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School News

Spring Fling Dance

By Flynn Jansen

The annual Spring Dance hosted by CMS Student Council was held on May 31 and featured many new implementations to make it more suitable for all.

The hour and a half long Spring Dance is hosted every year as an all-school, end-of-the-year dance which is extremely popular with students.. It was held at the Cohasset Middle/High School gym with some new additions. Students had the option of spending time at the tables and couches directly outside of the gym. Many students liked this new available space to take breaks from the dance floor.

Students also enjoyed the free snacks which were not free at the winter Glow in the Dark Dance. Another difference to the winter dance was the dress code. In contrast to the casual winter dance, the Spring Fling was a semi-formal dance. This difference in dress code between the two dances is expected to continue into future years so that students can get at least one dance with their preferred dress code.

Similarly to the winter dance, DJ Joe was present and played a variety of songs which students could request when purchasing a ticket.

Although the dance was yet again a big hit, there were some things students thought could change. Although the extra space outside of the dance was a good addition, many students spent most of the dance in the extra space meaning there weren't as many people on the dance floor as there were in previous dances.

All in all however, the Spring Fling Dance was another highlight of the year and helped the school year have an exciting and well deserved ending. Many thanks to Mrs. Jewell and Mrs. Ryan for organizing the dance with the Student Council.

Treetop Adventures

By Ciaran Bergan



On June 10, 2024, the 8th grade students were thrilled to indulge on a fun-filled field trip to Treetop Adventures in Canton.

Treetop Adventures is a zipline and obstacle course with 10 trails and 27 different ziplines. The park also has a wide variety of different difficulties of ziplines, some were only 12-15 feet, and others were as tall as 50 feet!

As we arrived at the park, we were greeted by the Treetop staff who helped us learn how to use our equipment and have a safe and fun time. After the safety training, students were allowed to start their journey on the trees. After being out on the trails for two hours, we were asked to come down and enjoy some lunch, and then we returned to the course for more fun.



All in all, Treetop Adventures was an amazing experience. Thank you to the CEF for funding the entire trip, and Senora Barry and the 8th grade team for planning.



Quebec Trip

By Katie Kenealy



In May, eighth-grade French students, along with Principal Mills and Madame Sanges, had the opportunity to explore Quebec City. They were joined by Scituate's eighth-grade French students and learned about the history and culture of an old French civilization.

After a long bus ride, the students explored Lower Town Quebec with their tour guide. They were introduced to the beginnings of French civilization in North America by visiting the Palace Royale, an old building where the Royal family lived for many centuries. The students also explored the oldest commercial street in North America, Le Quartier du Petit Champlain, known as a must-see for visitors because of its beauty. Afterward, everyone headed back on the bus to go to a Sugar Shack to learn about the tradition of maple syrup production. The students learned the process of making maple syrup and even got to try turning maple syrup into maple butter. They also indulged in maple taffy and experienced a seventeenth-century meal, as well as learned traditional Quebec songs and dances.



The following day, students woke up early to walk the quaint streets of Quebec on their way to breakfast. They savored delicious croissants and indulged in a cup of hot chocolate at Le Petit Cafe Latin, a charming cafe in the heart of the Old Walled City. They then enjoyed a tour of Quebec with a local guide, visiting the Plains of Abraham, Parliament, and the Chateau Frontenac, the most photographed hotel in the world. Students were lucky to walk through a holy door that only opened every twenty-five years, representing forgiveness of sins and God's presence. The door is open

to everyone, Christian or not. This site receives close to a million visits from people from all over the world. Afterward, the students had free time to explore Quebec and pick up souvenirs. Later, the French students got a panoramic view of the Quebec cityscape through self-guided tour. Next, everyone has to endure a steep climb up to the breathtaking Montmorency Falls, which stands taller than Niagara Falls. This site is steeped in history and is known for its historic battles and legends. Everyone walked over a suspension bridge above the majestic waterfall, taking in the beauty of the natural wonder. That evening, everyone had a nice dinner and ended the night with a dance cruise around the Saint-Lawrence River. Everyone was amazed to see the wonder of the Northern Lights.

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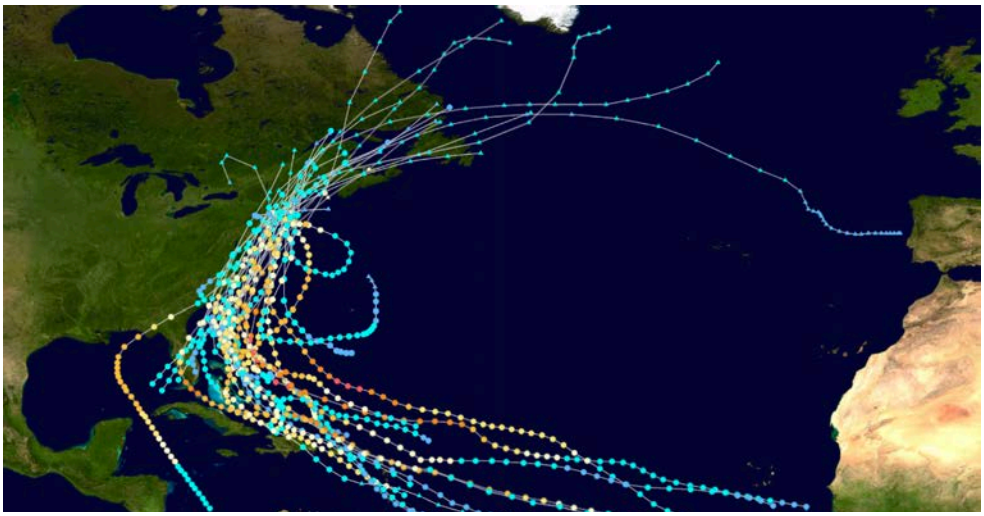
On the last day, students got a guided tour of the Citadelle de Quebec, North America's largest British city fortification. For the final stop, everyone enjoyed free time exploring Galeries de la Capitale mall, where they bought souvenirs and tried the amusement park. At last, it was time to board the bus one last time before bidding farewell to Quebec. Au revoir!

Hurricane Season

By Flynn Jansen

As summer nears, meteorologists across the country are on high alert for hurricane season. Beginning on June 1 and ending on November 30, the Atlantic hurricane season marks the time when a majority of tropical cyclones occur in the Atlantic basin. While most of these storms don't impact New England, we aren't entirely in the clear. In fact, Maine saw more tropical cyclone impacts last season than almost any other state. Notable tropical cyclones to impact New England include Hurricane Bob in 1991, Hurricane Sandy in 2011, and the 1938 New England Hurricane which produced a recorded wind gust of 186 mph before the instrument broke. It is clear that New England is no stranger to these deadly natural disasters, but will we see a hurricane this season? Sadly, we can't predict this, but what we can at least estimate is how many storms there will be and the general path they will take.

On average, the Atlantic sees 14 named storms per year (tropical storm intensity or greater). Seven of these named storms become hurricanes and three of them become major hurricanes (category 3+). Last season produced 20 named storms, and seven hurricanes with three reaching major hurricane status. It set a record for the fourth most active season on record tied with 1933. This came as a surprise to many because of the above average water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific. This is called an El Niño. If there is an El Niño, more wind shear is created in the Atlantic which tears tropical cyclones apart. Despite this, the record warm ocean waters were able to overcome this and produce and sustain this incredible number of storms. Although there were many named storms, there were very few land impacts due to



the wind shear and a weak Bermuda High, allowing storms to veer north before entering the Caribbean or hitting the Eastern Seaboard.

But what will this season be like? Will there be many storms? Will North America get hit by multiple hurricanes or will storms head north like last season? This is where forecasting this season begins. Right off the bat, we still have record warm temperatures in the Atlantic. This immediately supports at least an average season. Currently, the equatorial Pacific is cooling meaning we are transitioning into a La Niña. This would limit wind shear in the Atlantic allowing tropical cyclones to form and strengthen without interruption. This combination historically has caused the worst seasons on record with some very notable hurricanes such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and Hurricane Ian in 2022. Things become even more concerning when looking at long range climate models. They show a line of precipitation moving from Africa into the Caribbean throughout the entire summer and early fall. This indicates that hurricanes will likely impact land a lot more than last year.

Meteorologists across the country believe this dangerous combination of record warm waters and little wind shear will support a “hyperactive season”. This comes as NOAA recently issued their most aggressive hurricane outlook in history, consisting of 17-25 named storms, 8-13 hurricanes, and 4-7 major hurricanes. They predict an 85% chance of an above average season, a 10% chance of an average season, and a 5% chance of a below average season. Numbers like these have never been seen before by NOAA and communicate the extremely high potential for a record breaking year.

So while we don’t know the exact impacts New England could see from this hurricane season we do know that it will likely be one for the record books. The Atlantic is being called “a ticking time bomb”. Some parts of it are as warm as you would normally see in late June or July. Even if New England doesn’t see a lot of tropical cyclone activity, it only takes one to make a season go down in New England history. Everyone across the coast of the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico need to be hyper weather aware and prepare for what may become one of the most infamous hurricane seasons of all time.

Sports

Celtics Playoffs
To The Finals We Go

By Everett Harrell and John Gordon

So, the Boston Celtics have officially made it to the NBA Finals! Now the question is can they finish it off?

In the past, the Celtics have had a great history of winning the NBA Finals. Unfortunately, the Celtics have not won the championship in 16 years. The closest they have gotten in those 16 years was 2010 when the Celtics lost in game 7 of the NBA Finals against the Lakers. Also, in 2022 they lost in game 6 to Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors.



Jaylen Brown with MVP Trophy Via The Boston Globe

This year, the Celtics had the best record in the NBA with 64 wins and 18 losses. These playoffs have been smooth sailing, blowing by the Miami Heat 4-1, the Cleveland Cavaliers 4-1, and demolishing the Indiana Pacers 4-0 in the Eastern Conference Finals. This secured their spot in the NBA Finals. After game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals, Jaylen Brown was awarded the Larry Bird Trophy or the Eastern Conference MVP.

Throughout the Series, he averaged 30 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists which earned him MVP.

The Celtics will be facing the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA Finals. They had a tough route to the NBA Finals playing against the Los Angeles Clippers, Oklahoma City Thunder, and the Minnesota Timberwolves. They eliminated the Clippers in 6 games, the Thunder in 6 games, and the Timberwolves in 5 games. Luka Doncic won Western Conference MVP posting 32.4 points, 9.6 rebounds, and 8.2 assists throughout the series. Another factor for the Mavericks will be the steaming hot Kyrie Irving. Irving has had a bad past with Boston after saying he was going to stay here in Boston, but instead transferred to the Brooklyn Nets where in the first game, the Celtics fans booed him and Kyrie did something not so appropriate that fined him $50,000. So now that we know that Kyrie Irving and Boston have a bad history, Kyrie Irving will try his hardest to upset the city that he went from loving to hating.



Larry O'Brien Trophy Via NBC

The Arts

Arts Night

By Phoebe Bunge





Arts Night this year took place on June 4 showcasing the various artwork from different middle school grades and a musical concert.

This year, 7th grade and 8th grade art work was in the Learning Common, while the 6th grade artwork was right outside the auditorium. This was because the boards that held the artwork could not fit into the Learning Commons this year. All the work shown was spectacular and all the viewers loved it too!

Each grade had a theme they worked on in their art classes. The 6th graders mainly focussed on color schemes, such as primary, secondary, warms or cools, and much more. Art elements were also shown like line, shape, texture, and form. 7th grade and 8th grade emphasis was an art form where your eye goes to an area due to the color, shape, size, proportion, or unity. Other art focused on creating contrast.

Like I said at the start, there was a concert also happening that night. The 6th grade band played “Dark Star,” “The Avengers,” and “Midnight Madness.” The 6th grade chorus sang, “Remember Me” from Coco and

even sang some parts in Spanish, while the 7th graders sang, “Happy” by Pharrell Williams. The 8th graders also sang “Cover me in Sunshine” by Pink and her daughter Willow Sage Hut and “The Climb” by Miley Cyrus as their last CMS performance. The 6th, 7th and 8th graders all sang “I Love the Flowers,” “Dide ta Deo,” and “River Of Dreams.” Continuing with the band, the 7th graders played “Jurassic Park,” “Night Furry,” and “Black Forest Overture.” Lastly, the 8th graders played “Darklands March,” “Pirates of the Caribbean,” and “Try Everything” as their last performance. Everything played was amazing.

This year's Art Night was amazing; we hope to have many like this in the future.

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