

THE BLUE EAGLE BULLETIN

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GUEST SPEAKERS OFFER STUDENTS CAREER INSIGHT

by Michael Ostrowski and Ellie Kane

Every few weeks, Ms. Osborn brings in a guest speaker to talk to students about their careers and education paths.

The speakers have really opened up students' eyes as to the many routes they can take to achieve a rewarding

career. But have you ever wondered about how this came to be? This October, Mrs. Osborn started bringing in guest speakers to inform students about the various careers and education paths we could pursue once we graduate from high school. She has brought in a total of 9 guest speakers. She said the most influential speaker was a Duquesne admissions counselor because she made the process so easy to understand for students. Understandably, the representatives from the FBI were the most popular because of their interesting career paths and the crime and mystery they face on a daily basis.

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NAMS students have gotten career and education guidance from some great guest speakers.

A few other notable speakers were PA Representative Joe Emrick, an HR Generalist from St. Luke's, and the director of Undergraduate Recruitment at Moravian University. Ms. Osborn has done a fantastic job bringing in a variety of speakers and looks forward to bringing in more in the future. If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker, feel free to Schoology message her. We look forward to all the speakers she brings in, and the speakers you may recommend.

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MURAL RECOGNIZES NAMS MUSIC PROGRAM

by Grace Perez

The NAMS music hallway has been a blank, white wall canvas since the school was built. However, that has finally changed! Mrs. Candler, our fantastic art teacher here in the middle school, created a STEAM dedicated to students who love art and were willing to dedicate time to paint a massive mural. This mural is located next to Mrs. Boger's piano class, and the painting contains many musical aspects from previous shows held here in NAMS, the MC Live! stage, band instruments, and orchestra instruments.

This STEAM is called "Mural Makers," and it has taken two STEAM rotations for the students to create this masterpiece. On the first day of the course, the students did some research to find inspiration for this music mural. In this research, they found photos that could supply some ideas for this project. At first, the students faced many challenges in the painting process. For example, there was a small obstacle when they discovered the piano keys were placed incorrectly. However, the students spotted the issue, overcame the problem, and continued putting their all into this gorgeous mural.

It's been amazing watching the vibrant colors come to life on this once-blank wall. Everyone who participated grew as an artist by daring to paint new things, accepting feedback and suggestions on their work, and each artist was able to incorporate their ideas and find inspiration. Next time you walk down this hallway, take a second to admire the wonderful art created by your very own peers!



The "Mural Makers" created this mural in the NAMS music hallway.

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BEHIND THE SCENES OF EAGLE VISION

by Chelsea Dressler

Every morning a group of students work together to produce a news show for all of Nazareth Area Middle School. What people don't see is the work that goes into putting the show together. Eagle Vision operates in "teams" that alternate hosting the show every day. The teams need to coordinate as a group and discuss who will take on what roles because those roles alternate between each person every show.

Everyone on the Eagle Vision team needs to be prepared to do any of the tasks needed to put the show on. Prepping the show is an extensive process that has many steps. The people on the show, or the "hosts," must research their given segment and write their own scripts, then get them approved.



Then backgrounds are made to complement the specific script the hosts read. The members must have the entire show ready the day prior by loading the entire script onto the teleprompter, updating the slideshow, and making sure backgrounds are fully loaded. The morning of the show, the teams report to the Eagle Vision studio and are prepared to fully operate. The next time you watch the morning news show you will understand that a live broadcast does not just happen; there is hard work that goes on behind the scenes of Eagle Vision.

EV keeps students informed and entertained with a live broadcast each morning.

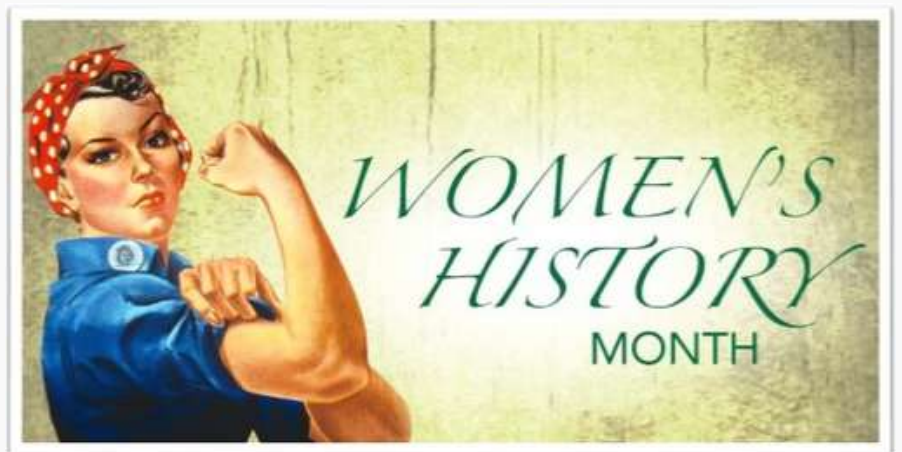
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MARCH FORWARD: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

by Renna Coyle

Women's History Month is a month dedicated to reflecting on the often-overlooked contributions of women in United States history. You may ask why Women's History Month is celebrated in March, and it is because in 1978 the education task force of Sonoma County, California planned a "Women's History Week" celebration. The organizers selected the week of March 8th to correspond with International Women's Day.

March has gone purple, green, and white in honor of the women who've paved the way and continue to do so today. White represents equality, green represents hope and growth, and purple represents dignity. Since Women's History Month has specific colors, they of course also have a dedicated symbol to the month of March



Women's History Month recognizes the extraordinary impact women have on society.

for women. The symbol is a Mimosa flower. The Mimosa flower was chosen by feminists in Italy as a symbol of strength for Women's Day. Different ways to recognize this month are by wearing purple, green, and white, reading books about women's rights, learning more about the history of women's health, and watching a documentary about women's rights. The month is already celebrated with television specials, political speeches, learning activities, and social media posts. All of these ways are to recognize this very important month dedicated to honoring the remarkable women in our world.

There are many women that have put great contributions to our world and deserve recognition. Women's History Month could easily be overlooked, but it deserves to be known and understood in honor of the spectacular women in United States history.

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READ ACROSS AMERICA: CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS

by Ellie Kane

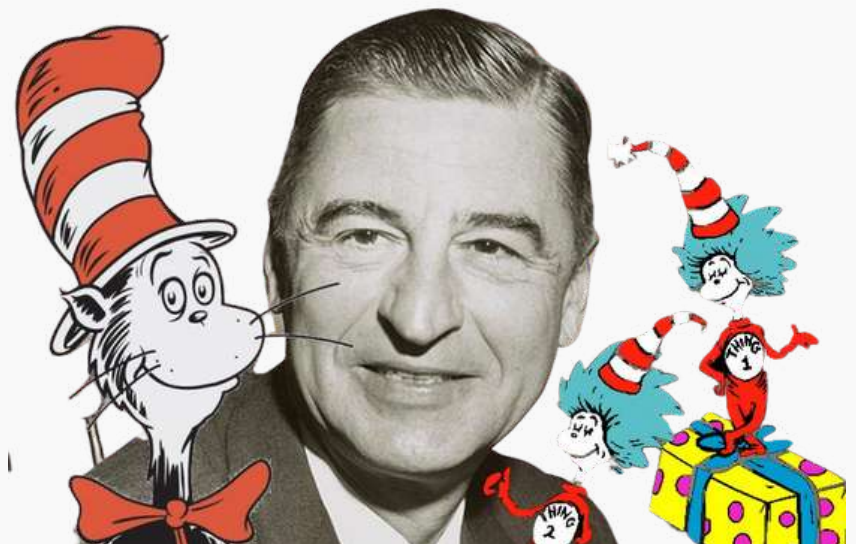


Did you know that Doctor Seuss wasn't actually a doctor? He studied a little English at Oxford but then later became a cartoonist. However, In 1955 Dartmouth awarded him an honorary doctorate, and he became Dr. Seuss.



On March 2, 1904, Dr. Seuss was born, and his birthday is a special day for fans of children's books. His birthday is now recognized as *Read Across America Day*, where children all over the country celebrate their love of reading and learning. Theodor Seuss Geisel is known around the world as the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

He's known for the 60 books he wrote and illustrated. His work includes many of the most popular children's books of all time. He sold over 600 million copies, which are now in 20 languages. Dr. Seuss's books are very important because they teach little kids basic words. Some of his best-sellers include *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*, and *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*



Dr. Seuss is the inspiration for Read Across America Day.

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WHO WAS SAINT PATRICK, ANYWAY?

by Vian Price

This month people all around the world took great pleasure in celebrating St. Patrick's Day, but who was Saint Patrick, really? St. Patrick's Day is meant to symbolize the death of St. Patrick, a very important figure in Ireland's history, named "the patron saint of Ireland" by many. St. Patrick was a man who was, at first, lost. However, when he was taken by a group of Irish raiders and held as prisoner, he found his faith, finding that the Irish faith sat better with him than anything else ever had.



Saint Patrick

Even though the entirety of Ireland knows his name and celebrates him as their savior, he wasn't Irish by any means. St. Patrick was born in Britain to a wealthy family towards the end of the 4th century. When he was 16 years old, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who managed to attack Patrick's wealthy family's estate. He was then taken into Irish custody and kept as a prisoner for 6 years in complete isolation. While St. Patrick was a prisoner, that doesn't mean his work ethic was crushed. He spent his time working alone in the fields, alone and afraid of what the world had to offer. He eventually managed to escape under the influence of a voice that spoke to him in a dream. So he walked 200 miles, eventually escaping back to Great Britain, reporting everything that happened. However, he had yet another dream, where that same voice told him to return to Ireland as a missionary, so he vowed that was what he would do.

St. Patrick took religious training classes that lasted more than 15 years, teaching him everything there was to possibly know about religion. When he was ordained as a priest, he was sent back to Ireland with the quest of converting the Irish into Christians. But instead of converting them, he decided to incorporate Irish traditions and customs into Christianity instead, successfully managing to mix the two into something new. He put a sun on the Christian cross, giving birth to the Celtic cross. St. Patrick brought two separate groups together in a way that no one expected. He died on March 17th A.D. 465. Just because he is no longer here now doesn't mean he will be forgotten. He will always be remembered as being important in history for as long as time will go on.

On St. Patrick's Day, people can be seen wearing green, pinching each other, and celebrating Irish culture. Obviously not only Irish people can celebrate; any and all people who wish are welcome to join in on the festivities. We at The Blue Eagle Bulletin hope your St. Patrick's Day was a great one.

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A LOVE FOR LEPRECHAUN LORE

by Ava McCartney

With another St. Patrick's Day behind us, it can be fun to sit back and think about what makes the holiday so much fun. Many people enjoy visits from "leprechauns" that often involve some innocent mischief. But what do we actually know about these creatures of Celtic folklore?

Here are some fun facts about leprechauns that you may or may not have known:



- Their name comes from the word "luchorpán" (LuC- Or- Pain), meaning small body up to 2-3 feet tall.
- Leprechauns are considered the "bankers" of the fairy world.
- They hide treasure and anything shiny, and they have very high intelligence; so if you tried to catch one, good luck!
- They have the power of regeneration to heal wounds, missing limbs, and broken bones.
- Most people think leprechauns should be celebrated on St Patrick's Day, which is okay; but the Irish celebrate Leprechaun Day on May 13th.
- Young children often make traps on the night before St. Patrick's Day to catch the little people.