. Her most memorable moments at Nitro are when the football team ended their losing streak and beat Poca, and when the Show Cats won the State Championship in 2016.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the students and staff at Nitro High School!



Nitro Wildcats are pretty amazing and we want to let everyone know the wonderful things happening in Nitro Nation. If you know of someone that you would like to see in the spotlight, send it into ndouglas@mail.kana.k12.wv.us



YEARBOOKS ON SALE

The 2018 Nitro High School Yearbook, is going to be nothing short of amazing! This year marks the 100th school year at Nitro High School and you don't want to miss out on this piece of history. The cost is \$75 thru December. Price in January will be \$85. Quantities are limited and there will not be any extras ordered. See Ms. Grant in Baker Building Room B101 to order your piece of history. Cash or money order accepted.





WILDCATS

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HELP!



The Cross Lanes/Nitro Area Food Pantries Needed Our Help and Wildcats Delivered!!!

During the 2 week food drive, staff and students were asked to bring nonperishable food items into their second period class. The class with the most cans would receive a pizza party and one free round of bowling for each student in the class. Wildcats collected over 1,600 cans and over 1,000 non perishable food items!! All items collected will help 250 families in our community. Ms. Martin's class won the competition with 478 cans, second went to Mrs. Manley's class with 419, and third place was Mr. Shamblin with 346. Thank you Wildcats for stepping up and helping your neighbors!!!!



DECEMBER FUNDRAISERS

Benefit Auction



After Prom will be hosting an auction being sponsored by A to Z Auctions on December 9, at 6pm. Great time to get the last items on your Christmas list.

Sweets & Treats



Show Choir will be taking up a catalog order thru December 14th.

Trivia Night



Academic Team will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, December 9 at ___ pm in the Student Commons.

Note: ALL fundraisers that benefit the students of Nitro High, must be pre-approved. Email Kizmet Chandler with a detailed description of fundraiser. Email is kchandler@mail.kana.k12.wv.us.