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STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



Back Row: Grant Johnson, Devin Salbert, Brian O'Neill Jr.
Front Row: Emma Jezek, Tyler Ryan, Abigail Nelson

Grant Johnson is the Class of 2016 Valedictorian. He is the son of Aaron and Shelly Johnson. Grant is planning on attending Michigan Technological University. He is going to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Brian O'Neill, Jr. is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2016. Brian is the son of Brian O'Neill Sr. and the late Amy Holsinger. He is planning on attending Central Michigan University and would like to become a Physical Therapist.

Emma Jezek is the daughter of Paul and Teresa Jezek. Emma will continue working on her original comic book series while pursuing a degree in illustration, possibly art education and writing.

Abigail Nelson is the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Nelson. Abigail plans on getting a four-year college degree majoring in computer science. She hopes to work towards a Master's degree in the same field.

Tyler Ryan is the son of Tim and Sara Ryan. Tyler plans to attend Northern Central University. He plans on becoming a worship pastor at a church.

Devin Salbert is the son of David and Juline Salbert. Devin plans on attending the University of Michigan College of Engineering. He would like to receive his PhD in Computer Engineering or Computer Science and work for NASA.

Six seniors were chosen to be the recipients of the Marquette-Community Youth Initiatives Foundation Scholarship. The students are selected based on their high school grade point average through the first semester in their senior year. The top six students will receive \$1,500 for education beyond high school.

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Students who received all A's for the first semester of the 2015-16 school year were honored with a day of activities on May 10, 2016. The 101 students from grades 8-12 attended a breakfast at Westwood High School. Students were split into groups where they visited the Cliffs Operations, LS & I, Northern Michigan University and RTI. The day ended with an awards ceremony and lunch at Northern Michigan University.

Grade 8

Madison Downey
Drew DuShane
Alexa Gravedoni
Leo Helppi
Wesley Johnson
Antoinette Levra
Fisher Libby
Brendan Mager
Alec Prusi
Erik Salminen
Jadyn Smith

Grade 9

Maci Aho
Abigail Boehmer
Molly Coonen
Keegan Erva
Shelby Gorman
Jessica Heroux
Elizabeth Hewitt
Tyler Hintsala

Grade 9 (cont.)

MacKenzie Karki
Thomas Kinjorski
Mykenna Kontio
Theo Kumpula
Malia Lacar
Jacob Larson
Collin Little
Alisyn Martin
Jordon Mason
Naomi Mattson
Abigail Nelson
Cassidy Orr
Olivia Piziali
Sierra Rosten
Alexxus Taavola
Matthew Trawick
Katlyn Varty
Hannah Voskuhl
Ethan Wright
Shelby Yesney
Rebecca Yunk

Grade 10

Rieka Buchenau
Caylee Dempsey
Lynsee Dempsey
Ender Harris
Delilah Hauswirth
Mandy Helppi
Mason Hemmila
Allyson Jacobson
Breanna Johnson
Clara Johnson
Preston Koski
Marijke Mager
Keegan McGonigle
Emily Nelson
Alexis Peterson
Elliot Prusi
Noah Rose
Miranda Rosten
Jenna Sager
Andrea Seljeseth
Ileee Shiroda

Grade 10 (cont.)

Luke Skewis
Evan Sorensen
Megan Syrjala
Ella Uren
Tristen Vidlund
Colton Yesney
Grade 11
Brock Aho
Chandler Brown
Zachery Champion
Samuel Collins
Emily Grant
Seth Hansen
Samantha Heroux
Aleda Johnson
Chase Juntti
Madysen Kontio
Mitchell LaBelle
Jacklyn Lenten
Carter Mason
Hannah Mikkola

Grade 11 (cont.)

Shane Ring
Hannah Skewis
Hannah Tresedder
Miranda Zellner
Thomas Ziegler

Grade 12

Allie Caya
Holly Gustafson
Abbey Helppi
Marissa Jalonen
Matthew Jandron
Emma Jezek
Grant Johnson
Benjamin Luke
Abigail Nelson
Brian O'Neill, Jr.
Allison Ring
Angela Ring
Tyler Ryan
Devin Salbert
Dylan Tasson

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS



Pam Debelak is a graduate of both Rochester College and Oklahoma Christian University, and received a Master's degree from Northern MI University. She has worked in the Negaunee Public Schools since 1999 as a special education teacher at all grade levels.

Pam and her husband John have raised 5 children. Aside from spending time with family and friends she volunteers at Willow Farm Therapeutic Riding. She also enjoys camping, canoeing, and gardening. Throughout the year she is active with her church, volunteering at Brookridge Heights Assisted Living and Memory Care, and does a lot of baking.



Mary Jo Kytta attended Northern Michigan University for elementary education, graduating in 1991. She also earned an early childhood endorsement in 1993. In 1999 she relocated back to Negaunee and has taught in various elementary classrooms.

Mary Jo and Keith, her husband of 24 years, have one son, Collin. She enjoys spending time with family, the outdoors, walking, biking, and summertime fun on the Dead River Basin.

Mary Jo stated "I feel blessed and proud to teach in my community, following in the footsteps of my father, Dick Carlson. I will forever bleed maize and blue!"

Giving Back to our Community

Over the past few months, our business office has been working on refinancing bonds that were established in 2006 and 2008. These were bonds voted on by the community for the construction of classrooms at Lakeview Elementary, a new gymnasium at Negaunee Middle School and the new auditorium at Negaunee High School. The staff of Negaunee Public Schools will often times speak about the tremendous community support that we have. The positive response you gave us to do these projects is yet another example of this. By looking into refinancing these bonds is a way for Negaunee Public Schools to give back to the community. The process of the refunding began in February and will be completed toward the end of May. The bond refunding will save taxpayers of the NPS a total of \$696,489 with the present value of the future cash flows being calculated at \$577,357! This is great news for you, the taxpayer, and also the students of our school system. At the administrative level, we will continue to find opportunities to give back to the community that has shown so much support to us over the years.

We Appreciate You!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our S.H.I.N.E. Volunteers who help make our schools such a wonderful place for our students and staff!

On April 29th a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was served at the Lakeview Media Center. The annual breakfast is a way of saying thank you to all of the individuals who have given so much of their time and talents, which helps our school district to be one of the best.

If you would like more information on becoming a S.H.I.N.E. Volunteer please contact Diane Faust at 475-0229 or email her at diane.faust@negauneschools.org



Chromebooks Bought Through Fundraising Efforts

Thanks to the help of the Negaunee Middle School Parents and Teachers Talking Together Group (NMSPT3) and the efforts of NMS students and parents fundraising this past year, 30 additional Chromebooks were purchased for the Negaunee Middle School. With this purchase, NMS now has 120 Chromebooks, which allows the school to do grade-wide testing within their school walls in addition to other daily projects and assignments.

The NMSPT3 group meets once a month for one hour and is always looking for new members to help in making decisions, providing fun activities for students, and keeping the lines of communication open between parents and administration. For more information on the NMSPT3 contact Diane at 475-0229.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Congratulations to both the Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball Teams on receiving "Academic All-State Honorable Mention" honors from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. The Girls had a team grade point average of 3.77 and the Boys had a team grade point average of 3.41

These student athletes should be commended for both their outstanding play on the court this year and their tremendous effort in the classroom. Congratulations to the athletes and their families!



GROUNDBREAKING FOR A SCHOOL GARDEN



On behalf of Negaunee's Environmental Science class, we would like to thank Moyle Excavating for being an involved community partner. Moyle Excavating took time out of a busy workday and came to Negaunee High School to help level off the area we will be using for our school garden. They provided both the equipment and labor at no cost to the school.

Before leveling, this area consisted of different, unwanted plant species and very uneven ground not suitable for planting. Now with the space cleared and leveled we will be able to start our gardening project.

This area will accompany hoop houses and many raised beds to assist our plant growth. The garden area will provide a place for students to learn methods of testing soil texture and nutrients using a hands-on approach.



Thank you again to Moyle Excavating for helping us further our education and that of all future NHS students.

The class would also like to thank Mr. Kimme Peterson for being a great resource for our class, coordinating the bulldozing, and helping us get started with our educational project.

If you are interested in supporting the Environmental Science class' outdoor garden project, you can contact Mr. Todd Backlund at 906-475-7861 or by email at todd.backlund@negauneeschools.org. The environmental science classes have also set up a go fund me page - www.gofundme.com/garden4education - to help raise the funds necessary to offset the materials associated with the garden.

2016-2017 SPORTS PHYSICALS* –

Dr. Michael Grossman

July 27, 2016 - Miner's Dry (Football Field), grade 6-12, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., cost \$15.00. Please make all checks payable to the Negaunee Booster Club.

***You must have a current sports physical to participate in athletics. Please check with the High School Athletic Department if you have questions regarding physicals (475-7861).**

2016 Fall Practice Starting Dates

High School Football-August 8th-Miners Dry
Boys / Girls Cross Country-August 10th-Lakeview Gym
Girls Tennis-August 10th-High School Courts
Volleyball-August 10th-Lakeview Gym
Middle School Football-August 29th-Miners Dry – 6:00 p.m.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS – 2016

Information on Negaunee Summer Sports Camps will be available on the Negaunee Public Schools website. For a complete listing of summer camp dates and times, please visit:
<http://www.negaunee.k12.mi.us/high-school/athletics>

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

ELKS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY



The members of the Negaunee Elks Club have sponsored a Halloween Party for the Negaunee Early Childhood Special Education Preschools and MARESA sponsored playgroups for years. They have been kind enough to host the party and provide everything from decorations to cleaning up afterwards. The members really go the extra mile. All of the children received a candy container, which was filled by "trick or treating" at cardboard houses where members of the Club peeked out and gave them candy. The children are always so happy and excited to participate in this event. This year the families came out in full force and all enjoyed the special day. The children entertained at the gathering by singing Halloween songs that they had practiced all month. Fun was had by all!