

## **7-12 Principal's Update February 2024**

Good afternoon, I hope you are all staying warm and cozy! The last few weeks have been busy with the Winter Semi-Formal, mid-term exams and the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Report Cards will be mailed next week.

On Friday students will be receiving an updated schedule for Semester 2 which starts Monday. Any changes mainly affect half-year courses. Please review changes with your child/children so they are prepared for Monday.

This month we will focus on the following Positivity Project character traits:

FEB 5-9-Other People Matter– Cheering others' success

FEB 12-16-Love

FEB 19-23

FEB 26–MAR 1-Love of Learning

Welcome to a new staff member!

Many of you may have already met her but, we have a new Committee on Special Education (CSE) Chairperson. Her name is Vanessa Vaccaro. Ms. Vaccaro is excited to be working with parents, teachers, and students of the New York Mills UFSD. She has been working in the education field for the past 23 years, 16 of those years as a Special Education Teacher. Ms. Vaccaro asked me to communicate that she is looking forward to meeting parents at CSE meetings, and values the importance of parents/guardians' involvement in the process. Please note: if you can't attend a meeting in person, you can easily attend via phone or google meet. Please contact the CSE office at 315-768-8124 (Ext.-1670) with any questions or concerns.

### **Student Council News:**

On January 27, 2024- the Student Council hosted their annual Winter Ball. The dance was held from 7-10 pm. Any students in grades 9-12 were able to attend. This dance included a photobooth, DJ and food. We want to thank teachers, students and parents for helping to make the Winter Ball so special!

February 12-16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Spirit Week culminating with a Pep Rally the afternoon of February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The days are as follows:

Monday- America Day

Tuesday- Initial Day

Wednesday- Valentine's Day Colors

Thursday- Pajama Day

Friday- Orange and Blue Day (athletes wear your jersey to school)

## **In other news:**

### **Spring Sports Announcement!**

JV and Varsity Spring Sports will begin on March 11th

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Modified Spring Sports will begin on March 18th.

Spring Meeting for Parents & Players will be March 7th at 6:00.

Students can utilize school issued Google account to sign up using the attached link:

<https://forms.gle/xSSpiYqzVkQN4q9PA>

**Attention all Varsity Athletes and Families: SAVE THE DATE-**We will be having a VARSITY SPORTS BANQUET on June 11, 2024, at 6:00pm, at Monarch Banquets. (Flyer attached to this email)

**The Art Department is proud to announce this year's Scholastic Art Award winner:**

#### **Danielle Pereira**

There were 5 New York Mills art students that submitted art to the prestigious Scholastic Art Competition which judged over 4,500 pieces of art. Danielle submitted the acrylic painting of a fantasy dragon. She went up against 340 paintings and came in 56th place earning her an Honorable Mention award.

Congratulations Danielle, your hard work in the art studio has made us proud. Keep being a creative & excellent role model.

**Reminders from the NYM Yearbook Staff:**

#### **Buy a Yearbook!**

The 2023-2024 Neyomian yearbook for grades 7 - 12 is on sale now. **Reserve your copy at [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) our school's order number is 2899.** Yearbooks contain your student's memories of that school year: the people, the clothes, the events and more. You're buying something they will cherish always. **The last day to order is May 4, 2024.**

#### **Buy an Ad!**

Senior parents can order a beautiful ad to congratulate your student's accomplishments and express your love for all to see. Businesses can also purchase an ad to publicly show involvement in our school community and support the work of our yearbook club. **Ads can be created and purchased online: [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com) our school's order number is 2899. The deadline to place an ad online is April 1, 2024.**

The 9th Grade Class is selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolate. If you're interested in purchasing, please reach out to any 9th grader or Ms. Hyde at [dhyde@newyorkmills.org](mailto:dhyde@newyorkmills.org) to order. All orders are due by February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Athletic Boosters is excited to announce their annual March Madness Raffle. The money raised during this annual fundraiser goes towards the purchase of the new mascot costume, Olympic Day t-shirts for students,

faculty, and support staff, and any additional expenses for our athletes and coaches. We are asking for your help with donations. Each grade K-12 will have a themed basket and all donations are needed by February 16th.

- K- Movie Basket
- 1- Coffee Basket
- 2- Pet Basket
- 3- Arts/Crafts/Game Basket
- 4- Spring Cleaning Basket
- 5- BBQ Basket
- 6- Non-perishable/Dried Goods Basket
- 7- Ice Cream Sundae Basket
- 8- Outdoor Play Basket
- 9- Gardening Basket
- 10- Car Detailing Basket
- 11- Pampering Basket
- 12- Snack Basket

K-6 donations can be brought to Elementary office  
7-12 donations can be brought to Mrs. St. James in room 103

Any questions please email [athleticboosters@newyorkmills.org](mailto:athleticboosters@newyorkmills.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** Mrs. Steffen & Mrs. St. James are excited to announce the return of the K-12 Talent Show on April 5th, 2024. More details will follow!!!

**Dates to Remember:**

February 6th-Board of Education Meeting-6:00pm in the High School Library

February 14th-PTSO Meeting-6:30pm in the High School Library

February 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>-Mid-Winter Recess-NO SCHOOL

Have a great day!

Mrs. Facci