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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing, we are nearing the ten week mark and the fall is clearly upon us. It is hard to believe that we will be seeing the first snowflakes in no time at all, especially since the memory of 80 degree days is only a couple of weeks old.

I first want to thank everyone- staff, parents, and most of all, students, for an extremely successful opening month. We have already been witnessing tremendous success in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in all of the many endeavors our students participate in. As I've said in the past, this is a reflection of our strong community and the great families who send us their children every day.

Smooth openings to the school year don't just happen. Accordingly, I would like single out and express my gratitude for the fantastic people who keep our operation running, often behind the scenes.

Schools and their associated campuses are very large and multifaceted operations. We serve more meals every day, by a large factor, than most restaurants. We safely transport hundreds and hundreds of

children. Our heating, electrical, plumbing, and related infrastructure, extremely complex systems, reliably accommodate nearly 2,000 people daily. There are dozens of acres dedicated to student and community use that need to be constantly maintained, and our buildings are high-traffic and heavy wear structures.

Every day our students safely arrive at clean buildings. They are fed breakfast and lunch. Our fields are ready to play. The lights and heat come on, and our kids' most basic needs are provided for. This is not possible without a very talented and highly dedicated staff, who work year-round to make sure that our students can have the best possible learning environment.

Additionally, having such a great staff is not possible without a supportive community. Our residents prove time and again their support to this fantastic district, and for that, we are all grateful.

Enjoy the remainder of this beautiful autumn as we head into the winter months.

Sincerely,
Ryan Dougherty, Superintendent

Eight Grade Orientation at Alexander Pond

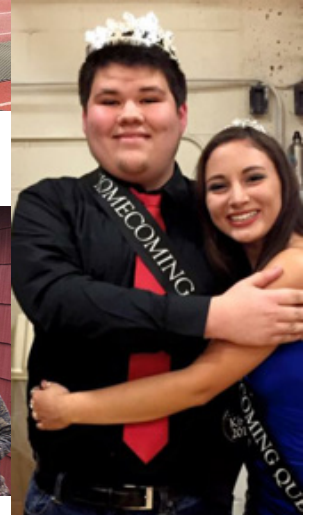
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A Cold Homecoming Victory

Palmer Perkins and Noah McMullin

This year, the Newark Valley boys played Greene for the Homecoming game. It was a cold, nasty, rainy Saturday that affected the speed of the game. The boys went into the game undefeated and emerged the same, beating the Greene Trojans by a narrow margin of 14-12. The Cardinals scored the first touchdown early on, with Connor Coleman's reception, leading the game 7-0. Greene scored two consecutive touchdowns after that, but botched the extra point attempts, leaving the game 7-12. Deep in the fourth quarter the Cardinals scored another touchdown, with Nick Schermerhorn running it in, leaving the fans roaring. The boys held off the Trojans for a little while longer and earned yet another victory for their season, improving their record to 5-0. Good luck with your season Cardinals!



2015 Homecoming Dance

Anna D'Arcy

On the third of October, the Homecoming activities finished off with yet another successful event- the Homecoming Dance. There is nothing quite like Homecoming, being usually the most attended dance each year at Newark Valley. Dozens of students flow through the front doors, dazzling in their nicest dress clothes, giggling at the anticipation that the night holds; this year a few gentlemen were even spotted carrying in flowers for their lucky dates. For anyone that doesn't remember how these high school dance things go, students stand around, being too embarrassed to start dancing until one brave soul awkwardly forces the rest of their friends to start moving their feet. Then, slowly but surely, the rest of the students begin to join along. Smiles start to spread across faces and eyes start to dart around as the first slow song comes on. Magic sparks on the floor as people start to see others in a new way and the night becomes memorable.

As the energy flow is at its peak, the Homecoming Court is asked to line up into the hallway. They crowd parts as the members of the court enter, making cute and goofy poses together as they walk up the aisle; Meagan Diego and Connor Coleman, Amy Giblin and Nick Schermerhorn, Jessica Fitzgerald and Kevin Basil, and Jordan Brodfuehrer and Christian Chase. Finally, the King and Queen enter together and lead the crowd in a dance. This year, I, Anna D'Arcy, was lucky enough to be Billy Costley's Queen, and he was truly the whole town's King.

Eventually, the night concluded and everyone went on their way as the student council members packed up, proud of yet another accomplishment. Thank you to all of the students that attended the dance, the faculty and staff that chaperoned or helped put on the dance, and all of the student council members who worked hard to give everyone great memories to start the year; now let's make some more.



Thanks to Our Retirees For their Years of Service

Bonnie Emond

Bonnie has been employed in the school district since October 4, 1984. She started as a 3 hour dishwasher and worked her way up to satellite manager at Nathan T. Hall in 1996. She worked in Nathan T. Hall primarily but always willing to help where needed. Bonnie has seen so many children go through the lunch line, that now she is seeing the children of those children go through the line. She knows everyone's name and what they like the best to eat. She always tries to get the little ones to try new things by giving out samples of new items. She has made so many friends here, we will all miss her greatly.



Bonnie plans to travel with her husband at a leisurely pace, starting with a nice warm trip to Florida during the winter months. We hope she enjoys her travels and come back with great stories to tell!

Linda Zimmer

Linda has been employed in the school district for 27 years. She started in 1987 as a substitute in the food service department. She was then hired as a permanent employee in 1988. She performed many different duties in her time here, and in all three building. Most of her time has been spent working as a cashier in the high school. She has seen many children go through the lunch line, including her daughters. She has also enjoyed seeing children of former students go through the line. She always ended up knowing the names of so many children and was always there if they just wanted to chit chat. In her retirement she and her husband plan to do some leisurely traveling throughout the country. We will all miss her very much. We hope she enjoys the traveling and will have many stories to tell since she still plans to substitute in the food service department when needed.



Helen Hurd

If you run into Helen Hurd "PEGGY" in your travels make sure you congratulate her on her retirement. Helen started working for the district on 8/29/2005 and retired on October 8, 2015. She spent her 10 years here at Newark Valley working at the High School as a Custodial Worker. She was a hard worker, always willing to lend a helping hand, and was well liked by the building staff and her co-workers. Helen loved to have fun and was always working on the next prank she was going to pull on some poor, innocent victim. All of us here at Newark Valley would like to thank Helen for her many years of service and wish her a long happy retirement.



Joel Sherwood

Joel Sherwood is counting down his days till he retires after 30 years of service. Joel started working for the district back on 10/14/1985 and will retire on November 30th 2015. Joel spent his first 21 years as the Custodian at the Middle School and in 2006 he move to the High School where he would serve as the Custodian for the next 6 years. He would make his final move to NTH to finish his last three years as the Custodian there. Joel has always been known as "The Hoarder". If you need a part to fix something, needed copy paper, cleaning supplies, or whatever, more than likely he would have it stashed away somewhere in a closet or the basement. Joel plans to spend most of his time running his maple syrup business, cutting fire wood, and maybe even get that new sawmill up and running. If you see Joel, thank him for his many years of service and wish him well in his new adventures.



Student Accolades from the High School

National Merit Scholarship Program Commends Two Newark Valley Students



Congratulations to Kyle Williams and Allison Riegel! Both students have been named commended students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Both Kyle and Allison placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.



Three Newark Valley Students Receive Girl Scout Silver Award

Congratulations to Sophia Nash, Marissa Silba, and Kristina Knight, recipients of the Girl Scout Silver Award - the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. Each girl spent a minimum of 50 hours on a sustainable project which impacts our community for years to come.

ESPN Athlete of the Week

Congratulations to Nick Schermerhorn who was selected as ESPN's Athlete of the Week (9/28 – 10/2). Nick's interview can be found at: <http://www.espnthaca.com/2014/12/06/fueling-excellence-athletes-of-the-week/>



Newark Valley High School Hosts First Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Open House



Without a doubt, a staple of our Newark Valley community is the parental support we receive. The success of our students is highly dependent upon the engagement of parents and guardians as educational partners. This support was overwhelming on October 8th at our first annual Spaghetti Dinner and Open House.

Our free spaghetti dinner generously provided by Fortunato's and served cafeteria style, took place in the high school multi-purpose room. Our teachers were available, by department, in the gym for parents and families to meet. Each department shared information about our high school student's experience in their programs. Our guidance department was available to parents of juniors and seniors and shared information pertinent to junior and senior year of high school and post high school plans.

Free dessert was also offered in our library/café, where student representatives were available to provide information about the many extracurricular opportunities we offer to all students at the high school. Students from our musical programs provided our entertainment for the evening while families ate and toured our school.

The evening was an incredible success and we thank our teachers who put much time into their presentations, the students who volunteered their time, and the parents and families who came out to show their support!

6th & 4th Grades Enjoy STEM Projects

The 6th grade math students in Mrs. Schappert's classes will have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) project once a month. During one of the 6th grade math classes, the 4th graders from Mrs. Potter and Ms. Gyidik's class join us.

This September our challenge was the Marshmallow Tower Challenge. Each group received 20 strands of uncooked spaghetti, a piece of tape, a piece of string, and a marshmallow. They had to create the tallest tower that was strong enough to hold the marshmallow on top. All the students did an excellent job! We are looking forward to our next challenge in October.

At Right: 6th and 4th grade students work together on the Marshmallow Tower Challenge



Kindergarten Enjoys Trip to Pumpkin Farm

Kindergarten took a trip to the Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm after a Listening and Learning Unit on Nursery Rhymes. Thank you PTS for providing us with a fun fall snack of cider and donuts for all!



Clifford The Big Red Dog stopped by Nathan T. Hall in October for a surprise visit!



Kindergarten Learns Fire Safety

The four Kindergarten classes took their annual trip to the Newark Valley Fire Station to learn about fire safety. They had the chance to see the trucks and gear the fire fighters use. They learned how to Stop, Drop and Roll if their clothes ever catch on fire. Thank you Newark Valley Fire Fighters for making time for us!



Below: Mrs. Kaufman's class is hard at work completing their SLO assessments in physical education class.



Below: NTH Music students having fun while singing about the "green lizard"!



ATTENTION STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY

**How would you like to share your
moments in the yearbook?**



**Yearbook club is looking for photos and
videos to be submitted for consideration
in the yearbook. Each time we use one of
your submissions, your name will be
entered into a drawing to WIN a
YEARBOOK! Submit your school,
community, friends, and selfie photos
and/or videos to
newarkvalleyyearbook@gmail.com**

**There is a direct link with
information and a
submission link on our
yearbook page which can be
found on the NVHS website!**



Middle School Students Visit Lockheed

On October 2nd, Newark Valley students from 5th, 6th and 7th grades attended Manufacturing Day at Lockheed Martin where they participated in a number of fun and educational events.

During a Manufacturing Process Simulation, students were given an order form to order supplies they would need to manufacture their product and had to bring the order form to the “supply warehouse” which was set up at the back of the room. At the warehouse they were given a Snap Circuit Kit. Students were then instructed as to which products they were to manufacture out of their snap kit. Students created three different circuits that turned on fans, lights, and created a flying propeller.

During a Manufacturing Tour, students toured a pressurized manufacturing floor where employees assemble and test electronic parts for aircrafts. Students entering this area had to wear safety goggles and anti-static lab jackets. During this tour they saw employees assembling circuit boards, radar system screens, and circuit boards being sprayed with protective coating.

On another tour, students visited the welding facility, the subtractive manufacturing floor where they fabricate metal parts for many of the aircrafts, the 3D printing room where they were able to handle different pieces created in the 3D printer, and the painting booth area where they put the finishing touches on many of their parts.

Students also viewed short films about Lockheed Martin, additive and subtractive manufacturing, the future of 3D printing (additive manufacturing), and the products that are manufactured by Lockheed Martin, including parts for the President’s fleet of helicopters and various unmanned aircrafts.

At the end students were told about the number of jobs that Lockheed has added to the community over the last three years. An emphasis was put on the number of jobs they have that do not require a college degree. Many only require a High School Diploma, and often only require an additional Trade Certificate. It proved a very informative trip for all!

Alumni Concert for Scholarships

Due to an extremely busy Fall, and other requests for having the Concert earlier in the evening to help avoid driving at night, the Annual Alumni Concert has been moved to the Spring of 2016. The committee will announce a new date once it has been set - Stay Tuned!

8th Grade Orientation at Alexander Pond

On September 25th, the 8th grade class (*pictured on cover*), along with teachers, counselors, and student mentors, attended a day long program at Alexander Pond. We had a beautiful day which started at the Middle School with students trying to locate their group facilitators by asking them three descriptive questions. Once all facilitators were found, we began our hike up to the pond from the Middle School. Students and staff immediately got to work with team building activities led by high school PE teacher Katie Brindisi, nature hikes, a scavenger hunt, a “getting to know you” activity, welcome to the High School activity led by our Cardinal mentors, and a drum circle led by Imagicka of Binghamton.

Our Cardinal Mentors (*below*) were, again, an invaluable addition to our day at Alexander Pond. Junior and Senior mentors were trained for facilitating several activities at the pond and they did a wonderful job! The 8th graders really connected and benefitted from hearing about life in the high school from peers who have already walked in their shoes. Throughout the year, mentors and mentees will be getting together for quick check-ins and fun activities.



Our day concluded with a hike back down the hill where the buses were waiting at the Middle School to take students back home or to after school activities at the High School. Thank you to everyone involved!

Fostering Creativity and Fun in NTH Art

Ms. Welch’s Art class (*clockwise from upper left*): Kindergartners are developing fine motor skills by outlining the letters of their name with square pieces of colored paper; 1st grade students choose 3 different lines to show variety and filling the space with their name; 2nd grade students are using line, color and shape to create name block letters of their name, by using watercolor and oil pastels; and 3rd grade students use line, color and shape to create a colorful fish using a variety of patterns.



Students Visit Raymond



On October 2nd, the High School’s Guidance (Robin Novi) and Technology (Andrew Rice) departments took thirteen students to the First Annual Manufacturing Day, held at Raymond Corporation. We were welcomed by Raymond CEO Mike Field and given presentations by Rick Harrington, V.P. of U.S. Manufacturing, and Erric Heitmann, V.P. of Engineering. Students were also taken on a plant tour and shown demonstrations of procedures at Raymond. The purpose of this event was to expose students to what types of jobs are in the manufacturing world and how the field is growing. There is great demand for more people to go in to STEM careers, filling positions created by growth or vacated by retirement:

Several of our students who went on the trip remarked on how much of the information was new to them and/or how they had never before considered manufacturing as a career. This was a great educational trip for our students and advisors to become more aware of what is happening in our region, as well as the implications that it could have on our students’ futures.

The following link is the press release from Raymond Corp. about the event. <http://www.raymondcorp.com/raymond-expansion-manufacturing-day>.

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Newark Valley High School
November 20, 2015
&
November 21, 2015
7:00pm
General Admission \$5.

Homer's epic poem, The Odyssey, is the basis for this fun, yet educational play packed with nothing but silliness! Set off on an entirely new journey with four students of assorted personalities as they experience the strangest review session led by a mysterious and strict tutor. Odyssey characters come alive onstage in the wackiest of ways.

Summer Reading at NTH



During Summer Reading Celebration, Mr. Rodgers led a sing-along with students. Children were reading the words as they sang along. Also included were prizes for completing their reading goals and free books, story time with the Berkshire Librarian, and the opportunity to use the computers to log-in reading minutes.



November 20th & 21st!!