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## Rotary International and Rotary Interact



Two students from the North Muskegon senior class were selected by Principal Byard (second from right) and Superintendent Babcock (left) and had the honor of attending a Rotary luncheon on September 28th. Brett Huff (third from right) is a hardworking, talented, and enthusiastic senior who maintains a GPA of 3.97, is a member of National Honor Society, and is an active member of North Muskegon's Rotary Interact Club. Brett participates in varsity baseball and is co-captain of the varsity football team. Grace Goszkowicz (third from left) is a dedicated and involved senior who maintains a GPA of 4.0, is also a member of the National Honor Society, and is president of both the Rotary Interact Club and French Cabaret of 2018. Grace is co-captain of the varsity volleyball and softball

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# Greetings Norse Education Family!

Hello! Welcome to your winter edition of the Norsemen Pride. I hope your holiday season was full of enjoyable time with family and friends! It is always exciting for me to come back after the holiday break and get back into school mode. While this edition looks back at many amazing things that occurred last fall, we have much to look forward to in the coming months. Please take the time to be involved in your community school this winter. We are extremely fortunate here in Norsemen Country and continue to add to



the Norsemen tradition of excellence – thank you for being a part of it.

Now, get ready to enjoy your newest edition of the Norsemen Pride – as you will see we have much to be proud of here at NM.

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!

Enjoy,  
Curt Babcock, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



*Rotary, continued from page 1*

teams. Brett and Grace were recognized for their academic, service, and leadership achievements at the Rotary luncheon.

In addition, John Slocum (second from left) received a Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club, presented by John Noling (right), a well-deserved recognition of his outstanding service of others in both his workplace and in the community. Rotary International's motto is -"Service Above Self" - and it is clear that these North Muskegon staff members and students understand the power of serving others!

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# 2018 North Muskegon School Calendar

## JANUARY

January 4, 2018  
January 15, 2018  
Return from Holiday Break  
ALL Students 1/2 day  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff afternoon Professional Development

January 19, 2018  
ELEMENTARY 1/2 day students - end of Term  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff - full day

## FEBRUARY

February 2, 2018  
February 16 & 19, 2018  
February 21 & 28, 2018  
ALL Students 1/2 day  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff afternoon Professional Development  
Mid Winter Break  
MS/HS Conferences 4 pm - 8:30 pm

## MARCH

March 2, 2018  
March 21 & 28, 2018  
March 30 - April 6, 2018  
ALL Students 1/2 day  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff afternoon Professional Development  
Elementary Conferences 4 pm - 8:30 pm  
Spring Break

## APRIL

April 27, 2018  
MS/HS 1/2 day students - end of Term  
Staff - full day

## MAY

May 4, 2018  
May 25, 2018  
May 28, 2018  
ALL Students 1/2 day  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff afternoon Professional Development  
Graduation  
Memorial Day - No School

## JUNE

June 8, 2018  
ALL Students 1/2 day  
\*\* DK - AM/PM attend together in the morning  
Staff - full day

\*\*\* 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



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# Emergency Response & AED Safety Program

Mrs. B  
Emergency Response & AED Program Coordinator

The American Heart Association recommends using the “Chain of Survival Steps” to increase the chances of survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Cardiac Arrest can happen at any time and at any age. Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Knowing how to do CPR and use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is the key to survival. An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try and restore a normal heart rhythm.



## CHAIN OF SURVIVAL STEPS:

- © Early recognition of a cardiac arrest and calling 911
- © Rapid bystander response with Hands Only CPR
- © Use of an AED
- © Advance life support
- © Post-Cardiac Arrest care

Earlier this fall we were selected by the Wes Leonard Heart Team to receive an AED. This AED is located by the Superintendent’s Office for easy access to the Big Playground on Moulton Avenue, as well as the Upper Elementary Hallway. A fund raiser took place this fall to provide the Baseball Teams with a new AED for use during the spring and summer season and the Cross Country

Teams will use the same AED in the fall. I would like to thank everyone for their donations during this fall’s fund raising efforts towards Our AED Safety Program, especially Andy & Lisa Olson and Margaret Pibulthanapatana.



We now have 10 AED’s in the building and at different sports fields! We are prepared for cardiac emergencies. We want to make sure students, their family members, and guests to our school and staff receive the best care when seconds count. That is why we are a MIHEART Safe School.

## Learning CPR and how to use an AED is an ongoing project here at North Muskegon.

- © In October all the members of the senior class received Hands Only CPR and AED training.
- © Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade students have had a lesson in doing Hands Only CPR Chest Compressions.
- © Grades K – 3 will receive an upcoming lesson in recognizing an emergency and knowing what to do. Along with how and when to dial 911, the importance of knowing their whole name, address and telephone number.
- © Staff members and coaches continue to be recertified in CPR and AED use and Hands Only CPR Training.

Those wishing to donate to the AED Safety Program can send their checks made payable to North Muskegon Public School, 1600 Mills Avenue, North Muskegon, Michigan 49445. Please make a note on your check that you are making a donation to the AED Safety Program. We would appreciate your support for our life saving program. Your donation will help replace expired AED pads and batteries when needed.

Just released on YouTube: A Public Service Announcement put together by North Muskegon Middle and High School Students about CPR and AED’s. Go to YouTube and type in North Muskegon’s CPR and AED PSA





# NM Choir 2018 POPS – “Norse Broadway Revue”

**A celebration of the past 10 years of Norse Choir on Broadway**

**Concerts: Fri., Sat., April 20 & 21st, 7:30 PM  
at the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts**



Dear North Muskegon Choir Friend,

We are excited to announce the 3rd **Annual Spring Pops Concert** at Muskegon’s Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts. We are seeking sponsors and advertisers for this exciting event at a venue that will provide seating for over 3,000 people at two evening performances on April 20th - 21st including all choirs from grades 6 to 12.

As a great way to reach a wide community audience, please consider being a show sponsor and advertising in the 2018 **“Norse Broadway Revue”** printed program.

- **Sponsorships** ranging from \$1000 to \$100 are available. We are seeking corporate sponsors as well as individual donors to support this concert. Please see attached sponsor opportunities.

- **Advertising** in letterhead size printed program book:  

Full Page-\$120	Full: 7 1/2”W x 10”H
Half Page-\$60	1/2: 7 1/2”W x 4 7/8”H
Quarter Page-\$30	1/4: 3 5/8”W x 4 7/8”H
Eighth Page-\$25	1/8: 3 5/8”W x ~2 1/4”H

All ads are black and white, except front and back inside covers in 4-color. Please email digital ads in “jpg” format to Andrea Mount amount@webbchemical.com  
Deadline March 19th

- **Payment Options** Check, make payable to NMPS POPS, write “choir” in the memo section, & mail to Kristie Hall, 1600 Mills Ave North Muskegon, MI 49445 Online through ‘send money to school’ Go to the School Store and Look for POPS. Payments due on or before March 19th. NMPS FID# 38-6002922.

**Ad artwork and payment deadline: Monday, March 19th**

Thank you in advance for your support of our outstanding school choir program.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Richards at lisa@animenewsnetwork.com 231-740-9749

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.  
Norse Choir Sponsorship Committee

## Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities

### Sponsor Levels & Benefits:

- \$5,000 – Pops Underwriter – recognition on poster, 4-color ad on back cover of program; (10) comp tickets;
- \$1,000 – Show Sponsors – one full-page, black & white ad in program (6) comp tickets;
- \$500 – Sponsors – one full-page, black & white ad in printed program, (4) comp tickets;
- \$250– Sponsors – one 1/2 -page, black & white ad in printed program, (2) comp tickets;
- All \$100 sponsors receive recognition in printed program and priority, pre-sale, ticket notification.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Overall Pops Concert Underwriter \$5,000              | Jr. Norse Choir Choreography Sponsor \$250                          |
| Friday Night 7:30pm April 20th Show Sponsor \$1,000   | 6th Grade Choir Choreography Sponsor \$250                          |
| Saturday Night 7:30pm April 21st Show Sponsor \$1,000 | Accompanist Sponsor \$250   |
| Program sponsor \$1,000                               | Norse Choir Soprano Section Sponsor \$250                           |
| Marketing sponsor \$1000                              | Norse Choir Alto Section Sponsor \$250                              |
| Friday, April 20th Dress Rehearsal Sponsor \$500      | Norse Choir Baritone Section Sponsor \$250                          |
| Dress Rehearsal Lunch Sponsor \$500                   | Jr. Norse Choir Sponsor \$250                                       |
| Dress Rehearsal Dinner Sponsor \$500                  | Jr. Norse Choir Soprano Section Sponsor \$250                       |
| Tech Rehearsal Sponsor \$500                          | Jr. Norse Choir Alto Section Sponsor \$250                          |
| Cast Dinner Sponsor \$500                             | Jr. Norse Choir Baritone Section Sponsor \$250                      |
| Afterglow Sponsor \$500                               | 6th Grade Choir Sponsor \$250                                       |
| Music Director Sponsor \$500                          | Harmonics Sponsor \$250   |
| Technical Director Sponsor \$500                      | Sight Reading Sponsor \$250   |
| Ticket Sponsor \$500                                  | Choir Council Sponsor \$250   |
| Publicity Sponsor \$500                               | Norse Broadway Revue Sponsor \$100 – (Unlimited number of sponsors) |
| Photo Booth Sponsor \$500                             |   |
| Costume Design Sponsor \$500                          |   |
| Norse Choir Choreography Sponsor \$250                |   |

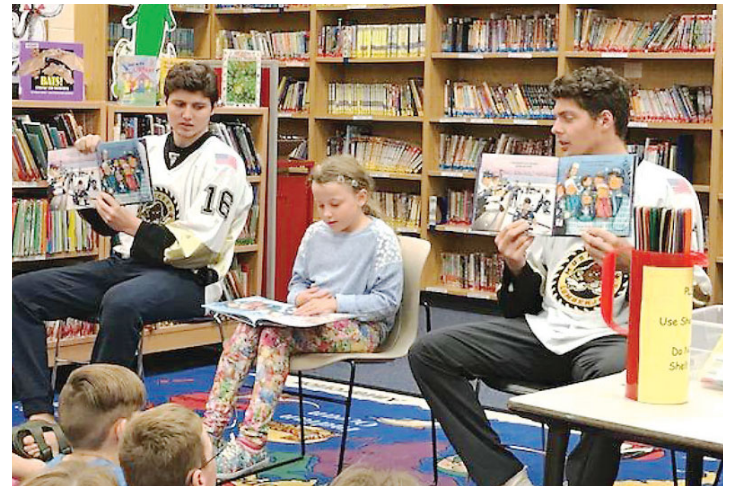


# Lumberjack Reading Caravan Kicks Off

On Monday, October 9th North Muskegon Elementary had a visit from the Lumberjacks hockey team. Players Monte Graham and Michael Graham, and Jay VandeVoorde from the Lumberjacks Charitable Foundation, paid a visit to our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade classes to kick off the 2017-2018 Lumberjacks Reading Caravan. The players read Goodnight Hockey with



a student at each grade level and did a fun activity to stress the importance of teamwork. This year students will have three reading goals and for each goal they meet, they will receive a prize from the Lumberjacks team. Our first goal period ends in November. We are looking forward to two more visits from the team this year and we appreciate their involvement with our local schools!



## VETERANS' DAY VISIT!

Mrs. Atchison's Kindergarten class welcomed a Veterans' Day visit with Sergeant Rob Connelly, who currently serves in the Marines. It was very meaningful to have him tell more about where he has been stationed and how he earned a variety of ribbons and badges (the biggest question from the students). We really enjoyed the opportunity to have him visit us!

# North Muskegon Norsemen

## 2018 Winter Sports Schedule

### BOYS BASKETBALL JV & VARSITY

Jan 5	@ Whitehall	5:30pm
Jan 11	@ Ravenna	5:30pm
Jan 16	Montague	5:30pm
Jan 19	Hart	5:30pm
Jan 25	@ Oakridge	6:00pm
Jan 30	@ Mason Co.	6:00pm
Feb 2	@ Shelby	6:00pm
Feb 8	Whitehall	5:30pm
Feb 13	Ravenna	5:30pm
Feb 16	@ Montague	5:30pm
Feb 20	@ Hesperia	5:30pm
Feb 23	@ Hart	6:00pm
Mar 1	@ Ludington	5:30pm

### GIRLS BASKETBALL JV & VARSITY

Jan 4	@ Ravenna	5:30pm
Jan 9	Montage	5:30pm
Jan 12	Hart	5:30pm
Jan 18	@ Oakridge	6:00pm
Jan 22	Fruitport Calvary Christian	5:30pm
Jan 23	Mason Co. Central	5:30pm
Jan 26	Shelby	5:30pm
Jan 30	@ WMC	5:30pm
Feb 1	Whitehall	5:30pm
Feb 6	Ravenna	5:30pm
Feb 9	@ Montague	5:30pm
Feb 13	@ Saugatuck	5:30pm
Feb 15	@ Hart	6:00pm
Feb 20	@ Holland Black River	5:30pm

### FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Jan 5	@ Whitehall	4:00pm
Jan 8	Muskegon Heights	4:00pm
Jan 12	WMC	4:00pm
Jan 15	@ Saugatuck	4:15pm
Jan 25	@ Oakridge	4:30pm
Jan 26	@ Mona Shores	4:00pm
Jan 30	Fremont	4:00pm
Feb 2	Oakridge	4:00pm
Feb 8	Whitehall	4:00pm

### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Feb 6	Oakridge	4:00pm
Feb 8	Ravenna	4:00pm
Feb 13	Whitehall	4:00pm
Feb 15	Hart	4:00pm
Feb 20	@ Montague	4:00pm
Feb 22	Shelby	4:00pm
Feb 27	@ Mason Co.	4:00pm
Mar 1	@ Oakridge	4:00pm
Mar 6	@ Ravenna	4:00pm
Mar 8	@ Whitehall	4:00pm
Mar 16, 18	Tournament Away-Semi & Finals	TBD

### BOYS SWIMMING CO-OP

Jan 4	@ Ottawa Hills	8:30pm
Jan 9	West Catholic	6:00pm
Jan 16	@ Holland	6:30pm
Jan 18	@ Ottawa Hills	6:00pm
Jan 23	@ Manistee	6:00pm
Jan 25	@ Caledonia	6:00pm
Feb 1	@ Grand Rapids Union	6:00pm
Feb 3	@ Ottawa Hills	8:30pm
Feb 8	Wayland Union	6:00pm
Feb 9	MISCA Mee @ EMU	TBA
Feb 15	@ Hastings	6:00pm

### HOCKEY CO-OP

Jan 6	@ West Ottawa	3:00pm
Jan 10	Forest Hills Central	6:30pm
Jan 13	@ Mona Shores	2:00pm
Jan 17	G.R. Catholic Central	6:30pm
Jan 19	@ E. Grand Rapids	8:00pm
Jan 26	@ Mattawan	7:00pm
Feb 2	East Kentwood	6:30pm
Feb 7	@ Rockford	8:00pm
Feb 10	@ Grandville	7:00pm
Feb 17	@ G.R. Catholic Central	TBA
Feb 21	Grandville	6:30pm
Feb 26	Pre-Regional	TBA

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Mar 3	Regionals Final	TBA
Mar 6, 7	MHSAA Quarterfinals	TBA
Mar 8,9	MHSAA Semifinals	TBA
Mar 10	MHSAA Finals	TBA

## JV BASEBALL SPRING 2018

April 10	Whitehall	4:00 pm	DH
April 16	@Muskegon Catholic	4:30 pm	
April 17	@Shelby	4:00 pm	DH
April 20	@ Reeths Puffer	4:15 pm	DH
April 21	@ Orchard View	11:00 am	DH
April 24	Ravenna	4:00 pm	DH
May 1	@ Hart	4:00 pm	DH
May 3	@ Fremont	4:00 pm	DH
May 8	Mason County Central	4:00 pm	DH
May 15	@ Montague	4:00 pm	DH
May 22	@ Oakridge	4:00 pm	DH

## VARSITY BASEBALL SPRING 2018

April 10	@ Whitehall	4:00 pm	DH
April 13	Onekema	4:00 pm	DH
April 16	Muskegon Catholic	4:30 pm	
April 17	Shelby	4:00 pm	DH
April 20	@ Reeths Puffer	4:15 pm	DH
April 21	Orchard View	11:00 am	DH
April 24	@ Ravenna	4:00 pm	DH
April 28	@ Boyne INV		TBA
May 1	Hart	4:00 pm	DH
May 3	Fremont	4:00 pm	DH
May 5	GMAA		TBA
May 8	@ Mason CC	4:00 pm	DH
May 12	@ Fremont INV		TBA
May 14	@ WMC	4:00 pm	DH
May 15	Montague	4:00 pm	DH
May 17	Cedar Springs	4:30 pm	
May 19	@ Hope College		TBA
May 21	Pentwater	4:00 pm	DH
May 22	Oakridge	4:00 pm	DH

## JV BASEBALL SPRING 2018

April 10	@ Ravenna	5:00 pm	
April 13	@ Montague	5:00 pm	
April 17	Whitehall	5:00 pm	
April 20	Saugatuck	5:00 pm	
April 26	Oakridge	5:00 pm	
April 28	@ Holland Black River		TBA
May 1	@ Hart	5:00 pm	
May 4	@ Ludington	5:00 pm	
May 8	Shelby	5:00 pm	
May 11	WMC	5:00 pm	
May 14	@ Mason CC	5:00 pm	
May 16	Conference		TBA

May 21	Conference	TBA
May 23	Conference	TBA

## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS SPRING 2018

April 18	@ Grant		TBA
April 25	Fremont	4:00 pm	
May 2	Whitehall	4:00 pm	
May 5	GMAA		TBA
May 12	Conference		TBA
May 14	@South Christian		TBA

## VARSITY BOYS GOLF SPRING 2018

April 11	@ Ravenna	3:30 pm	
April 16	@ Whitehall	3:30 pm	
April 18	North Muskegon	3:30 pm	
April 24	Montague	3:30 pm	
May 1	Shelby	3:30 pm	
May 7	Hart	3:30 pm	
May 17	@ Mason CC	3:30 pm	

## VARSITY SOFTBALL SPRING 2018

April 10	@ Whitehall	4:00 pm	DH
April 12	@ Fruitport	4:00 pm	DH
April 13	Onekema	4:00 pm	DH
April 17	Shelby	4:00 pm	DH
April 21	Orchard View	11:00 am	DH
April 24	@ Ravenna	4:00 pm	DH
April 28	@ Boyne INV		TBA
May 1	Hart	4:00 pm	DH
May 3	Fremont	4:00 pm	DH
May 5	GMAA		TBA
May 8	@ Mason CC	4:00 pm	DH
May 10	WMC	4:00 pm	DH
May 12	@ Fremont INV		TBA
May 15	Montague	4:00 pm	DH
May 19	North Muskegon INV		TBA
May 22	Oakridge	4:00 pm	DH

## MS TRACK SPRING 2018

April 16	@ Whitehall	4:00 pm	
April 18	Ravenna	4:00 pm	
April 23	Mason CC	4:00 pm	
April 25	Hart	4:00 pm	
April 27	@ Reeths Puffer, City Meet		TBA
April 30	@ Shelby	4:00 pm	
May 2	@ Oakridge	4:00 pm	
May 7	@ Montague	4:00 pm	
May 9	Conference at Montague		TBA

\*NM Lacrosse Spring 2018 dates TBA\*



# North Muskegon Elementary Celebrates Star Wars Reads Week!



Our elementary students celebrated Star Wars Reads Week in the Media Center this year with daily trivia questions for book prizes and a Star Wars themed activity during Library time. Third through fifth graders this year used iPads to do a Star Wars themed Hour of Code activity from Code.org. Students used drag and drop blocks to program characters from the Star Wars universe to complete an increasingly complex series of tasks. The students did a great job and had fun too!



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# NM Elementary PTO FUNdracer 2017!

North Muskegon Elementary PTO would like to recognize the following businesses for their generous donations to the PTO's annual FUNdracer. Without these donations the FUNdracer would not have been possible!

- **Wesco for the ice donation**
- **Metal Finishing Technology for the water donation**
- **Peterson Farms for the apple donation**

Thank you to all students, parents and teachers for your support! The kids ran a total of 939 miles and raised over \$9707.80! The top two classes raised over \$1000 each!!!!

## Class winners for most pledges:

- **1st place: Mrs.Pek**
- **2nd place: Mrs.Fortmeyer**
- **3rd place: Mrs.Zonnebelt**



## Successful Turkey Trot and Food Drive

On November 17th North Muskegon students from Kindergarten to 12th grade participated in a one mile Turkey Trot and Food Drive. The huge truck load of food went to a local pantry to help provide for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed families through Feeding America!

The event brought students outside for some fitness before the holiday and the community together for charity. The local police and fire department came out to help with the route and support



the cause. Miss Bentley's 5th grade class brought in the most with 204 cans! Overall, everyone had fun while providing for others during this time of giving.



# Fifth Grade Flexible Seating at NM!



## FLEXIBLE SEATING...

What happens when teachers and students think outside the box in classroom learning options? The answer is student centered, learner focused, and incorporates flexible seating! At the beginning of the 2017-2018, Mrs. Schultz and Ms. Bentley decided to take a research-based leap into implementing flexible seating in their classrooms. The results have been tremendous and far exceeded their expectations!

Research shows that “Children have a developmental need for movement, and flexible school furniture allows students to shift position, rock, rotate and roll.” (California Dept. of Education, 2016) Mrs. Schultz and Ms. Bentley decided that in order to achieve maximum student engagement in their learning, a change

needed to be made. In September, they removed half of the student desks in each classroom and replaced them with tables, pillows, alternative seats, and rugs to highlight all learners and their individual needs. The outcome has been AMAZING!

At any given time, you will see students in each classroom actively engaged, on task, and working collaboratively. As with any new system, there are certain expectations that ensure success. Students follow expectations, manage the maintenance, and clean up at the end of each day.

They have taken ownership of their classroom environment and it really has become a source of pride for students.

“Flexible seating makes it easier to learn because you don’t have to think about where you are sitting, or if people are bothering you, you can move. You can choose the best spot for you. Another reason flexible seating is helping me learn when you are in charge of your own space,” said Alaina Cordle, a current fifth grader.

Oliver Chumley-Jarvis, another current fifth grader commented, “When you are in a desk, you’re chained to the one place the entire day. In flexible seating, you can

sit in a desk if you want to or you can sit somewhere else if you want. ItThree of our fifth grade students presented their thoughts and experiences to the NM Board of Education. Paige Erndteman, Avery Moat, and Hunter Soelberg spoke to board members in Ms. Bentley’s classroom while board members, staff, and parents enjoyed the flexible, comfortable seating this arrangement affords.

“Today’s students require environments that encourage discovery and deeper learning, and flexible design is

fundamental to the next generation of teaching and learning.” (California Dept. of Education, 2016). At this time, Mrs. Schultz and Ms. Bentley have completely removed all of the traditional desks and have



replaced them with tables at a variety of different heights so that there are places that appeal to a variety of learning needs. Not only do students feel successful, but administration is seeing the benefits with reduced discipline referrals. In fact, the fifth grade boasts zero referrals so far this year. Together, the fifth grade team is looking forward to using this as another tool to help with student success. feels more free.”

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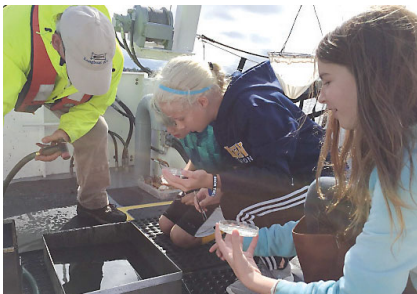
# The Sixth Grade GVSU Boat Trip

By Marilyn Gaston

In the beginning of October, Mr. Jarvis's 6th grade classes went on a W.G Jackson Boat trip! Each class took a separate trip, but all of them were good.

When we first got on the boat, everyone was jittery, for they were all excited. The GVSU experts split us into groups. One of the groups collected samples, while the other tested them. We collected samples at the surface and right at the bottom of the lake, 75 feet below the surface. Then we switched roles and took samples of a different part of Muskegon Lake. We realized that what we do on the land affects the quality of the water. This changed the way we looked at what we did on the boat. We found out the water quality of Muskegon Lake... is medium quality. It was on this field trip day and still is, we presume, mesotrophic. Mesotrophic is: a body of water having a moderate amount of dissolved nutrients. We discussed how what we do on the shores of Muskegon lake affects the quality of the water. We decided that in order to keep the water quality clean, we can choose to not litter or pollute. After we did all our samples, and figured out that Muskegon Lake is Mesotrophic, we put a sample of Muskegon Lake water under a microscope, and studied it. It showed that there were countless organisms in just a little petri dish! Did you know there is that much life, invisible to us? Then, sadly, it was time to go back to school.

That was a very educational field trip. I know myself, and many others learned a lot! And most of all, had a boatload of fun!



# Halloween Festivities at NMPS!

Everyone from students to staff enjoyed our traditional Halloween parade, class parties, and fun costumes!



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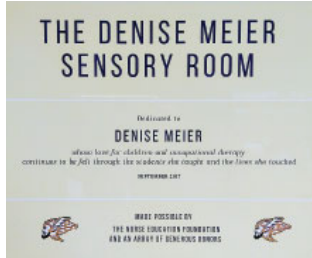
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# In Memory of Denise P. Meier

On September 25, 2017, family and friends of Denise Meier gathered to remember a much loved member of our community whose passion for children and occupational therapy left a legacy in West Michigan. Julie Johnson and Sheli Vanderlinde, members of the Norse Education Foundation board and personal friends of Denise, were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition. They say Denise's heart would be full knowing the room is here for her "North Muskegon kids." Denise "had an 'eye' for occupational therapy; in her life, and specifically with her OT services, she wanted to help. She could walk into a room with children, look at a photo of a child, hold a child, and she would know who needed OT services. With the help of generous memorial contributions and countless hours of volunteer time from Denise's family, friends, and GVSU colleagues, the Denise P. Meier Sensory Room at North Muskegon Public Schools will keep Denise's passion and memory alive at North Muskegon Schools.



In addition to working with students during occupational therapy sessions, trained staff members are able to bring students to the room daily for scheduled breaks. The breaks are designed to help students meet their individual sensory and motor needs in order to return to the classroom regulated and ready to learn. Activities in the sensory room change monthly, and are designed to provide students with a variety of experiences across multiple sensory systems. -Mindy Rosel, Occupational Therapist, North Service Unit

## ABOUT THE NORSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Norse Education Foundation is sustained and advised by supporters of North Muskegon Public Schools. Our advisory board is made up of school staff, parents, alumni, and community members who raise funds and make spending decisions for the Foundation. We help fund projects that promote educational excellence at North Muskegon Public Schools.

Since 2012, NEF has helped fund mentoring and anti-bullying programs, purchased high-tech classroom equipment, supported new learning and teaching techniques, and many other projects unable to be supported by the school's general fund. Our board advises the Norse Education Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. To learn more, find us on Facebook or visit our website at [nmps.org/nef](http://nmps.org/nef).

## WHAT IS A SENSORY ROOM?

The Denise Meier Sensory Room has been an incredible resource for our students. The space and equipment available has allowed us to better meet a variety of sensory, fine and gross motor needs.





# Congratulations to our new National Honor Society Inductees for 2017!

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Rayne Ackberg     | Lindsey Golden   | Liam Lindstrom           |
| Lindsay Bliss     | Abigail Grevel   | Elizabeth McNally        |
| Aisha Brown       | Isabella Hardman | Lily Montgomery          |
| Tyler Budd        | Ellen Hayhurst   | Darcy Nedeau             |
| Abbey Canfield    | Reyna Johnson    | Parker Reynolds          |
| Jesse Cooke       | Parker Kersman   | Nicholas Rossiter        |
| Adrienne Crawford | Hannah Lenius    | Ariana Sherrod-Cavanaugh |
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# Students of the Month

## September Students of the Month



**Grace Goszkowicz**, is the daughter of Richard and Kathleen Goszkowicz and older sister of Greta. She is the president of the Rotary Interact club, co-president of the French Cabaret, and captain of both the varsity softball and volleyball teams. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Grace enjoys all the Michigan seasons finding activities to enjoy outdoors, with her favorites being snowboarding and sailing. Hiking the dunes is another one of her favorite ways to spend a day.

Grace believes deeply in volunteering to help others, whether through church mission trips to the Appalachian mountains or other organizations. People are an important part of her life and she credits friends, family, and her community with surrounding her with great encouragement and love. Grace is considering a degree in environmental science or engineering and plans to attend college in the state.

**Brett Huff**, is the son of Michelle and Steve Huff. He is rigorously involved in several student clubs and volunteer groups such as Interact, Norse United, and National Honor Society. In addition to this, he is a well-rounded athlete as the captain of the varsity football



team, a guard on the varsity basketball team, and a catcher on the varsity baseball team. He enjoys spending his free time with his two siblings Kyle and Riley Huff, especially when they are hunting or fishing together. In the future, Brett plans to attend a university to study mechanical engineering.

## October Students of the Month



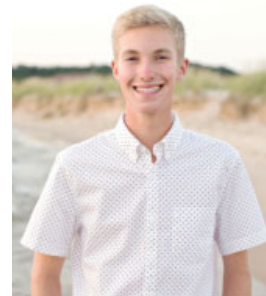
**Lauren Gale**, is the daughter of Jon and Kris Gale. She is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council Class President, Rotary-Interact Club Treasurer, and a Varsity Cheerleader.

In the future, Lauren hopes to pursue a career in nursing and ministry at a private college.

**Jimmy Cobb**, is the son of Lisa and Frank Cobb, and brother to Noah Cobb. Jimmy is an active artist and has filled the school community with his artwork. He has played three varsity sports including baseball, football and tennis. Jimmy is also a member of the Environmental Club, National Honor Society, and the Officer of Public Relations in North Muskegon's Rotary Interact Club. After graduation, he expects to follow his passion with a degree in the arts and plans to attend an institute to earn an art degree.



## November Students of the Month



**Benjamin Hogan**, is the son of Jaynell and William Hogan. He enjoys playing tennis, golf, and running track. Ben is the president of French Club, a membership officer for Norse United, as well as an active member of the Rotary Interact Club, Environmental Club, and National Honor Society. He is also very involved with the Community United Methodist Church "J-Team" Youth Group. During the summer, Ben can be found on the shores of Big Blue Lake working

with kids at YMCA Camp Pandalouan. In his spare time, Ben enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, sailing, and snow skiing. Ben plans to study marketing and business administration next year.

**Josie Edick**, is the daughter of Janet and Joe Edick. She is an active member of National Honor Society and has been a member of student council every year of high school with the title of Vice President of Executive council this year. She is also an athlete and a member of the cross country team and basketball team. Josie enjoys writing, helping others, criticizing old and new films, and spending time with friends and family. Josie plans on attending a university to study either chemical





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## **North Muskegon French Club**



Bonjour! The North Muskegon Middle & High School French Club has been around for the past two years and have been very active this year! The club is an extension of the normal French class where students enhance their understanding of the French culture and language in a relaxing/fun atmosphere. In September, the club hosted a "Hat Day" fundraiser to provide water filters to people in Haiti. Their October fundraiser consisted of a car wash at Bernie O's, which also helped families in Haiti by donating a goat to them and all necessary supplies/materials to make goat cheese & milk. November's fundraiser consisted of leaf raking services for North Muskegon Residents to donate to the club. The club also sponsors a student, Lynda, a student who lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have sent her Christmas gifts, letters, and provisions she needs for everyday life. Similarly, we have French-inspired bake sales for students to try crepes, truffles, and other French delicacies. Club members enjoy spending time with one another and speaking French, while making the world a better place. If you or someone you know who would be interested in joining, please contact Ben Hogan or Bernadette Billock at: benjaminhogan@student.nmps.net or bbillock@nmps.net We'd love for you to join!

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