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NMS STEPS IT UP!

By Kajal Ramphul

On October 2019, North Middle School hosted a Step Up! Anti-Bullying Assembly, hosted by the ADL. Students were informed about the dangers of bullying, and given some statistics to help put things into perspective. The purpose of this presentation was to raise awareness about the harmful impacts bullying can have, and to encourage everyone to step up and be an ally.

Kids were informed that there are numerous ways to become an ally- along with direct confrontation, you can also be a friend, or report something, even if it seems trivial. Students also learned that bullying comes in many forms, the most common of which are verbal, physical, social, and cyber. While physical bullying is the most obvious, and easiest to prevent, verbal and social bullying are becoming increasingly more apparent in society today, especially in the middle and high schools. This form of bullying includes, but is not limited to exclusion, teasing, judging peers, and ostracizing a person or specific group of people, oftentimes for things they have control over. Cyber bullying is also becoming more frequent in everyday lives, especially with the addition of social media, that others may not have had. There are many different viewpoints on which is the “most harmful,” or “most important,” but any and all bullying can and will leave scars on the victim.

Statistics were also presented to students, to further inform everyone how common bullying is. It was conveyed that in a class of around 21 children, 1-3 would be aggressors, or instigators, 1-2 students would be singled out as targets, 14-15 kids would be bystanders, and do nothing, and 0-1 would actually speak out, and be an ally to the victim. It was important for students to learn how present bullying is in everyday lives, and that very little people would try to stop it. One student said, “I didn’t realize how many people were being bullied every day, and that no one even tried to stop it. Bullying should never be okay, and I think more people should try to become allies and help anyone who needs it.”

Awareness was raised, and many people were able to realize the importance of being an ally. The Step Up! Assembly allowed the student of NMS to notice how present bullying is in every day life, and how many of us see it every day and walk past it. It has educated many people, and many students are trying to change their actions to create a safer, comfortable, and welcoming school environment.



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Question Corner

With Willie Benjamin & Jonah Berkowitz

This Column’s Theme is... Afterschool Activities!!!!

Question: What Clubs at NMS are BOOMING with Students?

North Middle School (NMS) has been doing a great job at keeping kids intrigued with extra-curricular activities to keep their minds working. Whether kids need a break from all the school work or want to hang with their friends, NMS has a club for every passion! With Student Council, Multi-cultural Club, Robotics Club, and so many more, students want to spend more time working their minds while having a lot of fun.

Raising awareness for Dare to Care and No Place For Hate in our community is very important in our school. Students are dedicated to making positive changes in our society. Fortunately, Student Council (SC) can help you embrace your devotion to help the ones around you. SC is a great way to keep kids energized, involved in current NMS events, and encourage them to be kind/compassionate throughout the whole year towards one another! By raising funds for the district, sponsoring school activities (food sales) and keeping kids drug free, students can have a great time by being involved. In addition, SC also organizes the School Store. In most mornings and afternoons, the School Store is open and sells school supplies, raffles, and sometimes lollipops! These are only some of the ways the SC raises money for the school and community. Therefore, if you want to be a part of North Middle’s Dare to Care and No Place For Hate civilization, Student Council is the right club for you!

Students at NMS have such diverse ethnicities, beliefs, and races. Here at the Multicultural Club, we can celebrate and learn about our differences and share what makes each one of us a unique individual. The Multicultural Club organizes numerous events that helps us learn a little more about each other. The most popular event is Multicultural Night, which is a yearly occasion. During this entertaining night, foods and drinks from all different cultures are displayed and are available to be tasted. Afterwards, everyone is invited to go to the auditorium and watch as students perform cultural dances, songs, activities, etc. No matter who you are or where you are from, the Multicultural Club will always accept you and your differences.

Many people at North Middle are very interested in science, technology, and mathematics (STEM). Fortunately, here at NMS you can embrace your passion for STEM by joining the Robotics club! In this club, you have the ability to learn how to build a full size robot, code them to do these unbelievable acts, and so much more! And trust us by saying, that does not come off easy. However, whether you’re a master builder or an early beginner, Robotics will keep everyone intrigued at all times, and will teach you very interesting stuff that you may not have known! In addition, at the end of the school year, there is one big robotics competition. Schools from all over the local area battle against each other using their robots they made over the past year, and try to complete fascinating obstacles. The competition starts small, but with more people participating in the Robotics club, NMS can win all of the tournaments they may face during the year! After all, the more the merrier! So, if you are interested in STEM, robots, and coding, make sure you stop by the Robotics club!

Here at North Middle, there are many people who play an instrument and play it beautifully. With the Pop Jazz club, you can express your love for music by playing soft and joyful compositions while hanging out with your friends! Whether you are in band and/or orchestra, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, or have an uncommon instrument skill, you are invited to this fun and energized club. For the first time ever, NMS is partnering with JFK and the North High School to create one beautiful sounding ensemble. At every meeting, you will be playing different types of relaxing and funky jazz, get to learn different melodies and songs made by famous musicians, and so much more! At the end of the year, there will be a pop jazz night, where the Pop Jazz Club will be performing many pieces along with other clubs! Therefore, if you have a love for music and play any instrument, Pop Jazz Club is the right club for you!

Even though we listed only four, please keep in mind that there is always a club that is just right for you, and all you need to do is find it. Remember - it is NEVER too late to sign up for a club, whether it's now or in 3 months! Here at the Question Corner, we encourage you to get involved in after school activities, whatever that activity may be! It is always great to put yourself out there!

Thanks for reading, and feel free to suggest new questions to Jonah Berkowitz and Willie Benjamin for the next article!

Blazers Live Goes Live

By Naomi Zarnighian

Every morning, from 7:30-8:10, in room 205, at Great Neck North Middle School, a new episode of *Blazers Live* is being made. The man who has been running the show, Mr. Deryk, took on the challenge 3 years ago. I asked Mr. Deryk what inspired him to take on Blazers Live. He said, “The year I took on Blazers Live I had just finished my teaching degree. The opportunity to come here, to work at North Middle School, and to do Blazers Live was incredible! I didn’t think I’d get anything this early on in my career, so I jumped on the opportunity and I was happy to take on the challenge!”

When you watch Blazers Live in the morning, you can see that not everyone is the same. It is made up of students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. I asked Joshua Ghaytanchi, a 6th grader working behind the camera, why he joined Blazers Live. He said, “I had randomly stumbled upon it one day and then I joined.” Unlike Josh, 8th grader, Daniella Mosaffi who also works behind the camera, had a different reason for joining. She said, “I really liked the two experiences I had from sixth and seventh grade and I had a couple friends here, so I wasn’t doing it by myself. I’m not really good on camera, but I’m pretty good behind the camera, like being the director or helping with the graphics. I wanted to do it again so I did it again for eighth grade.” Really, anyone can join. You may think that it’s only for people that like to be on camera, but if you like working behind the camera as well, Blazers Live may be a perfect fit for you.

As I had said before, anyone can join Blazers Live. Whether you like to be the star of the show or the person that makes it happen, Blazers Like could be the thing for you! I had asked Mr. Deryk and some students why they think students should join Blazers Live. He said, “I would encourage any

student who is interested in working in front or behind the camera to come ask me about it. Right now there aren’t any spots open, but if there are I’ll announce it. Absolutely anyone who is interested in 6th grade or 7th grade should sign up in May, when I’m going to offer the opportunity to join for next year. Even if you don’t like being in front of the camera, if you’re at all interested in reporting, working with the technology, or just being apart of something that’s incredible, you should consider it!” As Mr. Deryk did say, there are no spots open at the moment, but 6th and 7th graders can always sign up in May.

I had also asked Dylan Brenner and Mali Cooper (7th grade), from a student’s point of view, why they think kids should join Blazers Live. Dylan said, “I think kids should join Bazers Live because it’s a fun club to do in the mornings or if your parents have to go to work early, you could just come here and be on a fun show.” Dylan did have a good point—if your parents have to go to work in the morning, I think Blazers Live would probably be better than sitting around and doing nothing. I also asked another student, Mali, what she thought. She said, “I think kids should join Blazers Live because you get to produce a show and you get to be on TV. If you’re anything like me, you like being on TV. So, it’s just fun and we like being apart of this little club.”

Just like Mali, lots of kids would love the opportunity to be on TV. I think every child, at least once in their life, has thought how cool it would be to be on TV. Joining Blazers Live could help you accomplish one of your childhood dreams because being an astronaut-mermaid may be a little tough.



National Coming Out Day 2019

By Johnathan Ahdout

On October 11th, North Middle School celebrated National Coming Out Day. National Coming Out Day is a day that we encourage our LGBTQ friends to come out and not to be afraid to come out. This holiday was first celebrated on October 11th, 1998 as a day for gay and lesbian people to come out to their friends, families and society as a whole as an openly LGBTQ person. This is a day where all people should feel safe to come out as their authentic selves. This holiday is a national symbol of freedom all over the United States. The date of October 11th was chosen for this holiday because it is the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

At North Middle School, we celebrated by offering rainbow stickers and pins. Many people, including students and staff at North Middle, participated and wore the rainbow stickers and pins as a token of their acceptance for the LGBTQ community.

At the end of the day, the GSA had a rainbow bake sale. The GSA of NMS, which is the Gay Straight Alliance, is a club for people to express themselves and create a more inclusive school. The club advisors, Mrs. Ernst and Mrs. Wulfow, two NMS teachers and the club, felt the day was a huge success!

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NMS Welcomes Ms. Andreacchi and Mr. Parker

Journalists Avia Hakimian and Mia Sakai Interview Mr. Parker

Avia: Mr. Parker is an English teacher in Great Neck North Middle School. He teaches a 6th grade Adventure class, and a 6th grade Discovery class. In addition, Mr. Parker also teaches a 7th grade English class and an 8th English grade class. Students claim that Mr. Parker is a very kind and friendly teacher. Not many students in North middle school have Mr. Parker as an English teacher but the students that do are lucky to have him. To add on, Mr. Parker also takes part in coaching the 7th grade girls soccer team. A fun fact about him is that his brother is a professional soccer player for the New York Red Bulls.



Mia: Mr. Parker loves to teach English! I know this because everyday when I come into class he has a smile on his face and he is ready and excited to teach! Mr. Parker gives everyone a laugh and puts a smile on their faces! Mr. Parker is my favorite teacher I have this year, and he is always there for anyone when they are upset. Mr. Parker does Kahoot the day before the test, which is a class favorite! He makes English so much fun and enjoyable to learn! In conclusion Mr. Parker is a great teacher!

Journalists Evelyn Gao and Eva Zubli Interview Ms. Andreacchi

What do you like most about teaching?

Ms. Andreacchi: I like working with the kids the most. I love middle school. I think middle schoolers are hilarious. I love coming to school and seeing what you guys have to say.



What were doing before you came to North Middle School?

Ms. Andreacchi: I taught ELC at South Middle School.

What do you like most about the students that you teach? What do you like the least?

Ms. Andreacchi: What I like most is that I think you guys are so funny. I get a kick out of what you guys got to say. What I like least is when people don't do their homework. And when people say they don't like to read.

Why do you like teaching?

Ms. Andreacchi: I like teaching because I love working with kids. I have been working with kids since I was 16 as a camp counselor, and it has always been my favorite thing to do. And I love to read.

What is your educational background?

Ms. Andreacchi: I graduated from Herricks High School in 2011, I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English Education from SUNY Cortland in 2015, and I am currently getting my Master's degree at Queens College in Literacy.

What is your favorite subject beside reading?

Ms. Andreacchi: Social Studies, because I like stories and history tells a story.

What do you like to do outside of school?

Ms. Andreacchi: I play volleyball twice a week, I like to grade papers, grade journals, practice vocabulary.com, watch the Mets and hang out with my friends.

Eighth Graders Zip into the New School Year

By Rachel Sutin

Every year, eighth grade teams Orange, Blue, and White embark to The Adventure Park of Long Island. The Adventure Park, in Wheatley Heights, is home to a plethora of ropes courses of varying difficulties. This year, Team Orange went on September 27, Blue on October 4, and White on October 24.

The Adventure Park was an experience that encompassed themes of nature, agility, and team building. The day of, team students took school buses, by homeroom, to The Adventure Park parking lot. They then hiked into the park, got settled with harnesses, and were allowed onto the courses. These courses (by difficulty) were yellow, green, blue, black diamond, and double black diamond. Each course was settled at a different height on trees, where there were platforms that students would stand on between obstacles. After they enjoyed all that the park had to offer, students returned home.



For an inside scoop on the experience, we asked eighth grader Sabrina Livian about her time at The Adventure Park.

Me: What were some of the obstacles like?

Sabrina: On most of the courses, one of the obstacles was a tightrope and (one was) a zipline, but the rest of the obstacles were different for each course.

Me: How did the Adventure Park help you bond with your classmates?

Sabrina: A lot of the obstacles were very difficult and people would get stuck, so people who know how to do it would help them get to the end. Also, some people would go on the same level course and race each other back. Me: Would you go back to the adventure park? Why or why not?



Sabrina: Before this trip, I had already been there two times, and I think it's a good idea to go back because you can try out more advanced courses and you can go with different people.

Me: Which courses were your favorite and why?

Sabrina: My favorites were the blue courses. They were difficult and required some strength, but they weren't so easy that they didn't feel like a challenge.



Overall, North Middle's eight graders found the Adventure Park trip a fun and rewarding experience. Across the board, The Adventure Park trip was an activity the students will never forget.

NMS Recognizes Red Ribbon Week

By Kajal Ramphul

During the week of October 28th, North Middle School participated in a **Red Ribbon Week** school spirit event. This year's theme was "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free." This event encouraged students to wear different colors and dress up, in order to raise awareness for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse. On Monday and Tuesday, students were able to wear red and white, respectively, to show their support. Many chose to do so, effectively raising awareness about the destructive consequences of substance abuse, and promoting the message of staying drug free. Wednesday was Twin Day, Thursday (Halloween) was Costume Day and Friday was Pajama Day!

This event was important to many people because it affected them on a personal level. Many people have mentioned the negative impact of addiction to psychoactive drugs and substances in their families or friend groups. Red Ribbon Week was a good time for them to inform others about the danger of substance abuse, and to raise awareness to the deleterious repercussions of even tasting narcotic drugs or alcohol. The amount of participation North Middle received in **Red Ribbon Week** allowed people to understand the detrimental ramifications of using and abusing psycho-pharmaceuticals.



Social Media Trends

By: Lauren Salehani and Ayla Silberstein

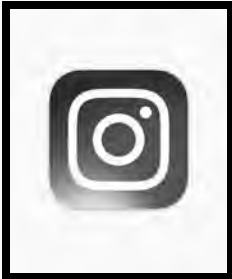
Social media. Everyone knows it exists, but what exactly is social media? That's what we will tell you in this article. We will be talking about the apps TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram. We will be stating the trends on each app and what people do on the app. Hopefully, we can answer some of your questions.



TikTok
TikTok is a very popular app used by teens and kids. It is an app where you make funny 15-60 second videos and share them with you friends, followers, and fans. You can choose to have a private account where only the people who follow you can see your videos. You also have to accept your followers if you have a private account, so if you don't know someone, or don't want them to follow you, you can decline the follow request. You can also choose to have a public account where anyone who wants to can follow you. Also, anyone can see your videos.



Instagram
Instagram is a very popular app in which people can post pictures and videos. On this app, you can follow people and people can follow you back. You can like people's posts and people can do the same for you. When you click the search button, you will find a 'For You' page, and on that page there will be posts that are chosen for you. These videos are videos Instagram thinks you may like, based on people you follow and previous posts you've liked. You can choose either a public or a private account. If you are okay with allowing anyone to access your page, and follow you, select public. If you prefer to be private, and you don't want everyone to see your page, you can choose to have a private account. A private account is where only the people that follow you see your posts, and you have to accept people who request to follow you. You can also add photos or videos to your story. A story is where you post items you only want to keep for up to 24 hours. And if you want to keep a story, you can add it to a custom. A custom is where you can save your story permanently.



Snapchat
Snapchat is an app where you can take quick pictures and videos, and easily send them to friends. On the app, you can take pictures with filter options, call, text, use bitmojis, and add to your story. On the app, you can add people which means they can see your story and text you. You can view both the stories of your friends, and public stories of people you may not know, under a topic. For example, you can look at a topic of 'Satisfaction,' and stories tagged and classified as 'satisfying' will appear.



Hopefully we taught you a little bit about each app. And if you choose to download them, we hope you will know more about the intended purpose and many functions of each app.

TRENDING: VSCO IS TAKING OVER

By: Wynne Gruder

VSCO refers to a "type" of girl. There are many things you need to be VSCO. One of the things you will need is an app called VSCO. On the app VSCO, you can edit your photos to make them look more VSCO. You can also edit your photos for Instagram and Snapchat which are other apps used by VSCO girls.

Another thing you will need to be VSCO is a Hydro Flask water bottle. If you want to be extra VSCO you could add stickers. Some more things you would need to be VSCO is a puca shell necklace, a Polaroid camera, hair scrunchies, fairy lights, oversized tee-shirts, Mario Badescu, a pair of crocs, a pair of vans, and friendship bracelets.

Everyone at North Middle School has a different opinion about VSCO girls. Here are some students' opinions: Lauren Salehani says "I like the trend because it is fun to be VSCO and have a VSCO personality. I don't just like it because VSCO things are trending. I like it because being VSCO and having VSCO things are fun." Nicole Volman says that she likes the trend VSCO because it is trendy, fun, and cool. "I would call myself a VSCO girl," says Nicole. Hannah Esken says that she would never call herself VSCO but she does not make fun of VSCO girls, and she respects them.

Here are some photos of VSCO girls and some VSCO things:



The Walkman vs. the iPod

By David Dallal

The Walkman and the iPod are two music players that have been successful through their time with countless generations. They are both huge giants in the tech industry.
The Walkman is extremely bulky and is very susceptible to breaking. The iPod, on the other hand, can fit in the smallest of pockets and is pretty well built. The Walkman has a lot of options in what you are listening to. You can use the radio if you want to listen to modern music and the radio has very little static as well. You can also listen to a tape if you want to select a certain song/album. It even works as a clock and a timer. The iPod can only use mp3 files but also has a clock, games, and lots of extras. The Walkman is very fragile and can break with a drop due to the cheap plastic mechanism holding it together, though it is extremely easy to snap it back on again. On the other hand, the iPod is very well built, but doesn't have a good battery life. It can only last maybe 2 hours straight at full charge and just barely last school days with minimal use.
In conclusion, I believe that for school use, the iPod is way more reliable. However the Walkman is pretty good for at home use or at a supermarket trip.



iPhone 11 News

By Michael Zaken

On September 10, 2019, at around 1:20 pm est, the iPhone 11 series was announced.
The iPhone 11 is the successor to the iPhone XR. The iPhone 11 has the new A13 processor, with a new stacked motherboard design. It has a color-wide Retina LCD display, with a quality around 720-1080p. The cameras have changed as well. This year, they added one more camera. Not the Telephoto 10x zoom camera, but the Ultra-Wide camera seen on the Pro model of this year's iPhone. The price has been reduced from \$749 to \$699. A 50 dollar reduction, new camera, and upgrades all around, it was too good to be true! The iPhone 11 looks like this and comes in 6 different colors.
But then Apple snapped their fingers and said their infamous quote: "And one more thing."
Then they announced the Pro. The iPhone 11 Pro, and iPhone 11 Pro Max. These phones have three cameras! One is a wide 1.6 aperture camera, the second camera is a 10x zoom telephoto camera, and the third one is the ultra wide camera found on the 11.
The phone comes in four new colors: space gray, silver, gold, and a brand spanking new color, midnight green. It has a Super Retina XDR OLED display, with a quality up to 2160p. It also has a stainless steel border and a never seen before matte glass finish. It has the strongest glass in a Smartphone, Gorilla Glass 7.



Breaking News! After President Trump Pulls Troops Out Of Northern Syria, Clashed Begin Between The Kurdish And Turkish Forces!

By Ofer Adar

As US troops evacuated Northern Syria, Turkish forces advanced into Northern Syria. Clashes between the Kurds and the Turks began. Both political parties heavily criticized the President for his actions, but on October 17th a cease fire between the Kurds and Turks was agreed. This is how it unfolded:

October 7th 2019: President Trump announces on Twitter that he will remove troops from Northern Syria. On Twitter he said, “The United States was supposed to be in Syria for 30 days, that was many days ago... The Kurds fought with us, but were paid massive amounts of money and equipment to do so. They have been fighting Turkey for decades... WE WILL FIGHT WHERE IT IS TO OUR BENEFIT, AND ONLY FIGHT TO WIN. Turkey, Europe, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Russia, and the Kurds will now have to figure the situation out.” Therefore, US forces were going to withdraw. A quick history lesson: After the Arab Spring ISIS started causing problems in the Middle East, the United States and the Kurds, an ethnic group who was fighting for their independence in the region united forces against ISIS. ISIS was obliterated and many of its members imprisoned. One of President Trump’s campaign promises was to bring home the troops after defeats ISIS. And after months of saying he’d pull them out, he did - only in Northern Syria.

There are some pros and some cons. First the pros: The United States has been in Syria for 8 years and the troops returning home has been a main priority for many politicians, so troops coming home is a good thing. In addition, the United States entered Syria illegally. In the Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 11-16 it says that, “The Congress shall have power... To declare war, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules conquering Captures on Land and Water... To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions.” Congress had no authority in sending troops to Syria, making it illegal. According to Foreign Policy, “At the time, the White House argued that it didn’t need Congressional approval because the level of U.S. involvement in Libya didn’t constitute full-blown "hostilities," the threshold that has to be reached to trigger the 1973 War Powers Resolution... A White House spokeswoman declined to say whether the administration would also seek a formal authorization of military force from Congress.” When President Obama entered Syria in 2011, he did it without congressional authority. That makes it illegal. Lastly, if the United States where to stay, than it would be to protect the Kurds. The problem is that the forces fighting against the Kurds are the Turks. Turkey is part of NATO, the alliance including many of the USA’s allies. So defending the Kurds would be like an act of war against an ally.

However, just because there are pros that doesn’t mean there aren’t also cons. One of these cons is that when the second US forces withdrew, Turkey started pushing into Syria. That lead to an alliance between the Kurds and the Syrian Government. The two belligerents fought and it lead to deaths. Turkey used air strikes that killed civilians and extreme clashes lead to more than just deaths—many injuries which permanently harmed those troops. As a result, withdrawing out of nowhere caused many deaths. This is because the US forces where like a buffer between the Kurds and the Turks. Another con is that because this fighting, sanctions might be passed against Turkey. According to Bloomberg, “Republican and Democratic lawmakers vowed to move ahead with sanctions on Turkey.” Sanctions are like economic penalties that countries get if they do something a different country doesn’t like. For example, raising tariffs on products from other countries would be like a sanction. If a major economic powerhouse like the United States sanctioned a country that has a small economy then it could be really harmful to that smaller country. President Trump warned that if the Turks attacked the Kurds that he would impose sanctions. Most politicians agree with him. Sanctioning Turkey for the invasion might prevent valuable necessities from getting shipped to Turkey. Turkey has a smaller economy than the United States so sanctions could really hurt the Turkish people. Therefore, if US forces never withdrew, then the Turks wouldn’t have attacked the Kurds, so there wouldn’t be sanctions.

That covered most of what is happening in Syria but there are still two questions, why is Turkey attacking, and what’s next? The reason Turkey is attacking is very complicated. There are many ethnic Kurds in Turkey and many want independence. The Turks slaughtered Kurds in many atrocities and because of that, there is hostility between the Turks and the Kurds. There has been an uproar in Kurdish nationalism and in Turkey it’s getting violent. Groups like the PKK (Kurdistan Workers’ Party) are bringing the country into turmoil, so it makes sense that the Turks want to get revenge. But why would they need to invade a different country to get revenge on people in their own county? The answer: National Interests. The Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan is the person ordering all the attacks. A main reason he does this is to conquer Syrian land. Syria is in the middle of a civil war so it seems easy to take parts of the country. Despite Erdogan saying Turkey doesn’t have eyes on anyone's land, he has proven he wants the Turkish nation to prosper, at the expense of other countries. Donald Trump sent a letter to Erdogan trying to negotiate a peace between the Turks and the Kurds. Erdogan agreed on a cease fire for a few days. However, now he wants to benefit from the short conflict. He’s proposing a 30km “Safe Zone” along the Turkish - Syrian border. This zone would be completely demilitarized and would fall under the Turkish sphere of influence. This shows how Erdogan is using this invasion to benefit Turkey.

Vice President Mike Pence met with Erdogan and they tried to compromise. As the cease fire is coming to an end, it seems very likely clashes at the border will become a daily occurrence. This article has been revised several times because of the twists and turns in the story. But only time will tell what truly ends up happening.

To Impeach or Not to Impeach?

By Andrew Cohen

Background Information

In the past, many presidents have gotten impeached. Such as Nixon, Clinton and more. Nixon got impeached for betrayal and Clinton got impeached because of bombing Iraq.

What is the Impeachment Process?

Congress has the authority to make this decision. Impeachment is the removing of the president, vice president and officers in the public duty or administration and Congress. When a president of the United States is impeached, he/she is removed from the Oval Office, allowed to run for president again and they don't finish their term.

Democrats Want to Impeach

In present day, the Democrats in Congress and in the U.S. want to impeach the P.O.T.U.S because they think that he’s committed treason and betrayed the United States of America. Democrats are also saying that the P.O.T.U.S. blackmailed Ukraine by withholding financial aid to look into Former Vice President and Presidential candidate Joe Biden. Republicans in Congress and in the U.S think that the president shouldn’t be impeached because they think that he’s doing his job correctly, thoroughly and efficiently.

Climate Change

By Daniella Nissim

Climate change has become a serious problem and people are trying to make a difference. On September 20, teens and young adults flooded the streets on every continent asking for a change. One of the largest protests was right here in Lower Manhattan. The mayor’s office estimated around 60,000 people, while organizers were saying there was 250,000. Obviously, this showed government officials and people around the world who didn’t participate in the protest that young people can be powerful and can make a difference.

Another question people have been asking is, how can I make a difference? You can start by reducing your everyday resources. For example, try taking shorter showers and turn the sink off when you’re brushing your teeth. You can also try eating less meat, and switching out some of your meat for tofu. The next step would be to send a message—tell your friends to try and reduce their plastic waste. Remember your small step in helping the planet could start a whole train reaction in your family, friends or even community. The earth gives so much to us; now it’s time to help the earth out.



Students from the Relay for Life Club sells pink socks and bracelets to raise money to help fight Breast Cancer.

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Fall Crafts

Pumpkin Mason Jars

Submitted by Katie Park

This craft can be a little more difficult to make so it’s a good idea to make it with your family. These pumpkin jars can be used for decoration on a bookshelf, on a table, or it can even be used for holding the extra Halloween candy.

Craft and instructions from :<https://thesoccermomblog.com/mason-jar-pumpkins/>

- 3 different sized glass mason jars with lids.
 - Orange paint
 - White paint.
 - Green Acrylic paint.
 - Paintbrush
 - 3 wine corks
 - Glue gun and clear hot glue sticks
 - Artificial ivy leaves
 - Decorative ribbon or twine
 - Scissors
1. Clean and dry jars and remove lids.
 2. Use the orange paint to coat the surface of one jar, and leave the rim unpainted so you'll be able to put the lid back on later. Apply two coats if needed.
 3. Mix equal amounts of the white and orange, then paint the surface of the second mason jar.
 4. Paint the third pumpkin with white chalk paint.
 5. Allow jars to dry and apply a second coat of paint if needed.
 6. While jars are drying, paint all of the lids with green acrylic craft paint. Allow to dry and add a second coat if needed.
 7. Cut a small trimming of the artificial ivy.
 8. Use a hot glue gun to secure a wine cork to the top of each lid. Hold in place until glue is dry.
 9. Apply a small line of glue along one side of the base of the wine cork and carefully attach the ivy.
 10. Place the lids back on you mason jars.
 11. Tie a piece of twine or ribbon around the base of the wine cork and secure it with hot glue



Autumn/Fall Tassel Bookmarks:

By: Mia Malhotra

Are you looking for a fun way to kick of fall? Then I have the perfect thing for you! Fall Crafts! Get out your smile, and your creative brain and let’s get started!

Idea behind this:
Any bookworms out there? Are you festive? In this craft we will be making festive autumn/fall book- marks with a fun tassel touch! Remember... you can get as creative as you need to! Let’s get started!

- Supplies:
- Colored Construction paper
 - Scissor
 - Ruler
 - String
 - Pencil
 - Writing utensil(s)
 - Hole Puncher
 - OPTIONAL: Glitter, stickers, add ons, stencils, and more!

- 1) Get out your colored Construction Paper and use a pencil to outline your bookmark. You can use a ruler if you would like to.
- 2) Outline in a rectangle form
- 3) Then take your hole puncher and punch the top of the bookmark in the middle of it.
- 4) Pre cut a small piece of string about the size of a ruler.
- 5) Take your string role and wrap it around you hand (at least 15 times) loose.
- 6) After, take your string on your hand, and place in down in the middle of your pre cut string.
- 7) Take the pre cut string and tie it. Double knot! Make it tight.
- 8) Take scissors and cut the other ends of the looped string. DON’T TRIM OR CUT THE PRE CUT STRING.
- 9) Take your tassel and find the long string (the pre cut string) and tie it into the hole in the bookmark. MAKE IT LOOSE!
- 10) OPTIONAL- Take any add-ons and decorate the book mark.

Now you have a seasonal bookmark for your next book!

Personality Quiz

By Julia Berger

Quiz rules: Keep track of the letters you pick-it will be important later. Have fun and be honest!!

Question 1: Where would you go on vacation?
A: The Caribbean
B: Europe
C: Any place with beaches or somewhere relaxing
D: I really don’t care! A vacation is a vacation!

Question 2: If you could choose, what would you do for fun?
A: Go camping or do something in the wilderness
B: Explore new places
C: Lay down on your couch and watch TV/play video games
D: Read, write or watch a good movie

Question 3: What is your favorite type of food?
A: Exotic food (that many people don’t know about or think is gross)
B: Italian food
C: Anything in a nice, highly rated restaurant
D: Home food/comfort food

Question 4: What is your deepest, darkest fear?
A: Dying
B: Bugs or dangerous animals
C: I don’t have any fears
D: Dark rooms

Question 5: How much money would you pay for a souvenir?
A: \$100+
B: \$30-80
C: I don’t buy souvenirs, I remember my trip in other ways
D: \$1-20

Results!!

Mostly A: You are a risk taker and willing to try new things. You love the outdoors, but you can be too fancy.

Mostly B: You are a sight see-er ! You love nature, but you can be too simple.

Mostly C: You are very relaxed! Go explore the world!

Mostly D: You are easygoing and simple. Try new things and expand your palate!

Book Review: *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* by Kathi Appelt

Reviewed by Jeffrey Quintanilla Zepeda

Imagine that you’re in the beautiful forest with birds, raccoons, turtles and many more animals.

But then you see ferocious hogs coming north and men coming to destroy the forest. This is all true..... not really it’s just the book *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp*. The book’s main characters are clever as ever and cute as a baby kangaroo, Bingo and J’miah, and eleven year old Chap. The story has three main characters, but the storylines lead up to a twisted event. Bingo and J’miah have to deal with the hogs Buzzie, Clydine, and their 15 kids. The hogs plan to attack the Swamp. On the other hand, Chap has to deal with Sonny Boy and Jager Stitch, a famous wrestler. They plan on turning over 100 acres of woodland into a theme park called “Gatorland” and Chap has to find proof of the Sugar Man.

Why read this book? You should because the author Kathi Appelt has multiple reviews that are very positive. The book has many interesting parts of the story. Trust me, I’ve read the book and it made me hooked!



Dear Miss Know-It-All,

I just started 7th grade and I’m finding it hard to plan out time to do my work. I have to be in my bed at 8:30 PM or else my parents start getting really mad at me. By the time I go to extra help, go to my sport, take the bus home, shower, eat dinner and go on my electronics to watch my shows it is around 7. It takes me 3 hours to do my homework. So I usually end up having missing assignments and get really stressed out. I get stressed the most when I have a test the next day and I had no time to study the night before my test. I’ve also been realizing that I haven’t been getting good grades because of my missing homework and the time I couldn’t study for my tests. I don’t know how I will ever be able to manage to turn in all this work and get good grades when I have so little time.



From,
The girl who struggles with time management

Dear The girl who struggles with time management,

I can give you some advice on planning all your work out. One thing you should do is try to get a plan- ner. In the planner you can write down when all your assignments are due, so you don’t have any miss- ing ones. You can also write down when you have tests so you can make sure that you have time to study so your grades get better.

A second thing you can do is remove going on your electronics to watch your shows before you do everything else. This will help you because it will give you more time to do all your work and study. Over the weekend is a great time to relax for a while and watch your shows so you have more time dur- ing the week. I hope you follow these tips to help you succeed with your time management.

From,
Miss Know-It-All

What Are You Wearing?

By Juliet Burkhoff

With back to school in full swing, many fashion trends have emerged in the NMS hallways and throughout the streets of Great Neck.

One such trend is a VSCO girl. (And I oop... sksksk) A VSCO girl, named after the VSCO app, wears scrunchies, has a Hydro Flask water bottle, wears over-sized t-shirts, sports Air Force One sneakers, and “saves the turtles” by being environmentally conscious!

Another trend is to wear shiny pants. The best thing about them is that you can dress them up or you can dress them down. You can wear a sweatshirt, or a blouse! These are leggings made to look like leather but are made from animal-friendly products.

One trend coming up for winter is wearing cropped sweaters—just above where your waist is. Some outfits that would be really cute to wear this winter are:

- cropped star sweaters with shiny pants
- over-sized hoodies with jeans, tube tops with a jean jacket
- ripped jeans, a bleached cropped sweater with shiny pants

These fashions are soooooo stylish and perfect for school! Some trendy shoes to wear are:

- Air Force ones, vans (any color)
- UGGS
- Birkenstocks and crocs for the warm weather

Some jewelry that people like to wear are:

- sideways heart necklaces
- pearl earrings
- Apple watches,
- shell necklaces, which are my favorite!

While these trends are everywhere right now, like the bad-hair of the 1980s, trends don’t last forever! Stayed tuned for the trends for next season!

Fall Fashion

By Nicole Volman

From the runway straight into your local middle school, we are seeing that the 80’s are making a comeback. Who knew that the big shoulder jacket and bell bottom jeans would ever return? Another notorious 80’s item that is making an appearance this season is Air Force Ones. They are super-in now and amazingly go with everything.

Fall fashion is amazing and I love most of the clothes and jewelry, like shell necklaces, scrunchies, chokers, pearl earrings and more. However, some stuff is really ugly!

That's Not It

Don't get me wrong, most stuff now is really awesome, cute and stylish, but then other stuff... well, the other stuff is just bad--period! Even though it’s trendy I just don't see why everyone likes it. For example-- Birkenstocks! Birkenstocks became popular during the VSCO trend. This is just my opinion, but honestly, they're just not the prettiest shoes ever! They are also kind of expensive. I also don’t like high platform shoes! They look like ski boots--Ski boots that cause leg strain! Honestly, can you please just wear regular boots?

Updating Your Look

Many things like jewelry and hair accessories could change up a look. Some things I love and to-tally recommend are pearl necklaces, hoop earrings, pearl earrings, shell necklaces, gold initial necklaces, chains, and a lot more. Scrunchies (hair ties that could go in your hair, or on your wrist) always look cute and fashionable. They come in many different colors and look really nice.

Tops ! There are so many types of tops. From tee shirts and basketball jerseys to tube tops and blouses, there is no limit.. Thousands of brands, colors, shapes and styles! Some of my favorite stores that have the coolest tops are *Brandy Melville*, *Denny's*, *Urban Outfitters*, *Vineyard Vines*, *Lululemon*, and *Nike*. *They all have lots of great tops, and bottoms.*

There is so much to discover, and lots of trends, yet fashion changes throughout the years, but in my opinion it repeats, and will keep repeating.



Fun Things To Bake in Fall!

By: Taylor Weber and Syvonne Shadi

We took some time to brainstorm and bake some fun fall recipes! We took a few days to look online for some baking ideas, and we put a little spin on them ourselves. Take note, neither of us are experienced bakers. We have baked before, but not by ourselves or with someone our age. You don’t need to be a pro at baking either. Stay tuned for next seasons recipes! We hope you enjoy our cookies and cake, and make sure to bake them at home!

Red Velvet Pumpkin Spice Two Layer Cake



Ingredients you will need for the cake:

1. Red Velvet cake mix
2. 3 eggs,
3. 1 cup water
4. 1/3 cup vegetable oil

Icing- 1. 8 oz of Philadelphia 1/3 cream cheese (don’t use fat free) 2. 1/2 cup pureed pumpkin (canned is ok) 3. 1 tsp. vanilla extract 4. 1 tsp. cinnamon 5. 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice 6. 5 tbsp. packed light brown sugar (In order of what goes in the bowl)

Instructions: Bake the cake for 25-30 minutes. Let it cool. Put some icing on the first cake. Then place the second cake over it.

Ingredients you will need for the cookies:

1. Oreos
2. Green and orange icing or white icing with food coloring

Instructions: Take your Oreos. Split them in half and scoop out the icing with a spoon, and put it in a bowl. Take some of your white icing, and add it to the icing from the Oreos. Half it and color one half green and the other orange. Then take the Oreo cookies and pipe on the icing. Put one orange one green and so on around the cake until you are satisfied.

In our opinion, the cake was very good! We didn’t expect the pumpkin and red velvet to mix very well, but it actually did! The cookies were very good too. The icing was mixed a few different ways to make sure we put the best one on the cookies. We loved these sweet treats and hope you will too!

8 Seasonal Sports: NMS Football

By Brandon Etan Reed

As a sixth grader and a big sports fan, I’m very interested in the role that sports play at NMS, particularly, what it takes to play on one of our teams, the future of sports at our school, and the background of our coaches and athletes. I’m curious about what inspires them and what attracted them to their sport, and I’ll be covering all of that and more in my new column, *Seasonal Sports*. I’ll also touch on professional sports and the excitement of going to an event with the Great Neck Public Schools.

Since we’re currently in the heart of football season, I chose to interview the coach of our North Middle School football team, Coach Jeffrey Jablonowski, as well as the quarterback of the team, Eighth Grader, Dylan Yaghoutiel. Here are some of the highlights:

Mr. Jablonowski, what inspired you to become a coach?

Coach J: I played in college and I knew I wanted to be a teacher, so it was a natural connection.

Mr. Jablonowski – We all know that football can be a very dangerous sport. What measures do you take to keep your players as safe as possible?

Coach J : Well, first of all, we have the best equipment and we also do drills to help with technique, so they learn the safest way to tackle and not take head-to-head hits.

Dylan, what sparked your interest in football?

I played Madden (a football video game), but then I started getting into it by playing and watching it.

Dylan, what’s your favorite thing about being part of the NMS football team?

It’s honestly just a really fun team and we’ve become a family over the course of the season.

Any favorite moments of the season?

Dylan: The moment we knew we won against Carle Place because we hadn’t won in awhile and we felt like it was something everyone on the team deserved since we had been working so hard.

Coach Jablonowski, can you explain the requirements for joining the football team to any sixth graders or anyone else who might be interested?

The requirements for football is that students can make the team if they make the practices and can handle the physicality of the sport. We don’t make cuts per se, but we make sure kids are trained to be safe to play a contact sport.

Opinion: NFL

By Jonah Berkowitz

As a Giants fan myself this will be a very opinion-based article of the New York teams with some nice facts. The Jets are even worse than the Giants though, they are 2-? They lost too many games (just kidding they lost 7 games). Giants are 2 and 8—at least they beat more than one team. Maybe it’s just a New York trend, but both offensive lines just aren’t helpful. They mostly just make the team worse, a lot worse! Both teams will probably end up resorting to losing the rest of the games for a good draft pick.

With a bye week the Giants are going to need a lot of catching up to do (trust me-a lot!). Sterling Shepard is out, Saquon is questionable, and the rest of the team isn’t doing that great, with the exception of the new rookie wide-receiver, Darius Slayton, who is averaging a touchdown and game and usually gets over 100 yards.

This beginning of the season doesn’t have too much to talk about the New York teams but when the post season comes around I will be talking more about the better teams and see if the Patriots can win again (that would really stink). I will also discuss, the 49ers having a break out season and finally being good again, plus so much more.

How The NBA Made A Big Mistake In China

By Amit Chanoch

Things were quite rough for the NBA when they visited China in late October. The Houston Rockets General Manager, Daryl Morey tweeted, and quickly deleted a message showing support for the Hong Kong protests. Once the NBA noticed Morey’s politically sensitive tweet, NBA commissioner Adam Silver, swiftly apologized for the inconvenience. Adam then issued statements that protected the NBA’s allegiance to the USA and ensured China that the NBA will never repeat it’s blundering again.

All Daryl ever wanted to do was to express his thoughts about the protests China’s went and is still going through. But surprisingly the state-run China Central Television refused the peace offering. They stated that Morey had no “right to freedom of expression” on the issue. Then they suspended their NBA broadcasts. Suddenly politicians and pundits struck the NBA from all around. Then out of nowhere, Chinese State Media said Silver “created lies out of nothing.” They accused him of embarrassing the country on the international stage. Also, threatening that he would “receive penalty/retribution sooner or later.”

But the NBA’s business with China is roughly over \$4 billion. There are potential problems that could affect individual marketing and sponsorship opportunities for the players. NBA player LeBron James stands to lose much (or even more than everyone). That’s why he took the first opportunity he had upon returning to China to pick a fight with Morey. James called him “misinformed” and accused him of thinking only about himself. LeBron messed up those comments so badly he had to almost immediately walk them back to Twitter. Then he said that he would never talk about the issue again. James said that “we’re not politicians.”

All of this happened just because of one small tweet. Everything was going so smoothly for the NBA. But suddenly an employee shows his support for China. So, China becomes very frustrated with this tweet. They start attacking the NBA on global news channels and suspend their broadcasts. So that every person in China who’s watching the NBA, can’t watch the NBA. This evidence proves that even the big companies that seem so perfect can sometimes mess up big time.

Yankees Postseason

By Emma Lavian

In MLB the Yankees had a great postseason. They beat the Minnesota Twins in a three game sweep in the ALDS (American League Division Series). In the ALCS (American League Championship Series) they played against the Houston Astros, but unfortunately they suffered a loss in the series with them beating the Yankees in a 4-2 win. This happened between the dates October 4, 2019 and October 19, 2019.

The New York Yankees had a terrific regular season. In the beginning of the season the Yankees hit a huge road bump. What happened was that a lot of their star players, (Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton, Luis Severino and many more) were on the Injured List. The manager, Aaron Boone must have felt really disappointed that there were so many people on the IL. Lots of big players stepped up in big situations including Gio Urshela, DJ LeMahieu, Mike Tauchman and Domingo German. They started to progress over the season. Before they knew it they ended the regular season with their best record since 1998 with a record of 103-59.

In the series, the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins in a three game sweep. In all three games they beat them by 4+ runs. The first game the score was 10-4, the second game was 8-2, and the third was 5-1. Their hitting with runners in scoring position was on point and they also had great pitching. In the series, the best player was DJ LeMahieu. He ended the series with an average of .440. They advanced to the next round to face off against the Astros.

The Yankees matched up against the Houston Astros in the next series. They unfortunately lost to the Astros in 6 games. Even though they lost the series they worked as hard as they could until the final out. Their runners in scoring position was terrible but their pitching did pretty well. The Astros didn’t score more than four runs in 5 out of the 6 games. Not having Domingo German, Mike Tauchman and Dellin Betances were big blows and one of the many reasons why they lost. The Yankees had a great postseason even though it ended in heartbreak.

Who should the Mets new manager be?

By: Liana Kase

The Mets finished off the season on a high note, finishing 10 games over .500 with a 86-76 record. They finished 3rd in the NL East division and just missed a wild card spot. Despite the postseason hopes and the comeback from being 11 games under .500, Mets manager, Mickey Callaway, got fired a couple of days after the Mets season ended. He spent only 2 years with the team, having lots of threats in the past about getting fired. Now, the big question is, who should be the Mets new manager? The top 3 candidates are Joe Girardi, former Yankees manager who took them to a World Series, Carlos Beltran, former Met who has wanted to manage for a long time, and Joe Maddon, former Cubs manager who took them to a World Series, but, like Callaway, was fired on the last day of the season because the Cubs didn’t make the postseason, like they had in the past 3 years.

Joe Girardi might be the Mets number one option since he has won a World Series and is very knowledgeable about the game. He got fired by the Yankees in 2017 and since then he has worked as an analyst, but really wants to manage again. The one thing is, would he really want to manage the Mets after managing the other New York team?

Carlos Beltran is also very knowledgeable about the game and is a former player, but really wants to manage. He has been interviewed by other teams for jobs as the manager, but didn’t get the job. The Mets did interview him last week for the job, and even though he is competing for the job against experienced managers, he is the only person they’ve interviewed so far. The Mets show a lot of interest in him, even though Beltran has had issues with Mets owner, Jeff Wilpon, in the past.

Joe Maddon, who has managed his share of postseason teams, is also one of the Mets top choices. He, like Girardi, has managed teams in the past, gotten them to the postseason, and won a World Series. But analysts are saying that he is most likely going to go to another team who is looking for a manager. If the Mets still could get Maddon it would be great, unlike Girardi who has managed an American League team, and does not have much experience in the National League. Joe Maddon has managed both a National League and an American League Team, so he will be able to have the team do better in both games against the National League and inter-league games.

I would’ve chosen former Met and fan favorite, David Wright to be the Mets manager, but according to the media, David Wright, who now works in the Mets front office, might not yet want to manage. A father of 2 little girls doesn’t want to spend 6 months away from his children. Wright is working in the Mets front office so he can stay and play with his children. Once his children are older, then he might consider managing.

Whether it’s Beltran, Girardi, or Maddon, the Mets are bound to have a good manager with one of them getting the job.



Winter Issue Coming Soon....

