



## Camp Fitch Continuing the Tradition



This year, the sixth graders here at NMS, yet again continued the tradition of going to Camp Fitch. For those of you who do not know, Camp Fitch is a campsite on the shore of Lake Erie. All of the surrounding schools have the opportunity to go to this camp. They have many fun activities like fishing, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, archery, horseback riding, dodgeball, etc. The students and some of the sixth grade teachers left school on Wednesday and returned in the afternoon on Friday. Since the seventh and eighth graders also went to Camp Fitch, we know a few things about the experience. But, we asked sixth graders, Abbey Reed and Nico Rossi, to give us a little more information about their exciting trip.

While at Camp Fitch the students were split into groups to go to their cabins with their counselors. Abbey Reed stated, "I loved Camp Fitch! The weather was great and there were so many fun activities to do." Abbey told us that her favorite activity was rock climbing with her friends. She told us that she loved her counselor and had a fun time telling stories and giggling with her friends. While Abbey did miss her parents, she said it was a nice break from her three other sisters at home. We asked Abbey if she would ever go back as a counselor and in general. She said she would definitely go back in general and also as a counselor. "Overall Camp Fitch was an amazing experience!!"

We also asked Nico Rossi a few questions. He told us that he particularly loved his counselor Kevin Dubaj and the wrestling match they had! Nico and some of his other crazy friends jumped into the freezing water in Lake Erie. He said, "Jumping in the lake was super fun, yet really cold and painful." Nico also stated, "Camp Fitch was decent. The food was not the best, since I am very picky, and the beds were not as comfy as I had hoped. But I did like all the fun and exciting activities." We also asked Nico if he would also go back as a counselor and in general. He told us that he would surely go back as a counselor. Lastly, he told us, "I greatly enjoyed going to Camp Fitch."

The trip to Camp Fitch was a great experience for many of the sixth graders who went. All the students had a great time, enjoying every activity that interested them most. We hope the upcoming sixth graders will have much as fun as they did!!!!

*Article By: Lindsey Swauger and Jordan Barrell*

## Letter From The Editors

Being chosen by Mrs. Ciminero and Mrs. Muccio to be the editors of the second issue of The NMS Press is very rewarding as well as very challenging. It does come with a lot of responsibilities, but we definitely enjoy the job. To begin with, we were given the task of picking everything from templates to a new storyliner. Then we had the daunting job of assigning all the articles and brainstorming for new ideas. We also had to make sure it looks "fab!", in the words of Mrs. Ciminero. Being the editors of the newspaper also means that the two of us work together on everything and listen to each other's ideas and opinions. Both of us feel that we are a very good team and have released a fantastic newspaper for your enjoyment. We hope that you will appreciate all of our hard work along with the rest of the staff's!

*Article By: Jordan Barrell and Meghan Rieser*



## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

May 16- NMS Choir Concert

May 18- New York Trip

May 23- Field Day

NMS Academic/Sports Banquet

May 24- Eighth grade Career Day

May 25- Eighth grade Honors Breakfast  
WEB Picnic

May 26- End of grading period

Last day of school

Early release at 12:40 p.m.

**Have a great summer!!**



**Autism**  
What is living with Autism really like? Julia Lastic gives us an inside look on page 2.



**Track**  
Want to read about Niles Middle School's unstoppable track team? Check out page 5!!



**Who is that Student?**  
Who am I? Take a guess on page 8!

April is Autism Awareness month. Julia Lastic, whose sister has Autism, wanted to give you her perspective about the condition.



Dear Diary,

Today somebody asked me, "What's wrong with your sister?" People ask me questions like that all the time and it makes me upset and a little angry. So instead of going off on them, I decided to vent to you. Well first of all, there is nothing wrong with my sister. She has Autism, Now you're probably wondering what it is. Basically, it is a spectrum disorder that happens when the brain develops differently and has trouble making sense of the world and helping someone communicate. The official name is not "autistic"; it is Autism Spectrum Disorder.

So diary, you are now educated a little about Autism. But now let's talk about how the public reacts to it. People have no clue about it and say things like, "Oh sorry", when there is nothing to be sorry about. When people say things like that, I infer they are saying they feel bad for who my sister is. She didn't choose to be born with Autism and I'm not ashamed to have a sister with a disability. Just because Allison has Autism- doesn't mean she is not unique and smart. She is very unique and smart just in her own way. Everybody in this world is different than one another and she is no different in that way.

Another thing that people need to understand is that she is sixteen, and is not a baby. People tend to talk to her like she is a baby and she realizes that you aren't treating her right. I treat her like I treat everybody else, nothing less; nothing more. My mom always quoted, "If you want to know how to treat somebody with Autism look at their sibling." Every once in awhile I get the question, "What's it like living with somebody who has Autism?" When people ask me that, I honestly don't know what to say. Yes, it is completely different than living with somebody who is typical, but that is all I know. I wouldn't know what it is like to live with a typical sister, all I know is living with somebody with a disability. When my sister talks to herself, that is normal for me. When my sister carries seven stuffed animals round the house, that is normal for me. When my sister has to finish everything including every, single meal that is normal to me. When my sister has melt downs over the smallest thing, that is normal for me. I'm sure most people call their sibling and they answer right way unlike me, when I have to say my sister's name multiple times to get her attention. I'm sure when my friends come over they think it is weird, but I've been living with that my whole life. Yeah, it's different lifestyle, but it's what I lived with for thirteen years now.

Diary, are probably wondering if I'm going to work with people with disabilities? I actually am going to work with children with Autism. I want to be a speech therapist, which means I would work with children or young adults to help with their communication and language. I know a lot about this type of therapy because every week, for eleven years of my life, I have been going with my mom and sister, and it is really interesting. If I do not become a Speech Therapist, I would want to be a Intervention Specialist which is a teacher who teaches students with special needs. I want to do this as a job because this is what my mom does and she tells me a lot about it.

So I guess, this rant of mine was prompted by someone again asking me about Allison. Overall, people with disabilities are truly kind hearted. Unfortunately, people are afraid of them or dismiss them in society. It breaks my heart when people are mean to people with disabilities because they can't stick up for themselves. It makes it harder when they do it to somebody you love and care about. I just want everyone to know that. Thanks for listening.

Xoxo, Julia

## A Horse of a Different Color

Hailey Esposito, an eighth grader on the NMS Press has a love for horses. We were so fascinated by her distinctive passion; Lindsey Swanger asked her a few questions on her unique interest.

**Q: What do you love the most about owning a horse?**

A: I love owning a horse because you can go spend time with him whenever I want.

**Q: How long have you been working with horses?**

A: I have been working with horses for about three years now, I've always loved them.

**Q: What made you love horses?**

A: Well my mom grew up around horses and always wanted me around horses. True love for horses is unbreakable.

**Q: What breed of horse do you have and how old is it?**

A: Right now I have a miniature and he is only a year old. His name is Casper.

**Q: Are horses expensive to care for?**

A: Yes, taking care of horses is no easy task. The supplements, and feed cost a lot. Plus the horse itself costs a lot of money too.

**Q: Do you talk to the horses?**

A: Yes, I usually say "Hi, my babies."

**Q: Explain what you did over the summer with racing horses.**

A: I would get up at four-thirty in the morning, and drive an hour to mountaineer. Then I take care of the horses like bathe, walk, groom, and even sometimes run them. On the weekends in the winter, I go to the Austintown race track and stay there all day when the horses race.



Hailey with her date, Casper, at the ball!

## Cake Pop Galeb!!

Eighth grader, Caleb Lauer has had an interest in baking for a while now, so we decided to dig a little deeper into his hobby. One of our writers, Tierni McGuire asked Caleb a few questions and these are the responses we received.

**Q: When did you find out that you wanted to start baking and how?**

A: It all started a few years back when my mom made brownies every Sunday, I loved them to death. Then later on I asked to help and instantly fell in love with baking

**Q: We heard you go to baking classes with your mom, where is it and what all do you do in those classes and what are some of the things you've learned to make?**

A: The class is in Sharon, PA. Each class you learn different desserts and better technique to cook with and etc. I've learned to make cake pops, different types of cakes and mirror cakes.

**Q: What are some of your favorite things to bake?**

A: Well of course my cake pops and my other favorite dessert is my chocolate lasagna.

**Q: Do you enjoy seeing people's faces when they eat your food, how does it make you feel?**

A: I love seeing people's faces when they eat my food, because it makes me feel proud of myself for making something that good and seeing my word pay off.

**Q: Do you bake for your family and friends? If so tell us some of your experiences.**

A: Yes, I bake for my family and friends all the time. Like for Thanksgiving I made a chocolate lasagna that made everyone's mouth drop. They couldn't believe I made something that good.

**Q: Can you give us any 'pointers'?**

A: Baking may sound fun but it's not so easy, you have to be responsible and use your time wisely when baking.



## Student Spotlights



### Gabriella Cicero

Full name: Gabriella Rose Cicero

Birthday: December 30, 2004

Favorite subject: Science

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Clark

Ambition: To get Honor Roll all year

Favorite movie: Lion King

Favorite food: Grilled Ham and cheese sandwiches

Favorite restaurant: IHOP

Favorite color: Yellow

How do you study for a test?: By reading over worksheets

What are your keys to being a good student?: By following teachers instructions, staying organized, and trying my best.



### Maurice Foster

Full Name: Maurice Aaron Foster

Birthday: March 29, 2003

Nickname: Mo

Career: Astronomer

Favorite song: Back to Back- Drake

Favorite pastime: Going to the Wellness Center

Favorite food: Pickles

Favorite restaurant: Five Guys

Favorite subject: Science

Favorite teacher(s): Mrs.Ledsome and Mr.Myers

Favorite movie: Creed

Inspirational singer: Michael Jackson

Explain what you like about choir and why you chose it?: It allows me to express my creativity.

## GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE

In March, the NMS eighth grade class took a trip to Trumbull Career and Technical Center (TCTC). This is the first time the students visited the school to get a better understanding of all the options for classes they have. The trip was also a part of the eighth grade transition program, which allows the eighth grade students to get a better understanding of high school and makes our jump from middle school to high school a little smoother.

While at TCTC, we were split up into tour groups. In these groups, we went around the school to certain classes to learn more about what they do there. There were hands-on activities and examples to show the students what exactly goes on in their classes and what careers you can pursue by taking the class.

Calista Nelson says, "The TCTC field trip was a trip that opened up a lot of new ideas for me and many other students. My favorite part was the Animal Science class. There, I was able to hold a chinchilla and see many other animals!"

Our trip to TCTC was a great opportunity for many of our eighth-graders to be introduced to many new opportunities for the future. Hopefully all of our future eighth-graders also get the chance to visit TCTC. It was a great learning experience for everybody and we had a great time!



Article By: Meghan Rieser

## THE BEST BAND IN THE LAND

What would NMS do without band? We certainly would have quiet pep rallies, no music at sporting events like football games, and there wouldn't be any concerts either. That doesn't sound very exciting, does it? Without the Niles Middle School bands, there would be hardly any school spirit. Our band, and all of the students in it, mean a lot to our school and it's only fair to give them the recognition they deserve.

So, are you thinking about joining the band? Or are you just curious about what it's like to be in the "coolest" club at NMS? Well, here's the scoop. We talked to Sydney Schlabs, one of the two percussionists in the NMS band, to get you some of those answers. We asked her how difficult band is and she replied, "It's not that hard, but it may be difficult to learn newer notes". Don't let that scare you away! We also asked her how she thinks the band has improved since sixth grade and she answered, "The band really learned how to control their notes and the dynamics. I think the longer we do it, the more fun it is". We asked Sydney one last thing that we thought you guys would find interesting.

We asked how they usually prepare for a concert. "First, I try to calm myself down because I'm so nervous" she says. "Then, I look over my music to refresh my memory" she continued.

Looks like joining the band could be fun! Imagine all of the football games and out of school activities you could be attending. Plus, you will make a bunch of new friends! Sounds like it's something everyone should consider.

Article By: Giulia Miller and Savannah Greenwood



Take a look at (from left to right) Arissa Johnson, Cassie Pleacher, and Emily Burnham showing their skills in the eighth grade hall!

## AHEAD OF THE GAME

As we welcome the 2017-18 seventh and eighth grade cheerleaders, we wish them the best for a great season. We expect them to bring a great amount of school spirit. The upcoming seventh graders cheerleaders are, Anna Loychik, Bella Eakin, Alaina Erwin, Savanna Taylor, Kadence Rowley, Marissa Bugos, Mia Keeley, and Grace Lasher. The upcoming eighth grade cheerleaders consist of Katie Buttar, Maia Kover, Lexie Palumbo, Gianna Dye, Hannah Loveless, Alissa Erwin, Megan Smith, Megan Cheeks, Laci Jeffco, and Haylie Srbinovich. The competition squad includes Alissa Erwin, Megan Smith, Marissa Bugos, Bella Eakin, Alaina Erwin, Mia Keeley, and Savanna Taylor. We wish all these girls the best of luck.

**Gooooo Dragons!!**



Article By: Emmah Mostoller  
and Abby Hillier

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ARTICLE BY: HAILEY ESPOSITO



## Back 2 Back

It's almost unimaginable and even more so--unattainable, yet the eighth grade basketball team did it again! Our boys basketball season was once again a success. Although, at the beginning of the season, the boys sometimes couldn't always bring home a win, the team was dedicated and determined. With their next upcoming games, the boys pushed themselves to give it their best to win. As they reached the championship, it got nerve-racking and the boys became more focused. Once they got through a couple games, they made it to the final draw. The last game was very intense. At the end of the game, with a winning score of 29-37, the boys took home another championship. As Jevon Tabor said, "Winning back to back championships was honestly unexpected, but I am very proud of my basketball family." Jalen Royal-Eiland also said, "At the beginning of the basketball season I felt we could repeat what we did last year if we put even more work in. During the season, there were fights, blood, sweat, and tears, but we fought through it. When we won the championships I felt very emotional because it my last game with my brothers."

As you can see, these boys worked very hard to get to where they are now. We wish them the best of luck as freshman next year and hope for them to bring home another championship!!

Article By: Emmah Mostoller and Abby Hillier



Pictured above are Jevon Tabor and Jalen Royal-Eiland and to the right is a picture of Zack Leonard blocking a pass.



## Student Spotlight



### Nicolas Arnaut

Full Name: Nicolas Anthony Arnaut  
 Birthday: September 12, 2003  
 Nickname: Nick  
 Favorite college/pro team: Ohio State and Pittsburgh Steelers  
 Inspirational sports athlete: LeBron James  
 Position you play: Point Guard/ Center Field/ Wide Receiver  
 Career: Sports Physician  
 Favorite sport: Football  
 Favorite part of being an athlete: Teamwork and the Competition  
 Favorite past time: Playing outside  
 Favorite food: Pizza  
 Favorite restaurant: Station Square  
 Favorite subject: Social Studies  
 Favorite teacher: Mrs. Merlo  
 Favorite movie: The Sandlot  
 If you were to give a halftime pep talk, what would you say: I would say never give up and work harder than you have before. You are representing your community, school, and family.



### Cassandra Pleacher

Full Name: Cassandra Ann Pleacher  
 Birthday: July 8, 2003  
 Nickname: Cassie  
 Favorite college/pro team: Ohio State  
 Inspirational Sports Athlete: Alex Morgan  
 Position You Play: Midfield  
 Career: Soccer or basketball player  
 Favorite Sport: Soccer  
 Favorite Part of Being An Athlete: Playing the game with my friends  
 Favorite Pastime: Being with my friends and family  
 Favorite Food: Pizza  
 Favorite Restaurant: Applebee's  
 Favorite Subject: Math  
 Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Partridge  
 Favorite Movie: Elf  
 What are your strategies in playing your best during a game: My strategy during the game is staying focused. During the game, the only thing I worry about is doing the best I can.

## Student Spotlight



### Tiffany Wagaman

Full name: Tiffany May Wagaman  
 Birthday: February 5, 2004  
 Nickname: Tiff  
 Favorite Subject: Math  
 Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Partridge  
 Favorite college/pro team: Ohio State  
 Track Events you participate in: 400 meter, 800 meter, 4x400 meter relay  
 Inspirational Sports Athlete: Kayla Montgomery  
 Career: Surgical Technician  
 Favorite Food: Spaghetti  
 Favorite Restaurant: Stoneyard  
 Favorite TV show/ movie: Supernatural  
 Favorite past time: Reading (Divergent, The Hunger Games)  
 Favorite Part of being an athlete: Being apart of a team  
 If you were to give a pep talk before your team runs, what would you say: Give it all you got. You are not having a race against others, it's a race against yourself.



### Nathan Lanham

Full name: Nathan Michael Lanham  
 Birthday: June 27, 2003  
 Nickname: Flash  
 Favorite Subject: Science  
 Favorite Teacher: Mrs. DiMaiolo  
 Favorite college/pro team: YSU track and cross country teams  
 Track Events you participate in: 800 meter, 1600 meter, 4 by 400 meter relay.  
 Inspirational Sports Athlete: Coach Hess and Coach Guerra  
 Favorite Athlete: Usain Bolt  
 Career: Scientific Research  
 Favorite Food: Cheeseburgers  
 Favorite Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse  
 Favorite TV show/ movie: The Flash  
 Favorite past time: Video games and reading  
 Favorite Part of being an athlete: The sense of accomplishment you get after a great race.  
 If you were to give a pep talk before your team runs, what would you say: Run your race, don't worry about the other runners. You just need to push yourself as hard as you can and beat your best time. Let's do it!

## One For The Record Books

The NMS Track Team started practice in late February of 2017. Although conditioning was tough, all of the kids participating stuck around for one main reason; they love to run! They have all worked so very hard to train for the recent and upcoming meets. Nothing is stopping them from giving it their all and topping last season!

So, what makes track so special? Well, let's start with their amazing coaches. Coach Hess, the distance coach, has been working with a huge group of students who run the 400 meter dash. There are even more kids running it this year than last. Eighth grader, Nathan Lanham, had an outstanding time of 57 seconds for the 4x4 relay. There's also the speed coach, Coach Brett, who teaches students proper form for running the 100 and 200 meter dash. Eighth grader, Travis Molnar is the team's star speed runner, with a time of 11.7 seconds (100) and 25.3 seconds (200)! We can't forget about Coach Bo, the shot put and discus coach, who has been training the team to throw their farthest.

The team has practice everyday and usually at least one meet a week. What makes it even better, is having never ending support from their fellow peers with everything they do.

Aside from the running portion of the meets, there are also other events such as hurdles and long jump. They get to travel all around the county! The best part of it all is spending it with people who you can call your family. In all, the team has made immense progress since last year. The whole team has had lots of fun and wanted us to tell you to join next year; you won't regret it! Make sure you come and support the NMS track team at every meet and represent!



Article by: Savannah Greenwood and Ciulia Miller

## SUCCESS ISN'T GIVEN; IT'S EARNED

Two of our journalists, Savannah Greenwood and Giulia Miller, asked a few eighth graders to tell us why they love playing sports here at NMS. Here are some of their answers.

"Playing a sport is a good chance to get your face time. one of the most exciting things about playing sports is the feeling you get when you make a major play in the game." -Nathan Lough, football

"What I love about playing sports is getting to run and beating my time!" -Joslyn Marion, track

"I like playing a sport because I got to be with my friends and make new ones also." -Dylan McConnell, basketball

"If you don't suffer the pain of hard work now, you will suffer the pain of losing later." -Chanfe Clinkscale, basketball and track

"I like playing sports because I love spending time with my teammates." -Jacob Eakin, basketball

"Playing sports here at NMS give you inspiration to have confidence in yourself. I love being with my team and bonding with people I don't normally talk to." -Emily Burnham, cross country, basketball, and track

"I like playing sports because I love to play football and have fun with my teammates, we call family." -Jeremy Brown, football

"Any sport you play here at NMS is about working hard to always be better. Determination, drive, and teamwork is what makes a good team." -Jocelyn Koschok, volleyball

"My favorite thing about doing a sport is getting involved. I love meeting new people and making new friends. I also love after school activities. My favorite feeling is when I push myself to my absolute limit." -Caleb Laver, track

"What I love most about playing a sport is getting the opportunity make bonds with people that last a long time. When you play a sport, it's like having a second family." -Carla Thigpen, volleyball

"What I love the most is getting the opportunity to make new friends and connect with different people." -Meghan Rieser, cheer

### Platinum Perfect

Here at NMS, we have a few students who are a part of the Krystie's Dance Academy competition team. These girls travel around for competitions almost every weekend during the competition season and are always working hard at the studio on weekdays. The weekly classes consist of our group classes, technique, and ballet. So what does it take to be a Krystie's dancer? To start, you have to be very dedicated and prepared to work hard all the time. Dancing does not come easy; you have to be willing to put in a lot of time and effort to improve yourself and the team.

Your parents should also be prepared to spend some money! Dancing is not a cheap sport!

The KDA competition team is continuing to prepare for their national competition in Ocean City, Maryland. Nationals is one of the most important competitions of the season and all of the dancers are working hard and ready to bring home a national championship! The KDA dancers from NMS are: Meghan Rieser, Haylie Sribinovich, Anna Loychik, and Kadence Rowley.



Article By: Meghan Rieser

## A Real Class Act

On October 26th, WFMJ's meteorologist, Jess Briganti, came to NMS for a big surprise! She awarded Miss Keatley, sixth grade Language Arts teacher, with the Dunkin Donuts Class Act Teacher Award. The whole sixth grade wing was flooding with staff and students as they watched Miss Keatley receive her surprises with a smile from ear to ear! She was awarded with a candy bowl that she will cherish and also many bright balloons. She is very appreciative towards Mrs. Mahan because if it weren't for her, none of this would've happened. In her letter to WFMJ, Mrs. Mahan said, "Miss Anna Keatley is an outstanding Language Arts teacher at Niles Middle School. She has innovated ways to teach chapter books. She challenges the students to think "outside the box" by

relating the character's situation to their own personal situations." She goes on to say, "In these uncertain times, it's a breath of fresh air to see someone like her showing and teaching students not to be self-focused and that everyone belongs." Her kind words about Miss Keatley are heartwarming. She will continue to inspire all of the students at NMS and certainly the ones who she will get in the future.



Article By: Giulia Miller and Savannah Greenwood

## AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE

One of our writers, Meghan Rieser, asked our eighth grade teachers here at NMS what they would miss most about the eighth grade class. Here are their answers.

**Mrs. Partridge-** These are some of the most hardworking students I have ever had. They have made me so proud. I will miss their precious little faces and will love them forever!

**Mrs. Ciminero-** "I'm going to miss my journalism girls so much! I looked forward to seeing their eager faces everyday and I loved to watch them put everything they had into their assignments. They set the bar very high for anyone who applies for this class. Thank you girls for everything!"

**Mrs. Muccio-** "I am going to miss the unique personalities of each of my classes. Every one of my classes has their own great personality!"

**Mrs. Parry-** "This eighth grade class is full of so many awesome students with great personalities and enthusiasm! I'm going to miss all of our lively class discussions and debates. My students have so many great ideas and opinions about current events and politics, and I'm going to miss hearing all of their perspectives."

**Ms. Ledsome-** "I will miss all of your individual personalities. It has been a pleasure seeing you all grow throughout this school year. The transformation that has taken place from the first day of school until now is amazing. Seeing you all continue to mature is what I will miss the most."

**Mrs. Merlo-** "What I will miss about the eighth grade class is their camaraderie, their generally positive attitude (despite some complaints about reading), and their kindness."

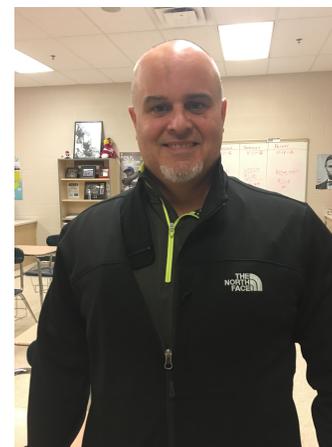
**Mrs. Woloschak-** "I will miss the unique and distinctive personalities of all my students. Also, they put up with my dancing in science class!!!!"

**Mrs. DiMaiolo-** "I will miss my fellow Michigan fans from this eighth grade class- it's always nice to spend time with other highly intelligent people! And I will truly miss seeing all of my students. I am so happy that I was able to be a part of their lives, if only for a short time. Best wishes and love to you all and remember my 10-15 year rule!!!"

**Mrs. Burnham-** "I will miss the eighth graders' enthusiasm and their sense of humor. I will also miss their very spirited debates that they engaged in throughout the year. I taught some of these kids in first grade, and seeing them grow and mature has been a privilege."

**Mrs. Myers-** "The thing that I will miss the most about the eighth graders is their sense of humor. They have the unique ability to make light of pretty much every situation, which is refreshing sometimes."

## Teacher Spotlights



### Mr. Guarnieri

Full Name: T.C Guarnieri  
 Birthday: July 14, 1970  
 Subject you Teach: 7th Grade World History  
 Favorite subject: World History  
 High School: Niles McKinley  
 College: Youngstown State University  
 Kids: Anthony (20) and Nicky (16)  
 Hobbies: Fly Fishing/ Kayaking  
 Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Indians  
 Favorite Restaurant: Noni's  
 Favorite Food: Aunt Mary's Pasta Fagioli  
 Favorite Movie: God Father I  
 Favorite Band/ Singer: Van Halen and Metallica  
 If I were not a teacher, I would be: Architect  
 My Favorite Part About Teaching At NMS is: Mr. Hoover's positive morning quotes.  
 Something else you should know about Mr. Guarnieri: "I think NMS is the greatest school because of it's awesome staff and strong leadership. I can't imagine working anywhere else!!"



### Mrs. Partridge

Full Name: Meghan Marie Partridge  
 Birthday: October 28  
 Subject You Teach: Pre- Algebra, Advanced Math 7, Algebra I  
 High School: Niles McKinley  
 College: Youngstown State University  
 Hobbies: Sitting on the couch in my PJs all day on Pinterest while watching Netflix  
 Favorite Sports Team: Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland Browns, and Cleveland Indians  
 Favorite Restaurant: El Jalapeno  
 Favorite Food: Mexican  
 Favorite Movie: Any movie with Leonardo DiCaprio  
 Favorite Band/Singer: Taylor Swift and Sleeping at Last  
 Favorite Disney princess: Belle and Rapunzel  
 If I Were Not A Teacher, I Would Be: A Psychiatrist  
 My Favorite Part About Teaching At NMS Is: My Awesome Students!!  
 Something you should know about Mrs. Partridge: "I think it's super important to mention my cats (aka babies) Binks Bilius and Flynn Rider!!"

## Welcome Back Mrs. Raptis!!

For those of you who do not know, Mrs. Raptis is going to be our new assistant principal next year. We asked Mrs. Raptis how she feels about returning to NMS and she said, "I am very excited to come back to the middle school as an assistant principal! I am looking forward to working with the middle school students and staff, and to again have the opportunity to team up with your fantastic, energetic, and dedicated Lead Principal-Mr. Reigle! He is exceptionally committed to ensuring all students of NMS have the opportunity to learn and grow, as well as enjoy the true meaning of what being a Niles Dragon is all about! The middle school staff is like family to me as I have spent most of my career with them, and I am excited to have the chance to work with everyone again. The professionalism and expertise of the Niles Middle School staff is top-notch! We share the same philosophies of education regarding pride in the students and families of our Niles community! Most importantly, I truly enjoy working with students who are in their "middle years" of education; as they advance educationally into young teenagers transitioning to the high school. I will see you all soon, and as always, Go Dragons!!!" We are all very happy to welcome Mrs. Raptis back to Niles Middle School. We are looking forward to see what she brings to our school next year!

Article by: Hailey Esposito

## May Birthdays

5/1 - Khrys Tal Scissum  
 5/3 - Christian Prenzlin  
 5/4 - Miranda Spell, Tyler Haggerty, Brooke Barton  
 5/6 - Alexis Howley, Mark Morgan  
 5/7 - Katherine Buttar, Halle Snider, Lillian DeFalco  
 5/8 - Tiffany Lewis  
 5/9 - Mrs. Matash  
 5/10 - Miranda Bugos, Luke Bryan, Hayden McCoy, Mrs. Houser  
 5/12 - Maddax Whaley, Dylan Binion, Michael Groover, Kaitlin Butts, Cadance Slanina  
 5/13 - Mr. Guarnieri  
 5/14 - Haylie Sbrinovich, Ariana DeLuca, Kaedynce Kasiewicz, Neal Fickes, Brianna Moor  
 5/15 - Christyan Dodson  
 5/16 - Victoria Rupert  
 5/17 - Makala Hickey, Ethan Zayas Correa, Sean Swiger

5/19 - Calista Nelson  
 5/20 - John Saunders, Amber Griffin  
 5/21 - David Amsden - Michel, Mr. Orlando  
 5/23 - Julia Lastic, Ryan Foreman  
 5/24 - Tamairi Jackson, Dominic Chieffo, Makayla Williams  
 5/27 - Scott Johnson  
 5/28 - Savanna Harvey, Heather Matland, Anthony Christopher, Dominic Christopher  
 5/29 - Hayden Peyatt, Dennis Thomas

### Famous Birthdays

5/1 - Lizzy Greene  
 5/2 - Dwayne Johnson  
 5/11 - Sabrina Carpenter, Cam Newton  
 5/13 - Debby Ryan, Candice Accola  
 5/14 - Miranda Cosgrove  
 5/18 - Tina Fey  
 5/21 - Kevin Quinn  
 5/29 - Tobin Heath

## Princess Julia Weighs in on *Beauty and the Beast*

So I know all of you are wondering about the newest "princess" movie *Beauty and the Beast*. If you don't know the plot of *Beauty and the Beast* (which I don't know how you wouldn't) I'm going to tell you. It is about a selfish prince who only cared about himself, so he got cursed by an old lady. The prince was transformed into a beast! The beast was given a rose and was told the only way the curse would be broken was if he learned to love before the last petal fell. Enter Belle, she was the one who was beyond looks and fell in love with heart. So, does Belle ever learn to love the Beast? You have to watch it yourself to see the whole story.

Here are my opinions about the movie. The theme is my favorite- true love is found within. It was very touching when Belle and the Beast had their first dance. I loved how the cartoon came to life with real people. And they even added modern day situations that weren't from the original movie.

Were there any let downs in this movie? Maybe a few. The setting of the story was in France while Belle had a British accent. I also thought the Beast was cuter as a beast than a prince. I think I fell in love more with the Beast than the prince. But was that what the producers meant to do? I mean the theme is about accepting and loving others who aren't so "perfect." So, if you are wondering if you should see *Beauty and the Beast*,--ABSOLUTELY!!

Article By: Belle's twin, Julia Lastic

1. Leah Narotsky 2. Ashton Russo 3. Billy Moss 4. Anthony Vigorito 5. Haylie Sbrinovich 6. Samuel Perrone 7. Zack Leonard 8. Anna Loychik 9. Brooke Isabelle

## ~PET PEEVES~

Tierni McGuire, one of the eighth graders here at NMS asked several students and teachers what their biggest pet peeves are and these are some of their responses.

**Lindsey Swauger-** "When someone breaks up with you over text."

**Abigail Hillier-** "People walking slowly in the hallway."

**Emmah Mostoller-** "When boys leave the toilet seat up."

**Mrs. Merlo-** "People who don't clean up after themselves. Lame excuses. Bullies. People who are impolite or cranky. Unnecessary drama. Reality TV."

**Chris Loychik-** "When girls are over dramatic about their love life."

**Mrs. Ciminero-** "When my husband decides to clean the kitchen when I'm in the middle of cooking."

**Jordan Barrell-** "When your parents come in your room at night and don't shut the door when they leave. When someone doesn't answer for no reason."

**Julia Lastic-** "When someone tries to one up me."

**Mr. Havrilla-** "When kids sit in your class for twenty minutes then tell you have nothing to write with."

**Sheila Spencer-** "My biggest pet peeve is when a student bullies someone and they get in trouble, but lies and say they didn't do it."

**Madelyn Comer-** "My biggest pet peeves are people that are snobs, only like stuff about themselves, don't stick up against bullying, and exclude their friends out of activities that they do with other friends."

**MacKenzie Conner-** "My biggest pet peeve is my brothers because they're so annoying."

**Amy Bowman-** "My biggest pet peeve is the sound of people playing with styrofoam."

**Kaylie Witt-** "My biggest pet peeve is when other people ask the same question over and over again."

**Nevaeh Bailey-** "My biggest pet peeve is people biting their nails and also chewing on their glasses."

**Madison Bell-** "My biggest pet peeve is when my brother and sister scratch me."

## The Pros and Cons of being a Third Wheel

### A Humorous Editorial by Abby Hillier.



*I'm Abby Hillier and my life consists of watching Netflix, eating snacks, and unfortunately at times, third wheeling. Third wheeling isn't the best. I get to walk around and spend time with cute couples while I don't have a significant other for myself. I've honestly been living the single life for five years now. Going places with couples such as the mall, out to eat, or at their house is all the same. I sit there and wonder why am I even here? I watch them laugh, giggle, and flirt, but don't get me wrong, I actually enjoy being single. You can sit on the couch without having to worry about texting him so he doesn't get mad, watch TV, eat a whole bag of chips, and not worry about anything. It's pretty fun if I say so myself. I don't have to worry about a boy cheating on me or breaking up with me. Hopefully one day I won't have to be a third wheeler anymore and then my friends will be the ones writing about me. So any takers?? I'm single and ready to mingle!!!!!!*

# Who's That Student??



Zack Leonard



Brooke Isabella



Ashton Russo



Leah Narotsky



Anna Loychik



Anthony Vigorito



Billy Moss



Haylie Srbinovich



Samuel Perrone

Answers on the bottom of page 7!

<p><b>1. Plays soccer</b></p> <p><b>Favorite show is <i>Stranger Things</i></b></p> <p><b>Favorite subject is Language Arts</b></p> <p><b>Likes to run</b></p>	<p><b>2. Basketball player</b></p> <p><b>Likes to also play baseball</b></p> <p><b>On the Prep Bowl team</b></p> <p><b>Favorite subject is math</b></p>	<p><b>3. Very enthusiastic</b></p> <p><b>Likes to dance around in class</b></p> <p><b>Plays football</b></p> <p><b>Likes to play <i>Minecraft</i></b></p>
<p><b>4. Favorite show is <i>The Walking Dead</i></b></p> <p><b>Likes to play video games</b></p> <p><b>Favorite subject is Language Arts</b></p> <p><b>Loves to play football</b></p>	<p><b>5. Obsessed with sharks</b></p> <p><b>Dances at Krystie's Dance Academy</b></p> <p><b>Favorite color is black</b></p> <p><b>Favorite movie is <i>The Shallows</i></b></p>	<p><b>6. I love chicken fries</b></p> <p><b>My dogs name is Ollie</b></p> <p><b>I love to play baseball</b></p> <p><b>My older sister was on the NMS Newspaper Staff</b></p>
<p><b>7. Favorite movie is <i>Grease</i></b></p> <p><b>Has bushy eyebrows</b></p> <p><b>Likes to play sports</b></p> <p><b>Loves Mr. Toth</b></p>	<p><b>8. Loves to dance</b></p> <p><b>Name rhymes with "banana"</b></p> <p><b>Loves to shop</b></p> <p><b>Has a brother in eighth grade</b></p>	<p><b>9. Plays soccer</b></p> <p><b>Favorite show is <i>Full House</i></b></p> <p><b>Favorite soccer player is Neymar</b></p> <p><b>Favorite food is pizza rolls</b></p>

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Have a safe and happy summer from your Councilman, Michael "Bear" Lastic!!! Thank you, Mr. Lastic, very much for donating to the NMS Newspaper. You truly made this newspaper happen!