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## Calming Classroom takes on colorful new look



High school artist, Jimmy Cobb, donated his time and talent to help the Elementary update the Calming Classroom. The Calming Classroom is a safe place where students can go when they need to take a break or cool down. They are able to do yoga, practice breathing and other exercises to help them experience behavioral success at school ! Thanks to Jimmy we now have a beautiful ocean mural for our students to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for taking the time out of your summer vacation to create a beautiful piece of art work!

# Greetings Norsemen Education Family!



Hello and welcome to your 2016 winter edition of the Norsemen Pride! Well, the holiday excitement is complete and I hope the time was enjoyable, safe and added many memories with loved ones. While it is time to get back into our routines, we are first going to look back at some of the excitement that occurred at NMPS this past fall. I am very confident the pride for our wonderful school community will embrace you as you go

through this newsletter. We had a great fall and we will have an amazing winter adding to the tradition of excellence here at North Muskegon Public Schools!

As I have said in past winter editions, grab a warm drink and kick back while you enjoy your newest edition of the Norsemen Pride. We have so much to be proud of and celebrate here at NM. If your schedule allows, I hope to see you at our State of the District scheduled for later this month. This forum will highlight our academic successes, extracurricular involvement, financial status and plans for the upkeep of our beautiful facilities.

As always, please contact me if you have ideas on how we may continue to make this an effective communication piece for our community. I hope to see you soon!

Go Norse!

Curt Babcock, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# Elementary Schedule

## JANUARY

Happy New Year!	
Mon., January 4	School Resumes
Mon., January 18	No SCHOOL for Students Staff Inservice Day
Tues., January 19	PTO Meeting , Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL are welcome!! New faces are welcome to join us for meet and greet at 6:45 p.m.!!
Mon., January 25	NM Music Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library, 6 p.m.
Fri., January 29	1/2 day for students, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)

## FEBRUARY

Sat., February 6	Daddy Daughter Dance
February 8-11	Principal Week

Wed., February 10	2nd Student Count Day!
Fri., February 12	No School, Mid-Winter Break
Mon., February 15	No School, Mid-Winter Break
Tues., February 16	PTO Meeting , Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL are welcome!! New faces are welcome to join us for meet and greet at 6:45 p.m.!!
Thurs., February 18	PTO Elementary Talent Show, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., February 22	NM Music Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library, 6 p.m.

## MARCH

Fri., March 4	1st grade Field Trip, LC Walker Arena, 9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sat., March 5	PTO Family Fun Festival, 4-7 p.m.
Tues., March 15	PTO Meeting , Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL are welcome!! New faces are welcome to join us for meet and greet at 6:45 p.m.!!
Mon., March 21	NM Music Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library, 6 p.m.
Wed., March 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences, Full day of school
Thurs., March 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1/2 day for students, dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)
Fri., March 25	1/2 day for students & staff , Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)

## APRIL

April 1-8	SPRING BREAK! Enjoy!
April 11-15	Health Department here to do Vision & Hearing Testing
Mon., April 18	NM Music Boosters Meeting, MS/HS Library, 6 p.m.
Tues., April 19	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL are welcome!! New faces are welcome to join us for meet and greet at 6:45 p.m.!!
Mon., April 25	1/2 day for students, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m., Staff Inservice p.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)

## MAY

May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mon., May 9	Hearing/Vision Re-testing date
Wed., May 11	4th grade Link-Up Concert, Frauenthal, 12:30 p.m. 4th/5th grade Spring Concert, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. (4th grade Vocal, Recorders & Strings, 5th grade strings and band)
Tues., May 17	Last PTO Meeting of the year - Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL are welcome!!
Thurs., May 19	1st grade Field Trip to Camp Pentalouan, 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri., May 20	Kindergarten Alphabop Program, NM Fine Arts Center, 2 p.m.
Thurs., May 26	1st grade Field Trip to John Ball Zoo, 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mon., May 30	No School, Memorial Day

## JUNE

Mon., June 6	3rd grade Field Trip, Michigan's Heritage Park, 9:15 - 12:30 a.m.
Wed., June 8	Kindergarten Field Trip, Tuesinks Pony Farm, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Thur., June 9	5th Grade Breakfast, 5th grade students only, 9:30 a.m.
Fri., June 10	5th Grade Promotion, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 8:30 a.m. 1/2 day for students, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m., Last day of school! AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)

\*\*\* Calendar Subject To Change \*\*\*

## SCHOOL HOURS

7:55 a.m.	First Bell
8:00 a.m.	Tardy Bell (all entry after this time must be through the elementary office)
11:15 a.m.	Morning Discovery Kindergarten dismissal
11:25 a.m.	1/2 day dismissal time
11:55 a.m.	Afternoon Discovery Kindergarten begins
3:10 p.m.	Elementary Dismissal



# Welcome our New Instructors to North Muskegon School District

By Beth Slimko

## MR. JARVIS

Prior to pursuing education, Mr. Tony Jarvis worked in the field of environmental resource management. In 2001, he received a B.S. degree from Michigan State University in Fish and Wildlife Management. With that degree he held a variety of positions in MI and California. After working with students on projects involving environmental restoration, he decided to go back to school. Tony received his Masters of Education from GVSU and has been teaching ever since. This is his first year at NM, but not his first teaching job. This is his 9th year teaching and he is very happy and proud to have found himself here at NM with such a great tradition of excellence. Before coming here, he taught Science at Orchard View and Grandville Public Schools to both Middle and High school students. He truly enjoys working with the 6th, 7th, and high school physics students here at NM and is excited for what the future brings!

## MRS. LINDRUP

Mrs. Leili Lindrup has joined the math team at North Muskegon this year. Before coming to North Muskegon, she spent a year at Fruitport Middle school, then went to Grand Haven High School and was there for three years. Mrs. Lindrup graduated from Loyola Marymount University: Los Angeles with a Business Marketing Major. After reconsidering her career, she returned back to school. She attended Baker College of Muskegon where she got her Teacher Certificate: Majoring in Math and Minor in Science. She is teaching Discrete Math, Algebra II, and Geometry.

## MR. DANIELL

Mr. Cory Daniell has become the new Band teacher for this year. He has taken the spot of Glenn Buerk, who retired this past year. Mr. Daniell graduated from Grand Valley with a Four Year Bachelor's Degree. Previous to working at North Muskegon, Mr. Daniell worked at Calvary Schools of Holland. He teaches the High School and Middle School Band.

## MRS. CORBIN

Mrs. Angela Corbin, who in previous years exclusively taught Elementary Strings, is now over seeing the entire department of Orchestra. We are so lucky to have her full time!

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## Elementary Students Receive a Visit from SafetyPup!

The DK classes had an opportunity to meet SafetyPup. He visited the classroom along with Officer Nelson. The students had a discussion covering safety in all areas of life. They covered the buddy system, wearing helmets when riding their bikes and other age appropriate safety tips. Thank you to Officer Nelson and SafetyPup for their help.





# DK Classes Find Out Just How Much Fun Reading Can Be!

The AM and PM DK classes spend a lot of time reading in the classroom. Mrs. Schultz has a variety of different books to choose from. Hopefully the children learn a love for reading at a young age. Reading is fun!





# FIRE SAFETY!



The first grade classes took a field trip to the North Muskegon Fire Department. They met the fire chief Steve Lague. The students got to see a fire truck up close. They also had a very important safety talk. The firemen talk to the kids about what to do if they are ever caught in a real fire. The firemen then get dressed up in full gear, and crawl on their hands and knees just like they would in a real fire. This is to show the children how they look and sound when they are in full gear, which can be scary to some children. The firemen hope that by demonstrating their gear the students will be less afraid during a fire. The kids also learned that once the firemen find them they are carried out to safety! They had a fun day practicing all the safety tips they learned.

## North Muskegon Media Center

Welcome to the North Muskegon Elementary Media Center! We are comprised of the Elementary Library and the Elementary Computer Lab. It has been a busy and fun fall and we are looking forward to a great spring with our students! Here is a look at some of the events and daily lessons in our Media Center, as well as our overall philosophy.

- Philosophy and Vision for the Media Center
  - Encourage students' love of reading for pleasure.
  - Empower students to use information resources (print and digital) for academic and personal reasons.
  - Information Literacy Instruction

Our Elementary Computer Lab is utilized daily by our students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Students receive teacher-led instruction using programs such as: Compass Learning, Typing Club, Google Docs, Word, Front Row, ABCya, Spelling City, and Math Expressions. Our Elementary Library has received a reorganization of the fiction section into Picture Book, Easy Reader, and Chapter Book sections;



*Mr. Schuitema's Fourth Grade class talks about common themes found in literature.*

and a still-in-progress organization of the non-fiction section using the Dewey Decimal system. This spring the third through fifth grade students

will have lessons on using the Dewey Decimal system. They will also receive instruction in using the school's digital card catalog and the online public library card catalog.

This fall, we celebrated our first Star Wars Reads Day on 10/9/15. Challenge winners received new Star Wars books and book marks. November saw our celebration of Picture Book Month which included sharing picture books from 25 favorite authors and illustrators. Ask your child which picture book they most enjoyed! The older students also talked about main idea and themes commonly found in literature. This spring, we look forward to our annual book fair and celebrating March is Reading Month!

Finally, we are happy to report that one of our very talented high school students, Nikitha Nelapudi, has designed a children's-book-inspired mural that she will be painting to hang above the circulation desk in the library. The preliminary sketch is amazing and we are so excited to see the finished product!

# Hackley Library's "Write for Fright"

On Monday, the 16th of November at 6:30 PM, twenty-one kids and their families gathered at the Hackley Library in downtown Muskegon. The Write for Fright contest began in Muskegon County during



October and stories had to be turned in by Saturday, October 31. Each story was judged by its creative and creepy qualities.

Hackley had about 240 students enter the contest this year, and

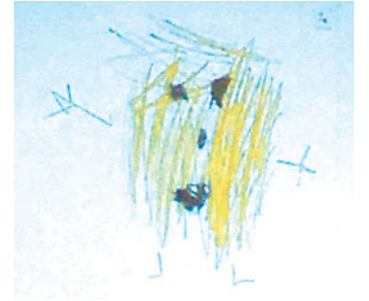
out of all of those stories, twenty-one kids won. Two students - Sami Baker (4th) and Anna Blastic (4th) were from Mrs. Fortmeyer's 4th grade ELA class,



and Ethan Plantz (1st) was from Mr. Chandler's first grade class.

They were great stories that included writing moves and strong lines learned during the narrative unit that started at North Muskegon in September. It was

an honor for our NM students to have won. It was an exciting night where all winners were able to read their stories to families and friends, enjoy cookies and apple cider, and receive a certificate. Stories will be published soon in a yearly Write for Fright anthology. Congratulations to these fine writers for winning the writing contest this year.



**By Sage Brewer, 4th grade**

## TICKTOCK

by Sami Baker

TickTock, TickTock, the clock was ticking on Halloween night. Every 100 years in San Francisco, the shadow would come to town and crash every party and crush all kids' dreams. He would come and knock on doors like a trickortreating child, and then he would crush their dreams.

Ryckle was out on Halloween night trickortreating on the shores of San Francisco, California. She saw a shadow of a man. It was almost 8 o'clock. TickTock . . . went the clock. She started walking towards a shadow she saw, but no one was there.

She went into a brightlylit hotel to trickortreat, and she decided to get on the elevator. As she stepped inside, the walls started to move in closer and closer. She started screaming.

Suddenly, she saw the shadow of a man wearing all black. Time flew forward and now . . . Ticktock . . . it is twelve o'clock. The stranger came closer and closer. He said, "Why did you take my prize item from me?"

"I've never stolen anything from anyone," she said with butterflies in her stomach.

"What about the necklace you're wearing?" he questioned.

"This necklace? Oh, my mom gave it to me. She said that it will always protect me," Ryckle told the stranger.

"Oh really? I don't think so," the guy said and turned into an enormous DRAGON!

Just then the elevator doors flew open, and she ran and ran and stumbled and rolled. The dragon kept coming after her. The dragon flew over her and stopped right in front of her.

"Have a happy last few seconds of your life," the creepy dragon yelled.

Ryckle woke up, sweating like a dragon was breathing fire on her.

"Ready to go trickortreating?" her mom asked, as the clock struck 6:00 . . . ticktock!

## BOY OR GIRL

by Anna Blastic

I was a normal girl. I used to wear nail polish and collect American Girl dolls, but then everything changed. It was so sudden, I don't know if it will ever be the same again. I was playing in my room. "Boom" went the thunder.

"Amy," my mother called. "Will you check on Taffi?"

"Sure," I said, walking outside

"Taffi?" I called "Taffi?" There was no answer.

"Boom!" went the thunder. Then my vision went black!

I woke up in a strange room. I heard voices talking about me.

"Do you think he will be okay?" said a voice.

"Why are they calling me 'he'?" I wondered, opening my eyes.

I saw an old scientist by the bed.

"What's new with you, young man?" he asked, handing me a mirror.

"MAN!" I questioned, looking in the mirror.

Then I let out a frightful yelp. "What have you done?" I cried. "Im . . . A BOY!"

"Well," said the scientist, "I was testing my formula, instant lightning, and one accidently struck you! These shocks aren't hot enough, so instead, they turned you into a boy!"

I went outside to do some exploring. Everything looked different; the sky looked like it was filled with pumpkins, and the birds sounded like bats.

Some girls, some of my best friends, walked up to me and said, "It's a stinky boy; just leave us alone. We never wanna be by you!"

I felt hurt. *Now I know how most boys feel*, I thought.

I walked back to the mad scientist's lab.

"I did it!" he shouted. "I have found a way to turn you back into a girl!"

Then I realized I had a choice. I could try being an adventurous, happygolucky boy, or I could be a girl, a normal everyday girl.

"No, thanks," I told him.



# North Muskegon Norsemen

## 2016 Winter Sports Schedule

### VARSITY BASEBALL

March 31	at Oakridge (DH)	4:00
April 2	at Holton	4:00
April 14	at Shelby	4:00
April 17	Muskegon (DH)	4:00
April 20	Fruitport	4:30
April 21	Ravenna (DH)	4:00
April 24	at Mona Shores	4:15
April 25	at Saugatuck (DH)	10:00
April 28	at Hart (DH)	4:15
May 2	GMAA	TBA
May 4	Orchard View (DH)	4:00
May 5	Mason County (DH)	4:00
May 9	Muskegon Catholic Central	12:30
May 11	at Western MI Christian (DH)	4:00
May 12	at Montague (DH)	4:00
May 14	Hesperia (DH)	4:00
May 18	at Reeths-Puffer	4:30
May 19	Whitehall (DH)	4:00
May 30	Districts	TBA

### JV BASEBALL

March 31	Oakridge (DH)	4:00
April 2	Holton	4:00
April 14	Shelby (DH)	4:00
April 17	at Muskegon (DH)	4:00
April 20	at Fruitport	4:00
April 21	at Ravenna (DH)	4:00
April 24	Mona Shores	4:30
April 27	at Fremont (DH)	4:15
April 28	Hart (DH)	4:00
May 4	at Orchard View (DH)	4:00
May 5	at Mason County (DH)	4:00
May 9	Muskegon Catholic Central	10:30
May 12	Montague (DH)	4:00
May 14	at Hesperia (DH)	4:00
May 18	at Reeths-Puffer (DH)	4:30
May 19	at Whitehall (DH)	4:00

### GOLF

April 13	at Reeths-Puffer	3:30
April 14	at Ravenna	3:30
April 20	at Whitehall	3:30
April 22	NM Invite	1:30
April 23	at Western MI Christian	4:00
April 24	at Ludington Invite	8:30
April 27	at Shelby Invite	1:00
April 28	at Montague	3:30
April 29	GMAA	TBA
May 5	at Shelby	3:30
May 7	Home vs. Muskegon Catholic	3:30
May 11	at Hart	3:30
May 14	at Mason County	3:30
May 15	at Montague Invite	9:30
May 20	Districts	TBA
May 27	Regionals	TBA

### SOFTBALL

March 31	at Oakridge (DH)	4:00
April 2	at Holton	4:00
April 14	at Shelby (DH)	4:00
April 16	at Grand Haven (DH)	4:30
April 17	Muskegon (DH)	4:00
April 20	Fruitport (DH)	4:00
April 21	Ravenna (DH)	4:00
April 24	Mona Shores (DH)	4:00
April 25	at Saugatuck (DH)	10:00
April 28	at Hart (DH)	4:15
April 30	Spring Lake (DH)	4:00
May 2	GMAA	TBA
May 4	Orchard View (DH)	4:00
May 5	Mason County (DH)	4:00
May 12	at Montague (DH)	4:00
May 16	North Muskegon Invite	9:00
May 19	Whitehall (DH)	4:00
May 30	Districts	TBA

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

April 14	at Oakridge	7:00
April 16	at Muskegon	6:45
April 21	Hart	7:00
April 23	GR Covenant Christian	6:30
April 25	at Black River Tournament	9:30
April 28	at Shelby	5:00
April 30	Montague	5:00
May 1	Manistee	6:00
May 5	at Mason County Central	5:00
May 7	Whitehall	5:00
May 8	at Reeths-Puffer	6:30
May 11	Ravenna	6:30
May 15	Western MI Christian	7:15
May 13,18,20	Conference	TBA

## GIRLS JV SOCCER

April 15	at Coopersville	5:00
April 16	at Muskegon	5:00
April 23	GR Covenant Christian	5:00
April 28	at Whitehall	?
May 1	at Ravenna	4:00
May 8	at Reeths-Puffer	5:00
May 11	Ravenna	5:00
May 15	Western MI Christian	5:30
May 16	at Ludington Invite	10:00

## GIRLS TENNIS

March 21	NM Invite at Northpointe	9:00
March 28	at MSU - Portland Invite	5:00
April 13	Whitehall	4:00
April 15	at Western MI Christian	4:00
April 16	Muskegon Catholic	4:00
April 18	at Reeths-Puffer	9:00
April 20	Fremont	4:00
April 22	Ludington	4:00
April 25	at Northpointe	9:00
April 27	at Grant	4:00
April 29	Fruitport	4:00
May 2	GMAA	TBA
May 4	at Spring Lake	4:00
May 7	at Reeths-Puffer	TBA
May 9	at Ludington Conference	TBA
May 12	at GR South Christian	TBA
May 14 & 15	Regionals	TBA

## VARSITY TRACK

March 31	at Whitehall	4:00
April 16	at Mason County	4:00
April 21	at Montague	4:00
April 28	Home (Shelby & Hart)	4:00
May 1	GMAA	TBA
May 5	Conference Make-Up	TBA
May 12	Conference at Montague	TBA
May 16	Regionals	TBA
May 20	at West MI Invite at Reeths-Puffer	TBA

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

April 20	Oakridge	4:00
April 22	Whitehall	4:00
April 24	GMAA at Reeths-Puffer	TBA
April 27	at Oakridge	4:00
April 29	at Montague	4:00
May 4	at Hart	4:00
May 6	at Shelby	4:00
May 13	Conference at Ravenna	TBA

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# Second Grade Field Trip

The second grade classes went on a field trip to Lewis Farm. While there the students had tractor races, picked apples, visited the petting zoo and jumped on the big trampoline.





# Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery

The 4th grade classes took a field trip to Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery.

There, the students saw firsthand how the DNR raises millions of fish every year to stock into the lakes, rivers and streams all across Michigan. Each specific location is chosen based on fishing interest by anglers as well as habitat suitability for a specific species. Michigan is home to 11,000 inland lakes, 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, 3,000 miles of shoreline and is surrounded by 20% of the world's freshwater supply resting in the Great Lakes. No matter where you are in Michigan, you are no more than 6 miles from a body of water.

While at the Fish Hatchery, the 4th grade classes discussed invasive species. They learned the #1 enemy of the Great Lakes is the Asian Carp. During the program the students discussed how the species got into the lakes and rivers of Michigan and what's being done to stop them.

While at Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery the students were shown how the DNR raise the fish and how they get them in trucks to be transported to the lakes and rivers to be released. Since fish have varying needs, they are raised differently at the hatchery. Cool water fish eggs are incubated in jars while cold water fish eggs are incubated in trays. As the fish grow they are transferred either to rearing ponds or tanks until they are ready to be released.





# FUR TRADING



The third grade classes took a field trip to the Lakeshore Museum in Muskegon. They were learning about Michigan History. When they got to the museum the students were led through three stations related to the Native Americans and the fur trade.

The students were taught that “Native Americans were the first Americans. They came across the Bering straits during the Ice Age about 12,000 to 14,000 years ago. The first people were called Paleo-Indians and they lived in small groups and hunted large game such as mastodons, giant beaver, and caribou. They used stone tipped spears and were nomadic.

Native Americans relied on animals, plants, trees, rocks, water, crops and other elements in nature to survive. Everything they needed had to be found in nature, and therefore they developed a balance and appreciation between nature and humans.

When French explorers and traders first arrived in Michigan, they encountered three main groups of people living here known as the Three Fires. They called themselves Anishinaabe,

which means ‘First’ or Original Peoples.’ Since they lived in different areas, the Europeans took this to mean they were separate groups and they became known as Ottawa (Odawa), Pattawatomi, and Chippewa (Ojibwa).



The French started the Fur Trade in Michigan in the 1600s acting as both traders and voyageurs. In the mid to late 1700s, when the British gained control of the territory that would eventually become Michigan, the voyageurs were still men of French and Native American background while more of the traders were British. The Americans began trading around 1800, just as the fur trade was coming to a close. Contact with Europeans, mainly fur traders, changed the Native American’s lives forever.”



## Music Programs

The holiday music concerts are approaching! This year, our administrative team suggested that the Band, Orchestra, and Choir have a concert together and the music department embraced the idea! The Middle School Music Students will be performing on December 7th at 6pm and 8pm. The High School Music Students will be performing on December 9th at 6pm and 8pm. Tickets will go on sale November 30th and will be sold in the High School/ Middle School Office for \$1. The Music Council came together and decided that all ticket proceeds will be donated to Kids Food Basket. We have also, over the past few weeks, volunteered as a Music Council at their facility. We made trail mix and packaged cucumbers for hundreds of children throughout Muskegon County. Stella Branch, the Orchestra Council President, has volunteered multiple times and it has impacted her life. “It has really opened my eyes to what is in our community and what we can do within our community to help!” For other council members, it was our first time there. It felt really good to help kids who know after lunch, they won’t be getting another meal. Kids Food Basket is an amazing part of our Muskegon County and we are grateful to be supporting such a wonderful mission.

## Happy Halloween

On Thursday, October 29th, 2015, the 5th grade classes went to the Northcrest & Hillcrest Nursing Homes for our Halloween concert. We sang three songs: Little Shop of Horrors, Scarecrow, and Toccata and Kazzoge by Beethoven. We were there for an hour and did two performances. It was fun for everybody to get to perform in our Halloween costumes.

After coming back to school, we were all in the Halloween parade and did another performance for our parents. Then we went home and got to enjoy our long weekend.

On Monday, everyone came to school with a bunch of candy. I guess everyone had a great long Halloween weekend!

By: Carolyn Bennett Mrs. Fortmeyer’s 5th grade class

## The Nursing Home

On October 29th, Thursday, we went to the Hillcrest and Northcrest Nursing Homes. I think we had great costumes to show off at the nursing homes. Hillcrest was the nonassisted living and Northcrest was the assisted living. The North side made me a bit sadder because I felt so bad for them because they aren’t very mobile.

My favorite part was when we were done at Northcrest. We went around saying “Hi,” “Hello,” or “How are you?” The residents were so nice!

My other favorite part was when we performed our songs together. I liked it because I didn’t get to rehearse together with the three fifth grade classes because I was sick. I also had a solo, which was fun to sing with Alyvia Ackenberg. I really enjoyed the Halloween performance at Northcrest and Hillcrest Nursing Homes!

By Riley McEvoy



# 7th Grade Time Capsule

As a part of seventh grade World History curriculum, students explore the process historians use when creating historical accounts. This includes how to determine historical significance through the creation of a 2015 time capsule. This project will enhance student learning by allowing them an authentic opportunity to act as historians while also allowing them to leave their legacy for future students of North Muskegon Public Schools. This project is made

possible by two grants. One is from The Community Foundation for Muskegon County's Youth Advisory Council, and the other is from the Norse Education Foundation. Seventh grade students will work collaboratively to preserve and store the artifacts to be placed in the Time Capsule throughout the school year. They will bury the time capsule in a designated location in the spring.

## New Class: Forensic Science

Forensic Science is a new and exciting class open to high school students this semester. Taught by Mrs. Risley, the students are challenged daily to hone in on their ability to recognize change and think quickly in a situation. At this point they have solved murders by determining the poison and analyzing finger prints. They have solved an arson crime by learning some basics taught by the North Muskegon Fire Chief, Steve Lague. Students completed a piece of nonfiction work about the birth of the field through Dr. Charles Norris. And currently, they are learning to save lives through the direction of their teacher and the MCA Coordinator, Chad Lawton in Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association. Students also worked at Mercy Hospital in the SIMS lab to get some hands-on practice and they are finishing their year with chemical analysis.





# Swim Club Recap



The Greater Muskegon HS Girls Co-op Swim Team finished the 2015 Season tough. The TEAM took nine swimmers (2 Relays and 2 Individual Events) to the 2015 MHSAA Div. 1 State Swim Meet which was both a TEAM and Individual Goal this season. The TEAM swam to near best times and two Personal Record Swims on Friday.

It was a fun and great learning experience for all involved. There were Swimmers who have never been to the State Meet as well as Swimmers who competed at the Div. 3 Meet. These young ladies gave it all they had at the meet and all season long. I was very proud of them all no matter what happened.

Thank you ladies for a GREAT history making season!!! A huge thanks to Coach Laura Gotaas for her hard work and dedication this season with the TEAM and Program. A BIG THANK YOU to Deon Ervin and Preferred Automotives for the use of two AWESOME State Meet TEAM Cars!!!! To our GREAT Swim Parents, family, and friends who came to support and cheer us on!!!! The shirts looked Great in the Stands!!! Thank you everyone for a fun and wonderful season.

Special Thank you to Alyssa Morin and Morgan Monette who trained the past two weeks as alternates for the relays and help pushed their teammates. To Captains Hannah Carlson and Emi Steketee who was on deck to help cheer and keep the girls smiling and laughing. Emily Litynski who was busy catching every minute of fun on film.

## Results

<b>200 Medley Relay</b>	<b>1:52.92</b>	<b>200 Free Relay</b>	<b>1:42.98</b>
<b>22nd Place</b>		Lucy Carpenter	25.87
Lucy Carpenter	28.76	Personal Record Swim	
Annika Cotner	32.35	Kelly Stone	26.75
Elizabeth McNally	27.37	Mackenzie Ralston	25.73
Personal Record Swim		Ari Sherrod-Cavanaugh	24.53
Ari Sherrod-Cavanaugh	24.40		
		<b>100back</b>	
<b>50 Free</b>		Lucy Carpenter	1:01.77
Ari Sherrod-Cavanaugh	25.05	43rd Place	
27th Place			

Thank you ladies for giving it your best shot and never giving up!!!!  
I am so happy and proud of you all. See ya around the pool!  
Coach Homan

# High School Football

Some Varsity football players visited the 3rd graders. Eric Bleakley and Vernonell Smith read stories and had a group discussion with the students.  
We love having positive role models that give back.





## 2015 Boys Tennis Season Recap



*Max Tyson, Bobby Tarrant, Nick Schanhals after the Regional Tournament*

First year coach, Anne Tyson, led the team this fall to success at the city, conference, and state level. With a thin roster and taking over from legendary coach Joe Gentle, she put the program on the right track to uphold our Norsemen tennis tradition and to carry our program forward. Seniors on the squad were Kade Bickford, Wil Mierz, & Nick Schanhals. Underclassmen were Bobby Tarrant, Harry Mierz, Jimmy Cobb, Max Tyson, Matt Kimbler, Ben Hogan, & Sean Lynn.

Bobby Tarrant and Nick Schanhals were City Champions, and were both named to the All Area Team. Schanhals was named as the top player in the area at #1 Singles. Both Tarrant and Schanhals were named to the All Conference Team. Tarrant was runnerup, and Schanhals was Conference Champion. Tarrant and Schanhals were also both runnerup at the Regional Tournament and Nick qualified for the State Tournament at #1 Singles. Nick finished in the top half of the draw and was named to the All State Team.

## An exciting time for Norsemen Bands!

The holiday season is proving to be a busy and exciting time for the Norsemen band program. On November 22nd the High School band played the National Anthem for the Muskegon Lumberjacks! It was a great experience, added to by the fact that it was Military Night for the game. The kids represented North Muskegon wonderfully both in their own behavior, and musical presentation.

Coming up we have our holiday concerts. The Middle School concerts are on Monday December 7th at 6:00 and 8:00 pm, while the High School concerts are on Wednesday December 9th also at 6:00 and 8:00 pm. We are doing two concerts each night due to the extra seating needed because of combining concerts with the Orchestra and Choir department. We are very excited to present a concert as a full music program! Tickets are now available through all music teachers, or in the front office. All tickets are a dollar each, and those proceeds will go directly to Kids Food Basket.

Lastly, we are starting a pep band for the upcoming basketball season. With the pep band will be the beginning of the return of Marching Band to North Muskegon! We will be putting together a short show that will be performed at some halftimes throughout the season. We have a good number of students signed up, but we could always take a few more! Rehearsals will start on December 3rd, and continue on Thursdays throughout the season. We will start at 3:00 as a full ensemble. That portion of rehearsal will end at 4:30, and then percussion and color guard will remain to practice until 6:00. I am extremely excited to see the student's progress with something so new, as well as letting them see me in my "element" of teaching marching band. This will be a great start for beginning a marching band in the future. If you have any questions about joining, or the band program please contact Mr. Daniell. We can also be found on Facebook under North Muskegon Bands, or twitter @Norsemenbands. Hoping everyone has a great holiday season and as always - Go Norse!

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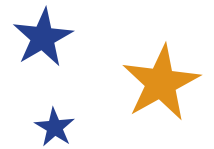
### Congratulations!

(If you're interested in a chance to win \$100 too, join the Norse Victory Club!  
It's not too late to sign up. See the High School Office for more information.)





# Students of the Month



## September Students of the Month



**Emily Lindback**, daughter of Thomas and Shoane Lindback, is president and founder of North Muskegon Interact and an active No More Sidelines volunteer. She is also a member of Environmental Club, French Club, National Honor Society, senior class treasurer, and plays varsity tennis. Emily plans to attend college out of state and is undecided on her major.

**Nicholas Lake Schanhals** is the son of Michael and Elizabeth Schanhals. He is a member of the Muskegon Youth Advisory Council and National Honor Society. Nicholas was the captain of the tennis team and participated on the basketball and lacrosse teams. In the future, he hopes to attend The University of Michigan to study business. In his spare time, he enjoys pondering life's existence whilst plying the waters of local trout streams.



## October Students of the Month



**Rylee Cooke** is the daughter of Jeff and Kim Cooke. She is President of National Honor Society, Student Council Class Secretary, and Co-Editor of the Yearbook. Rylee plays volleyball, basketball, and runs track. She will attend college, and will possibly pursue a career in engineering.

**Paige Twining** is the daughter of Lynne Twining. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Girl's Varsity Tennis Team, Holland Youth Symphony, Interact Club, and Environmental Club. She would like to study Anthropology and Biology in college, but she is not sure which college she would like to attend.



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Please consider sponsoring and attending our event this year! If you are interested in sponsoring or would like more information, contact us at: nmptofestival@nmpps.net or call Marci Dalm at 616-780- 8649

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