

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

**February 1, 2019**

- *Report Cards sent home*

**February 11, 2019**

- 6th Grade
- Field Trip to Virginia Repertory Theatre - 12:00 pm

**February 18, 2019**



**February 25, 2019**

- Student Early Release @ 1pm
- Parent Conferences 2:00 - 6:00

**February 26, 2019**

- Gifted Advisory, NES 8:30 a.m.
- SEAC meeting at 12:00pm @ Northumberland County Public Library

### MARCH

**March 1, 2019**

- Q3 Interims handed out to students
- Copy of interim grades to Katie Walker by 3 PM

**March 8, 2019**

8th Grade Reality Store

**March 26, 2019**

- Gifted Advisory NMS 8:30 a.m.
- SEAC meeting at 6:00pm @ Northumberland County Public Library

**March 29, 2019**

- End of Quarter 3 grading period
- Quarter 3 PBIS incentive



## STUDENTS DEFEAT STAFF IN DODGEBALL GAME

### P.R.I.D.E.

- Politeness
- Respect
- Integrity
- Determination
- Excellence



On December 19th, 2018 the NMS SCA held a dodgeball tournament to raise money to give to a family that may not be able to afford Christmas presents and expenses. This dodgeball game was a competition between the staff and students. We encouraged all students to either play or watch in order for these families to have a Christmas they will never forget. Layton Saunders –8th grade went on to defeat all of the remaining staff, which left the 8th grade students victorious.

To watch the game it was \$1 while if you were participating it is \$2. The students from each grade level successfully defeated the staff members. (Like they knew they were.)



7th Grade:  
Berenice Cauja-Betancourt  
William Rose



## DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month NMS recognizes two students from each grade level that represents positive behavior expectations. The word for December/January was INTEGRITY. Thanks for showing your pride!



6th Grade; Alliya Newton  
Joseph Rockson  
Allysia Newton



8th Grade; Marcus Bromley  
Corrie Minor

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



"Every child deserves a champion –an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be".

~Rita F. Pierson~



Greetings NMS families!

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. I wanted to take a moment to share a few cold weather FYI's as they relate to school. Any cancellations of after-school programs or co-curricular activities or events will be placed on our school website, instant alert system, and social media as soon as the decision to cancel has been made. In addition, school closings will be placed on the local radio stations and news channels. Please be sure to check these communication systems if you think something may be canceled due to inclement weather. As we make our way through the winter months, let's take advantage of this time and make sure our students continue to approach each school day with purpose.

During the month of February, we will be celebrating Black History month by implementing educational history within our lessons as well as implementing a school wide focus on celebrating the history of great men and women. NMS is continuing to promote positive behaviors with our character word of the month. Students who model these character traits on a consistent basis are nominated monthly as the PRIDE students of the month.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON?

Eighth grade English teacher, Mrs. Bangert told us that she enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. While in her classroom we ran into some students who told us they enjoyed baking, spending time with family, eating, and taking time out of school. On the way out of her class we ran into Mrs. Fisher's class and our principal Mrs. Ashton. We asked the students what they enjoyed about the holiday season. The students told us they enjoyed watching Christmas movies, drinking hot coco, going outside to play in the snow and much more! Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Fisher told us that they especially enjoyed the Christmas hall-mark movies. Sounds like their Christmas break was a blast! We hope you had a great time during the break.



## NMS BOYS' BASKETBALL MADE IT TO THE FINALS!

Our basketball players have kept up an amazing record this season! The ending result of their record is 10-2. Recently they traveled to Lancaster Middle School to compete for the champion title. They worked extremely hard for the victory, but came up short. The championship game was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

The following students participated on the basketball team: Khy'shawn Blue, Aden Booth, Marcus Bromley Jr., Markiel Cockrell, Kyle Dobyns, Cintez Gibson Jr. Terrell Howard, Trevonn Kenner, Milton Laws Jr., Christian Newton, Dezmin Palmer, Cameron Seldon, Amanti Starks, Serdrit Williams Jr., Khayleb Williams, Shane Withers. Way to go boys, You had a great season!



## NMS STANDS AGAINST BULLYING

This year, Northumberland Middle School will be taking a better stand against bullying. We will all respect our peers and the staff at NMS. Our school wants each and every one of the students to remember to be polite to one another, respect teachers, students, and other staff members, show integrity, always be determined to succeed, and always show excellence in all the work you do. We would like to remind everyone that they can make a difference in anything, and if they see bullying they should stand up.

Our school has an Anonymous Alert system where they can alert the school administrators if they're noticing any suspicious activity. They have to type a detailed description on what's going on and the NMS staff will be sure to handle the issue. "Be the change you wish to see in the world," says Gandhi. If you see something say something. Lets stop bullying one step at a time!



## DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

This year for the holidays the teachers are taking on a very competitive competition on door decorating. The teachers, aids, and students have been working really hard on their doors. They have been coming up with very creative and unique ideas.

They've been having so much fun letting the students help with the ideas and working on the doors. The ending result was Mrs. Rock winning with her amazing Disney *Frozen* door. Mrs. Rock's door included a snowman from the movie named Olaf, and a tree made from paper hand cut outs.



Although Mrs. Rock won, everyone else did an amazing job, here are the other amazing door creations.

## INTRODUCING THE NMS PHOTOJOURNALISM TEAM

Johnae  
Jackson

James  
Baker

Sam Baker

Samaria  
Owens

Layton  
Saunders

Karla Smith

Emileah  
Weatherford

Trey  
Vanlandingham

Kiara  
Morris

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story in our next edition for  
Quarter 3,  
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# NMS ACADEMICS

## Principals Corner Continued...

Parents continue to support our efforts in promoting a safe and positive learning environment by sharing the importance of modeling politeness, respect, integrity, determination, and excellence in and out of the classroom with your child to include appropriate social media activity. A recent increase in inappropriate social media activity outside of school has begun to affect instruction. In my communication with parents, most parents are not aware of this activity. Research reveals that 71% of teens admit to hiding on-line activities from their parents. As long as they are minors, I believe it's wise for parents or guardians to check their children's social media posts and ensure that students are instructionally focused while at NMS.

Just a reminder to families that **February 25, 2019** is a scheduled early release for all students at **1:00 pm**. We also have our Parent conferences on **February 25, 2019 from 2:00pm- 6:00pm**. Hope to see you there!

In closing, please continue to review the school calendar for early release dates and holidays to schedule appointments or plan vacations. It is also very important that students are not dismissed early unless an unavoidable appointment or emergency is involved as valuable instruction from the teacher can be missed in addition to required assignments. As always, thank you for supporting the wonderful teaching and learning taking place at Northumberland Middle School. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at (804) 580 - 5753.

Sincerely , Javornda Ashton

## PASSION PROJECTS

This year the TAG teacher, Mrs.McCranie has decided that the 8th grade CPS team should each do a passion project. Thus, being the second year she's done it, the first year turned out to be very successful. It benefited the students knowledge, as well as the teachers. Passion projects dig deep into the students mindset and helps them focus on other things they are interested in. Some examples of the projects they're deciding to do are: Oneirology (the study of dreams) , physics and engineering, ending stereotypes, racism, fish migration, art, right brain, Minecraft, entrepreneurship, and short films. At the end of the school year the 8th grade CPS students will present their projects, and hopefully teach their fellow students and teachers something new.

## 6TH GRADE GOES SOLAR

The 6th grade Community Problem Solvers (CPS) team of Northumberland Middle School went on a field trip on December 17, 2019, after school, to the home of Bette and Rodger Gruben. The Gruben's home is almost entirely solar powered, along with the shed and outdoor water sources. The students learned about saving money and helping the environment by going solar. The CPS teams have been saving money since February 2011.



They've created a educational partnership with James Madison University, JMU's Wind for Schools program, and Virginia Center for Wind Energy to help them buy the wind turbine. The physic classes at Northumberland collects data and sends it to JMU via, a program called Raspberry Pi. By using solar power us as a school could save ton of money, have more extracurricular clubs, help the planet by going green, and set a good example for other schools. Middlesex and Westmoreland county have already gone solar. The question is, should we go solar next?

## NMS SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the NMS Spelling Bee held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 .

3rd place-Trey Vanlandingham  
2nd place -Braleigh Weatherford  
1st place- Brady Mullins

Brady Mullins represented our school in the District Spelling Bee held on Tuesday, January 29 in the middle school auditorium at 8:30am with Braleigh and Trey participating as the school runners-up.

A special thanks to Walt Mallorie, Angela Ellis, Katie Walker and Kevin Keeve for their help in judging this



## 8TH GRADE FPS

The 8th grade Future Problem Solvers (FPS) team has been working on their qualifying problem, food loss and waste. Considering hunger is a worldwide issue, they've decided to take it into their own hands and help solve this problem. "Can food loss prevention combat hunger and raise incomes in developing nations?" "Can food waste be decreased without sacrificing quality or safety?" "What roles might technology or regulations serve?" "What are the economic, environmental, psychological, and societal implications?" "Can we improve global food security while meeting the needs of diverse consumers?" On January 28, 2019, the FPS team will figure out answers to these questions while they work in groups with each other. They'll throw out ideas and different resolutions. Later on, the FPS team will go to State bowl and compete against other schools with their final score. They are definitely working hard! Keep up the good work Future Problem Solvers!

