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May 2019



Principal's Corner

A message from Thomas Einhorn, Principal, Newtown Middle School

Happy May!!!
 Our eighth graders have just returned from their 3-day, 2-night trip to Washington, D.C., which is one of the culminating experiences of their middle school years. We all were so incredibly proud of our students. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our parent and teacher chaperones, you are the greatest!! Our eighth graders have already completed their high school scheduling process for next year. Their exciting Moving-Up Ceremony has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th at the Newtown High School gymnasium. Bands, choirs, and orchestras are performing their final concerts for this school year later this month, please see our school website and calendar for these and other important dates. The sixth graders at Reed Intermediate are beginning the transition process by indicating their world language preference of either Spanish or French, and their music choice. They will be coming for visits with their parents for an introductory evening focusing on all aspects of middle school life on

May 7th and May 8th.

So much learning has happened this year; so many relationships have been formed and deepened. These are endings to rejoice over, and beginnings to build upon. Thank you, parents, for the vital part you play! Our kids -in-the-middle are the greatest!

All the best,

Tom Einhorn

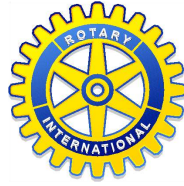
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Assistant Principal's Corner

By James Ross, Assistant Principal

Newtown Rotary Club Students of the Month



April 2019

**Grade 7 - Newtown Middle School
Carissa-Leigh S.**

Carissa-Leigh S. has been unanimously selected as the 7 Red Rotary Club Student of the Month for April 2019 by her cluster teachers, in honor of her exceptional and exemplary character, work ethic, and academic success. Each school day Carissa displays an abundance of quiet confidence and determination. Since her first marking period at NMS, Carissa has achieved grades of 95% and above in each subject in each marking period. Her science teacher Ms. Dye reports that her cell project was "one of the best I've seen in years." Mrs. Laferriere, Language Arts teacher, calls Carissa an "accomplished writer who takes a creative approach to assignments." Carissa plays percussion in the NMS Band and is a member of Art Enrichment. During the middle school's December Kindness and Service Campaign, Carissa created hand drawn holiday cards for her classmates, teachers, and patients at a children's hospital. Last summer Carissa participated in the Scratch coding camp at Reed, and she has continued to investigate coding with Code Rush here at NMS. Ms. Hallak, Ms. Dye, Mr. Ryan, and Mrs. Laferriere congratulate Carissa on her phenomenal achievement thus far in the year and look forward with happy anticipation to her future success.

Guidance Office

Tina Broccolo, Susan Connelly, Leanne Fuccillo, Tanya Hague-Doehr



Greetings parents! The counseling department of NMS is proud to offer our last in a series of Coffee Talks during the 2018-19 school year. Our next Coffee Talk of the year will be held on Friday, May 17th from 7:30am-8:30am at Newtown Middle School Room B6.

This Coffee Talk will be an informal gathering of parents and school counselors to answer questions that are relevant to you, the families.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Please save the date and plan on attending our first Coffee Talk on May 17th.

Please RSVP to Stacey Premus at 203-426-7645 or premuss@newtown.k12.ct.us. Hope to see you there!

Tina Broccolo
Leanne Fuccillo
8th Grade Counselors

Susan Connelly
Tanya Hague Doehr
7th Grade Counselors

Student Council News

Susan Musco and Shari Oliver

8th Grade Moving Up Dinner Dance

The end of the school year is fast approaching and Student Council has been busy preparing for the 8th Grade Moving Up Dinner Dance, which will be held on Friday, May 31st at Reed Intermediate School. This is a semi-formal dance so student attire should be appropriate. Students should not wear tuxedos, jeans, t-shirts, strapless or backless dresses, dresses with bare midriffs, long dresses (below calf length), or formal prom gowns. Students attending the dance must be in school for the full day on May, 31st. There will be no early dismissals for hair or nail appointments. Dance tickets, for \$30 each, will be on sale from Monday, May 13 through Friday, May 17. Check the NMS website for further details on how to purchase tickets.



Since this will be Student Council's last article for this school year, the advisors would like to thank you for all of your support. Enjoy the rest of the year, and have a wonderful summer!!



PTA NEWS



Well Spring is in full swing and I am sure that like my family, yours is very busy with sports and the many after school activities your children participate in. Hopefully you all had a wonderful and restful Spring Break. The NMS PTA is so thankful to all of our Middle School parents who attended our last General Meeting on April 11th. We voted as a parent body to advocate for a YES vote for the Education Budget on Referendum Day last month. Thankfully the Education Budget was passed, so THANK YOU to all of you who went out and voted. You truly made a difference.

As the school year is winding down, the NMS PTA has a couple of more ways for you to participate this year. We will be holding a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday May 9th. We are looking for some donations through our Perfect Potluck. A copy of the link will be attached to this newsletter. I love having this Luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week, it really lets the Teachers and Staff know how much we appreciate everything they do for our students all year. Thank you for your continued support. We also are in need of some more volunteers for our 8th Grade Dance committee. Typically, the 7th Grade parents get together and decorate for the 8th Grade Dance. We have two fabulous Dance Committee chairs Laura Tashjian and Dawn Roman-Weide. If you would like to join their committee please contact Laura at lauramort@aol.com OR Dawn Roman-Weide at earlymorning1@juno.com.

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=BCLQ3767>

Please Join Us

Family involvement is a long tradition at the NMS and one of our greatest strengths. The more you engage with the school community, the more rewarding your experience at NMS will be. We encourage you to look for opportunities to volunteer and share your experience and talents. Our final NMS PTA General Meeting will be held on May 29th where we will be voting in next year's Executive Board, voting on our Budget for 2019/2020. Please join us for coffee and bagels! Our meeting begins at 9:15am in the NMS room B6 and typically lasts about 45 minutes. I hope to see you there! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Best regards, Melissa Beylouni – NMS PTA President NMS PTA Executive Board Kristen Bonacci — First Vice President Beth Hegarty — Second Vice President Jennifer Chaudhary — Treasurer Janet Ziperstein — Secretary

PTA NEWS

**We are still in need of a few more
volunteers for the
8th Grade Dance**

Please contact Laura Tashjian at laurammort@aol.com
OR Dawn Roman-Weide at earlymorning1@juno.com



*The NMS Drama Club wishes to acknowledge our fantastic school community for its support of our Spring Musical, **Beauty and the Beast, Jr.** Staff, students, and families showed their appreciation of the work put forth by our student artists, technicians, and performers with record breaking attendance at every performance!*

Physical Education Department

The Physical Education Department will be hosting a Family Fitness Fun Night in the A Wing Gymnasium on May 9, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will be playing volleyball and encourage parents to join their children in participating in a fun and healthy activity. Please email Michelle Fontaine at fontainem@newtown.k12.ct.us and let us know that you plan on attending and how many members of your family will be coming. We look forward to seeing you there!

This night is part of a larger initiative that encourages families to find ways to spend time together while doing something healthy and fun.

Here are some Tips to Get Moving!

- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Limit TV time and keep the TV out of your child's bedroom.
- Walk around the block after a meal.
- Make a new house rule: No sitting during television commercials.

Family Fun

- Spend time together with a family park day, swim day, or bike day.
- Involve the whole family in household chores: cleaning, vacuuming, and yard work.
- Issue a family challenge to see who can be the first to achieve a "Presidential Active Lifestyle Award" by committing to physical activity five days a week for six weeks.
- Celebrate special occasions – birthdays, anniversaries – with something active such as a hike, volleyball game, or a Frisbee match.
- Facilitate a safe walk to and from school for the kids in your neighborhood once a week.
- Volunteer to help with after-school physical activity programs or sports teams.



NMS Math Department

Math Team



The Newtown Middle School Math Team traveled to New Canaan on April 10th to compete in the final meet of the season. Our team had a strong start in the first round and was able to hold the lead throughout the competition. Newtown not only finished first in the meet, but they also finished **first** overall for the entire season! Way to go math team! The Fairfield County Math League Trophy will be housed in Newtown for one year. It is in the lobby, stop by and take a look at it!

Congratulations to the entire team for a great season and a very special thanks to our 8th graders:

8th Graders:

Logan Akbas, Gabbi Arguello, Jackson Baimel, PJ Cooney, Josh DiNallo, Noelle Fogal, Braden Hazard, Caroline Kordik, Max Luci-Bernard, Grace Miller, Shreyas Potnuru, Connor Troy, and Adrian Wadhwa

7th Graders:

Andrew Arena, Jack Chappa, Nick D'Amico, Miguel Gutierrez, Brady Macey, Dylan Macey, Noah Masotta, Arion Polozani, Lauren Smiley, Thomas Tzakas, Timothy Via and Tyler White

6th Graders:

Sadie Baimel, Audit Jerfy, Reese Lischuk, Edward Liu, Jonathan Ramzy, Giovanio Rivera, Ashani Shetty, Elizabeth Stevenson, Kaila Sullivan, Advait Vedant and Derrick Yu

Social Studies Department

Congrats to Filippo Formica who proudly represented Newtown Middle School at the National Geographic Geography Bee state finals at Central CT State University on Friday, 3/29. Out of hundreds of students who competed from across the state, Filippo was only 1 of 19 students who got 1 question wrong. He competed for the 5 spots in the top 10 but unfortunately did not make it into the final round.

Filippo's impressive showing makes all of us at NMS proud!



Student Based Health Center



MEET OUR NEW NURSE PRACTITIONER AT NMS SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

SBHC FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER NAMED "PROVIDER OF THE YEAR"



Karen White, APRN, stands in the CIFIC School-Based Health Center exam room at the Danbury High School.

Karen White, APRN, who has worked tirelessly for many years helping local students with their diverse health needs, has been named Provider of the Year by the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers.

Karen, a family nurse practitioner, has worked at the Danbury High School School-Based Health Center since 2001. She joined CIFIC in 2013, after CIFIC took over operations of the high school's school-based health center from the city of Danbury. She

also works at CIFIC's school-based health center at Newtown Middle School.

"Over the years, I have been a witness to her dedication to assisting students with improving their health, well-being, and achieving academic success," said Melanie Bonjour, CIFIC School-Based Health Center Manager and president of the Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers. "Karen is a true advocate for the students served through our health center, empowering each one to be the best they can."

According to her nomination letter, Karen consistently goes above and beyond in providing care to her patients, and is always available all-hours, evenings and weekends, if students need to reach her.

Karen said she felt "humbled" by the award. "It's been an honor to serve these kids," she said. Karen will be honored on May 10 at the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers conference in Southbury.

NMS Art Department

It's Here !

It is that time of year to celebrate the 2019 Opus Optima Award Winning Literary Magazine publication.



This art filled, literary wonder showcasing over 80 NMS students, is now available to purchase for \$20.00. Fill out the order form and send it in with your student. Copies can be purchased from Miss Coles in room A1 or Mrs. Olsen in room A12. Cash and check (made out to NMS w/ Lit Mag in memo) are both accepted.

Don't miss the opportunity to own this year's magazine!
Check out the list of featured students on the next page!

Abigail M.	Addie S.	Adriana R.	Aeryn C.
Aidan H.	Ainsley M.	Aislynn R.	Alex H.
Alexa M.	Alison P.	Allie K.	Alyssa J.
Andalucia R.	Andrew S.	Angie R.	Anna O.
Anna W.	Annika F.	Ashley H.	Ayla R.
Bella T.	Ben S.	Bennet S.	Bryson L.
Caeley S.	Casey B.	Cate D.	Christian A.
Claire N.	Colby H.	Colette B.	Danielle G.
Elijah W.	Ellia M.	Emily J.	Erin M.
Ethan H.	Eva B.	Eve K.	Faith B.
Gabriella A.	Gillian T.	Giselle M.	Grace L.
Grace H.	Hanna R.	Jason Q.	Jennifer D.
Jessica R.	Joey A.	Joseph C.	Joshua U.T.
Jules K.	Kaelin R.	Katie N.	Kevin M.
Kimora C.	Kirtana K.	Kyle T.	Maren L.
Mark S.	Melissa T.	Nate L.	Nick D.
Noelle F.	Olivia M.	Paige A.	Paige T.
Peter S.	Rebecca M.	Riley B.	Ryan G.
Ryan Gi.	Ryann H.S.	Sadie G.M.	Savanna R.
Sean K.	Skylar L.	Skyler H.	Stone M.
Tanner L.	Treasa O.	Vivien V.	William E.
Yazmin Y.	Zachary L.		

2019 literary Arts Magazine

Order form

Our award winning literary arts magazine, The Opus Optima, features OVER 80 of NMS's very own students! We also have QR Codes embedded in the book that have audio files that will read the pieces to you!

Don't miss out on purchasing a copy of your student's work.

Fill out the form below, and send it in with the money to Miss Coles in room A1 or to Mrs. Olsen in room A12.



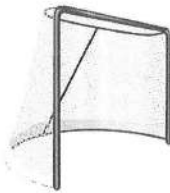
Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

of Copies _____ x \$20.00 each = Total: \$ _____ .00

Accepted forms of payment: Cash or Check (made out to NMS w/ Lit Mag in memo)

	<p style="text-align: center;">Middle School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Intramural</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Floor Hockey</p>
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FREE



- Description:** Games played with Floorball Equipment. Sticks will be provided for all participants. Fast paced and fun!
- For:** All 7th and 8th Graders
- Location:** A-Gym
- Dates:** *April 29 May* 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22
- Time:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- What to wear:** Sneakers, Shorts/Sweatpants, T-shirt/Sweatshirt
- What to bring:** Water/Gatorade
- Registration:** Take this Copy & Return it signed (on back) by parents to Mr. Esposito **ROOM A-10**
- Coaches:** Esposito and Lovell

Intramural Permission Slip

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Participants will meet in the A- Wing Gym. Please make arrangements to pick up your child promptly at 3:30.

Please have your child bring this section of the form to Mr. Esposito in A-10.
Students will not be allowed to participate without submitting this completed form.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Dates to Remember

Look for details in the Lion's Roar or on the NMS website <http://nms.newtown.schooldesk.net/>



May 7th

Incoming 7th Grade Orientation
Letters A-K

May 8th

Incoming 7th Grade Orientation
Letters L-Z

May 9th

Family Fun Fitness Night
6-7PM A-Gym

May 13th

7th grade Spring Concert
7PM @ NHS

May 14th

8th grade Spring Concert
7PM @ NHS

May 24th

Staff Development Day
Early Dismissal
12:32PM
Lunch served

May 27th

No School

May 31st

8th Grade Dance
@ Reed 6:30PM-9:30PM



June 11th

Early Dismissal
12:32PM
Lunch served

June 12th

Early Dismissal
12:32PM
Lunch served

June 12th

8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

June 13

Last Day of School
Early Dismissal
12:32PM
Lunch served

