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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin my message with a huge thank you to everyone who has helped to make the opening of school a success this year. This includes our staff, students, parents, and community partners. Notably, I would like to commend our buildings and grounds staff on the outstanding condition of our facilities, both indoor and outdoor.

As hard as it is to believe, the first quarter is nearly over. As of this writing, the cold weather is starting to set in, and it won't be long before the first snow arrives.

In reflecting on this first ten weeks, I am encouraged by the continued successes of our students in and out of the classroom. The level of learning across all grades never ceases to amaze me. Our kids are highly engaged in meeting expectations, and they work very hard to achieve success.

Our job is to ensure that we continue to engage them in their pursuit of a balanced and well rounded education. The work we are doing to accomplish this in our core academic subjects remains intensive. However, we recognize that kids learn in many different ways. To that end, we constantly work to strengthen and grow opportunities for our students that focus on more than a test score.

From our new, dedicated, hands-on science

classroom at Nathan T. Hall, to our growing Agricultural Sciences program at the High School, to our continued commitment to a robust fine arts program, and so much more- we want to encourage our students' curiosity and growth in the learning process, not kill it. We believe these are vitally important, and actually lend themselves to better performance overall. Additionally, they lead to better attendance, and create educational opportunity for more students.

To be sure; math, science, literacy, history and language are as important as they have ever been; and we continue to focus tremendous energy on all of them. However, building critical thinkers and problem solvers for a rapidly changing world requires us to think critically about how we best prepare our kids to take their place in society.

We will continue to do everything we can to do so.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dougherty
Superintendent of Schools

NV Homecoming 2017 - Images and Reflections

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The Friends of Rachel Club participated in this year's Homecoming Parade! A special thank you to the Year Book Club, headed by Mrs. Mallery, who invited us to ride along on their float. From left to right are Ashlee Marsh (FOR Secretary), Melinda Byrne (FOR President) and Lindsey Digo (FOR Vice President).



NV Homecoming 2017 - Images and Reflections



Mr. Harrold agreed to have his head shaved if students performed better than other schools on the Global Regents exam last year, so Jazmine Chase shaved his head during the pep rally!



Students show their talents building and riding parade floats!



**Photo by Jim Danvers*

The Cardinals got off to great start in the Homecoming game, with a score of 33-0 after the first quarter. NV went on to beat Whitney Point with a final score of 58-24.



Homecoming court



Molly Baker and Chandler Guiles, Homecoming Queen and King

***Check out more of Jim Danver's photographs at <http://galleries.jdanvers.com>**

Newark Valley FFA Earns Awards at SUNY Cobleskill

On September 29th the Newark Valley FFA (photo below top) traveled to SUNY Cobleskill to compete in their "High School Ag Day" events.

Several students came away with awards from the competition. Placing third was our Dairy Cattle Judging team of Collin Rupert, Sam Umiker, Jacob Snapp, Lurn Gwardyak and Chelsie Fuller. Madison Peabody came away with a second place finish in Livestock judging and Evan Powell earned first place recognition in Feed Stuff Identification. Congratulations to all participants!



High School Celebrates the 3rd Annual Pasta Dinner and Open House

On October 4th our high school welcomed over 300 members of our school community to our third annual pasta dinner and Open House. Our free pasta dinner, served cafeteria style, took place in our high school multi-purpose room. Our teachers were available, by department, in the gym for all to meet. Each department shared information about our high school students' experiences and opportunities in their programs (photo bottom left). Also, our guidance department hosted an informational session that evening to parents of juniors.

Dessert was also offered in our library/café, where student representatives were available to provide information about the many extra-curricular opportunities we offer at Newark Valley High School. Our Cardinal Chords were also on hand to provide vocal entertainment to all who attended.

New this year, with the help of our new Athletic Director Scott Wandell, we hosted a session for all parents and students interested in participating in athletics at the collegiate level. Two college level coaches joined us to share with parents and student athletes the process of pursuing a collegiate athletic experience, including academic requirements and the recruiting process.

A special thank you to our custodial staff for preparing our building for the evening, to our kitchen staff for assistance in serving the dinner, to Fortunatos for the generous amount of food provided, and most importantly to our parents and guardians who continuously show their support!



Getting to Know Some of NVCD's Newest Faculty Members

NTH

Heather Howell—7 Art



A Graduate of:
Suffern H S Class of 1993
SUNY Binghamton 1997
Manhattenville College 1999

Position at NTH:
Art Teacher

Year's Teaching:
3 years @ Norwich CS

Family:
Husband: John
Children: Ethan, Bennett, Jamie,
and Jillian

Outside Interests:
Making Art with my kids and their
friends. I also enjoy camping in
Maine.

Other things I would like to share:
I'm very excited to be teaching art
again after taking a break to be at
home with my children.

NVMS

Jason Monte—Phys. Ed.



A Graduate of:
Newark Valley CS
SUNY Cortland—B.S.
Ohio University—M.A.A.

Position at NVMS:
Phys. Ed. Teacher

Year's Teaching:
7th Year teaching

Family:
Dog: Sammy

Outside Interests:
Football, Basketball, Working Out,
Hunting, Coaching, Golfing

Other things I would like to share:
Excited to be back in
Newark Valley!

NVHS

Amanda Blake—Math



A Graduate of:
SUNY Cortland (Master's)
Le Moyne College (Bachelor's)

Position at NVHS:
Math Teacher

Year's Teaching:
Previously I was a long-term sub
For 1.5 years @ Ithaca HS

Family:
Husband: Doug—he's in charge
of the service dept. at Simmons-
Rockwell in Halstead, PA
Pets: 2 cats—Jackson & Murphy

Outside Interests:
I love the outdoors. I like to fish,
kayak, camp, play softball, golf,
ski, and ride my 4 wheeler. I love
sports. My favorite teams are the
New York Yankees, Buffalo Bills,
Syracuse Orange basketball, and
the Buffalo Sabres

*Other things I would like
to share:*
I love being a part of the Newark
Valley school district!!! The stu-
dents and faculty have been very
welcoming from the beginning!
Thank you!

Get to Know Other New Faculty Members in our Next Issue

Carrie Snyder—5th Grade
Taylor Witman— 6th Grade Math
Kelly LaPorte—Special Ed.

The Sixth Grade Visits Kopernik

The sixth grade went to the Kopernik Observatory in Vestal on Tuesday, October 3rd. The trip was sponsored by Lockheed Martin Corporation and BOCES. The field trip provided students an opportunity to investigate a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) by seeing what scientists, engineers and mathematicians can accomplish. Students enjoyed several activities at the observatory such as a multi-wavelength Bingo game where they learned about different types of light, and a hands-on robotics activity where students programmed a robot with software.



There was a presentation of space flight artifacts, including those with a local connection, as well as a tour of Kopernik's three permanent telescopes. Student's also watched a rocket launch of a high-powered rocket. Student's benefited from their hands-on experience at the observatory in a variety of STEM fields.

The Cardinal Cottage

Mrs. Cardone's Middle School classes once again opened "The Cardinal Cottage" to create and sell Homemade Chocolate Halloween Candy. This wonderful activity supports their 12:1+1 life-skills and math curriculum in an enjoyable and hands-on way. It also helps to fund various activities throughout the year. Last year's Cardinal Cottage helped the class enjoy a field trip to the zoo and allowed students to experience lunch at a Chinese Buffet! Thanks to all who supported this year's activity!



NV Cardinals Booster Club

Notice:

In need of Officers:

Vice President and Secretary

Meetings are posted on
Facebook:
[nvcardinalsboosterclub](https://www.facebook.com/nvcardinalsboosterclub)

We are looking for parents or community members willing to sign up to help run the Booster Club as the two current officers will be stepping down at the end of the year. To continue to support our school teams we need people to step in and continue the club. Please consider joining so that this club can continue providing all the perks that we do for our athletic activities. Thank you for your support!

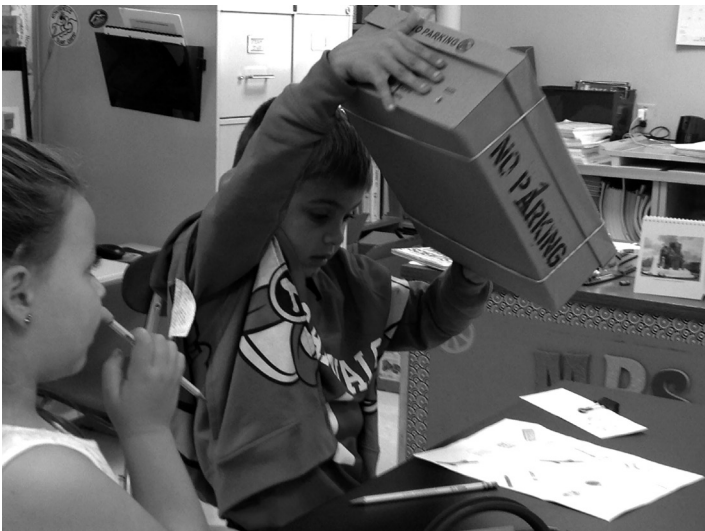
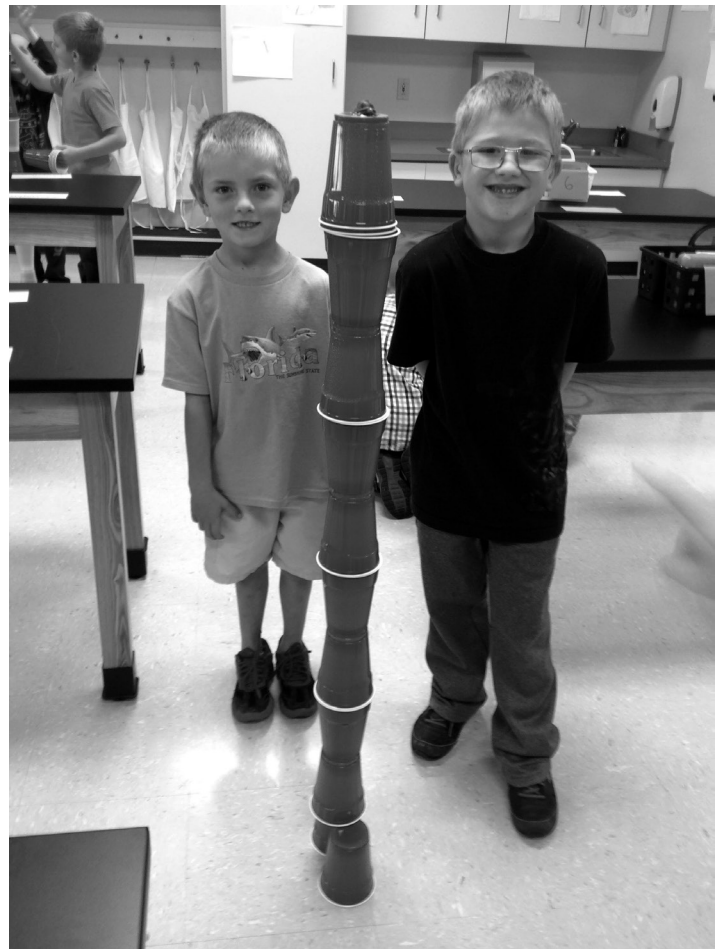


STEAM

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING
ARTS MATHEMATICS

STEAM Comes to NTH!

Nathan T. Hall students are very excited about our new STEAM Lab. Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math are what it's all about. All students pre-k through third grade get to visit the lab with their teachers. We have started out learning about what scientists do. Could we use our senses to figure out what was in some mystery boxes? Student engineers have begun building towers using different materials. Throughout the year we will continue to question, wonder, experiment, design, and cooperate with our friends to learn more about the world around us.



Painting Fall Colors at NTH

NTH students have been having a great time creating Fall themed artwork. Kindergarteners have been working on painted pumpkin collages, while first graders are painting apples inspired by Henri Matisse. Second grade students are learning about warm and cool colors while painting crayon resist leaves, and third graders are creating scarecrow paintings. With all this painting going on, the NTH art room would like to extend a special "Thank you" to the PTS for donating new smocks!



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Everyone enjoys Crazy Hat Day during Spirit Week at NTH!

