



The Norsemen Pride

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NM Middle School Wrestling Club

On March 3rd, 2020 North Muskegon hosted its first home wrestling meet in 47 years! The Norsemen team represented itself well against Muskegon Catholic and Ravenna, ending the night with ten wins and three losses against the visiting teams. While a relatively small event, it was charged with home-meet energy as the Norse got aggressive and showed off what our team is capable of!



The North Muskegon Middle School Wrestling Club was started in 2017 by head coach Jon Allen and has now wrapped up its third season. The 2020 team is 16 strong, ranging from the 70-pound weight class all the way up to 215-pounds and includes 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Norse wrestlers. Our high school team currently co-ops with Muskegon Catholic while our program continues to grow.

Photo: 8th grader Layne Brady prepares to take down and pin his opponent in the first period.



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A Message From Our Superintendent!



Hello Norse Nation!

Well... I am writing this on April 16th and you are reading it in mid May...

We have just started engaging in "Remote Learning." Our staff is working diligently to provide our community a Good Faith Effort to educate our students (OUR KIDS!) to the

BEST of our ability. Our students are navigating systems and working very hard to connect with their teachers and their peers. Our families are striving to maximize the school/family partnership. Our full community is changing as needed during these new times and supporting each other like never before. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! EVERYONE, THANK YOU!!!!**

As I write this, my wish is that as you are reading this we are moving forward as a community and nation. We have learned some valuable life lessons through this situation and are using those lessons to make ourselves, our family, our community and our world a better place - we all have the opportunity to improve during tough times and I know that the NM Community will always rise up to do whatever is needed for our betterment!

You have our commitment, NM School Community, that we (the NMPS Staff) will do everything in our power to provide your/our kids the skills needed to advance. This will be an ongoing process, but it will be accomplished. The NM School Community will continue to do all needed to meet the needs of OUR kids!

Thanks again!
 Curt Babcock, Ph.D.
 Superintendent of Schools

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New Leveled Reading Library at NM Elementary!



NM Elementary is excited to have a new Leveled Reading Library in our school! These books provide an additional resource, backed by research and evidence, that will help our teachers and readers during small group instruction. The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District provided professional development to train the staff on the logistics and teaching of this specialized library. This purchase was made possible through grant writing, Title I, and our school board, and will be a tremendous resource to our students for many years! Special thanks to Lori VanderWeele, E'lyse Benson, and Lindsey Bentley-Kittel for their efforts in organizing the books and our digital check out system!

NM Elementary Celebrates 100 Days of School!



Staff and students celebrated 100 fantastic days of school at North Muskegon Elementary! Students created signs, completed projects, and even temporarily became centenarians for this special day! Our supportive and generous NM PTO stocked the fridge and supplied delicious snacks for our staff.



The Impact of Shipping water from the Great Lakes on the Biosphere and Hydrosphere.

BY: Alina Crawford

All About Hydrosphere

The hydrosphere is everything in the world that's water. There's more water on the earth than anything else.

The Impact

The impact of shipping water from the Great Lakes is big for the hydrosphere because there will be water levels.

All About water Levels

Water levels are important to know because we only have little bits of fresh water and land and its good to know that.

Temperature change

The temp change is also a big deal because if it is really hot outside the water will rise and if that's bad enough we are already are taking water out for a drought.

All About biosphere

The biosphere is everything living like plants, animals, humans and lots more. The biosphere is everything inside the hydrosphere if you think about it.

The Impact

The impact of shipping water from the Great Lakes is big for the biosphere because everything in our water might die without enough water to live in Earth's water level.

Water Levels are important to know because

We only have 3% fresh water on this earth and 97% salt water. If you think about it there's more salt water than anything.

How water is distributed on Earth

97% Fresh 3% Salt

The impact on shipping water from the Great Lakes on the Biosphere and Hydrosphere

Biosphere

The Biosphere holds all the nature in the world. For example, trees, grass, leaves, plants, and more.

Shipping water does not only impact the Hydrosphere, but the Biosphere too. The water could affect nature life by water levels, stressors, evaporation, and more.

Water level change can impact the Biosphere by overflowing land and killing plants by being flooded/drowned with water. If the water level goes back down, the plants can't get enough water.

Different stressors impact the biosphere in many ways. Recreational Boating and Marina's release toxic chemicals into the water causing water plants to die. Phragmites are blocking the sunlight so the plants can't get enough.

Hydrosphere

The Hydrosphere holds all the water in the world. For example, all the water in ponds, rivers, streams, lakes, oceans, and more.

Shipping water impacts the Hydrosphere by changing the evaporation/precipitation process, causing water level changes, loss of water, and affecting the water cycle.

Water level change impacts the hydrosphere by having not enough water at times when animals need it, over usage when water rises, back up, and the water temperature might change.

Different stressors impact the hydrosphere in many ways. warmer water temperatures cause the ice caps and glaciers to melt causing impact on the hydrosphere. Recreational Boating and Marina's release chemicals into the water making the water more polluted.

The Impact of Shipping Water from the Great Lakes on Bio and Hydrosphere

Stressors

There are many stressors like Phragmites, decreased ice covers, warmer water temperatures, recreational boating, and Round Goby. Each of these effect the Biosphere and Hydrosphere, mainly Hydrosphere.

Amount of water

There is tons of water in the world, however on a little is accessible. For example, say there is 5 gallons of water in the earth, 2 cups are fresh water, in that 2 cups only 1 of a cup is accessible. That's not a lot!

Accurate Percentages:

- Fresh water: 3%
- Oceans: 97%
- Other: 0.9%
- Ground water: 0.1%
- Rivers: 2%
- Glaciers: 0.8%
- Lakes: 0.1%

The water levels are showing that there is not much fresh water in the world. There is tons of ocean water but not a lot of fresh water. This is why we should not ship water.

Spheres

We should not ship water because of the effects of the spheres. The Hydrosphere is most effected because there is not enough water we should not ship water.

Earth's Water

97% Fresh 3% other 0.9% Rivers 2% Ground water 0.1% Lakes 0.1%

Fifth Grade Science Exploration

By Lindsey Bentley-Kittel

Our NM fifth graders have been pushing themselves to the thinking rigors in Science! We finished our unit on investigating the impact of shipping 22 billion gallons of Great Lakes water to California while they were experiencing a drought. In this investigation, students studied the impact of an invasive species on our waters (Zebra Mussels), the Earth's "spheres" (Biosphere, Hydrosphere, Atmosphere, and Geosphere), the changing landscape of the Sleeping Bear Dunes and why it matters, the distribution of water on the planet, variations in lake levels and the cause and stressors on the Great Lakes. After completing the investigations, students were asked to create a poster to convince Michigan residents to make a decision concerning shipping water to California based on the impact it would have on Michigan. Students did a phenomenal job!

Information we should not ship the water!

Information

Right now nearly lakes are under stress and if we ship the water then it is a bad thing for us. Lake because we are getting rid of water but it is not good for the other lakes.

There is 3% of freshwater and 97% of salt water. If we ship that water, salt water is going to come from here and the more salt water, the less freshwater there is. Only 3% of it.

We can save the earth's resources and spheres by not shipping the water. Also, we will probably have to build a dam higher so the water won't flood over the land and destroy our wetlands and other things.

For me, so many things that will happen if we ship the water for example - Z.M.S - animals - our water - our farms - our roads - our wetlands - our plants - our water cycle - our lakes - our water - water percentage, and more.

Pictures

Ship Water because...

Information

The hydrosphere and the biosphere are impacted because the water is shipped and water in wetlands, and our wetlands are the things that are in the world.

Shipping the water will impact how much water we have left and if we take away some of our water, we'll have food of crops will die up going with that 22 billion gallons of water that they're so don't ship the water!

Zebra mussels are terrible by themselves but if we ship the water, we are bringing them to Michigan and they will be through the water.

If you take a quick think about our water shipping problem, you should probably not care but if you go deep down and think you feel bad so try to save our wetlands and resources, thank you.

We Should Not Ship the Water

Information

Water is shipped out of our homes and other things.

Wetlands

Wetlands are a big part of our ecosystem. They help with floods, they are a great place for birds, and they are a good place for fish.

Water Cycle

Evaporation, Rain, Condensation, Precipitation, Runoff.

Picture

Before - MI, After - MI, Before - Cal, After - Cal.

How water is distributed: There is more salt water than fresh water in the world. If we ship that water, there will be less water in Michigan.

Why we can't ship water to California: Shipping water to California impacts our ecosystem in a lot of ways. We can't ship the water from the Great Lakes to California because it's too far away. It's not clean, it's not good for the environment, and it's a high risk of them spreading.

Before - MI **After - MI** **Before - Cal** **After - Cal**



NM Military Wall of Honor

In recognition of our brave men and women who have served our country and continue to serve, we at North Muskegon say "Thank You." The selfless act of great Americans who have pledged to defend our Constitution and country against foreign and domestic enemies at the expense of their own lives does not go unnoticed.

On Monday, November 11th, 2019 we were honored to have veterans from across the United States attend a special ceremony dedicated to Veterans. Participating in this event was North Muskegon graduate, Class of 1965, Rear Admiral (ret.) John Hutson. He graciously dedicated his time and energy to attend the event and gave an inspirational speech to the students of North Muskegon. John Slocum, a social studies instructor here at North Muskegon and current veteran, also provided words of wisdom to the students and recognized the connection we all have to Veterans and their sacrifices.

We would like to recognize the following people and organizations who made this special day happen: Dexter Lynn, Will Gallo, Joey Tarrant, Noah Stewart, Ken Byard, Social Studies Department, NM Choir, NM Orchestra, and NM Band. Without their help, none of this would have been possible. We would also like to thank VFW Don F. Rea Post #8846 for their participation, guidance, and assistance in preparing and execution of the ceremony. Most importantly, we would like to thank all veterans who attended. Welcome home!

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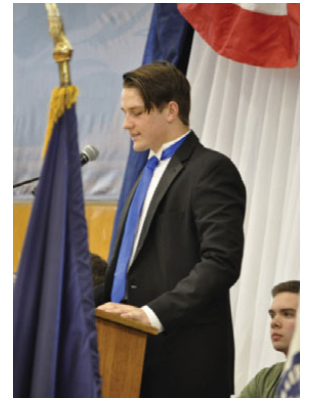
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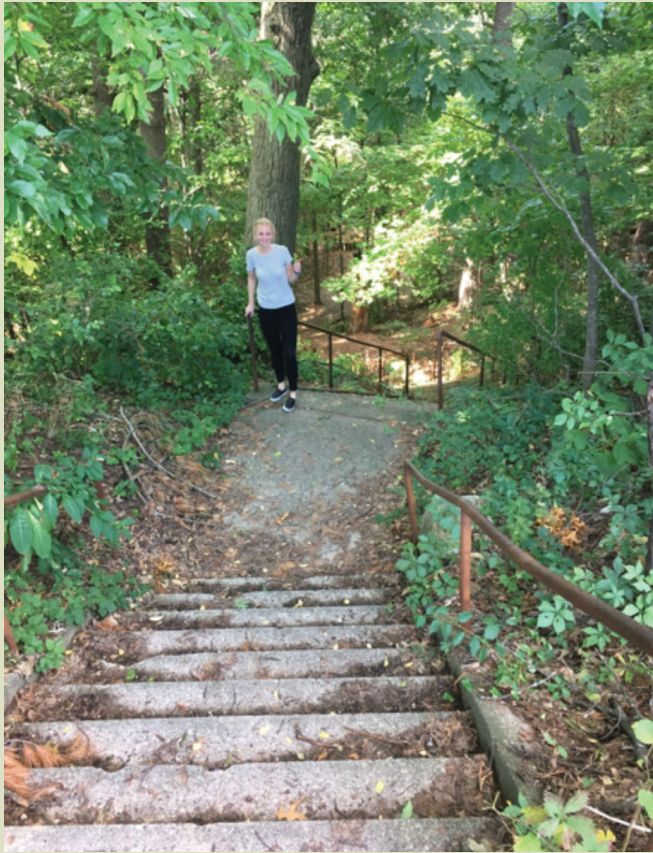


Welcome to Full Day DK!

North Muskegon Elementary will be offering a Full Day DK (Discovery Kindergarten) program for our upcoming 2020-2021 school year! We are excited to offer this option for our newest Norsemen!

Our DK curriculum combines developmentally appropriate connections to the Kindergarten Common Core State Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and Michigan Social Studies Standards. Limited class sizes provide the ideal environment for young learners. Students in our DK program combine learning through play with opportunities to focus on specific pre-reading, emergent writing, and math skills. New for our 2020-2021 school year, DK students will attend the full length of our regular school day, with appropriate breaks for rest, play, and movement built into their day.

We are looking forward to seeing you this fall!



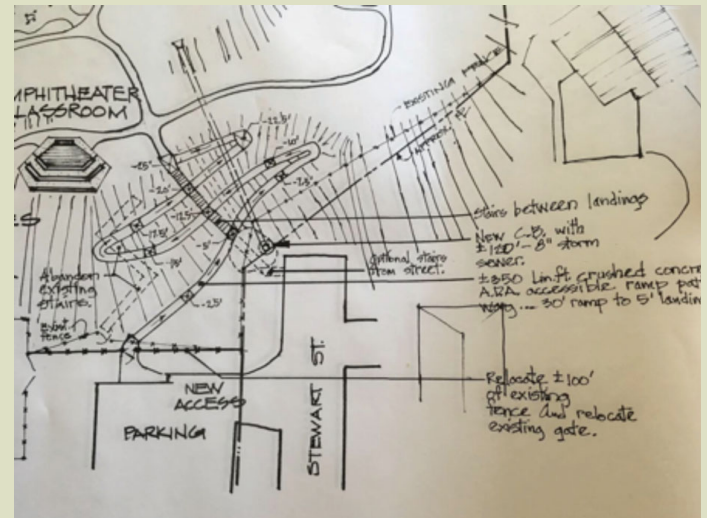
Norse Nature Area Keeps Growing!

Over the last eight years, North Muskegon School students have been working with the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, MDNR, environmental professionals, and the City of North Muskegon to develop the school's wooded property on Bear Lake, turning it into a nature area/outdoor classroom open to the public. With more than \$28,000 in grants and private donations, students removed invasive plant species, planted natives, developed trails, and built benches and a class-sized deck near the water's edge. However, the entrance to the Norse nature area is old, damaged, concrete steps on a large hill, preventing access for students and individuals with handicaps. We have applied for grants through the Muskegon Community Foundation, the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, the National Education Association, and the Norse Education Foundation, seeking private donations and partnering with the city of North Muskegon in order to construct a barrier-free ramp to allow everyone access. No Child Left Inside!

By building this ramp, we aim to provide environmental education for all ages, while supporting the restoration and

protection of our green spaces, wildlife habitat, shorelines, and water quality. Our community actively promotes full participation by all people and wants to provide access to all the beautiful spaces we enjoy in North Muskegon!

If you would like to support this effort with a financial gift, please contact Kristie Hall at 719-4107 or email nef@nmps.net for further information. Thank you for your generous support!





MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble

Many of our skilled choral performers enjoyed wonderful success at MSVMA District Solo and Ensemble this year! Our students earned ten 1st division ratings (including two perfect scores for Nova Women's Trio and Harmonics) and six 2nd division ratings.

Huge thank you to Elizabeth Jackson for helping prepare so many students! Congratulations to all who participated!

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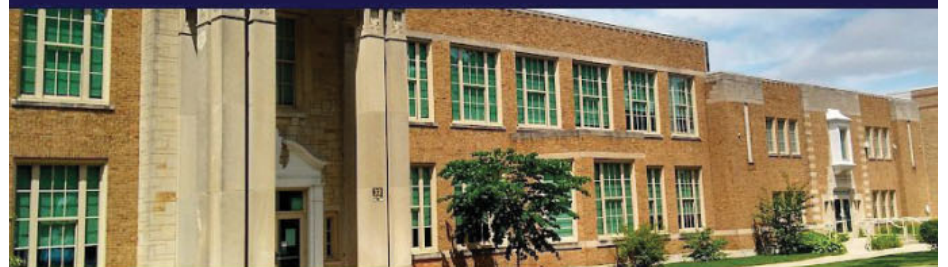
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Career Tech Center Celebrates Fresh Look and Future Focus in 2020

The Career Tech Center (CTC) in Muskegon publicly launched a major rebrand to reflect the school's dedication to providing a future-focused education to Muskegon Area students during its Connect with Tech Open House on January 29, 2020. The rebrand was in response to a poll that concluded that many parents aren't aware of the services the center provides—even though they are aware the center exists.

Since opening in 2005, the center has added new programs, increased college credit and job placement, and added programs for youth and adult learners.

The rebrand includes key marketing messages or “cornerstones” which were determined by hosting a series of focus groups with current, past, and potential students, educators, staff, and employers. These cornerstones identified the center as a leader in hands-on-learning, an institute that empowers students for their future, equips students to excel, and allows them to explore and accelerate their career. These are summed up in the CTC's new tagline, “Future. Focused.”



“By being future-focused, our hope is for our students to make a personal connection to their learning, learning that's based on real-world projects and authentic experiences that will accelerate their future,” shared Principal Kyle Fiebig.

June 15-18, 2020, future-focused seventh and eighth graders can sample programs they may like to take as high school juniors and seniors during Career Camp at the CTC. Career Camp offers four days of hands-on, career-exploration classes to current seventh and eighth grade students. Additional information may be found at summercareercamp.org.

For more information on the free career-prep programs available at the Career Tech Center in Muskegon visit muskegonctc.org and click on the Classes link or contact Stephanie Hoekenga at 231-767-3613.



NM Student at Tech Center accepted into first of its kind Student Learner Program

The International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation (SMART) Local 7's Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC), in partnership with the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center (CTC), recently signed their first participant, Asa Poulin (North Muskegon), to their new Student Learner Program. Asa, a Welding Technology student at the CTC, will receive 40 hours of industry-related education and on the job training towards the goal of registering with Local 7's Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program. According to Local 7's Training Coordinator, Darek Scarlavai, this program is the first with the association in Michigan, and possibly the nation.

Scarlavai, JATC Chairman Gary Bird, Business Representative Dave Rutz, MACTC Principal Kyle Fiebig, Welding Instructor Rod Bulthouse, and North Muskegon High School Principal Ken Byard, along with Asa's parents, Marty and Rachel Poulin were present as



he signed the Student Learner Program agreement.

"I was one of three students Mr. Bulthouse recommended for the program," shared Asa. "All three of us were then interviewed by the committee members. I was surprised and happy when I found out I was selected."

To qualify, applicants had to be at least 16 years of age, have attended a minimum of 95% of scheduled classes their freshman and sophomore years of high school, have

maintained 3.0 grade point average in classes related to the trade, submit a written recommendation from at least one teacher in a class related to the trade, be able to perform the essential functions of the trade, and complete a substance abuse screening profile.

Asa will begin the training program this December. With Asa being a senior he will only be in the Student Learner Program for one year and then advance to Local 7's apprenticeship program after graduation.

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Holiday Harmonies at North Muskegon!



North Muskegon's exceptional Orchestra, Band, and Choir musicians brightened this holiday season with their talents! Congratulations to Mrs. Angela Corbin, Mr. Cory Daniell, and Mrs. Beth Slimko on beautiful performances that added so much magic to this special time of year! Norse musicians participated in several performances on our own campus, and Mrs. Slimko's choir performed with the West Michigan Symphony at the Frauenthal Center. Thanks to our Norse musicians for developing their skills and sharing their accomplishments with us!





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★ Students of the Month ★

December Students of the Month

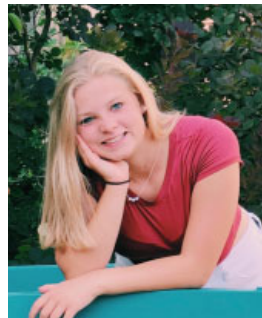


Paul Schanhals is the son of Elizabeth and Michael Schanhals, of North Muskegon. He is a member of National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. He is also a varsity lacrosse and tennis player, as well as enjoying playing hockey and box lacrosse. He enjoys reading, drawing, the melodies of The Grateful Dead, and hiking. He plans to pursue a four-year degree at a university next year.



Joseph Tarrant is the son of Kimberly and Robert Tarrant. He is a member of National Honor Society, captain of the football team, plays basketball, and runs track. In his free time he enjoys working out, playing guitar, reading, and hanging out with friends. After graduation, Joseph hopes to be appointed to attend the Naval Academy or West Point to pursue his goal of serving as an officer in the military.

Kelsey LeMieux is the daughter of Jeff and Laurie LeMieux. She is a two year member of the National Honor Society and is going to be on her third varsity season of softball. She is the president of choir council and this is her fifth year of participation. She enjoys hanging out with friends and family, shopping, camping and boating. She plans on attending Muskegon Community College for the Muskegon Promise next fall, then furthering her education at a university after she receives her associates degree to pursue her dream of being a teacher.



February Students of the Month

Emme Jensen is the daughter of Eric and Kelly Jensen. She is a member of National Honors Society, Environmental club, Norse United, Interact club, Student Council, Spanish club, National Art Honors Society, and the Student Section Council. She has participated in varsity basketball for two years and is on the Norse United council along with being an Interact team leader. In her free time, she enjoys walking her dog, shopping, hanging out with friends, swimming, and being in the sun. After high school, Emme plans to go to Muskegon Community College on the Promise scholarship and then transfer to Michigan State to earn a degree in human biology. In her future she plans to become a pediatrician and work with children.

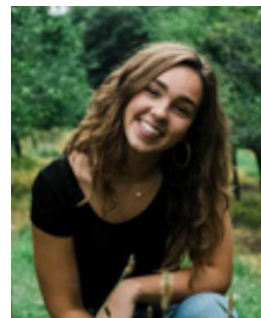


January Students of the Month



Camryn Klint is the daughter of Mark and Michele Klint. She is the Vice President of Interact and class secretary of Student Council. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Environmental Club, Norse United, Student Section Council, the Lakeshore Human Trafficking Task Force, and was co-captain of the volleyball team. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, helping others, painting,

and being outdoors. She also enjoys working with younger children at daycare and is considering pursuing an education in early childhood education at a college this fall.



Lindsey Piper is the daughter of Michelle and Travis Piper. She is captain of the girls swim team, co-president of Cabaret, and Secretary of Interact. She participates in National Honor Society and Environmental Club. In college, she would like to study Engineering and continue humanitarian work as well as expand on her love of the French language and culture. Lindsey recommends taking advantage of opportunities to travel, because as Henry Miller said, "One's destination is never a place but rather a new way of looking at things."

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Congratulations Students! ★ ★ ★

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March Students of the Month

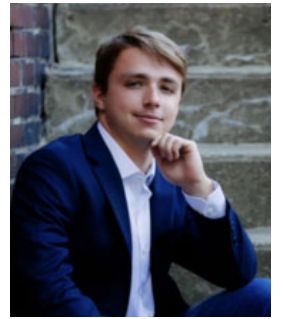


Piper Meldrum-Roy is the daughter of Rebecca and Ian Meldrum-Roy. She has played the cello for nine years. Piper has been Principal Cellist of the Muskegon Area Honors Orchestra for three years. She is in a string quartet called Mozart's Mixtape, and she is the rehearsal assistant for the West Michigan Debut Strings. At the NM Talent Show this year, Piper won the Solo and Group Act Categories. Piper has been President

or Vice-President of the French Club for five years. She has taken French for five years and Spanish for two years. Piper is Co-President of Cabaret, and in addition to planning the event, she was going to conduct the Pit Orchestra. This year, she taught French to around ten elementary students every morning before school. She teaches private

cello lessons and wants to be a High School Orchestra Teacher. She will study Music Education at Western Michigan University this fall.

Kyler Dana is the son of Brock Dana and Susanne Sanford. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He is the Executive Secretary of the Student Council. Kyler enjoys the Environmental Club and Interact. He traveled to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria on an EF Educational tour as a junior. He has been an NM football player for 4 years and a Reeths Puffer lacrosse player through a co-op. Kyler plans to further his education and play lacrosse at Hope College this fall.



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