
The Miners' Lamp

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Veterans Day at NMS



Negaunee Middle School held a ceremony on Veterans Day to honor the many service men and women who made sacrifices so we all could enjoy our freedoms. During the ceremony, students and staff members held up a photo in honor of a grandparent, parent, family member, or friend who served our count

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NHS Guidance Office News

For announcements, scholarships, and more, check out our Guidance Office Website!
Go to the Negaunee Public Schools site at negaunee.k12.mi.us and click the link under the Negaunee High School Guidance Office tab.

SENIORS	This is an important year! Please have your 12 th grade student visit the Guidance Office regularly to check on new scholarships, announcements, and deadlines.
11th GRADERS	To help prepare for your 12 th grade year, future planning and state assessment, we will have a Next Steps Meeting in the future, be sure to listen to announcements so you don't miss out!
10th GRADERS	To prepare for the important tests in 11 th grade, you will have the opportunity to take the PSAT 10 on April 14 th .
9th GRADERS	Visit the Guidance Office for tips on study skills, stress management, high school course planning and career exploration. We are here to help you!! The PSAT 8/9 will be given on: April 14, 2020.
INCOMING FRESHMEN	There will be a 9 th grade orientation tentatively scheduled on February 10 th at 6:30 p.m. in the Negaunee High School Auditorium.

Financial Aid Info

FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.gov>
You can start applying for Financial Aid now!
Financial Aid Work Sessions:
Ishpeming High School
Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Westwood High School
Date To Be Determined
More Help Available:
Northern Michigan University
906-227-2327 - Appointments and open office hours
Helpful Links
<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
Visit the Guidance Office website for much more!

STATE of MICHIGAN TESTING

In the spring, the 11th grade students will take the Michigan Merit Exam. This test consists of the SAT, Work Keys assessments & MSTEP tests. The dates will be:
April 14, 2020-SAT (make up April 28, 2020)
April 15, 2020-Work Keys (make up April 29, 2020)
April 21 & 22, 2020 (tentative)-MSTEP Science and Social Studies
It is imperative that your student is in school during these dates.
For more information:
<http://www.michigan.gov/mme>
www.collegeboard.org
www.actstudent.org/workkeys
<http://www.michigan.gov/mstep>

If eligible, students in grades 9 through 12 may take up to ten postsecondary courses. The district will pay for a prorated percentage of the cost. More information is available through the high school guidance office at 475-7861.

If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact us at any time.
Michelle Morey: michelle.morey@negauneeschools.org
Amy Harris: amy.harris@negauneeschools.org

Lakeview Students Perform with Young Americans

On October 22nd, ten students from Lakeview Elementary School performed with the Young Americans, a performing arts group from California, at Westwood High School. Through a three-day workshop, they put together a complete show with singing, acting, dancing, and creative writing. Top row: Mya Hemmila, Adela Miller, Leila Morris, Louis Dix, Elijah Nicholas, Michael Warlick Bottom row: Brayden Yoder, Gabrielle Green, Alaina Eagle, Lydia Dix.



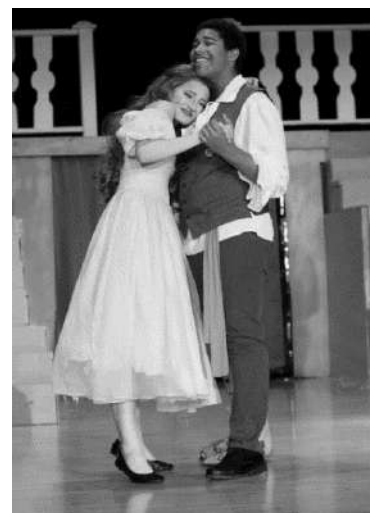
Outstanding Music Teachers



All four of Negaunee's music teachers were involved in Negaunee High School's production of "The Little Mermaid" in November. Pictured from left to right: Jacob Schmeltzer, the district's band director, played keyboard and directed the pit orchestra; Harold South, the district's orchestra director, played bass in the pit orchestra; Emily Fitzpatrick, the district's elementary music teacher, played keyboard in the pit orchestra; and Kelli Bucholtz, the district's choir director, was the director of the production.

The Little Mermaid

The Negaunee High School has recently performed their production of the Disney film, The Little Mermaid. With a colorful and well directed cast, thanks to Bonita Simons, Emme Wigg and Kelli Bucholtz, the students were able to pull off a magical and mesmerizing musical. From the mermaid princesses, to the land princesses with, what do you call em'? Oh! Feet!, each and every one of the actors perfectly suited their parts and portrayed their characters well. Kendyl Dahlstrom, Ariel, was a perfect fit for the innocent and curious mermaid who falls in love with the charming prince Eric (Andrew Hopkins-Bay). Ariel's close friends Scuttle (Rachel Popko), Flounder (Rachel Niskinen), and Sebastian (Timothy Ziegler) stick by her side and try and help her out. The sea witch Ursula (Dawson Merrills) tries to do the opposite and steals her beautiful voice away. With great harmonies and dance moves, the cast worked as one. Even on the stressful long days, they encouraged each other to push through and get things done.



Article written by Rachael Phillips, NHS Senior

Mobile Food Pantry



On September 18, 2019, West Michigan Mobile Pantry brought fresh produce, meat products and baked goods for another “Feeding America” event at Negaunee High School. Students, teachers, staff, and coaches helped distribute

over 15,000 pounds of food to over 230 families at the event! Feeding America West Michigan’s Mobile Pantry Program provides millions of pounds of food to people in our region where food insecurity affects 1 in 8 people. Staff from Feeding America mentioned that NHS has the best run, most efficient mobile food pantry in the UP and also applauded the outstanding job that our NHS students did in assisting with the food distribution. Thank you to all NHS students and staff that helped make this event a great success.

Cross Country All-Star

Negaunee High School Senior Emily Paupore recently competed for Team Michigan in the Mid-East Regional Meet held in Kettering, Ohio on October 16. Emily qualified for the team by placing 3rd in the Michigan Meet of Champions held on October 9th. The top 12 seniors in the state of Michigan then went on to compete against teams from Ohio and Indiana. Emily placed 7th in the regional meet and Team Michigan won the combined team title. Emily recently won her third Upper Peninsula Division 1 Cross Country Championship and was also selected the Upper Peninsula Runner of the Year for the third time in her career. Congratulations on an outstanding cross-country career at NHS!



Lighting Up NHS with Kindness

Over the past few months, the Peer Coach program has sponsored several activities that allow students to reflect on the impact of kindness. In October, Negaunee High School celebrated World Bullying Prevention Day. In November, a photo booth that promoted the message, “Be The “I” In Kind” was available during lunch. In December, the English classes have joined the Peer to Peer program to write about a time someone was kind to them at school.



World Bullying Prevention day is designed to bring awareness of the need to stand up against and put an end to bullying. To promote this awareness, students were greeted as they entered the school with a banner in recognition of the day, stickers, pins, and wristbands were passed out, and music with the themes of friendship and kindness was playing. There were posters with stories around the school with tips and facts on how to face bullying so students could read them while going through the hallways. The message of the day was that each of us has a role in stopping bullying.



In November, students had an opportunity to take photos in front of a large banner that said, “Be The “I” In Kind” while posing with props. The pictures were put into a collage and a poster was created by Ashley Oleksy, a student working on projects in the Computer Department. Signs, also created by Ashley, were hung on lockers throughout the school that say “Choose Kindness.”

In December, the English Department paired up with the Peer Coach class to have students write about a time someone was kind to them at school. These stories are shared on Christmas bulbs that are strung up by the Commons for all to read and enjoy as they “Light Up NHS with Kindness”.

To wrap up the projects that the Peer Coaches are working on this year they will be sponsoring an assembly with speaker Anthony Ianni on March 27, 2020. “The Relentless Tour” by Mr. Ianni hopes to eradicate bullying in Michigan. The Peer Coach program at Negaunee High School hopes to replace that with kindness!

Environmental Science



Third hour is far from ordinary for the students participating in Mr. Backlund's Environmental Science class at Negaunee High School. The year-long elective course entails far from ordinary assignments found in the traditional high school classroom. Students learn in a hands on environment, through farming, producing, and raising pigs and chickens in the NHS yard. Other jobs include egg collection, feeding & water, and raising mealworms.

This year, there is a new responsibility for the Environmental Science class. At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, the students had suggested raising pigs as a part of the class. Mr. Backlund and Mr. Kevin Bell (Negaunee's CAD teacher) teamed up and brought their classes together to construct a pig pen at Negaunee High School - complete with windows and an insulated roof.



The Environmental Science & CAD students worked together to plan & construct the pen. They cleared a small area behind the school and raised the walls on a pig pen to withstand the Upper Peninsula elements. The project went smoothly, and when the structure was completed at the start of the school year, students purchased 2 hampshire cross pigs purchased Red Valley Farms in Vulcan, Michigan. Students feed and water the pigs daily, and also monitor their overall health. They are also responsible for cleaning the pig pen. The wastes are placed into a nearby compost pile which will be added to the raised garden beds.

The student body had the chance to name the pigs through a fundraiser organized by the class in which "votes" were collected by students dropping money into decorated coffee cans that they wanted to win. At the end of the fundraiser, Peppa and Chris P. Bacon were victorious. While this was the first fundraiser of the year, it won't be the last. The pigs will be raffled off in the near future to benefit the environmental science program to keep these opportunities available to future classes. Please check the Negaunee Public School's Facebook page for updates

Article written by Abbie Tollefson, NHS Senior

Business Students Earn Industry-Recognized Certifications

For over five years, students have been given the opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in business technology by taking industry-recognized certification tests paid for with State of Michigan grant funds. Certification is a great addition to a resume and serves as proof to employers and colleges that a student is highly skilled in using specific software or proficient in a certain content area. Congratulations to the following 42 students earned certifications this fall:

Office Word 2016

Courtney Argall
Madison Austin
Chase Bonovetz
Isaac Burgess
Krista Carello
Morgan Carilli
Elijah Collins
Ethan Curtis
James Dank
Brayden Dunstan
Madison Gendron
Nicholas Hill
Cassidy Holcomb
Jarin Johnson
Nathan Josefsen
Eliana Juchemich
Hanna Koepp

Word Cont.

Madison LaForest
Tatum Lapine
Brooke Logan
Connor Mackey
Abigail McCollum
Thomas McCollum
Robert Mechling V
Jorja Mikkola
Lillian Nelson
Philip Nelson
Chloe Oxenford
Rachael Popko
Kayla Potvin
Ada Roelke
Joseph Rosten
Daniel Schouten
John Schouten

Word Cont.

Josie Smith
Mara Sorensen
Marianah Speaker
Susanna Suardini
Alexis Tarvainen
Josie Thomson

Office PowerPoint® 2016

Madison Austin
Isaac Burgess
Ada Roelke
Mara Sorensen

Communication Skills for Business

Isaac Burgess
Ashley Oleksy

Unfortunately, the funding for the Microsoft Imagine Academy was recently cut from the state budget, and students are now required to pay \$75 per test if they wish to attempt to certify. In November, over 100 Negaunee students sent messages to state politicians urging them to reinstate the funding for this valuable program. The budget is still being negotiated, and we remain hopeful that government officials will reinstate the 61d Grant funds to allow for certification testing at no cost to students.



Lakeview Giving Tree

A giant thank you to all our sponsors who donated to our annual Lakeview Giving Tree Program. This year, because of our 'helpers' and their giving hearts, we were able to provide gifts for 44 Lakeview students. We would like to recognize and thank ALL who made our 2019 Giving Tree possible:

- * Community members
- * Negaunee Elks Club, in partnership with FOX Negaunee, for providing all 30 pairs of requested winter boots
- * A&C Designs for providing all 29 pairs of requested pajamas
- * Highland Clan for their annual donation of toys
- * Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops
- * Bell Hospital Administration



This program prevails because of the incredible community support from local families, businesses, and organizations. Please know you have made a tremendous difference for our students and families, and how grateful we are for your contribution to the Lakeview Giving Tree Program.

On behalf of the children, families, and Lakeview Staff touched by your kindness, THANK YOU and Merry Christmas!

"Look for the helpers, you will always find people who are helping." –Fred Rogers

Veterans Appreciation Night

VETERAN APPRECIATION NIGHT Negaunee Public Schools is excited to announce a special event honoring military veterans. Prior to the start of the boys varsity basketball game vs. Westwood on Wednesday, February 12, we will have a ceremony to recognize all servicemen and



servicewomen. All veterans are invited to attend and will receive free admission to the game that night. We ask that all veterans meet in the lower lobby entrance of Lakeview Memorial Gym by 7:00 pm that evening. Please help spread the word of this great event. We would like to honor as many veterans as possible, and hope to pack the gym to show our appreciation for their service. Please join us in honoring our veterans!

Negaunee Public Schools Hall of Fame

Negaunee Public Schools is excited to announce plans to create a Negaunee Public Schools Hall of Fame. The inaugural induction ceremony will take place in the summer of 2020 during Pioneer Days. Nominees will be voted on by members of the community who choose to become a part of the voting committee. The eligibility criteria for nominees is quite simple:

1. The nominee must have exemplified the pride and spirit that represents Negaunee Public Schools during or following their lifetime.
2. Athlete nominees must be Negaunee graduates and out of school for ten years.
3. Coach nominees must have coached for Negaunee Public Schools for at least five years.
4. Staff nominees must have been employed by Negaunee Public Schools for at least ten years.
5. Alumni nominees must have graduated from Negaunee High School at least ten years ago.
6. At-large nominees must have made significant contributions to the Negaunee Public Schools' system.

More information will be released to the Negaunee community in the near future. The Hall of Fame will be located in the lower lobby of Lakeview Gymnasium. We are making plans to renovate this area for the first induction ceremony. Nomination forms and voting committee applications are included in this issue of The Miners' Lamp.

For more information, please contact Superintendent, Dan Skewis at dan.skewis@negauneeschools.org or 475-4156.

Substitute Teachers Needed!

If you enjoy children, like flexible hours, and want some extra pay, contact Negaunee Public Schools to learn about becoming a substitute teacher in the district. We always need good people who are passionate about working with young children and helping them succeed. The State of Michigan requires a minimum of 60 college credits to apply. Please contact the main office at 475-4156 for more information.



Soapbox Challenge

Congratulations to Anthony Gleason for being named the Marquette County Soapbox Challenge Student Choice Award Winner at the second annual Tom Baldini Soapbox Showcase at Kauffman Auditorium on Tuesday November 5, 2019. Also, Congratulations to Maddison Liquia on making the finals, and Maddyson Jacobson for being named the NMS student choice award winner. There was a total of 11 speakers from Marquette Senior High School, Westwood High School, and Negaunee Middle School competing for 1st place. Mrs. Tiffany Nicholas exposed her students to topics like racism, gender inequality, water pollution, vaping, and why the American education system is broken. Mrs. Nicholas wanted her students to connect with the community on another level by doing these speeches. Great job to all of the students who participated!



Lakeview Before and After School Child Care

Mister McGregor's Garden Children's Centers have served children of Marquette county for 40 years! McGregor's was originally started by Darlene Kimball, an area pioneer and provider of care and early learning for children. McGregor's is currently operated by Korry Richer, third generation child care provider. McGregor's will now have before and after school care for Lakeview Elementary students.

- Before school 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM: \$40.00/week
- After school 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM: \$40.00/week
- Before and after: \$80.00/ week
- Drop-in (when space available): \$12.00/session am or pm

For more information about this program or if you are interested in registering, please contact Korry Richer at mistermcgregors@gmail.com or 869-0626

Website: negaunee.k12.mi.us

Administrative Office: 101 S. Pioneer Avenue, Negaunee, MI 49866 - (906) 475-4156

Lakeview Elementary: 200 Croix Street, Negaunee, MI 49866 – (906) 475-7803

Negaunee Middle School: 102 W. Case Street, Negaunee, MI 49866 - (906) 475-7866

Negaunee High School: 500 W. Arch Street, Negaunee, MI 49866 – (906) 475-7861