September 2005

As Northside College Prep begins its seventh year, the excitement and energy are palpable in the building. Two hundred and sixty-three 9th graders have joined our ranks after orientations here and at Snake Road Covenant Harbor Camp in Lake Geneva. Ten new teachers and a new LAUNCH Principal join the faculty. Total enrollment is 1043; so we are slightly over capacity.

The announcement of nine National Merit Semi-finalists, two National Achievement and four National Hispanic semifinalists begins another season of academic recognition for the school.

Our faculty members continue to recognized for their expertise, energy, and enthusiasm. The Disney Hand Foundation named Catherine Woodward as an outstanding teacher. Chris Olsen was a finalist for the Kathy Osterman award for outstanding educational employee in the city of Chicago.

We have offered our students three challenges this year.
• To be honest and respectful of the intellectual property of others
• To be in school every day and on time every day
• To dress appropriately for school

Please help us challenge our students to take ownership of their own work and eschew plagiarism, to be punctual and to be appropriately dressed.

The parking lot traffic remains a challenge. Please enter from the north off of Bryn Mawr or the South Entrance off of Kedzie, clearly marked ENTRANCE ONLY. Please exit from the north to Bryn Mawr and the north exit to Kedzie. Please be keep the traffic moving but be aware of student crossing the driving lanes.

As always we look forward to a great year for this premier learning community.
COUNSELING CENTER

COLLEGE DEADLINE | NSCP DEADLINE
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Early Action or Early Decision | October 3 (Monday, 2005)
November 1 (Tuesday, 2005) | Tuesday Before Thanksgiving
Regular Deadlines | (November 22, 2005)
January 1 (Sunday, 2006) | Tuesday After Thanksgiving
January 10 & 15 Deadlines | (November 29, 2005)
February 1 Deadlines | First Monday After Winter Break
January 10 & 15 Deadlines | (January 9, 2006)
February 15 Deadlines | January 13 (Friday, 2006)
Rolling Deadlines | One Month Prior

Students may not hand in applications:

1. THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING BREAK (Nov. 23)
2. THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE WINTER BREAK (Dec. 12 – 16)

These days are used to process applications prior to the breaks.

The Guidance Department is closed during all holiday breaks.

*Applications are processed on a deadline basis.

ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION THIS WEEK!

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 11:20 AM
Northside Auditorium

Alicia Gilmore-Catching from the Admissions Department at the University of Illinois will be visiting to discuss: admissions, deadlines, applying online, priority applications, and available majors. She will also answer questions. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend.
College Representative Lunch Visits 2005-06

Sept. 21 - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (NOTE: Special presentation in the auditorium at 11:20 AM).
Sept. 22 - U. S. Coast Guard Academy / UIC College of Engineering
Sept. 23 - Loyola College in Maryland 12:15 – 1:30
Sept. 26 - Colgate University 1:00 PM / Babson College
Sept. 27 - Loyola University New Orleans 11:00 AM / Florida Southern College
Sept. 29 - Providence College / British Counsel (regarding Studying in the UK) Noon / St. Louis College of Pharmacy
Sept. 30 - Earlham College 11:45 AM / Illinois Institute of Technology 12:30 PM
Oct. 3 - Green Mountain College 10:00 AM / St. Mary’s College 11:00 AM / Bryant University 11:30 AM
Oct. 4 - St. Olaf College 10:00 AM
Oct. 6 - Northland College 10:00 AM
Oct. 11 - Gordon College
Oct. 13 - Moody Bible Institute 10:00 AM / Cornell College 10:45 AM / University of Iowa 11:30
Oct. 14 - Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (Tentative) / Northeastern University, Boston 11:30 AM / Dominican University Noon
Oct. 17 - Illinois Wesleyan University Noon
Oct. 18 - Mount Holyoke College 10:00 AM / Washington University in St. Louis / University of Rochester 12:30 PM
Oct. 20 - Bowdoin College 10:00 AM / Drake University
Oct. 21 - Evergreen State College 10:00 AM / CalArts / Carnegie Mellon University
Oct. 24 - Lawrence University 11:00 AM
Oct. 25 - Barnard College / Northern Illinois University 11:00 / University of Wisconsin - Parkside
Oct. 27 - University of Evansville / Eugene Lang College / Pitzer College 12:30 PM
Oct. 28 - Northern Illinois University 11:00
Nov. 1 - Northeastern Illinois University
Nov. 3 - Lewis & Clark College 12:30 pm / Brandeis University / Bradley University
Nov. 7 - Grinnell College
Nov. 8 - Southern Illinois University
Nov. 10 - Millikin University 11:00 AM / Western Illinois University
Nov. 13 - Northern Michigan University
Nov. 14 - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Nov. 15 - Roosevelt University / Macalester College 12:10 PM
Nov. 18 - George Washington University 11:00 AM

** Representatives are scheduled during lunch periods and after colloquium on Wednesdays to maintain class integrity. Representatives’ visiting times vary due to the times which they have available. Students will have to stay after school to meet with representatives which visit on Wednesdays. All visits will take place in the lunch room corridor or the main lobby of the school unless otherwise indicated. WED. indicates Wednesday.

HARVARD 'S TUITION ANNOUNCEMENT - Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below $40,000.00. If you earn less than 40K and you have a child graduating from High School soon, visit Harvard's financial aid web site at: http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.
NORTHSIDE PARENT NETWORK

READY...SET...GO!

The Northside Parent Network (NCPPN) is up and running at full speed as we start the new school year. By the time you are reading this we will have had our first meeting of the new year (9/22) and met many of you for the first time. Welcome!

Remember that EVERY parent and guardian of a Northside College Prep student is AUTOMATICALLY a member of NCPPN. There are NO dues or fee...just a desire on your part to help out the school as much as you can during the year, by volunteering to help at various events and activities.

Already this year NCPPN has hosted the Freshman Parents Orientation in August, provided parent volunteers to help pass out text books and collect fees during the class orientation days for students, provided the refreshments for the recent “Back to School Night,” and chaperones for the “Back to School Dance,” updated our database with the email addresses and information on new parents of freshman, sent out numerous emails to parents with important school information and requests for volunteers and are busy working with the counseling office, and working on the Career Day event for students to be held in November.

We are only in the second week of school as this is being written! So as you can see the school is going to rely on the Parent Network for help with many activities this year and we need every NCP parent to join with us in helping out.

Here are just a few of the committees and areas where you can help us out...Hospitality Committee, Career Day Committee, Database Committee, Parent Forum Committee, Adult Education Committee, Alumni Relations, College Advisory, Global Initiatives, and School Docent Committee. This year, we are hoping to also add a Music Advocacy Committee, an Awards Dinner Committee and more.

If you have any questions please go to our online parent forum at www.NorthsideParents.com or contact our President, Anna Kaufman at 728-2391 or qbaepa@sbcglobal.net.

Check this space here in the NCP Parent Newsletter each month for reports about the Parent Network’s latest activities and volunteer opportunities. Please join us...it’s important work for the school that’s rewarding and fun!
Local school Council

The Northside College Preparatory High School Local School Council is off and running this year with two new members joining the ten already serving. This year, Zia-uddin Ahmad, Louis Basil, Scott Baskin (Treasurer), Chuck Killman (Vice Chair), Mary Lou Schmidt (Chair), and Pat Sharkey are parent representatives. Aaron Kaiser and Ilyas Lakada (Class of ‘02) represent the community. Tim Devine (Social Sciences), along with Chris Olsen (Administration) are the elected teacher representatives and Jimmy Kurisunkal as the student representative.

The LSC members join our principal, Dr. James Lalley, to continue the tradition of working as a community to address the school's needs. The LSC is committed to serving the entire learning committee- from its policy support for the school, supporting the Northside Parent Network, the Friends of Northside, and the Fine Arts Booster Club, working on the school Improvement Plan, and most recently addressing the dire budget situation and much more.

Everyone is invited to take an active role in LSC meetings. The LSC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the faculty lounge. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.  Agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the school's website (www.northsideprep.org) and available in the main office. Feel free to email individual members or collectively at LSC@northsideprep.org.

The Local School Council invites the learning community to join them in their monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the faculty lounge. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Many thanks for your assistance,
Ilyas Lakada

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NORTHSIDE NUGGETS

Nicole Lagesse (‘05) was named an All-American for Water Polo by Speedo and the National Interscholastic Coaches Association for swimming and water polo! She was 1 of only 10 girls from Illinois and the only one from a Chicago Public School! She now ranks among the best in the nation! You can congratulate her proud mom, Nancy Lagesse, in the nurse's office.
Math Club Members Earn National Recognition

Building on last year’s success, already 50 students have joined the Math Club. The club meets regularly and participates in the contests sponsored by 4 organizations (City of Chicago Math League, Illinois Math League, Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the American Mathematics Contest).

Several of our students were recognized nationally as a result of their high performance in last year’s prestigious American Mathematics Contest (AMC). They include:

- Mitchell Isoda – AMC Distinguished Honor Roll (senior level)
- Adam Swiatlowski – AMC Honor Roll (senior level)
- Robin Tholin – AMC Honor Roll (senior level)
- John Mussman – AMC Honor Roll (senior level)
- Khanh Than – AMC Honor Roll (senior level)
- Kavinda Wewegama – AMC Honor Roll (senior level)
- Paula Daniliuc – AMC Honor Roll (junior level)
- Bethany Blackwood – AMC Honor Roll (junior level)
- Cristina Herren – AMC Honor Roll (junior level)

This year, veteran coach Ms. Tomasiewicz is joined by new coach, Ms. Naughton. The two are very excited and expect great achievements from this year’s group of students. For more information about the Math Club, see the Math department’s website.

PICTURE GALLERY—FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 2006

Whether it’s getting acquainted or climbing the tower for a “zipping” activity, the new freshmen are demonstrating their spunk.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM BY TAKING THE 2004 PSAT/NMSQT.

2006 NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS

Ilya Chalik                              Mitchell Isoda                                     Michael Kennedy
Rebekah Kim                         Matthew Law                                     Simon Swartzman
Maximiliano Swiatlowski     Monica Wojcik

2006 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP SEMI-FINALISTS

Temidayo Adebiyi                 Avi-Yona Israel

NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLARS SEMI-FINALISTS

Michael Kharouta                   Megan Marquez         Michael Palma           Carolina Vargas

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Friends of Northside Phone-a-Thon takes place on October 18-20.

ATTENTION PARENTS! For those of you who don't already know, the Northside Prep Parent Network will be hosting a Career Day during colloquium on Wednesday, November 16. Parents are being asked to speak to groups of 25 to 30 students about their careers. Parent volunteers would need to be available until approximately 11AM on that day and make 3 identical presentations of about 30 minutes in length (which includes time for questions and answers). If you (or possibly an associate of yours) can make yourself available to speak, PLEASE contact Debbie Nelson at PsychoMomAES@aol.com. with any questions or input. Thanks! Debbie Nelson NCPPN Career Mentoring Committee

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) program announces the WISE NEIGHBOR GRANTS providing up to $500 for community organizations and schools to provide programs for girls/young women in science, engineering, and technology fields. For more information and to download an application go to: http://www.uic.edu/orgs/wise/initiatives.html. Deadline is October 1, 2005.

Needed: Parents to assist with newsletter creation/publication. If interested, contact Davoud Chitsaz-Tehrani at dchitsaz@northsideprep.org.
CPS MEDICATION POLICY

The CPS Medication Policy prohibits students from carrying medication during the school day. This includes all prescription medication and over the counter medication, including pain medication and cold medication and vitamins.

Medication that the students need during the school day requires both physician and parental consent. All medication, with the exception of inhalers and medication determined to be emergency medication, must be kept locked and only taken during the direct observation of the school nurse or assigned staff. This policy was created to assure the safety of all students. Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

Please encourage your child to follow the medication policy. Consent forms are available at the front desk or from the nurse.

FUTURE LEADERS PRESENT CURRICULUM PLANS
Submitted by James Kurisunkal

The Future Leaders colloquium has spent the 2003-2004 school year doing amazing things for the community including the raising of over $1400 for landmine removal in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Cambodia. However, the primary goal of the colloquium was to develop a curriculum geared for middle and secondary school students about the Cambodian genocide, under the notion that only though education will any change be made, with the grand intent of preventing genocide.

With a rough draft written, three members of the curriculum team, Matthew Cohen, Adv. 710, Jessica Galang, Adv. 708, and James Kurisunkal, Adv. 710, presented their curriculum plans at the Cambodian Association of Illinois to prominent members of the National Youth Leadership Council, and teachers and administrators from Florida to Ohio who were attending the NYLC Urban Institute Conference in Chicago on August 18th.

State Representative John Fritchie was the guest of honor, explaining a mandate that he sponsored requiring the study of genocide issues into public school curriculums throughout the state. The Future Leaders certainly made an impression; they were invited to present a workshop at the National Service Learning Convention in Philadelphia in March of 2006. The Honorable Fritchie and members of the audience were especially touched by the service works committed by the Future Leaders.
NORTHSIDE WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

**Steve Arnam** has a B.S. in Marine Biology from Southampton College of Long Island University (1982), and an M.A. in Teaching Science from National College of Education. He has taught at Roosevelt High School and Edison Regional Gifted Center. He coached swimming at several Chicago high schools including Northside College Prep. He is a Master Scuba Diver Trainer.

**John Belcaster** has a B.A. in history and economics from Northwestern University (1986), an M.A. in history from Yale University (1989) and a J.D. from Yale Law School (1992). He finished his work for certification at Dominican University. Last year he taught at Providence St. Mel High School.

**Robert Berry** has a B.S. in Secondary Education from Northwestern University with a concentration in English (2002). He did his student teaching at Stevenson High School, and he taught English at York High School from 2002-2004. He also coaches baseball.

**Daniel S. Caldwell** has a B.A. from St. John’s College (1987) and an M.A. in the Philosophy of Science from the University of Illinois Chicago (1999) and is a graduate of the Golden Apple Teacher Education Program. He has taught at the University of Maryland, the University of Illinois Chicago, Kelly High School and Lane Tech College Prep High School.

**Davoud Chitsaztehrani**, the LAUNCH Principal, has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a MA. in Curriculum and Instruction from Olivet Nazarene University. He did his teacher certification program at Northwestern University and his administrative certification program at Lewis University. Since 1998 he has been a Computer Science, Information Technology and Mathematics teacher at Steinmetz Academic Center.

**Bhumika Gor**, a Golden Apple Scholar, has a B.A. in Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago. After her student teaching at Lane Tech College Prep, she taught at Crane Tech Prep High School. She also taught at the UIC Writing Center.

**Veronica Leljedal** has a B.A from Northwestern University (1999) and a Master of Science in Education from Northwestern (2005). She completed her student teaching at Francis W. Parker.

**Michael Myers** has a B.A. in English from Kent State University (1987) and a M.A. in the teaching of history from the University of Illinois Chicago (1995). Mike has been a journalist with the Lerner Newspapers (1989-1992) and has taught at Bowen High School, Best Practice High School and Young Women’s Leadership Charter School.

**Jill Naughton** has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame (1994) and a Masters in Teaching from National Louis University (2005). Jill was a Senior Knowledge Manager at Accenture before completing her teacher certification program. She did her student teaching at Mather High School.

**Michael Pierce** has a B.A. in political science from the University of Illinois, an M.B.A. in Marketing/Market Research from DePaul University. He taught at Emerson Middle School, Niles-Park Ridge, and Robeson High School in Chicago.

**Daisy Simbulan** has a B.S. in Physical Education from DePaul University. She has been a P.E. Teacher and Athletic Director at Bell Elementary School and Chicago Academy High School. She coaches basketball and softball.
Technology at NCP:

This summer we upgraded most of the technology throughout the school. We installed 3 new servers and moved from a Novell to a Windows 2003 Network Operating System. We also updated our e-mail system to allow more space and better performance. We had the network structure divided into VLANs to provide faster access to files and network resources. We replaced our old laser printers with 54 new HP LaserJet 2430's that are more reliable and print faster. We upgraded Print Audit to the newest version of the software so that it is more secure and user friendly. We installed 25 new computers provided to us by ETC and the Office of High School Department.

Health/Fitness Facts

Many people look at the gas prices as a negative. As I don’t like to see the prices go up, I thought to myself there could be a positive from this. This could be what it takes for people to begin walking or riding their bike to many places. Perhaps this is what some people need in order to begin getting in shape.

Vigorous walking is a great way to burn calories, improve muscle tone, ease stress, boost energy level, and sleep better. If someone can walk and gradually build up to 4 or 5 times a week for 30 minutes, they will feel the benefits.

Maybe you can jump start the whole family and get involved in any kind of physical activities.

Adrienne Cirrincione

IMPORTANT CTA ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2005-06

Due to low ridership, direct afternoon service will no longer be provided from Northside College Prep on route #84 Peterson. The following alternates will be available:

- Route #92 Foster will continue to have one trip starting from the school that will travel south on Kimball and west on Foster to the Jefferson Park Blue Line station. This route connects with north-south bus routes on Pulaski (route #53), Cicero (route #54A; no service for midday dismissals), and at Jefferson Park with route #85A N. Central all of which then connect with route #84 Peterson.

- Route #82 Kimball/Homan northbound service is available on Kimball (1/4 mile west of the school). This route connects with route #84 at Peterson/Kimball.

- Walk north on Kedzie then Jersey to Peterson to board westbound #84 service.

Route #84 service is scheduled to operate every 12 minutes at the time of regular dismissals and every 15 minutes for midday dismissals.
Illinois greatly improved in performance over previous years. In Olympika and Ludi, Illinois ranked among the best states. Many Northside students won awards in Olympika and many Northside students were members of winning Ludi teams. At the competition, Illinois’ Volleyball team took 3rd place and Illinois’ Ludi Ultimate Frisbee team took 2nd place. The majority of winners in Ludi Chess were from Illinois. Illinois also took 2nd place in T-shirt design contest and 2nd among the larger states in Spirit.

Northside Highlights:

1. Michael Pomeranz gave a remarkable closing speech at one of the general assemblies. He received a standing ovation. One of the directors of the convention, who has been around for over 40 years, said that he has never before seen anyone get a standing ovation at a closing speech. Michael was approached by chairmen from other states requesting that he speak at their state conventions next school year.

2. There are three levels of Certamen: Novice (Latin 1), Lower (Latin 2) and Advanced (Latin 3 and above). Some states pay for the convention fees and transportation for the Certamen players who represent the state and have as many as 3 coaches per level. Unfortunately, Illinois does not support its teams with such help. Nevertheless, Illinois’ Certamen teams greatly improved over previous years. The upper team finished 10th, missing the semi-finals by one place for the 3rd year in a row. This still left them in the top third among states. The novice and lower teams finished in 5th place! Our team members and coaches received many compliments on the great improvement of Illinois teams. 12 of the total of 14 Certamen players on this year’s Illinois teams were from Northside College Prep. If Illinois continues to do so well in future years, Illinois will be considered among the elite among states in Certamen.

3. Northside students did remarkably well on written tests. With the exception of one Lincoln-Way East High School senior, who did better than any Illinois student, Northside students dominated in the state on written tests. Few schools in the country had as many students as Northside in the top 5 on written tests.

4. In the Creative Arts, Northside students again excelled, receiving nearly all the state awards in this category. Again, Northside must be considered among the best high schools in the country in the Creative Arts at the convention.

5. Katherine Nunes was a member of the winning Open Certamen team.

6. At the Convention, there is a That’s Entertainment talent show, in which Latin students from around the country perform. The competitors are nearly professional quality. Jordan Stacey from Northside took 1st place!

7. National Latin Exam winners are recognized at the Convention. All the perfect paper winners from Illinois at the Convention were from Northside. Michael Pomeranz was the only Illinois student recognized at the Convention for having 4 gold medals in a row on the National Latin Exam. Michael was also recognized as one of the recipients of the 2005 National Latin Exam Scholarship. The scholarship is a $1000 a year renewable scholarship to the college of his choice.

8. Michael Pomeranz was also the recipient at the Convention of the 2005 Susan and Dennis Webb Scholarship for achievements in Latin. This is a $2000 scholarship, the largest of the various scholarships awarded.

9. Overall, Kelsey Koon ranked 6th and Michael Pomeranz ranked 8th in the nation in Creative Arts!

### 1st Places
- Jordan Stacey – Talent Show
- Adam Swiatlowski – 9th grade Latin Oratory
- Katherine Nunes – Latin 2 Open Certamen

### 2nd Places
- Alex Poniecki – Latin 1 Roman Life Test
- Harold Jaffe – Latin 1 Latin Derivatives Test
- Kelsey Koon – Latin Dramatic Interpretation - Prose
- Harold Jaffe – 9th grade Essay Contest
- Jennifer Toms – 10th grade Jewelry
- Kelsey Koon – 11th/12th grade Photography

### 3rd Places
- Adam Swiatlowski – Latin 1 Greek Derivatives Test
- Michael Pomeranz – Advanced Latin Mottoes Test
- Adam Swiatlowski – Level 1 Greek Life and Literature Test
- Kavinda Wewegama – Boys 10th grade Sight Latin
- Michael Pomeranz – English Oratory
- Max Swiatlowski – 11th grade Essay Contest
- Kelsey Koon – 11th grade Latin Oratory
- Michael Pomeranz – 12th grade Latin Oratory
- Harold Jaffe – 400 yd. Jr. Track
- Max Swiatlowski – 50 yd. Butterfly Swimming
- Kelsey Koon – 11th/12th grade Decorative Stitching

### 4th Places
- Kavinda Wewegama – Latin 2 Grammar Test
- Alex Poniecki – Latin 1 Reading Comprehension Test
- Jesse Ashcraft-Johnson – Advanced Latin Prose Reading Comp. Test
- Harold Jaffe – Latin 1 Mottoes Test
- Michael Pomeranz – Latin Dramatic Interpretation – Poetry
- Andrew Foertsch-Jans – Modern Myth Writing Contest – Lower Level
- Kelsey Koon – Modern Myth Writing Contest – Upper Level
- Andrew Foertsch-Jans – 10th grade Sight Latin
- Kelsey Koon – Advanced Sight Latin
- Kavinda Wewegama – 10th grade Essay Contest
- David Velasco – 10th grade Latin Oratory
- AnnaKaren Morelos – 10th grade Water Color Painting
- AnnaKaren Morelos – 10th grade Sculpture
- Jennifer Toms – 10th grade Large Models
- Kelsey Koon – 11th/12th grade Dolls

### 5th Places
- Harold Jaffe – Latin 1 Greek Derivatives Test
- Adam Swiatlowski – Latin 1 Reading Comprehension Test
- Michael Pomeranz – Advanced Latin Poetry Reading Comprehension Test
- Andrew Foertsch-Jans – Latin 2 Mottoes Test
- Adam Swiatlowski – Latin 1 Latin Vocabulary Test
- Michael Pomeranz – Advanced Sight Latin Prose
- Mark Spreitzer – 12th grade Essay Contest
- Adam Swiatlowski – 100 yd. Free Style Swimming
- Max Swiatlowski – 50 yd. Breast Stroke Swimming
- AnnaKaren Morelos – 10th grade Chalk/Pastel
- Michael Pomeranz – 11th/12th grade Computer-Enhanced Photography
- Kelsey Koon – 11th/12th grade Multi-media Art
- Latin 1 Competitive Certamen Team (Adam Swiatlowski, Alex Poniecki, and Harold Jaffe)
- Latin 2 Competitive Certamen Team (Kavinda Wewegama, Andrew Foertsch-Jans, Erin McMurtrey, and David Velasco)

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**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 2006**

Northside faculty members watch freshmen as they begin the high ropes activity during orientation.

The class of 2009 began their school year with a bang. Between August 24 and August 26, approximately 150 freshmen attending the orientation at Snake Road Adventure Center in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Whether they were playing carpetball in the evening, engaging in team building activities during the day, or just getting to know each other, the enthusiasm and energy demonstrated by this group was amazing. They left the orientation with a greater sense of confidence, the names of several new friends, and the knowledge that at Northside, we truly “compete against ourselves, but cooperate with others.”