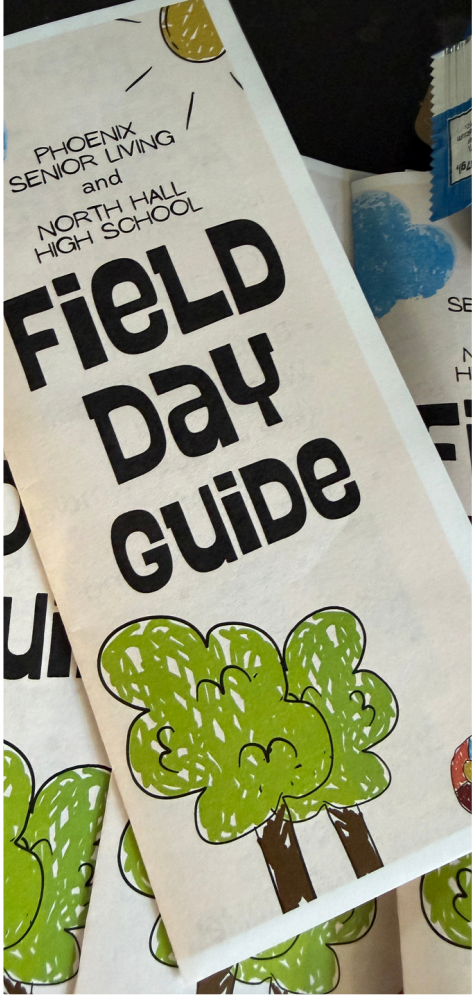


# NHHS ATLAS NEWSLETTER

Adrienne West, ATLAS Coordinator

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## SMALL STEPS LEAD TO BIG IMPACT

ATLAS freshmen ended the 2026 school year by hosting the Forever Young Field Day at Phoenix Senior Living as their Big Impact Project for the Chic-fil-A Leader Academy. This event was planned in increments throughout the year. They planned games, hosted stations, and built relationships. We were so proud of how well they represented North Hall High School in our community.

On the right are featured the spring Honors Night recipients of the ATLAS Recognition Awards that ackownledge those who best exemplify the three tenets of our program. From L to R are:

**Leadership**
Wyatt Parrish, Neely Vining, Allie Conner, Coley Mahathey

**Scholarship**
Ava Irizarry, Henry Floyd, Ryan Colegrove, Louis Carey

**Compassion**
Sophie Sistrunk, Eyen Etris, Izzy Bowling, Isaac Borg



Leadership



Scholarship



Compassion

## Membership Dues

**ATLAS dues are $65.**
That covers all field trips (with the exception of the Hamilton excursion) and any materials required for special events or service projects.
Dues may be paid on My Payments Plus or by sending in cash or check (made out to NHHS ATLAS). Please pay by 10.1. A t-shirt order will be made separately by the end of September.

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# HANDS-ON LEADERSHIP

### Chick-fil-A Leader Academy

All freshmen will participate in the CFA Leader Academy modules and activities once a month in order to develop leadership skills through the planning and implementation of a service project that benefits their community. Our kick-off event will be Wednesday, 8.26, followed by our 1 Million Book Give-away service project mid-September (date TBA) at Deal Elementary.



CFA Leader Academy will be led by Mrs. Adrienne West, and is sponsored by our local owner, Mr. Bobby Shoemaker. We would like to thank him for his support & generosity!

KEY CLUB will be advised by Mrs. Ashley Sullivan, and is sponsored by the Gainesville Kiwanis. We look forward to working with them to continue to build community connections in Hall County.

### KEY CLUB

All sophomores will continue to apply leadership skills and community-mindedness to the governance of the NHHS KEY CLUB, which will be entirely ATLAS student-led. Officers will be elected the second week of September. The first meeting will also be Wednesday, 8.26, during homeroom.

## IMPACT THROUGH ACTION



ATLAS Sophomores, through KEY CLUB, served during the Hall County EXTRA Games at Chestatee High School last April. They spent the day helping students with disabilities have a safe, fun, and unforgettable field day. ATLAS students are encouraged to log a minimum of **20 service hours each school year**; our program tries to help make this goal easily attainable.

## FIELD TRIPS



### 9th grade

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| 1 Million Book Give Away | TBA (Sept.) |
| Carlos Museum | Thurs. 9.24 |
| Chick-fil-A Tour | Fri., 10.23 |
| Atlanta Botanical Gardens | Thurs., 3.25 |
| Shakespeare Tavern "A Midsummer Night's Dream" | Tues., 4.13 |

### 10th grade

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| Jaemor Farms | Tues., 10.27 |
| Micro Matters, Morning Session | TBA |
| Festival of Trees | TBA (Nov.) |
| Jimmy Carter Presidential Library | Wed., Dec. 3 |
| EXTRA Games | April TBA |

**BOTH** groups wil visit The Boathouse for Dragon Boating & a shore sweep on Fri. 10.2!

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & REMINDERS



## COHORTED CLASSES

### 9th Grade

- Honors ELC II, Mrs. Sullivan
- AP World History, Mrs. Shoemaker
- Honors Biology, Mr. Farkas or Mrs. Forsythe (not necessarily cohorted)

### 10th Grade

- AP Lang & Comp, Mrs. West
- AP Government, Mrs. Prillaman
- AP Microeconomics, Coach Crow

## PARENT SQUARE: PERMISSION FORMS

ParentSquare

As a North Hall parent, as well as a teacher, I understand the love/hate relationship with the new Parent Square platform. I will be sending permission forms for field trips through Parent Square this year in order cut down on copies. The digital signature function requires you to approve the form on the actual post rather than "sign" the form itself. If you have any trouble with this function, please let me know & I can send a paper copy.




## DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR SHOT

Hamilton @ The Fox Theatre, 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3rd

At the special request of several students last spring, we reserved tickets for a matinee showing of Hamilton at The Fox. Is this relevant to our curriculum? Just compare the lyrics to Mrs. West's AP Lang vocab list and analyze them for literary devices--absolutely, yes! Since this is an extra special excursion for us, spots are limited and are reserved by a payment of $89 cash or check (to NHHS ATLAS). The bus will not return to campus until close to 5:30 p.m. so students must have transportation home.




We would like to send a group to GA Youth Assembly this fall where they visit the capitol and are given an opportunity to discuss current issues with government administrators, elected officials, and students from high schools throughout the state.
If your student is interested, please email kim.prillaman@hallco.org. The cost is $415, due by Oct. 16. We can discuss fundraising!