



Northern Light



Gunning's Final Goat!!!

By Pierce Kamali

I asked Ms. Gunning, a former English teacher, how I should start this—so here it is.

Ms. Gunning has been at North Middle for 29 years. She began her journey as an English teacher for the first 18 years of her career, being a dean for nine of those years. After 18 years of teaching and being a dean, Ms. Gunning decided to expand her knowledge and role in the building by becoming the vice principal of Great Neck North Middle for the next 11 years which has led us to where we are now. Ms. Gunning's legacy in the world of education and in the building of Great Neck North Middle is quite interesting. She began her journey at Fordham University with the intention of going to law school. While still having the intention to become a lawyer, she began to volunteer at a local school. This is where she began to notice the feeling, passion and love for education. She loved working with the kids and everything just clicked. She loved where she was and what she was doing so much that she decided to switch career paths and become a teacher.



Ms. Gunning grew up in Williston Park and attended school in the Herricks school district, living a very similar life to what most students at Great Neck North Middle experience today. She was one of four and had three brothers. She loved to run, read, and hang out with her friends in her free time. Even when she was young, Ms Gunning always put others first and was always a good friend. She would stand up for people no matter what the case may have been. If she was in a position to help, she would and still does to this day! Just as Ms. Gunning says and believes to this day: *There is no place for hate!*

Ms. Gunning began her teaching career at Thomas Edison High School in Jamaica, Queens. She taught high school English for the time being and eventually made her way to North Middle, where she has spent almost the last three decades shaping the lives of Great Neck students. No matter what year, what role or what position she held, she always made sure to carry over the same belief and similar ideas that there is no place for hate and the students always come first.

When asked what she'll miss most about North Middle, her response was simple. She said the day-to-day interactions with all her students and staff. Ms. Gunning continued to say that being in a building with nearly a thousand people every day was something truly special and something she can't quite imagine leaving behind.

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NMS Student Wins Writing Contest

Journalist Haley Szeto interviews Heather Beerman, recipient of a prestigious writing award

The National Gold Medal in the 2025 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards was won by Heather Beerman. This amazing competition ranged from 13-17 year olds and she was the lucky winner.

Haley: What made you decide to enter this contest?

Heather: I heard about it online, thought it was cool, and decided to join.

Haley: How did you decide what to write? What did you write about?

Heather: I enjoy historical fiction, and I wanted to write about it.

Haley: How did you feel about your writing piece?

Heather: I felt very proud of it, but I wasn't expecting much at the same time.

Haley: Could you describe your writing process?

Heather: First, I think of an idea, then I make a plot. Then I begin writing in spontaneous bursts of energy.

Haley: Was there a prize? What did you get?

Heather: I earned a national gold medal.

Haley: What do you enjoy most about writing?

Heather: I enjoy voicing my creative voice through my writing.

Haley: Would you go enter more of these types of contests? Why or why not?

Heather: I will compete in more competitions to improve my writing skills.

Haley: How did you feel when you found out you won?

Heather: I was very surprised, I honestly didn't expect to win much.

Haley: What career are you interested in? Does it involve writing?

Heather: I want to be a lawyer. It definitely involves writing as you have to do research and look through documents.

Haley: Could you tell us about the piece you wrote?

Heather: It's about a woman in the Civil War who writes for soldiers who can't read or write.



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Building off of the previous question and response, Ms. Gunning was asked to describe North Middle students in one word. Again, her reply was simple and from the heart and she replied with the word “vibrant.” Each and every year Ms. Gunning goes out of her way to make extraordinary efforts to learn all her students’ names and a personal anecdote in order to help transpire connections throughout the building. These are the kind of connections that make her job all worth it and what it means to do what she does!

When asked about her favorite memories at North, she couldn’t choose just one moment. Instead, she insisted that her favorite part of each year was the time spent with her students getting to know them and building relationships with them. The countless hours she has spent helping and guiding “her kids” through the journey of life is what she will remember most fondly. She also mentioned how much she loved and will cherish the field trips like Frost Valley, Greenkill, and the 8th grade trip where teachers and students connect as people—outside of the classroom, hiking and bonding in a totally different setting.

When asked about her plans after retirement, Ms. Gunning said she’s not totally sure yet. She’s applied to a few jobs—maybe in publishing, editing, or part-time teaching—but she knows she’ll always want to work with kids in some way. She also mentioned the idea of writing a book to help parents understand how to support their kids through middle school. “You’ve re-engaged me in that thought,” she said. Outside of work, she’s looking forward to spending more time with her family and her three kids: Luke, Fiona, and Sinead. Her youngest daughter, Sinead, is actually in 8th grade right now.

Of course, I had to ask her some fun questions, too, so here are some of her responses...Ms. Gunning’s favorite food is loaded nachos, with spicy cheese and hot peppers. Her favorite dessert is a classic chocolate brownie, especially the corner piece. Her favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate chip, and she chooses ice cream over gelato. Her favorite musicians include Bruce Springsteen (especially Thunder Road), The Killers, The Cure, and Mumford & Sons.

One piece of advice Ms. Gunning would like to give to the current 8th grade students and a piece of advice that applies to all other grades as well is, “Don’t be afraid to ask for help. There’s always a solution to a problem. Find a safe person—whether it’s a teacher or a counselor—and speak up. Someone will always help you find a way forward.”

As Ms. Gunning gets ready to complete her farewell tour and leave North Middle after 29 amazing years, one thing is clear: she won’t be forgotten and her legacy will continue on. She has impacted countless students and teachers with her kindness, energy, and belief in doing what’s right. The song *In My Life* by The Beatles was Ms. Gunnings senior song and prom song. The lyrics clearly ties to her personally and professionally in regards to how special she is and how special Great Neck has always been to her.

Thank you, Ms. Gunning, for everything. North Middle is sad that you are leaving, but so happy to see you open a new door with all the new and amazing opportunities you will have. We wish you all the best in the next few chapters of your story!

Rally for North Middle Cornhole Tournament

By Lily Weinberg

On March 26 at North Middle School, Ms. Blasi and Ms. Weissman hosted a cornhole event to raise money for the school.

I interviewed Ms. Weissman and here are her answers.

Lily: How much money did we raise?

Ms. Weissman: “We raised \$500.”

Lily: What was this fundraiser for?

Ms. Weissman: “100% of our proceeds went to our NMS student and activity fund.”

Lily: How many teams were there?

Ms. Weissman: “There were over 25 teams!”

Lily: How and why did you choose this fundraiser?

Ms. Weissman: “We were looking for an activity that would be fun and bring together students, staff, and families. As a North Middle community, we’re committed to making a positive impact in the lives of our students. We are looking forward to this being an annual event.”

Now I have a question for you guys reading this. Did you guys attend?

Author Jordan Sonnenblick Visits NMS

By Maya Halpert

It's not every day that the author of a book you studied in school comes to visit. However, North Middle got to have that very experience when YA author Jordan Sonnenblick came to our school. He spoke at assemblies for each grade, where he discussed whichever book that grade had read in preparation for his visit and his inspiration for that book. All students went to these assemblies, but only a select few went to a special luncheon with Mr. Sonnenblick. I was lucky enough to be able to attend and to interview Mr. Sonnenblick.

Mr. Sonnenblick started writing twenty three years ago. He was inspired to write his first book, *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*, after a personal experience. One of his students had a younger brother with cancer, so he wanted to find a book to which the student could relate. Realizing there was no such book, he decided to write one of his own, and has written twelve more books since then. *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* is now one of Mr. Sonnenblick's most popular books. The book follows thirteen-year-old Steven Alper as he copes with his brother Jeffrey's leukemia diagnosis and the impact it has on his family and his life. This book was read by NMS seventh grade students to prepare for his visit. Meanwhile, sixth grade students read *The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade*, which follows sixth grader Maverick Falconer as he tries to stand up to bullies in his school and at home, and spread positivity and kindness to everyone. Eighth grade students read *Falling Over Sideways*, which follows thirteen-year-old Claire as she navigates her last year of middle school while feeling like a failure and also a huge family tragedy that comes as a shock to all. Some other notable books of his are *Notes From the Midnight Driver* and *The Boy Who Failed Show And Tell*.

At the luncheon, there were about twenty tables in a circular shape in a classroom. One of these tables was occupied by Mr. Sonnenblick himself, while the other twenty or so were occupied by students. Several teachers stood around the seating arrangement, surveying the room and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Students were encouraged to ask Mr. Sonnenblick questions about anything from his writing process to his favorite books. Pizza and water was served, and once everyone had eaten, snacks like cookies and chips were also provided.

The following are some highlights from the Q&A session with Mr. Sonnenblick.

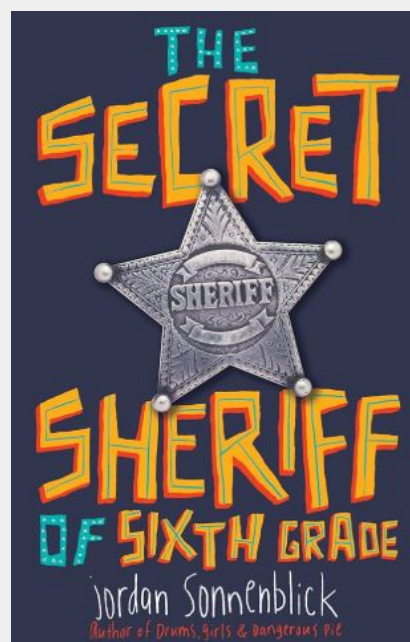
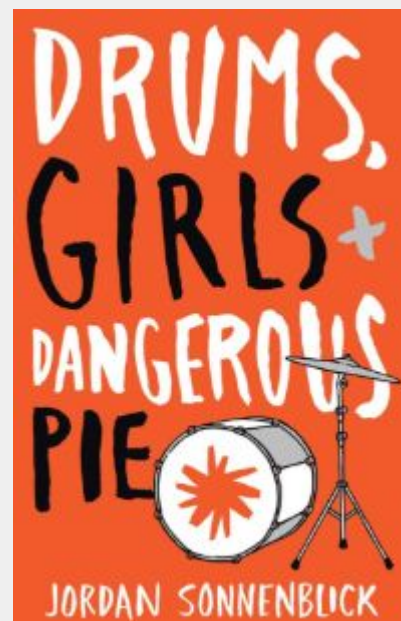
Q (by reporter Maya Halpert): You write about so many different characters of different ages and backgrounds, with so many different stories, and make them all so realistic and relatable, yet you're only one person. How do you do it?

Mr. Sonnenblick: What I try to do is, I first try to imagine what they would say, and how they would speak. Once I know exactly what they would say if they were talking to me, then I know that I understand the character and can really write about them.

Q: Do you draw your own covers?

Mr. Sonnenblick: Oh gosh no. I'm the worst artist in the world. I hire professionals.

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Q: Is there any specific reason why you generally write more downbeat books with themes like cancer and abuse?

Mr. Sonnenblick: No, I just try to write books that have funny parts, but I always want there to be some kid out there in the world who's going through that problem [that I'm writing about] who feels less alone because of me.

Q: Do you have any specific role models you look up to when you write books?

Mr. Sonnenblick: Yeah, there's actually two. One is my old English teacher Frank McCourt. The second is another author who writes for adults, or wrote, because he's dead, named Kurt Vonnegut. They both did the same thing: they wrote funny books about sad topics, and that was kind of how I learned that writing style.

Q: Favorite book in general and why?

Mr. Sonnenblick: *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. He was my teacher first and then became a writer. That was the book that taught that I could really write a book, because if he could, then why couldn't I?

Q: Favorite TV show?

Mr. Sonnenblick: All time is probably *Friends*, because when I was watching *Friends* in real time, as it was coming out, I was a couple of years younger than the main characters, so it was sort of like seeing how my life could be.

Q: Were there any other career paths that you wanted to go into?

Mr. Sonnenblick: I knew I wanted to be a teacher or a writer, and I've gotten to do both, so I've been pretty happy with my career choices. As a teacher, I mostly taught English. I taught fifth grade for three years, then I taught eighth grade and seventh grade, and then eighth grade again, and then tenth grade for three years, but always English.

Mr. Sonnenblick's story is so inspirational because he shows us all how much of a lasting impact teachers can have on students. As he mentioned in the interview, his English teacher, Frank McCourt, was a teacher and then became a writer, which is exactly what Mr. Sonnenblick did. This just goes to show how much of an influence teachers can have on the futures of their students, and that really good teachers can shape their students to be successful and thrive in whatever they choose to do.

Much appreciation to Mr. Sonnenblick for being so open about his writing process and inspiration, as I'm sure everyone who went to the assemblies or luncheon will agree. This author visit was truly an inspiring and engaging experience for all, and one that will be remembered for many years to come.

Brian Liu Places 4th in National Spelling Bee

By Richard Yi

Brian Liu, as you already probably know, is pretty good at spelling. Like, pretty good. But for those that don't know, when Brian was in sixth grade here at NMS, he shocked the school by winning the school spelling bee. Now, we thought that was pretty cool, but... he somehow made it all the way to the National Spelling Bee, and did really well. He made it to the semifinals and got 23rd. Last year, as a 7th grader, Victor stunned him by beating him in the school spelling bee, and he went on to the National Spelling Bee and got 60th. Now this year, Brian has come back for revenge. After beating Victor in the school spelling bee, he went on to regionals.



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Now, time for some explanations of how the spelling bee works (according to Brian). After winning the school spelling bee, you go to regionals. Regionals are only schools in your area, like Nassau County, and they are online. Brian said that he was not worried about part one of getting into Nationals. Part 2 however, is all of Long Island, competing to get into the Nationals. Only two people will get in. This year, there was no sponsor for the event in Long Island, so once again, the competition was online. Brian managed to make it out alive, and he and Olivia Lipiec, of Smithtown, Long Island, were heading to the finals. It was at this time that he locked in, and started studying a lot (he was already studying before this, but after he found out he was going to the Nationals, full locked in mode).

Brian said during an interview with him, “I was really excited to be back there, as I was there two years ago and it was fun.”

However, on the inside, Brian was starting to feel some nerves. Still... it was the 100th year anniversary of the National Spelling Bee, which meant that they got to do some fun activities. They had icebreaker activities and they went to a museum of all the past spelling bee events, which Brian said was cool. And then, Brian was thrown back into reality, as the competition was nearing.

During round one, they gave all the competitors a list of 4000 words that would be said during the round, and they would pick random words from that list during the round. Brian said that he was not very nervous, as they gave him the words and he already studied them (I don’t get how he memorizes the spelling of 4000 very advanced words, I barely know how to say 4000 words in the English language). He easily survived those rounds. He went on and crushed round after round (during those later spelling rounds, they didn’t give the words list to the competitors), looking much more calm than his competitors (although during one word, he looked panicked for half a second, but that’s about it).

Finally, he made it to the semi-finals, where only 40 spellers remained. He had said that he wanted to do better than he did in 6th grade. “The words were getting very tough,” Brian said (and if Brian thinks the words are hard to spell, then they are basically impossible to spell for us average Joes), and he was getting nervous. However, he locked in, and passed the semifinals, spelling word after word.

When he found out he was going to the finals, Brian became overjoyed. It was his goal to make it to the finals, and he had achieved his goal. He went out on the word kyah, meaning pure or torture. He spelled it as kiya, and he was out. He still put on an impressive performance, tying for 4th in the country with two other spellers, and surviving 10 rounds of very difficult spelling (I can’t even pronounce any of the words in the spelling bee, let alone spell them). After the person rang the dreaded bell (signaling that the person spelled the word wrong), Brian looked a bit disappointed, but still seemed happy with his performance.

During a post spelling bee interview, Brian said, “I was really really happy to make the finals, it was my goal to make the finals, and the words were getting very difficult.” When Brian arrived back at North Middle School, North Middle School surprised him by standing outside the school to welcome him in. Lots of cameras took pictures of him, and he stayed humble throughout the whole process. Good job Brian, we are all very proud of you :D.



Brian Liu

age 13 | grade 8

SNSB Region Four Bee

Great Neck, New York

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Brian finished in 4th place (tied).

Advice from Miss Know-It-All

Dear Miss Know it All,

I have witnessed people being bullied before, but I'm unsure of what to do about it. If I were to ignore it, I wouldn't sleep well, because I'd feel guilty that I selected not to support the person who was being bullied, even though I had the chance to. I'm afraid that if I inform a trusted adult, then the bullies will torment me instead, for they would be livid that I told on them. However, it is irrefutable that if I attempt to intervene, the bullying victim would feel embarrassed that I helped them when they could have easily done it by themselves. What should I do to resolve this situation, and avoid all the consequences of doing so?

Yours truly,
Bullying Witness

Dear Bullying Witness,

That's a significant question! The foremost solution to this problem is to *tell a trusted adult*, such as a teacher, counselor, dean, or even a lunch or recess supervisor; if the bullies find out attempt to oppress you, tell a trusted adult once more. This way, the bullying won't bounce back to you, nor will you sleep inadequately.

Best regards,
Miss Know it All



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Summer Book Recommendation

By Sophia Kwon

My summer book recommendation is the book *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han because it takes place in the protagonist Belly's Aunt Susannah's house near the beach.

I personally think this book is really fun if you like love stories and summer. One reason I would recommend the book *The Summer I Turned Pretty* is because it takes place in their aunt's house near the beach, and if you love summer it is a great thing because everyday there is mostly summer. This shows that it is summer almost everyday since it takes place near the beach. Another reason to support this is that it will be a mixture of a love story but also takes place on the beach. This proves that if you are a fan of kicking back and relaxing with a novel that is fun with little hints of romance, this is the perfect book for you! So maybe next time you want a new book, try *The Summer I Turned Pretty*!



Weird Food Combo

By Owen Zar

Who doesn't love food? It's one of the best things about life. Every person has their own recipes, and wacky combos. Today I will be trying apples, with cheddar cheese, and salt.

The taste. I could be a picky eater, but I didn't like it. 4/10. I thought the creamy cheese interrupted the crispy apple, and the taste of salt messed with the sweetness of the apple. Everything was counteracting each other in an inefficient way. I almost wanted to spit it out.

My partner however, loved it. They said there was a sharp contrast of strong flavors. The sweet aromatic apple together with the extra sharp cheddar cheese was punctuated by the chunks of fresh ground pink salt. 9/10.

When we put the results together we get a 7.5/10. To recap, we had a creamy cheddar cheese, chunky pink Himalayan salt, and a sweet honey crisp apple. Would you try this snack? I know I wouldn't again.

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Board Game Recommendations

By Eric Lu

Anyone looking for something fun to do over the summer? Well, board games are a great way to interact with friends and family alike! Here I will tell you some board games that you should try (if you haven't already tried them).

Great Games

1. Terraforming Mars

Game summary: Terraforming Mars is a board game for 1-5 people. It takes about 1-2 hours to play out. The game's focus is to successfully terraform Mars, and each player controls a corporation who will strive to be the best in terraforming. Players strive to play project cards, of all kinds and ideas, claim land for themselves, and try to accumulate as many "victory points" as possible.

Why I recommend this game: Terraforming Mars is great for anybody with an interest in science, it's great when you're bored (because it has a 1 player mode) and it's great for just bonding with friends and family! It also has a variety of variability, as the deck has over 200+ cards and not all of them will be used every day.



2. Catan and its variants

Game summary: Catan is a game for 2-4 people (can be expanded to 6 with an expansion) which is about colonizing the island of Catan. Players act as settlers, who try to settle and produce resources from Catan's land. Players build and trade with resources, and can even steal from each other or use sabotaging. The first person to reach 10 VPs (victory points) through building, trading, and stealing wins.

Why I recommend it: Catan is that game where lots of strategy and planning is involved, and building just one thing wrong can devastate your whole game. Catan incorporates a blend of strategy, tactics, and luck, and it's fun to play as no two games are the same due to the board changing! It also has over 5 expansions and over 5 stand-alone games that are perfect to add on, adding more variability and complexity.



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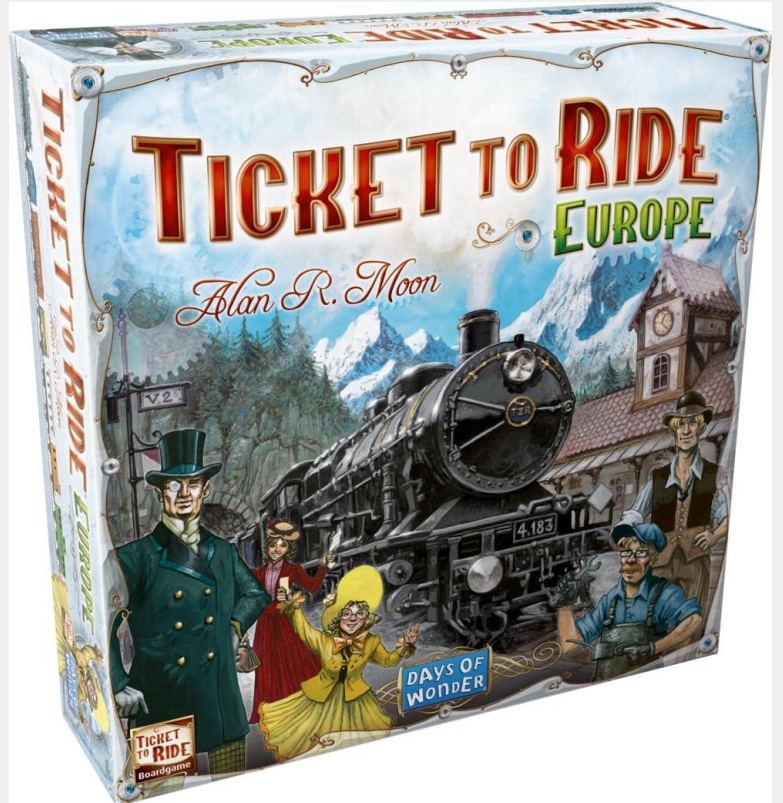
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3. Ticket to Ride (all countries and cities)

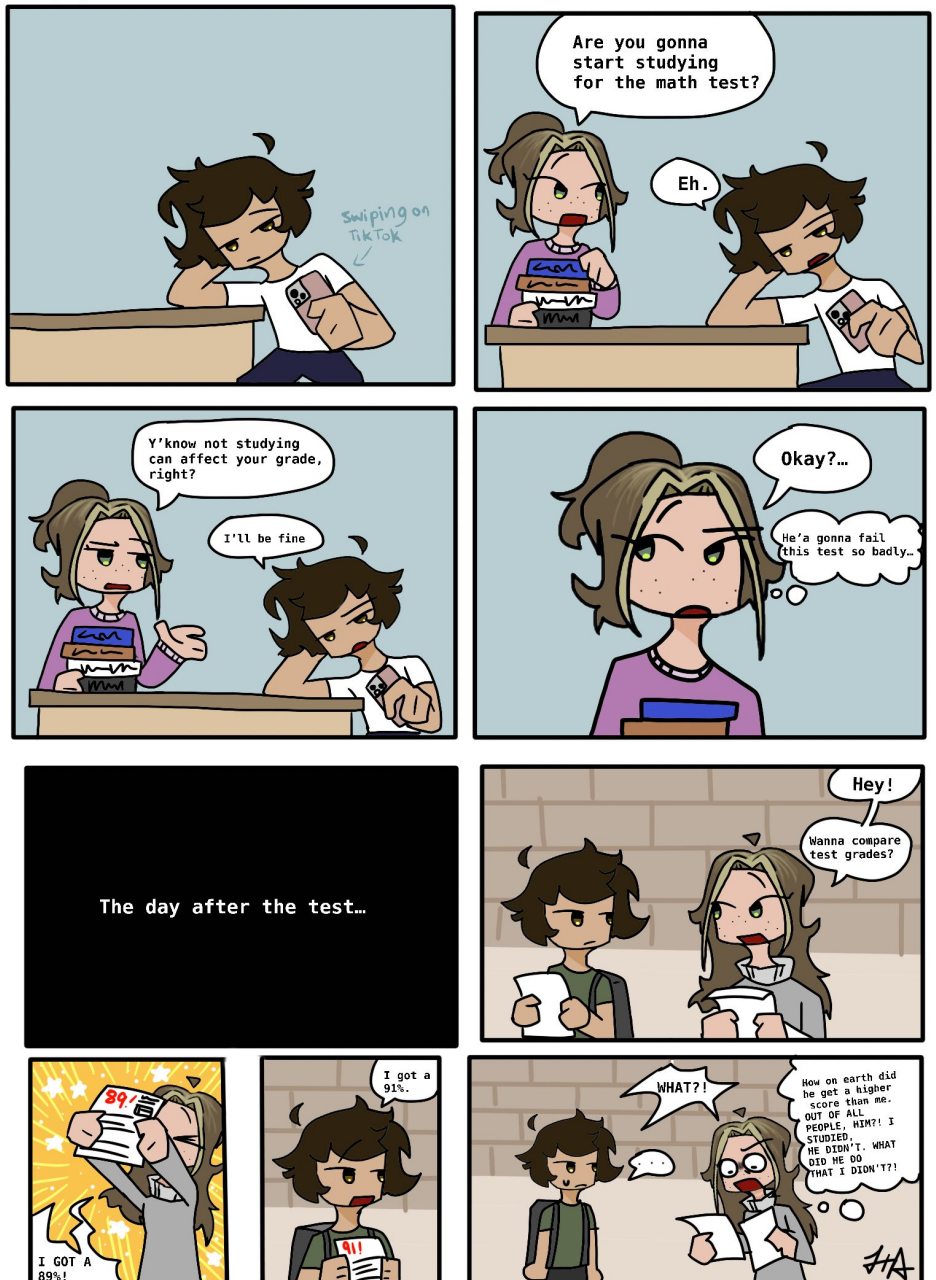
Game summary: Ticket to Ride is a board game where players take the role of travelers, and they try to stake claims to various transportation routes around the country/city/continent. Players draw and play train cards of various colors, and try to complete their destination tickets by connecting cities/places to earn points. Most points wins!

Why I recommend this game: This game isn't my favorite, but I still like it due to the simple mechanics and the way it plays out. This game (only the original or the Europe version) can be played solo with an Alexa, which can be helpful if you're bored.



By Haley Szeto

Studying



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Great Things To Do in Great Neck!

By Joshua Shaul

Great Neck is a truly wonderful place. Our town is full of amazing food, fun activities, and great people! If you decide to spend a day in Great Neck, some of these places are a must visit! In this article, you'll get a glimpse of what Great Neck really has to offer!

Hey Yogurt



Looking for a chill place to hang with friends? Try Hey Yogurt! Hey Yogurt is a smoothie/yogurt bar that has a selection of different yogurts. You can choose your flavor and toppings, along with making your own yogurt as a special order! A five star review by Whitney Choo states: *"Dropped by this shop randomly and got hooked — keep coming back. So far I've tried almost half the flavors - mango & strawberry, green grape, passionfruit, pineapple, dragonfruit, peach, & red bean. The yogurt drink is super fresh and not too sweet, but also the sweetness level is customizable."* The calming atmosphere of the place, along with the delicious yogurt and nice staff makes it an amazing place to go for hang outs.

Address: 3 Great Neck Rd, Great Neck Plaza, NY 11021

Phone Number: (516) 439 - 4312

Kings Point Park Trails

People often drive upstate for scenic walks and nice exercise trails, but not many know that we have an entire 2 mile trail right around the corner! This scenic trail features tables in clearings that are great for barbecuing and picnics. The smooth and clean trails make it perfect for dog walking, running and bike riding. A review of the park by an anonymous user states: *"Wood chips provide soft landing sneakers when out for a run, loved it!"* Along with the main 2 mile trail wrapping around the park, there are other trails that you can take that can elongate your walk. Take the time to explore these trails, it's always open!



Located at: Kings Point Rd, Kings Point, NY 11024

Phone Number: (516) 572 - 0200

Bee Organic

Finding a place that tastes great but doesn't have any unhealthy ingredients is definitely a challenge. Well, look no further than Bee Organic! From tartines to açai bowls, you'll find only the best ingredients in anything you order. Everything is handmade and fresh, so don't worry about what you're putting in your mouth! Along with your food, there's a juice bar where you can get smoothies and fresh squeezed juices to go with your meal. The place is very vegan friendly, as most of the options there are vegan. A review by Deborah F states: *"This is a jewel of a restaurant for Great Neck! The menu is thoughtful and the food excellent. Really excellent. Bee Organic stands out as the only place where everyone in my family can get healthy meals that are focused on health and flavor as well as on organic and non-red meat fare."* On top of all that, they're open for breakfast, lunch and dinner! If you ever need something that tastes like home, visit here!

Address: 4c Bond St, Great Neck, NY 11021

Phone Number: (516) 570 - 0915



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Popular Vacation Destinations

By Becky Aguirre

Summer vacation is almost here and if you're wondering what I'm going to do for the summer, have no fear. I'm here to tell you what you can do.

Beaches

If you love the beach there are two beaches that you can visit:

- Coopers Beach is located in Southampton, NY, and has a beautiful view of the ocean. The sunset is so beautiful and amazing and it's famous for its white sand dunes and stunning nearby mansions.
- Another beach that is great to visit is Jones Beach State Park. It is another great beach that you should definitely visit. It has great waves and the view is perfect to go with your family.

Amusement Parks

If you are an amusement park person you should definitely check these out.

- Legoland: It has seven lands of Lego fun, a hotel experience, and a water playground. It's perfect for little kids and maybe if you're a Lego fan you will also love this theme park.
- Six Flags Darien Lake in Western New York: It has enormous water slides, artificial whitewater rapids, and its rides are the things you should definitely go on. They have *Superman* that is extremely fun.
- Adventureland on Long Island: It has an amazing spinning roller coaster called Turbulence, and its Frisbee ride is so much fun. Adventureland has the greatest thrilling rides.

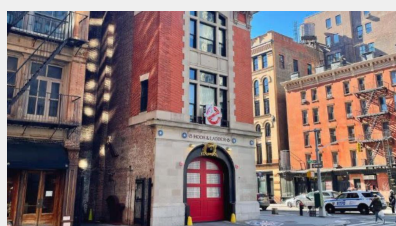
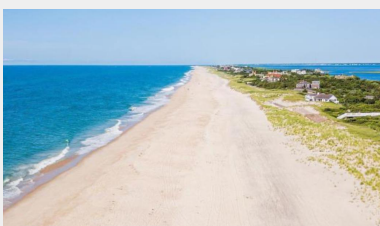
Movies

If you're like me who loves watching movies, you should definitely keep reading. New York State is the setting for some of the greatest moments in film and television, with hundreds of productions filmed in the Empire state every year. You should definitely check out Great Movies and TV shows featuring New York attractions in New York where they show you a lot of places that movies were filmed at.

State and Country Fairs

The state fair or a county fair is the most fun thing you can do, especially if you don't want to pay to get inside amusement parks and wait in long lines for hours.

- The Great New York State Fair in Syracuse (August 20-September 1) is the first and longest running state fair in the country that gets bigger every year. Expect animals, fireworks, battered and deep fried morsels, carnival rides, competitions in everything from jam-making to storytelling, and big-name music headlines like Cheap Trick and Busta Rhymes.
- Erie County Fair is the state's largest county fair and the third largest county fair in the country. From August 6-11 it will provide a fantastic taste of local New York culture with exciting acts taking the stage at the Buffalo News Grandstand.



Creator's Corner

Summer Poem

By Lily Weinberg

Surfing the waves
Ugly days are going away
Memories are being made
Marshmallows are being toasted
Excited for the fun to begin
Rainy days are going away

Taking my stuff up to camp
Ice cream is being eaten
Mittens are being put away
End of spring, hello summer



Summer Crafts

By Isabella Velasquez

The birds are tweeting, the waves are crashing, the sun is rising, what a beautiful day! If you are looking for what to do on a beautiful, sunny summer morning, then you've come to the right place! Here are some fun activities to do: DIY fairy wands, oobleck, and homemade sidewalk chalk paint!

DIY FAIRY WANDS: You need a branch/stick, ribbon and glue. You start by finding a thin stick or branch, then grab your glue and cover the stick with it. Finally, wrap the ribbon around the stick and add tinsel or any other accessories you want!

OOBLECK: Put cornflour and water into a bowl or a tray and slowly add water a little at a time until the cornflour resembles a very thick liquid. It is a mix of both a solid and a liquid because when you apply pressure, it hardens into a solid form, but when you release the pressure it becomes a liquid.

HOMEMADE SIDEWALK CHALK PAINT: Use equal amounts of cornstarch, water and food coloring and mix it up. You don't have to measure it at all, just keep mixing until you have your chalk paint!



Which one will you be trying this summer?