



Cougar Tails



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FACEBOOK / TWITTER HELPS TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT!

Several years ago North Putnam High School began its own Facebook and Twitter pages. These social media outlets were designed to help get the message out regarding activities and events taking place at the school, and to promote the wonderful things going on at our school. In this digital age this avenue has quickly become your best source for up to date information regarding after school activities, convocations, and emergency notifications. We also receive Direct Messages via Facebook that we attempt to respond to in a very timely manner. We encourage you to follow NPHS on Facebook and Twitter and share or retweet the wonderful things going on at NPHS!

IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 6 2nd Semester Begins
- 23 Homecoming
- 26 Financial Aid Night

February

- 2 8th Grade Parent Night
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- 9 NHS Induction
- 11 ASVAB Testing

PROM: May 9

9:00-12:00
Hendricks County
Fairgrounds

Graduation: May 30
11:00 AM

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Graduation is right around the corner! It is crunch time for many scholarships and also for the FAFSA. Any student who expects to attend college Fall 2015 must fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in order to receive financial aid for college. The FAFSA is free online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and must be filed by March 10th this year.

Have questions about filling out your FAFSA? Latoshia Everson from DePauw University will hold a Financial Aid Night in the NPHS Media Center on Monday, January 26th at 6:30pm to answer all of your FAFSA and financial aid questions. If you need help filling out the FAFSA, Ivy Tech in Avon will be hosting College Goal Sunday on February 22nd at 2:00pm to help students and parents actually file the FAFSA. This service is free! Do not hesitate to call Mrs. Alspaugh or the financial aid office at your student's college if you have questions about the FAFSA.



Congratulations! NPHS won the county wide battle to bring in the most coats! Pictured to the left are members of the Putnam County P.I.E. group. These students meet once a month with students from around the county to discuss topics related to drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. These members also complete service projects like the "Coats for Kids" campaign.

What parents should know: Drugs and their Children

A Free Seminar For Parents only/No students permitted

Mark Your Calendar

- January 28: 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- GHS -Parker Auditorium
- Any parent with a child in 4th Grade and above is encouraged to attend.
- This is a FREE seminar. All we are asking for is your time - your child is worth it!
- Increase in drug use and discipline issues.

Justin Phillips

Mrs. Phillips describes herself as having two roles. She is a mother of three children, Bryan, Aaron and Audrey. She has raised children for twenty three years. Justin is also a professional with more than 16 years of program development and management in the public and nonprofit sector.

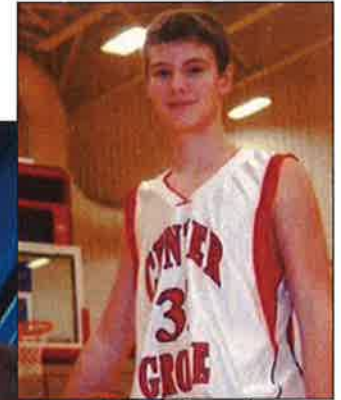


Justin has a Masters Degree in Nonprofit Management and currently works for the State.

Justin is also certified is a life coach with a specialization in addiction recovery. Unfortunately, Justin is also the mother of a heroin addict who lost his life in October of 2013. Now Justin works to share Aaron's message so that other families

Jeanine Motsay

Mrs. Motsay has a degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois and is a business and project management leader with State government. Her most rewarding role, however, has been that of "mom." That is until her happiness turned to devastation when she lost her 16-year-old son, Sam, on Mother's Day 2014, the victim of a little-known synthetic drug targeted at teens. In the months following the loss of Sam, she and her family formed a non-profit, Sam's Watch, to get the word out about emerging and evolving synthetic drugs. Jeanine says, "I want young people to be aware of the latest drug dangers and I want to equip them - as well as their parents, educators and communities at large - with information. I want them to know that what is being sold to young people is fatal."



The website is www.samswatch.org; Facebook at SAMs Watch and Twitter @SAMsWatch. Sam's Watch has partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse in National Drug

Facts Week, an evidence-based drug awareness event Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, 2015.

"National Drug Facts Week provides an opportunity for teens to get science-based information about drugs and their effect on the body," said Jeanine Motsay, Sam's mother and president of Sam's Watch. "So I encourage students and parents to participate. It will save lives."

do not have to experience this pain. Heroin use is occurring in epidemic portions. Justin has formed a nonprofit Overdose-Lifeline, Inc. to help save lives from overdose.

Cpl. Jerrod Baugh

Baugh is a 20 year police officer with the Indiana Excise Police and lifelong Greencastle resident. Jerrod

holds Instructor Certificates in Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Active Shooter Response and works as an Adjunct Firearms Instructor at Gunsite Academy in Prescott Arizona. He will be bringing his field arrest knowledge from handling many juvenile and adult arrest in the arena of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug investigations.

Federal Student Aid: Find the Information You Need

Financial aid is a complicated topic, so finding your way through the process can be challenging. But we've got resources to help.

Topic	Resource
FAFSA	FAFSA
Fill out the FAFSA	www.fafsa.gov
Basic FAFSA info: what is it and how do you fill it out	StudentAid.gov/fafsa and StudentAid.gov/complete
Dependency status for FAFSA purposes	StudentAid.gov/dependency
Determining which parent's info to report on the FAFSA	StudentAid.gov/fafsa-parent
How aid is calculated (including link to detailed EFC info)	StudentAid.gov/how-calculated
Types of Aid/Getting Aid	Types of Aid/Getting Aid
Types of financial aid	StudentAid.gov/types
Who can get federal student aid	StudentAid.gov/eligibility
Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used	StudentAid.gov/pell-limit
Finding and applying for scholarships	StudentAid.gov/scholarships
Loan interest rates and fees	StudentAid.gov/interest
Aid for military families	StudentAid.gov/military
Avoiding financial aid scams	StudentAid.gov/scams
Student Account Access	Student Account Access
My Federal Student Aid (log in to see grant and loan records)	StudentAid.gov/login
Repaying Loans	Repaying Loans
Loan repayment	StudentAid.gov/repay
Repayment Estimator (helps you compare repayment plans)	StudentAid.gov/repayment-estimator
Income-driven repayment plans (e.g., Pay As You Earn plan, Income-Based plan)	StudentAid.gov/idr
Public Service Loan Forgiveness	StudentAid.gov/publicservice
Loan forgiveness in general	StudentAid.gov/forgiveness
Loan forgiveness for teachers	StudentAid.gov/teach-forgive
Preparing for College	Preparing for College
College Preparation Checklist: academic and financial preparation, for elementary school through adult students	StudentAid.gov/checklist
Why go to college (education and pay/unemployment rates)	StudentAid.gov/whycollege
Middle school preparation	StudentAid.gov/early
Special Audiences	Special Audiences
Info for parents (tax benefits, support your child, college costs)	StudentAid.gov/parent
Graduate school funding	StudentAid.gov/grad
Financial aid for adult students	StudentAid.gov/resources#adult-students
Going to college in another country	StudentAid.gov/international
Publications, Videos, Infographics	Publications, Videos, Infographics
Fact sheets, infographics, brochures, videos on all topics	StudentAid.gov/resources
Social Media	Social Media
@FAFSA Twitter feed	www.twitter.com/FAFSA
Federal Student Aid YouTube channel	www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid
Federal Student Aid Facebook page	www.Facebook.com/FederalStudentAid

Download this fact sheet at StudentAid.gov/resources#find-aid-info.

DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Federal Student Aid at a Glance 2015–16

WHAT is federal student aid?

Federal student aid comes from the federal government—specifically, the U.S. Department of Education. It's money that helps a student pay for higher education expenses (i.e., college, career school, or graduate school expenses).

Federal student aid covers such expenses as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. Aid also can help pay for a computer and for dependent care.

There are three main categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Check with your school's financial aid office to find out which programs the school participates in. Details about the federal student aid programs are on page 2 of this document.

WHO gets federal student aid?

Our most basic eligibility requirements are that you must

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs—to learn more, visit StudentAid.gov/how-calculated);
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number;
- register (if you haven't already) with Selective Service, if you're a male between the ages of 18 and 25;
- show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by
 - having a high school diploma or an equivalent such as a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or
 - completing a high school education in a home-school setting approved under state law; and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college or career school.

Find more details about eligibility criteria at StudentAid.gov/eligibility.

HOW do you apply for federal student aid?

1. Complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* at www.fafsa.gov.

If you need a paper FAFSA, you can get one from

- our website at www.fafsa.gov, where you can download a PDF, or
- our ED Pubs distribution center at www.edpubs.gov or toll-free at 1-877-433-7827.

For the 2015–16 award year, the FAFSA is available from Jan. 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. But you need to apply as soon as you can! Schools and states often use FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid. Their deadlines are usually early in the year. You can find state deadlines at www.fafsa.gov or on the paper FAFSA. Check with the schools you're interested in for their deadlines.

2. Review your *Student Aid Report*. After you apply, you'll receive a *Student Aid Report*, or SAR. Your SAR contains the information reported on your FAFSA and usually includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an index number used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Review your SAR information and make any corrections or changes, if necessary. The school(s) you list on your FAFSA will get your SAR data electronically.

3. Contact the school(s) you might attend. Make sure the financial aid office at each school you're interested in has all the information needed to determine your eligibility. If you're eligible, each school's financial aid office will send you an aid offer showing the amount and types of aid (from all sources) the school will offer you. You can compare aid offers from the schools to which you applied and see which school is the most affordable once financial aid is taken into account.

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact or visit the following:

- StudentAid.gov
- a college financial aid office
- studentaid@ed.gov
- 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) toll-free
- 1-800-730-8913 (toll-free TTY for the hearing impaired)

Federal Student Aid Programs 2015–16

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Program	Type of Aid	Program Details	Annual Amount
Federal Pell Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For undergraduates with exceptional financial need who have not earned bachelor's or professional degrees; in some cases, however, a student enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant. A student can receive a Federal Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters or the equivalent (roughly six years).	Up to \$5,730 For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/pell-grant
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For undergraduates with exceptional financial need; Federal Pell Grant recipients take priority; funds depend on availability at school.	Up to \$4,000 For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/fseog
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid unless student fails to carry out service obligation, in which case student must repay TEACH Grant as Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accrued (accumulated) from date grant was disbursed (paid out to student)	For undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and graduate students who plan to become teachers; recipient must sign Agreement to Serve saying he or she will teach full-time in a high-need field for four complete academic years (within eight years of completing the academic program) at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency serving children from low-income families.	Up to \$4,000 For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/teach
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	For students who are not Pell-eligible due only to having less financial need than is required to receive Pell funds; whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11; and who, at the time of the parent's or guardian's death, were less than 24 years old or were enrolled at least part-time at an institution of higher education. A student can receive an Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant for no more than 12 semesters or the equivalent (roughly six years).	Up to \$5,311.71 For grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2014, and before Oct. 1, 2015 For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/iraq-Afghanistan
Federal Work-Study	Money earned while attending school; does not have to be repaid	For undergraduate and graduate students; jobs can be on campus or off campus; students are paid at least federal minimum wage; funds depend on availability at school.	No annual minimum or maximum amounts For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/workstudy
Federal Perkins Loan	Loan: must be repaid with interest	For undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need; must be repaid to school that made the loan; 5% interest rate.	Undergraduate students: up to \$5,500; graduate and professional students: up to \$8,000 For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/perkins
Direct Subsidized Loan	Loan: must be repaid with interest	For undergraduate students who have financial need; U.S. Department of Education pays interest while borrower is in school and during grace and deferment periods; student must be at least half-time; 4.66% interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2014, and before July 1, 2015; visit StudentAid.gov/interest for latest information on interest rates. First-time borrowers may not receive this type of loan for more than 150% of the length of their program of study; U.S. Department of Education may stop paying interest if student who received loans for maximum period continues enrollment.	Up to \$5,500 depending on grade level For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub- unsub
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	Loan: must be repaid with interest	For undergraduate and graduate students; borrower is responsible for all interest; student must be at least half-time; financial need is not required; 4.66% (undergraduate) and 6.21% (graduate or professional) interest rates for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2014, and before July 1, 2015; visit StudentAid.gov/interest for latest information on interest rates.	Up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period), depending on grade level and dependency status For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub- unsub
Direct PLUS Loan	Loan: must be repaid with interest	For parents of dependent undergraduate students and for graduate or professional students; borrower is responsible for all interest; student must be enrolled at least half-time; financial need is not required; 7.21% interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2014, and before July 1, 2015.	Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid student receives For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/plus

Note: The information in this document was compiled in summer 2014. For updates or additional information, visit StudentAid.gov.

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LOOKING FOR MORE SOURCES OF FREE MONEY?

Try StudentAid.gov/scholarships for tips on where to look and for a link to a free online scholarship search.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – CHECK IN GUIDANCE OFFICE:

1. Knights of Pythias- \$1,000 scholarship, students must have a 3.0 GPA, must submit SAT/ACT scores if not on transcript- applications are in the guidance office- due January 25th
2. Playing With Purpose Scholarship is a national scholarship that honors student athletes who excel athletically, academically, and have committed their life to following Christ. Apply online at www.playingwithpurpose.org – due February 1st, 2015.
3. Ronald McDonald Scholarship- apply online at <https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC> Due January 20th
4. Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship - \$2,000 scholarship to a student with ADHD who will be attending a 2 or 4 year college or technical school. Student must be diagnosed with ADHD and under the care of a physician. Apply online at <http://fifthfreedom.org/u/yc> Due February 18th.
5. North Putnam Dollars for Scholars gives out 5-10 scholarships each year ! Apply online at northputnam.dollarsforscholars.org Click on the "Students and Parents" tab. Then scroll down to the "login" button. Students can begin this profile **at any time**. If they log in frequently, the database will update with national scholarships that they qualify for. Not due until early May.
6. Any current 9th-11th grader who is interested in attending Boiler Vet Camp at Purdue University on June 21-27 can fill out an application online at www.vet.purdue.edu/boilervetcamp.
7. Nancy Jaynes Scholarship – up to \$1,500 for college or technical schooling to an Indiana High School Senior whose parent is battling breast cancer or who has lost a parent to breast cancer. Download application at www.breastcancerplate.org Due February 9th
8. Parke County REMC - \$500 scholarship for Parke County REMC's member's children who will be attending college in the fall. Applications in the guidance office.
9. Deadlines for Indiana and Putnam County Farm Bureau Scholarship applications are quickly approaching.

Putnam County Farm Bureau is offering a \$500 scholarship to a Putnam County Farm Bureau's son or daughter to further their education. To be eligible, Farm Bureau memberships must have been active for at least 2 years. Applications will also be entered into the District level of competition where additional scholarship money is available for those looking for Agriculture degrees. Applications are due on March 1, 2015. All forms are available at <http://www.infarmbureau.org/infb/about-us/grants-scholarships>

The Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader Scholarship is open to incoming Purdue University freshmen, as well as current students in the School of Agriculture. To be eligible, students must be an Indiana resident, be attending a program of study in agriculture education, agriculture communications, agriculture economics or animal sciences and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Lori Barber at (765)494-8470 or via email at lbarber@purdue.edu. The application, as well as a 2 page essay on what makes an outstanding leader, are due by February 15, 2015, is also available online at <http://www/ag.purdue.edu/oap/Pages/scholarships.aspx>

Please return all completed applications to the Putnam County Farm Bureau Office in Greencastle by March 1, 2015. Questions, please contact Putnam County Farm Bureau Education and Outreach Coordinator Heather Poynter at heather@poynterfarms.com or 765-720-7264.

10. Seniors: Remember to file your FAFSA by March 10th if you are planning on attending college this Fall ! Also, Financial Aid night will be Monday, January 26th. Please attend with your parents and get the help you need with your FAFSA and financial aid questions.

11. The State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship does not require a high GPA, The **State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship** does not require a high GPA, but rather focuses on students who are leaders and volunteers in their communities and demonstrate financial need.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a 2015 graduating high school senior.
- High school seniors must have a cumulative GPA between a 2.5 and 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.
- Plan to enroll full-time for the 2015-16 academic year at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- Must be a U.S. citizen
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<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>

The deadline is March 2, 2015.