Parents, students, alumni, and fans:

Welcome to the 2012-13 school year and fall athletic season!

I want to recognize some of the coaches that spend a great deal of time with our student-athletes. Cy Silver, in his second year as the varsity football coach, is an alumnus of North High School and serves multiple roles on campus, teaching and coordinating the A.V.I.D. program and coaching varsity baseball. The Stars open the season with three home games in a row, beginning with Mira Monte High School on August 31st and followed by West High School and Delano. We will be put to the test later this season to recover the “sword and scabbard” from South High School on their home turf for the 52nd meeting of this annual rivalry.

The North High School Band program provides the instrumental music at each of our home football games. The members of this award winning program, under the direction of veteran band director, Ryan Dembosky, have worked consistently all summer perfecting their skills. Last year our band placed first in all four competitions and we look forward to another great year!

Breanna Williams is our cheerleading advisor and serves as an instructional assistant for North High School. The cheerleaders spend many hours preparing for each season of sport.

We hope you have an opportunity to watch our volleyball, cross-country, girl’s tennis and girl’s golf teams compete this season. We are fortunate to have dedicated teacher-coaches leading our student-athletes. Megan Nelson, who teaches Biology, is our varsity volleyball coach. Jennifer Merrick, in her second year as the varsity girl’s tennis coach, teaches English for North High School. Carlos Azparren, a veteran Spanish instructor, will once again wear multiple hats by leading our varsity girl’s golf program and announcing the home football games. Adam Dawson, who finished the 2011 and 2012 track seasons with back to back league titles and Kern County “Coach of the Year” honors, will take over as our varsity cross country coach. Adam teaches Special Education classes for North High School.

We are pleased to announce that Brian Huens is our new Athletic Director. Mr. Huens has coached multiple sports and taught Science at North High School since 2005 while helping the Stars win league titles in cross country, boys’ soccer, and track. Brian Huens is already making a mark in his new role by adding a fall sports recognition component to our annual Red/Grey inter squad that took place on August 17th.

Please join us in supporting the Parent Teacher Club and the Athletic Boosters as they continue to make a difference at North High School.

Go Stars!

Alan Paradise

Principal