

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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## VP

### A Shotgun Perspective by Anthony Balas

Wow. We're already almost a full quarter into our last year as high school students. It's crazy. As cliché as it sounds, it feels like this year is already flying by. I am not sure I've ever had such mixed emotions. I couldn't be more excited for next chapter in my life, but I know that as senior year ends, a fair amount of uncertainty begins. And with that uncertainty, comes fear. Even if you've been accepted to your favorite college, chosen a suitable major, and found that perfect frat, your life is on the verge of taking a complete 180 degree turn, so it's hard to know what to expect. In addition to the giant stress of college, most of us have a million things going on right now. We're in the thick of the fall sports season, the easy introductory units of our AP classes have passed, and a large portion of the 2012 class has already fallen victim to the notorious senioritis.

The point I'm trying to make is that we have a lot on our minds right now. Most of us are undoubtedly stressed out and I know firsthand that stress can be hard to deal with, but I encourage all to have a mindset that is both focused and optimistic. As a society, we really can make a difference in our community. It is for us to decide how much help we can be.

Though senior year may take quite an emotional toll, it will be one of the best and most memorable years of our lives. So if we can work our hardest and have fun at the same time, we're bound to have no regrets. I thank you all again for electing Becca and myself as your NHS vice presidents. As we move forward, we promise to do our best in representing you, the members of Shawnee Mission West National Honor Society.

# Dates to Know

(Dates and times subject to change)

## October

Oct 20 - NHS meeting (1:15pm)

Oct 21 - Make-up meeting (7:00am)

## November

Nov 2 - NHS Induction! All current members **MUST** attend

Nov 10 - NHS meeting

Nov 11 - Make-up meeting

## December

Dec 3 - Future Viking Fun Night

Dec 8 - NHS meeting

Dec 9 - Make-up meeting

## January

Jan 12 - NHS meeting

Jan 13 - Make-up meeting

## February

Feb 9 - NHS meeting

Feb 10 - Make-up meeting

## March

March 8 - NHS meeting

March 9 - Make-up meeting

## April

April 5 - NHS meeting

April 6 - Make-up meeting

## May

May 3 - NHS meeting

May 4 - Make-up meeting

May 5 - ROCK 4 HOPE! ON A SATURDAY THIS YEAR!

**-ALL THURSDAY MEETINGS WILL BE AT 1:15  
PM IN THE AUDITORIUM**

**-ALL MAKE-UP MEETINGS WILL BE FRIDAY**

# Communication

(in case you haven't already heard about it...)

**Twitter:** Follow us @smwNHS

**Facebook:** Join the group Shawnee Mission West NHS 2011-2012

**Website:** <http://smwestnhs.tripod.com>

**Bulletin Board:** Check it out on the bridge!

**Email:** [smwestnhs@gmail.com](mailto:smwestnhs@gmail.com)

## And sign up for Viking Alerts!

1. Go to <http://www.smsd.org/schools/smwest/>
2. Click Viking Alerts in the left column
3. Go through the steps
4. CHECK "NHS" UNDER CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS as well as other groups/activities you would like to receive text alerts for
5. If you already have text alert set up for this year follow the steps as is and once you get to the sign up page scroll all the way to the bottom and click "Unsubscribe/change message preferences" to add NHS to your alerts.

**And remember, saying "I didn't know" is not going to get you anywhere. This is a NO EXCUSE policy ☺**

## Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. Hope Faith Ministries-** Non- profit organization dedicated to serving the less fortunate  
Sundays- Oct 9th, Oct 23rd, Nov 13th: 7am (20)  
Saturday, Nov 12th: 1-3pm (20)
- 2. Viking 2 Viking Tutoring-** Students helping their peers complete homework  
During seminar (cannot be an FMP)  
Contact Mr. Rogers in the counseling office
- 3. Safe Halloween-** Face painting  
Thursday, Oct 27th, 6:00-7:30  
Face painting (10)
- 4. Family Fall Festival-** Helping with games, ticket booths, and other activities  
Saturday, Oct 15th, 12:00-4:15 (Oct 16th rain out day)  
At Blue Valley Recreation in OP (10)

**You have a week to turn this in with money- check to SMW NHS.**  
**Due Next Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**



“putting the h in nhs” and the “12” will be on the back of the t-shirt.

The T-shirt will be a dark charcoal grey, and the letters will be white and yellow, with year in big numbers on the back

\$10 Short / \$13 Long  
**T-Shirt Order Form**

Check ONE

Short Sleeve

Long Sleeve

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Suggestions...**

(Got anything you want us to change, add, fix? Let us know!)

Meeting Quote:

Snacks:

Members of the Month: