



NEXTECH NEWS

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**FIRST TRIMESTER
IN THE BOOKS!**

**COUNSELOR
CORNER**

GR COMIC CON

We can all breathe a sigh of relief - we successfully finished up the first trimester! Throughout this trimester, staff learned a number of things regarding the courses and the best way to support our students. We will be using that info to start off the second trimester in an even stronger fashion. Be on the lookout for report cards to come home the week of November 19th. Also, take this time to sit with your student and set plans for success based on what the results were from the first trimester. This is a great time to make those changes in order to start building independence.

Please remember that during the week of November 19th the school building will be closed for the entire week. We have staff professional development on Monday and Tuesday, followed by Thanksgiving break. Students should be working the first two days next week offsite, as school work is still assigned. Use this as a test run for poor weather days that may happen in December or January.



The following students were selected for recognition for certain items throughout the first trimester. There are a number of different reasons, but overall they are representative of our core values of Focus, Integrity, Respect and Enrichment. We are grateful for the efforts of these students from the first trimester and look to expand this recognition as the year carries on.

STUDENTS OF THE TRIMESTER

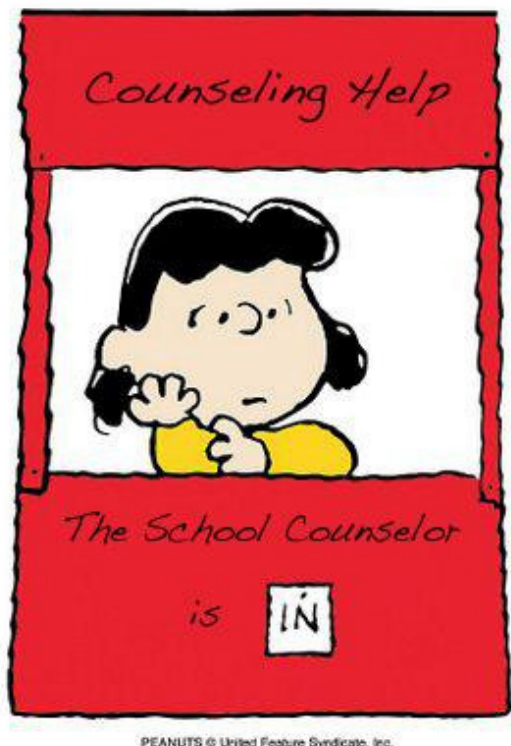
AM SESSION:

- SIERRA POORE***
- JOSIE DAZA***
- JAYDEN BAUER***
- GRACIELA CORTEZ***
- ALYVIA CASNAVE***

PM SESSION:

- ZEKO QUAKKELAR***
- ANDROMEDA REID***
- EVELYN TORRES***
- DONOVAN FREEMAN***
- OLIVIA HEIN***

COUNSELOR CORNER



Senior Information

There is still plenty of time for seniors to be applying to college, whether it is a 2-year or 4-year school. There are plenty of scholarship opportunities available to students. Ms. Kuczera has a running list of scholarships, both local and national ones. If you have questions about scholarships, please contact her.

If your student is planning on going to college, they need to fill out the FAFSA. This is a free application and will help determine what kind of aid your student may be eligible for.

Additionally, if your student has been accepted to college, please give a copy of the acceptance letter to Ms. Kuczera.

Free College?!

Has your child been on Medicaid between the ages of 9-17? If so, they may be eligible for the Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP). This is a grant awarded by the state of Michigan and will cover up to two years of college tuition at a community college and will cover partial tuition at a 4-year college/university.

To be eligible to receive TIP, a student needs to have a FAFSA on file and fill out the TIP application. If you have questions about whether your child is eligible for TIP, please contact Ms. Kuczera.

Students can apply for TIP any time during their high school career.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PTO

On Thursday November 15th at 6:30 PM we will be holding our first PTO meeting in order to discuss how to expand our group, and begin to establish a strong organization. Even if you are just curious about how you can contribute to the school, we encourage you to attend and join us for this event. We will look to identify certain projects or committees that will run through the rest of this school year. If you are unable to attend but would like more information please reach out to Shania Humphrey at slhumphrey@gr.nexttechhigh.org.



Dates to Know

**PTA Meeting Nov 15
6:30 PM**

**Work at Home Dates
November 19/20**

**Students should follow their
planners and stay on top of work.**

**November 21-23
Thanksgiving Break**

**December 22-Jan 5
Winter Break-No School**

**Jan 14
Parent Conferences**



NEXTECH AT COMIC CON



Over Nov 9-11, staff and students got to enjoy Grand Rapids Comic Con, held at the Devos Place in downtown Grand Rapids. Students and staff worked to get our name out in the community, while also giving away NexTech gear. We were able to connect with current and former students through out the weekend. Some additional photos from the event are on the following pages.

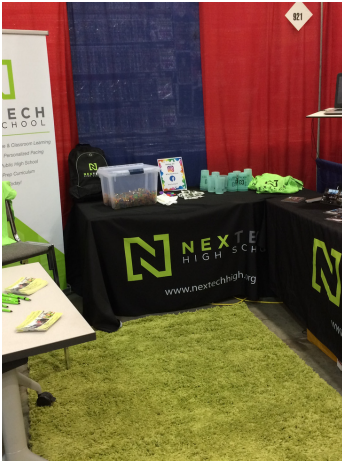
CALL FOR EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Our chapter of the National Honor Society is always looking for events in our local community to offer time and support for. If you have any upcoming events that we might be able to help support, please reach out to kkuczera@gr.nextechhigh.org and let Miss Kuczera know what you have in mind.

In the past we have done community clean-ups, worked at Kids Food Basket, and even supported Habitat for Humanity on some small scale projects.

Along with this, if you think there is a space that we should be promoting, let us know that as well as we continue to strive for 200 in 2020!







WINTER WEATHER

With the possibility of a school closure due to inclement weather starting we wanted to send out information regarding our closure procedures. We know that closures impact families in different ways, but the top concern for us is always the safety of our students and staff.

Please be aware that NexTech High is our own district in the state of Michigan, so in the event of any closure, look for our school name, or information directly from us regarding closures.

How do we make the decision to close?

Closures are based on a number of different factors such as road conditions, weather forecast, temperature, wind chill, and timing of possible weather events. We also monitor areas around the school since we have families that live in many different areas.

When do we make the call to close?

We make the call to close as soon as possible, and generally prior to 6 AM.

How are parents alerted?

We use a variety of methods to reach families:

- We will put an announcement on the Buzz system for that day*
- We will send a message to families through our Alert system, the same one we use for absence calls*
- We will change the message on the phone answering system for the school*
- We will post a notice on our social media sites*
- We will use the GRAIL system that connects with Cumulus/iheart radio stations, WoodTV 8, WWMT 2, WXMI TV 178, and WZZM TV 13.*

Please note that when we make the decision to close school we are using the best information available at the time the decision is made.

Even with this information we cannot know the conditions for each and every family. If you do not feel that it is safe for your student to drive to or attend school, please call them off with the absence line.

Weather related absences are considered excused absences.

Students still will have work assigned through the system, as we are on a virtual platform, and they will be expected to complete those assignments even in the event of a building closure.

Thank you for your support, and continue to be safe through the winter season.

