

What's New at NMS?

TRACK TEAM SHINES BY SHATTERING RECORDS, HEADED TO STATE MEET

By Brynn Sellers and Londynn Clifton

This year there have been a lot of broken records on the track team. During our action-packed season, the 4x4 boys, 4x4 girls, 4x8 girls, 4x1 girls, and Londynn Clifton at the 200 hurdles have all been working extra hard to get their names in the record books.]

The 4x4 boys team consists of Caleb Cross, Carter Pelton, Brysen Risner, and Zane Daniels who set the record at 3:48.77. Caleb is an 8th grader this year and has ran the 100, 400, 4x1, and the 4x4. He was not trying to go for the record, he was just trying to win. Caleb said he thought it was cooler when they broke the school record the first time. Carter is a 7th grader who runs the 100, 200, 400, 100 hurdles, 200 hurdles, 4x2, 4x4, and does long jump. Pelton was going for the record and thinking, "Go fast and run under a minute!" When he found out that he broke the record he was very happy for his team and for everyone and he wanted to buy everyone food. Brysen is an 8th grader who runs the 4x4, 100, 4x1, and does high jump. He was also going for the record, but he was thinking, "Don't lose!" Zane is a 7th grader who runs the 400, 4x4, 100, 200, 4x1, and the 4x8. He was not going for the record and was just thinking, "the faster I run, the faster I'm done!" They are very excited to go to State on Saturday.

Like the 4x4 boys, the 4x4 girls also broke the school record. The team consisting of Brynn Sellers, Adelinn Sitterly, Addie Hance, and Kayla Naseman ran a time of 4:27.39. Brynn is an 8th grader who runs the 400, 4x4, 800, 4x8, and 4x1 once. Sellers was going for the record and was thinking that she had to beat it. Adelinn is a 7th grader who runs the 400, 4x4, 800, 4x8, and 1600. Sitterly was definitely going for the record and she was so locked in that she didn't think anything. Addie is a 7th grader who runs the 100 hurdles, 200 hurdles, 4x4, and 4x1. Addie was going for the record and was thinking, "Don't get passed." When Addie found out we beat the record she was very happy. Kayla is a 7th grader who runs the 400, 4x4, 200, and 4x1. Naseman was going for the record because it was their last race together. She wasn't thinking about anything besides, "Run fast!" Did you know the 4x4 girls school record was set 12 years ago!

The next relay team to break a record is the 4x8 girls, consisting of Adelinn Sitterly, Harper Gilbert, Layla Koch, and Brynn Sellers who ran a 10:33.76. Adelinn said she was definitely going for the record and did not think anything while she was running. Harper is also a 7th grader who runs the 4x8, 800, 400, 4x4, and does high jump. Gilbert was also going for the record and was thinking, "The faster I run the faster I'm done." Layla is an 8th grader who runs the 4x8, 1600, 4x4, 400, and the 800. Koch was going for the record, but she was thinking, "STATE!". Brynn was going for the record and she was thinking, "Don't be the reason we miss it." The 4x8 team was very excited when they heard they ran 15 seconds faster than their best race and they qualified for state!

Our last relay team didn't break the record, but instead tied it. This is the 4x1 team consisting of Alivia Darovich, Kalli Oates, Evie Stowers, and Londynn Clifton who ran a time of 54.72. Alivia is an 8th grader who runs the 100, 4x1, and the 4x2. Darovich was going for the record and was thinking, "Be fast." When she found out that she tied the record she was happy. Kalli is an 8th grader who runs the 4x1, 4x2, 200, and 100. Kalli was trying to beat the record and was thinking, "Run faster!" When Kalli found out that her team tied the record she was amazed and surprised. Evie is an 8th grader who runs the 100, 200, 4x1, and 4x2. Stowers was going for the record and she was thinking that she had to push herself and get her handoffs down. When she knew that she tied the record she was really happy, but also surprised their team accomplished that. Londynn is an 8th grader who runs the 200, 100, 4x2, 4x1, 4x4, 200 hurdles, 100 hurdles, and high jump. Clifton was going for the record and was thinking, "Catch Perkins!" When she found out that her team tied the record she was very happy and surprised. Even though the 4x1 team didn't beat the school record, tying it is still an amazing accomplishment.

Londynn Clifton broke the 200 hurdle record with a time of 31.4. Clifton was not going for the record, but instead thinking, "Don't lose." When Londynn broke the record she thought it was pretty cool. She is also going to State in the 100 hurdles, even though she didn't break that record.

All of our athletes in track are doing an amazing job, but these fourteen runners are shining above and beyond. They have shown grit and determination all year to achieve their goals and leave their mark on the NMS track team. Good luck to Caleb, Carter, Brysen, Zane, Brynn, Adelinn, Layla, Harper, Londynn, and Lilli as they compete at the state track meet on Saturday!

Left: Gilbert, Sitterly, Sellers, Koch

Right: Sitterly, Hance, Sellers, Naseman



Daniels, Cross, Risner, Pelton



Clifton, Stowers, Oates, Darovich



“WALDO” CONTEST DOESN’T FOOL THESE NMS STUDENTS

By Gabryella Blackburn and Sofia Skolyak

We hid Waldos around the school and gave students an opportunity to win a prize and have fun before school ends. We hope students had fun and enjoyed the prize they got. Congratulations to the people who found Waldo. We asked the people who won these questions; were the Waldos easy or hard to find, if you were to hide one where would you hide it, if we did this again what character should we do, and were you satisfied with your prize?

Raelynn believed the Waldos were easy to find. Lillian said they were definitely hard to find but she got in the head space where she thought about where she would hide them if she were us and that definitely helped her. Dasha believed it was easy because they were in obvious spots. Katelyn said they were hard to find. Kalli believed they were easy but the colors did blend in. Phoenix said it was easy because she found them without really having to look.

The next question Raelynn said she would hide them somewhere by the office because it is kind of easy to find but also not. Lillian said she would hide it in a colorful space or somewhere with stripes because Waldo has multiple colors and a striped shirt so he would blend in. Dasha said she would hide it in the foyer so it's kind of hard to find. Katelyn said she would hide it on a door frame. Kalli said she would hide it by the exit sign so the colors blend in. Phoenix said she would hide it in the foyer because it's a big space.

They all think that if we do this again we should do different characters. Raelynn thinks we should do The Lorax. Lillian thinks we should do SpongeBob. Dasha says we should do a minion. Katelyn wants us to do Peppa Pig, while Kalli thinks we should do Mr. Grouper from Bubble Guppies, and Phoenix wants us to do Elsa.

All of them got a Tootsie Pop as a prize for finding a Waldo and all of them were very satisfied with theirs. Lillian said she would take candy any day and Kalli said she loves suckers.

Katelyn, Lillian, Kalli, Phoenix, Dasha, Raelynn



Ziggy, Official Husky of “What’s New?”

THE HALL

An original poem by Londynn Clifton

I look at the clock in class.

30 minutes left.

I ask the teacher for a pass.

Like a brick so heft.

To the bathroom I walk.

I see my friend.

She comes over to talk.

I'm at the door so it comes to an end.

Selena, Olivia,
Julianna



GOLDEN LUCK

An original story by Krista Bergman

"Clare! Is your softball bag packed?" my mom's voice rings through the house. It's Saturday, which means it's finally game day. I live for these mornings. Whether I'm staring down a batter from the pitcher's mound or stretching for a throw at first base, it's always a blast.

"Yea I did it last night" I reply.

"Perfect, I'll be in the car in five minutes."

I grab my bag and walk out the door. There's no dog to say goodbye to. I've always wanted one, but we have never been allowed. I walk down our steps into the garage where my mom is waiting in our car.

"Are you ready for your game?" My mom asks as we drive out of the driveway.

"I think so." I reply

"Whats that?" I ask.

And then I see it. A poor dog on the side of the road. It's limping and has scratches all over it. The poor puppy is all by itself. Multiple cars drive by not even noticing it.

"Can you pull over please?" I begged my mom.

"Sure, I guess," she replied reluctantly.

I get out of the car and see the small dog. It has straight blond hair and it looks scared. I approach it slowly. I crouch down and hold out my hand, letting the puppy sniff my fingers. She trembles, her blonde fur matted with dirt, but she doesn't run away.

"It's okay, girl," I whisper, gently lifting her into my arms.

When I bring her to the car, my mom looks hesitant.

"We have a game to get to," she says.

But her eyes soften when she sees the scratches on the pup's legs. I don't give her a chance to say no. I grab my water bottle and a clean towel from my softball bag. I carefully wash the dirt from the puppy's wounds and wrap her in the soft fabric. By the time we reach the fields, the dog has stopped shaking and fallen fast asleep in my lap.

"Mom, look at her," I say. "She has no one. I can use my birthday money for the vet. I'll do every chore. I'll even wake up early to walk her before school. Please, she needs a home."

My mom watches the puppy. She sighs, reaching over to scratch the dog's golden head.

"She does look like she belongs with us," Mom admits with a small smile. "But you better play the game of your life today."

I beam, hugging the puppy close.

"I will! And her name is Bella."

4H: FUN FOR ALL AGES

By Emma Holbrook

4H is a very fun thing to be involved in. It can help with many things like being a better public speaker, interviews and learning many skills that can help in life.

In 4H you get to join a club and get to go to meetings with it. There are many officer positions that you could try for: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, news reporter, recreational officer, and health and safety officer. There is usually a field trip where you learn things about the place you are taking the trip and you have to do some sort of community service, usually clean ups.

There are many fun games that you get to do like imposter or charades during meetings and the biggest thing is fair. You usually have to do judging which you get to do interviews for your project and then seeing if you won an award and then you can have fun. You will most definitely be there most of the week with different activities and the awards and judging. It is a really great program and you can make a lot of new friends and meet new people.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

-Frederick Douglass

CRUMRINE FAMILY SHARES EXPERIENCES IN BAIL BONDS BUSINESS

By Ryker Crumrine

We had two guest speakers come in and talk about the interesting occupation of issuing bail bonds.

Zac Crumrine is a Bondsman in Norwalk. Zac Crumrine Bailbonds is a business that you have to take a high risk but has high reward. You can make a lot of money in the bail bonds business. But you can also lose money if the person does not go to court.

Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine (Celia) came in and talked about bail bonds and how to understand them. We also role played a situation and talked about what to do if one of your friends got arrested. We had Dhurvin

Bhatt as a judge and Evie Stowers, Krista Bergman, and Londynn Clifton as police officers, and Andrew Palacios as the person getting me out of jail.

We had Londynn Clifton put me in handcuffs and shackles. This hands-on experience gave us a realistic look at the justice system, showing us both the serious legal responsibilities and the financial risks involved in the bail bond business.



“MICHAEL” IS A THRILLER OF A BIOPIC

By Mason McKeefer

The movie “Michael” is about Michael Jackson and his life. Some people call it a friendly experience and some others say it’s a thrilling watch and they loved it. Jaafar Jackson's performance as his uncle (Jafaar is Jermaine Jackson's son) was really good.

The movie got a 96% on Rotten Tomatoes. In my opinion the movie was accurate to Micheal's actual life. The movie depicted every single big moment of Micheal's life, even every big song and album he made until 1988, when it showed the debut of his album “Bad” and it showed the “Bad” tour. I would give it a 10/10. The movie was great and very entertaining. I would recommend watching it if you like movies about famous people.

ADVANCED ART STUDENTS VISIT GLASS BLOWING STUDIO

By April Aguilera and Alexiana Branham

The 8th grade advanced art class with Mrs. Hovestaedt went on a school field trip to Chagrin Falls, east of Cleveland. The admission to participate in this trip is 40 dollars. Mrs. Hovestaedt has been traveling to this place for the past thirty years with her students. The students got to learn how to blow glass, see the waterfall and tour the city. Each individual worked with an artist to make their own piece of glass. The majority of the group decided to create glass flowers. The whole process is very dangerous to experiment with. Only twelve students went.

Jonathan Geronimo is one of the students in advanced art that went on the field trip. Jonathan saves his art whenever he is completed with it. His favorite genre of art is clay modeling and sculpting. He finds inspiration to create art by his imagination or use of daily objects. His favorite moment about the whole field trip was hanging out with everyone and experiencing new things. Jonathan grew as an artist by learning and he figured out new possibilities for future projects. His favorite piece of art that he saw was the glass ball.

Braiden Freeze had enjoyed the field trip. Braiden takes his art home and hangs it on his fridge or frames his artwork. The genre of art that he likes the most is cartoons, therefore he can make it as imaginary as he wants. Braiden finds motivation for his art from searching the internet. He grew as an artist by learning how to bend glass and work with new materials. Braiden cherished seeing the glass flowers because it best resembles his mom.

Topanga Goebel is another great artist that went on an advanced art field trip. Topanga says that whenever she fulfills her art she saves it and hangs it up wherever there is room. She also stated her favorite genre of art is cartoon and realism. Topanga says that she gets her inspiration from looking at her moms art. The best moment she had on the entire trip was going to see the waterfall. She mentioned that she grew as an artist by going on this trip by working with new materials and things she doesn't usually work with. Topanga's favorite piece of art that she saw was the chandelier that was in the building.



TUESDAY, MAY 19 WILL BE A DAY TO REMEMBER IN NORWALK CITY SCHOOLS AND NMS HISTORY

By Emma Holbrook

Trucker Battle is a competition between 4 teams; Mack, International, Freightliner, Western Star. Each team has a color for you to represent your team; Mack is white, International is black, Freightliner is blue, and Western Star is yellow. You should represent your team by wearing your team colors even though you will wear the groundbreaking shirt to the public dedication. It's a day to celebrate all of the hard work that the students did this year and a day to have a lot of fun. They each get points for things like collecting the most pop tabs, finding an elf on the shelf during holiday time and the big day is Trucker Battle day.

It's the final battle between the four teams and the students battle it out for school team supremacy. There will be a reward for the winning team. There are many activities like dodge ball, flag football, matt ball, relay races, and many other fun events.

Currently, points earned this year are as follow:

Freightliner- 10 (blue)
Western Star- 11 (yellow)
International- 11 (black)
Mack- 10 (white)

Then after lunch we have a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future k-8 building. We will walk across the soccer field to get there.

There will be guest speakers, photo opportunities, and special invitees. The public will also be allowed at this special event. The importance of participating in groundbreaking is to celebrate good things happening in your school and in the community.

SCIENCE PROJECT GONE WRONG

An original story by Evie Stowers

With the clock ticking down, I nervously adjusted my volcano contraption. People were about to pour into the cafeteria where the science fair was, and I wasn't sure I was ready for the crowd. My fidgety fingers reached for my inhaler.

Inhale for five seconds.

Hold for ten.

Exhale.

I watched as the puff of air came out.

"You got this, Erin," I whispered quietly to myself. The loud sounds of the rain hitting the roof calmed me, and the sky outside flashed bright white. The warm lights of the cafeteria made it feel cozy, and I smiled.

The cafeteria doors burst open, and people came pouring in. I fingered the vial of liquid my mother gave me. She gave it to me so my volcano would foam up. But as I touched it, I felt a burning sensation.

Weird.

My mom is an actual scientist, so she has all types of formulas for different experiments. She's *so smart. I want to be like her someday.*

A small group came up to my table, so I cleared my throat and stepped forward.

"Hello everybody, my name is Erin. I'm here to show you the awesome scientific part of volcanic eruptions." The small group stared at me expectantly. I raised my voice so others around me could hear. "Okay, are you guys ready?" A couple people nodded in excitement.

I took the vial out of my pocket and approached my volcano.

"3..2....1!"

I poured the contents in and waited for the eruption. I counted quietly to ten in my head, because the instructions said that was about the time it took to react. When nothing happened, I glanced down at the vial to see the label. Instead of seeing the substance I was looking for, all the label said was, *EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE-used only under supervised and controlled experiments.*

Oh no.

The memory of this morning came back to me. My mother was rushing to get to work, and I was pestering her to give me the formula. She had been fumbling around with the vials, trying to find the right one...

I don't think she gave me the right one. A single warning escaped from my lips—

"RUN!"

But it was too late. The table started to shake. It got louder and louder—but then it... stopped? The cafeteria was dead silent. I started to exhale a sigh of relief; maybe the components didn't react to each other. The people started to talk again in hushed voices.

"Okay, I'm sorry. I think that was a false alarm, we're—"

With a deafening *BOOM*, the little volcano exploded—literally. *I felt a burning pain all over my body. I opened my eyes, or at least tried to, and saw flames spreading all over the cafeteria. Screams erupted from all over, and the pain all over my body started to numb to aching stinging sensations.*

How did this even happen...?

I tried to call out for help, but my vision was fading. The cries of agony subsided to whimpers. Everything was silent as the world slipped

LIGHTS, CAMERA, GLAMOUR! NMS 8TH GRADERS PARTY AT SPRING FORMAL

By Londynn Clifton

If you didn't go to the dance on Friday, you must have had a boring night. Three people specifically said they had a blast and would recommend upcoming 8th graders to go.

If you don't know Evie Stowers, I don't know how you have good days. Evie got voted, by the class of 2030, the person Most Likely to Brighten Your Day. She said she is glad she could make a positive impact on people and she is happy and surprised that she got voted for something. Evie went to the dance with a couple of people, but honestly hung out with a lot of people overall. Her favorite parts of the dance were the popcorn seasonings, ice cream, and they had fire music she said. But, she said her #1 was the photobooth (took over 15 pictures!). Although it was super fun, she said she wishes there were more lights in the gym. She suggested LED lights under the stage or something like that. To all the girls going next year, here is some advice from Evie: If you wear heels, get comfy ones or bring other shoes. She also wants everyone to know that nobody is judging you, so have fun! Evie said the dance overall was a 9/10 and definitely recommends everyone to go next year.

For those of you who don't know Jose Navarro Santiago, he is a pretty cool guy! I don't know him that well but from what I got he is super nice. While Jose didn't go to the dance with anybody, he did find some of his friends and hung out with them. He said his favorite parts were the pizza and the ice cream. Jose said he only took one round of photos but they were fun! He said he liked the overall vibe of the dance and it was more fun than he expected it to be. Jose said he did everything he wanted to do and his friends and him changed some of the rules in a game to make it more fun for them. He said he wants people to go next year and to have fun.

I think we can all agree with the fact that Parker Good is funny. He got voted class comedian by the 8th graders and felt happy when he found out. Parker went to the dance with a couple of friends and had a great time. He said he definitely did not expect it to be that fun. Parker said his favorite part was taking pictures with his friends in the photobooth with all the cool signs (took over 10 pictures!). He said he wished there was more than one flavor of drink because the Shirley Temples were getting boring. He said you can only have so much cherry! Parker also wished that he would have danced more. He also wants to apologize to Caleb Cross for spilling a drink on him. He said he enjoyed doing the superlatives. Parker says to not be afraid to go on the dance floor because you will regret it when you don't. He also says live YOUR life and don't be afraid of doing what you want to do.

To all of the 7th graders, if this wasn't enough to make you want to go, then you're LAME! Everyone promises it is super fun and to enjoy it. Thank you to all the 8th graders that went and had a good time! Don't forget to grab your star in the hallway on your way to lunch! And one last congratulations for finishing another year strong and ready for the next!

