



**August 23, 2011**

**US PLAYER/PARENT MEETING**

Wednesday, August 24

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

NYA Gym

This is mandatory for all student athletes participating in fall athletics. One parent/guardian per student should be present at the meeting.

**ALL CALL FOR CAMPING GEAR**

We are very pleased to announce that the freshmen class, as part of its orientation, will be camping overnight at Mt. Blue State Park on Monday, August 29. We are looking to borrow the following camping equipment in order to make this a successful trip. If you have any of the following items available and would be willing to share them, please email [John Drisko](#). Thank you so much for your consideration.

4 to 6 person tents

Tarps

Coleman stoves

Extra sleeping bags

Sleeping mats

**NYA BUS TRANSPORTATION ROUTES & PRICES**

We will offer the Bath/Brunswick bus route again this year. We share this route with Waynflete School, and the times and prices are subject to change. [Transportation sign-ups](#) are due to [Dan King](#) on Tuesday, August 30.

**NYA PICTURE DAY**

NYA picture day is scheduled on Wednesday, September 7. CoffeePond Photography will be on campus from 8:00 a.m. until noon photographing all students for the NYA Community Directory. Families will then be contacted by CoffeePond Photography regarding individual photo packages for purchase. This is also the day of the senior photograph for the NYA 2012 yearbook end sheets.

**FROM THE ADMISSION OFFICE**

Thank you to our student ambassadors and parent volunteers who took time out of their summer schedules to help out with New Student Orientation. Your welcoming faces and valuable insights made

all the difference throughout the sun-filled morning. Our new NYA families are eager to start the new school year, and this event was a wonderful first step into the NYA community.

In the upcoming months, we will be shifting our focus to the 2012-2013 school year. To that end, we will be reaching out to NYA families who might be interested in hosting gatherings and helping us share the NYA story with new prospective families.

We wish you all the best as you start the new school year, and we look forward to the wonderful energy that always returns to campus in September.

~Laurie Hyndman & Holly Dana

### **STUDENTS ENROLLED IN US SPANISH 1, 2 OR 3 & COURSE MATERIALS**

A Vistas Supersite passcode is required of all students entering US Spanish 1, 2, or 3. If you already have a passcode from last year, it should still work this year, and you should not have to purchase another one. If you are entering US Spanish 1, 2, or 3 for the first time, and you are purchasing a new textbook, a Supersite Passcode will come bundled with your new textbook, and you will not have to purchase one separately. However, if you are purchasing a used textbook (or if for some reason you did not have a passcode last year or have lost it), you will also need to purchase a Supersite Passcode directly from the Vistas Online Store for \$50. As indicated on the NYA Virtual Bookstore, Vistas textbooks can be used, but do consider the cost of the Supersite Passcode when weighing whether to purchase a used or new textbook. Your workbook and lab manual cannot be purchased used. Take good care of your textbook, workbook, and lab manual, because you will use these same books for Upper School Spanish 1, 2, and 3!

### **A REMINDER FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT**

In your efforts to secure classroom supplies before September arrives, all US students, along with eighth graders who will be enrolled in Algebra 1, will be expected to own a graphing calculator. The calculator we use at NYA is the Texas Instruments TI-84 and it is readily available at many local stores and online. Once purchased, this calculator can be used for all math courses at NYA and consequently should be a one time purchase for students. Please contact [Eric Austin](#), Math Department Chair, with questions.

### **6TH GRADE ORIENTATION WEEK & MYERS' FARM OVERNIGHT**

During the first week of school, the sixth graders at NYA will participate in an orientation to get to know each other better and to learn more about the sixth grade program at NYA. This [letter](#) explains the topics of orientation and also includes a permission slip for the Myers' Farm Overnight Camping Experience on Thursday, September 8. Please drop off or mail the permission slip to Karen Messick at 148 Main Street, Yarmouth, ME 04096 by the **first day of school**. Please be sure that your child has submitted his/her health forms to the Ashley Moody, NYA's School Nurse, in order to be able to participate in the overnight experience. If you have questions, please contact [Karen Messick](#) or [Danielle Barschdorf](#).

### **7TH & 8TH GRADE EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION TRIPS**

Seventh graders will participate in an overnight experience at Kieve Leadership School on September 15-16 as part of their Experiential Education here at NYA. During the experience, students will work on their communication skills, as well as their ability to solve challenging problems. Students will participate in teambuilding challenges and high ropes course elements throughout their stay at the Leadership School. Eighth graders will participate in a one day sea kayaking adventure in Bremen, ME

through Kieve Leadership School on September 16. Students will learn how to sea kayak and also focus on building their leadership skills. They will spend half the day sea kayaking and half the day participating in higher order teambuilding challenges.

Your child will bring home a letter with more details about their trip on the first day of school. To be able to participate in either of the two Experiential Education programs, the following two forms need to be completed and dropped off or mailed to Danielle Barschdorf (148 Main Street, Yarmouth, ME 04096) by the **first day of school**: [Student Application and Medical Form](#). Please make sure that your child has submitted his/her health forms to Ashley Moody, NYA's School Nurse, in order to be able to participate in the overnight experience. If you have any questions, please contact [Danielle Barschdorf](#).

### **FROM THE HEALTH SERVICE OFFICE**

It is that time of year again – HEALTH FORMS must be completed for the next school year. All forms can be downloaded from the [NYA website](#). You will be given the option of clicking onto a letter for new or returning students, and for those who need to submit a physical exam.

**All forms were due to my attention on August 1.** No student will be allowed to participate in preseason and/or regular season athletics, class trips, or other off-campus activities until all forms are submitted. I appreciate your efforts to comply with this requirement. Thank you.

[Ashley Moody](#)  
School Nurse  
847-5402

### **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORMS NOW DUE**

If you have not done so already, please submit the [2011-12 Athletic Participation Form](#) for your child. It can be found on our website under "Athletic Policies and Forms" in the Athletics section. The form requires a signature and should be mailed or faxed (846-8826) to Mike Dutton, Director of Athletics. Please email [Mike Dutton](#) (or call him at 847-5456) if you have questions.

### **US FALL PRESEASON**

US fall sports' practices began on Monday, August 15, with the following schedule:

Field Hockey	9:00 a.m. – Noon
Girls' Soccer	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Boys'&Girls' Cross Country	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Boys' Soccer	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Volleyball	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Golf	Preseason is optional. Please contact Mike Dutton for details.

MS practices do not start until the first day of classes.

Student athletes must have all medical paperwork completed prior to their first practice or they will not be able to participate. Please email [Mike Dutton](#) (or call him at 847-5456).

### **MS ATHLETICS**

MS athletics (6th, 7th & 8th grades) and P.E. (5th & 6th grades) will begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6. The [Athletic Participation Form](#) and all [health forms](#) must be completed and turned in to the Athletic Office or mailed to Ashley Moody before participation.

## **DINING SERVICES**

It is our goal to encourage healthy eating by offering simple, fresh, flavorful food in a low stress environment. Morning snacks and lunch are available to all students every school day. As a convenience to parents and students, a [dining account](#) may be established for each student. Accounts **MUST** be set up with an initial deposit **before school starts**.

## **CONVOCATION**

Tuesday, September 6  
8:00 a.m. (Please arrive by 7:45 a.m.)  
Grizzly's Quad (Behind the Science Center)  
Rain Location - NYA Gym  
Dress-Up Day

## **ADVISOR LOCATIONS FOR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL MEETINGS**

Immediately following Convocation, US students will report to Advisor locations. MS students will report to the Savage MS Community Room after Convocation and prior to meeting with their Advisors. MS students are asked to drop off their backpacks and bags to their Advisor locations prior to Convocation. A complete list of Advisor assignments and Advisor meeting locations will be e-mailed to parents and students prior to the first day of school.

## **STUDENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

Student drivers must [register](#) or reregister the vehicle(s) that they intend to drive to school by Friday, September 16. All student vehicles are required to have a numbered parking sticker on the rear window, driver's side. Parking stickers cost \$3.00 each and can be purchased in the Main Office.

## **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

We are looking for volunteers to help us with Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 30. The event begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please email volunteer coordinator [Ann Poole](#) or [Molly Moss](#) (Molly can also be reached at 847-5327).

We plan to mail Grandparents' Day invitations this week. If we don't have your grandparent information, or if you are available to help with the mailing (folding, stuffing, labeling, etc.), please email [Kristi Belesca](#) (or call her at 847-5423).

## **CAMPUS NEWS**

[NYA Offers Extensive Hockey Skills Instruction](#)  
[NYA Alumnus Makes Hole In One at Tournament](#)

## **NYA HANDBOOK**

The NYA Student & Parent Handbook will be distributed to students on the first day of school. It will be available on-line once it is updated.

## **NYA 2011-2012 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

Students should expect to receive the NYA 2011-2012 Community Directory around the last week of September. *Please remember to communicate new addresses, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses to [Carol Harris](#) as soon as possible.*

## **INSURANCE**

Student supplemental insurance information and forms are available in the Main Office. All students must have some form of medical insurance.

Click to check out the [NYA Calendar](#).

*Enjoy the last days of summer!!*