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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take the opportunity in this writing to thank all of our parents, families, and community members for the tremendous support they show us on a consistent basis. We have gotten off to a very strong start this school year. Our students are excelling both in and out of the classroom in the widest variety of academic courses and activities that we've ever had. From our new Agricultural Sciences program, to our Little Cardinals Dance club, we have more engagement and enthusiasm in our student body than I have seen in my six years here.

This is, of course, a testament to the strength and support of our community. Without supportive parents and families, these achievements are far more difficult. Our students are truly extraordinary. We are constantly reminded of their talents, empathy, drive, and love of this place they call home. Additionally, without the support of our taxpayers

and local businesses, it can become impossible to offer our kids the depth of experience that we are currently able to provide. Please know that we all recognize this and are grateful on a daily basis for your support of these students.

When I travel to meetings and conferences and talk about the things we are doing in Newark Valley, people are amazed. They wonder how our small, rural district can provide so much for our kids. The simple truth is that a school is often a reflection of its community, and our community cares about the future of its children.

It is a continued honor to serve this community. Thank you for your support. We will continue to work hard to grow and improve, and always take seriously the duty we are entrusted with.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Dougherty, Superintendent of Schools**

## Homecoming 2016

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# Students and Community Show Homecoming Pride

Newark Valley's 2016 Homecoming celebrations, held on October 8th, showcased the talent and pride in our schools and community. Fortune smiled on our lovely town as the rain held off for all the day's activities.



The morning began with the traditional Homecoming Parade featuring imaginative floats created by each class.



Homecoming King Jesse Brito and Queen Hannah Williams made an appearance, as all were serenaded by lively tunes performed by the High School Pep Band.



Stadium stands were full to watch an unstoppable Cardinal team beat Lansing by a whopping 58-0.



Seniors were honored with special recognition before the game (*photo on front*), and the day ended with the Homecoming Dance, enjoyed by all. It was a great day in the Cardinal Nation!



## High School Cleans Up!

Thank you to Erica D'Alessandro, Ellen Fisher, Julie Holland, Robin Novi, Billie Vaughn & Riann Warren for taking it to the streets (Route 38) to clean up the stretch adopted by NVUT.



It was a gorgeous fall day so I don't think any of us minded being outside. We celebrated with treats from the high school's café: The Nest! Lookin' Good, Ladies! Next up for spring—NTH...

## NVUT Members Support Breast Cancer Research

Once again, NVUT sponsored a drive to raise funds to support breast cancer research. Thank you to all who contributed and especially those who came out to walk on October 2nd.



We honor all of our members past and present who have fought or are currently fighting this battle. We send a special THANK YOU to Sandy Gray & Deb Marsh for their time and energy in coordinating this effort for NVUT!



## “Apple for the Teacher” Awarded to Ted Hardenstine

The October 18th “Apple for the Teacher Award” was given to Newark Valley Middle School Math teacher Ted Hardenstine. Mr. Hardenstine was nominated by parent Vicki, and students Piper and Trace Davis. Their nomination letter read as follows:

“Our math teacher is amazing, funny and always ready to answer questions! That about sums it up to my kids, Trace and Piper Davis. They are talking about their seventh and eighth grade math teacher, Mr. Ted Hardenstine. Last year, the school decided to “bridge” the math teachers between the middle school and high school, to make the transition smoother for the students. They picked a great teacher for the job! Trace excelled in math after a year with Mr. Hardenstine, and was able to take off where he left when he transitioned with him to eighth grade.

Now, Piper is very excited to have him for the next two years for her math teacher. Why? Because Mr. Hardenstine has a very unique approach to teaching...

So you do not sit in the back of the class, doodling, he has a “magic number cube” which is a dice he says is made out of a tyronosaurus rex bone, that he rolls and it can find anyone in the class, especially those that are not paying attention, by rolling their row and seat number. He can make anything into a memorable experience – everyone remembers his wizard friend, named Zeronius, who helps Mr. Hardenstine teach positive and negatives. Zeronius is Mr. Hardenstine’s alter ego. He wears a beard, wig and cape and makes you battle with foam swords in the “great battle” which is a battle again the positron’s and the negatron’s. The visual examples makes math come alive – especially for those kids that learn best by seeing.

Mr Hardenstine always has a funny story to wake you up in the morning...even on Monday’s! The sixth grade science teacher, Mr. Lakin, is right next door, and is also always ready to crack a joke. They have starburst and jolly rancher bombs which they throw into the others class and the kids tackle each other to get some candy.

As a teacher, he shines. Mr. Hardenstine gives great visual examples so the students can understand what he is talking about. He has an open door to questions – shoot ANY question, and he will answer it for them- no matter the topic. He also coaches varsity football and girls basketball after school.

As Piper puts it “When he is in the room, there is not a face without a smile. With his sense of humor, he is able to opens the door to learning for every child.”



**Ms. Hochberg and Mrs. Fry’s class getting physically fit and having fun in NTH’s PE Halloween Adventure course.**





## Sixth Graders Enjoy Space Day at Kopernik

Sixth Graders from Newark Valley Middle School and throughout Tioga County recently participated in Space Day at Kopernik Observatory, sponsored by Lockheed Martin and The Coalition for Better Schools. Students attended short sessions on computer coding to control Lego® soccer players, the planet Mars, and the life of stars. At the end they watched a model rocket launch.



Kopernik's telescopes are open to the public on Friday nights. Families are invited at 7 p.m. for kid-friendly activities. You can sample fun, hands-on STEM activities, receive a star map and learn how to use it, and see what Kopernik's kids' classes are all about! Thanks to Kopernik and all the sponsors for making this fun and educational experience available to our students.



**Kopernik  
Observatory &  
Science Center**



## Newark Valley High School Hosts Second Annual Pasta 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 once again overwhelming on October 6th at our second annual Pasta Dinner and Open House.

Our free pasta 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!

## MS Art Thanks PTS



Students from Laura Johnson's 6th grade Art class show their appreciation for the new papercutter provided by NVMS's PTS. This excellent tool allows the students the autonomy to responsibly and safely trim their artwork, and allows for more economical purchasing of larger sizes of paper that can then be cut down to appropriate sizes.

PTS is Newark Valley Middle School's parent/teacher organization. PTS organizes and oversees many exciting activities that take place throughout the year including: Fund raising and deciding how fund raising money will be utilized, organizing academic award programs, funding field trips and other projects not included in the district budget, sponsoring student and family events such as book fairs and bingo nights. For more information about the MS PTS, visit their blog spot at: <http://nvmspts.blogspot.com/> or their Facebook page entitled: Newark Valley Middle School Parents and Teachers for Students

Middle School Art students and teacher Ms. Johnson are extremely grateful to the PTS for their support!

### Welcome New Faculty

*Please welcome our newest members:*

#### NTH

Jordan Coons—.7 Art

Stacy Hoyt —Kindergarten

Renee Mele—1st Grade

Cassandra Natali—Speech/Hearing

Sarah Schwieger— Special Ed.

#### NVMS

Nicky McCloskey—Nurse

Alana McMurray - Planning Room

Michael Nave— Instrumental Music

Andrea Tirrell- 4th Grade

#### NVHS

Erica D'Alessandro—Guidance

Julie Humble—Special Ed. (starts 11/14)

Andrew Roberts—Social Studies

Mikki Smith—Science





## NTH Teachers Offer Hands On Science to Engage Students

Mrs. Hardenstine and Ms. Hoyt offer hands-on Science experiments in our classrooms! We believe that engaging students is one of the best ways to help them become life-long learners.

As our students entered the elementary school this year they naturally brought a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world around them. We have found that giving the students the opportunity to explore and experiment encourages them to use higher level thinking. It also offers the students opportunities to learn about the world that they live in and acquire knowledge that can be used in other parts of their curriculum.



## 7th Grade Enjoys Perfect Weather for Hike to Alexander Pond



The Seventh grade class had a spectacular day October 14th for their trip to Alexander Pond. Named for the former NV teacher who created this beautiful spot, Alexander Pond pro-

vides the perfect place for recreation, exploration and class bonding. Students and teachers hiked the path from behind the Middle School and spent the day enjoying activities such as scav-

enger hunts, puzzles, yard and outdoor games, fishing, crafts and walking the trails around the pond. Newark Valley students are lucky to have this wonderful park nearby and always enjoy this memory-making day.

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## High School Yearbook Notice:

### **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  
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