

## Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER 2022

**November 2**  
Report Cards

**November 8**



**November 18**  
Fall Make-Up, Retake  
Photos (Lifetouch)

**November 23-25**



**November 30**  
Q2 Interims given  
to students

### DECEMBER 2022

**December 7**  
Winter Choir Concert  
6:30 PM

**December 16**  
Student Early Release  
@ 12:00 PM

**December 19-30**

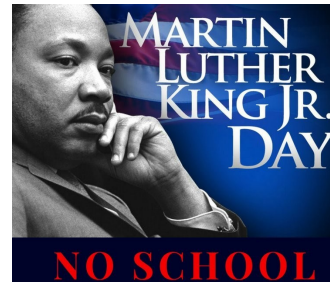


### JANUARY 2023

**January 2**  
First Day Back from  
Winter Break

**January 13**  
End of Q2, Semester 1

**January 16**



**January 17**  
Teacher Workday

**January 18**  
Q3 Begins/Semester 2

**January 19**  
Sport Pictures—Winter  
(Lifetouch)

**January 25**  
Report Cards

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# Green and Gold Times

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## Returning to School



P.R.I.D.E.

Politeness

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence



On Monday, August 22, NMS students returned to the classroom. The teachers and staff were so excited to see the students. When entering the building, students walk through the metal detector, once cleared they proceed to grab-n-go breakfast. Grab-n-go breakfast is offered to all students and eaten in the classroom and they eat their lunch in the cafeteria. If the weather is nice, students has the option of eating their lunch outside in the courtyard. Students welcome lunch time to eat and talk with their friends.



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



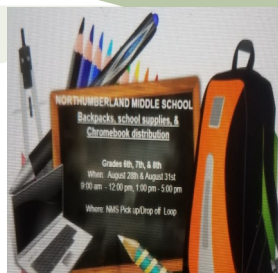
Hello Northumberland families-

I am so proud and honored to share with you the fantastic start we have had to the 2022-2023 school year. There have been so many opportunities for us to celebrate. To name a few, twenty-six students were inducted into the National Junior Beta Club. We had a fun and exciting spirit week that ended with homecoming parade in the halls of our school as well as had the opportunity to participate in NCPS Homecoming parade with NES and NHS. We have also had the great fortune to learn from a famous writer, Mrs. Erskine and hear inspiring music from the Rappahannock Concert Association (RCA). Here in the next few weeks, we are looking forward to celebrating all of the first quarter student accomplishments including academic achievements and weekly perfect attendance. Students have been working hard to meet expectations and earn PRIDE bucks. On Fridays, they use their PRIDE bucks to shop at our PRIDE store. Students LOVE this! We just completed our cookie dough fundraiser where we raised a little over \$14,000. WOW! Thank you for all you do to support us here at NMS. Together this year, we are going to be a great team as we help our children be successful and achieve great things!

Shellie Lipton  
Principal

*"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~



## NMS BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We had an in-person open house on Thursday, August 18, from 1-7pm. Students and families had an opportunity to meet NMS staff, receive their schedules, and a backpack of school supplies which were a donation from both the Callao Moose Lodge and Northumberland County Sheriff's Office. There were also a room set-up for parents/guardians to submit online the required Back-to-School forms for their student using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. It was a great turn-out, the teachers and staff were overjoyed to welcome so many of our students and families.



## NMS AGAINST BULLYING



Report urgent student concerns quickly to school officials



### STOMP Out Bullying

End The Hate...  
Change The Culture

October is STOMP Out bullying month! This month we are determined to put an end to bullying and cyberbullying. We will treat everyone with respect and be polite. We will show kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness, such as making friends with someone you don't know at school. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose. Cyberbullying includes mean text messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles. STOMP Out Bullying says NO to the hate and intolerance of others. We say YES to choosing kindness, YES to inclusion, YES to teach empathy, YES to accepting others...NO MATTER what they look like, their race, their beliefs, or their sexual orientation or gender, and YES to becoming responsible and kind digital citizens.

Our school has an Anonymously Alert system to combat bullying and negative activity. It empowers students to come forward to help themselves, others, and our school in reducing negative behavior. Students or parents can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to the school administrators, counselors and/or safety personnel using a Web-based application 24/7. They need to describe the incident and provide the date, time specific location, victim(s) and person(s) involved. NMS staff will be sure to handle the issue.

Do Your Part  
#BeCyberSmart

if you SEE something SAY something™

**Anonymous Alerts** report it

Select a language

Available on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google play

**Step 1 of 3:**

Students or parents in the school community can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to a school administrator(s). We encourage you to report important issues. Once you complete the contact form below, you will receive a confirmation that your information has been submitted to the school district.

**False reporting will be taken seriously to the full extent of the law.**

This system will be monitored between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm during the school year. Any reports submitted outside of these hours or during holidays will be responded to during the following normally scheduled school day.

Please do not use this system for issues requiring immediate assistance.  
If this is an emergency requiring immediate assistance, please call 911.

Submitter Type:

School:

Location:

Report Incident: Please describe the events (Be specific - include date, time, specific location, victim(s) and person(s) involved)

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All of Northumberland schools wanted to wake up the community to bullying prevention. We colored it **ORANGE** on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, to celebrate Unity Day. Unity Day is a day worldwide where we wear and share **ORANGE** to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. It was great to see so many NMS Indians showing how they are **UNITED** together by wearing **ORANGE**.



# Order Your Yearbook

## 2 Ways to Order



Order online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com) to pay with credit card, debit card or PayPal.



Order at school by taking the order form to Art Room 2 to pay with cash, check or money order. Please make payment out to NMS.

**Yearbook Price \$25.00**

## YEARBOOK BUSINESS ADS ARE NOW ON SALE!

We are asking local businesses to showcase their business in the book that never loses its appeal. Students and their families will visit the pages of the yearbook countless times and cherish it for a lifetime. In addition, proceeds from ad sales are a fundraiser for the yearbook program at our school. We appreciate support from local businesses.

- To create your ad online at [jostensadservice.com](http://jostensadservice.com). Choose your ad size and layout and enter your text and upload your photos.
- To purchase at school, send your order form and materials to the school. For detailed information contact Heather Cockrell, NMS Yearbook Sponsor at 804-580-5753, ext. 4048 or [hcockrell@nucps.net](mailto:hcockrell@nucps.net).

For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by February 9, 2023.

# NMS ACADEMICS



## TWENTY-SIX NEW BETA MEMBERS



Northumberland Middle School Junior Beta Club held its Induction Ceremony on October 5, 2022, in the NMS/NHS auditorium. The purpose of this ceremony was to install into membership 26 new qualified members. Beta Clubs honor students for their academic achievements, prepare them to be leaders of tomorrow and show the importance of giving back to the community. The new members are (1st Row) Teresa Tate, Kentrez Rice, Kyle Lankford, Lily Lewis, Joey Gee, Lillian Hayden, Addison Headley, Logan Falin, Regan Lucas, Talen Bowis, Robert O'Bier, Jordan Bunn, (2nd Row) Mrs. Swift, Kavon Nelson Jackson, Ashley Dawson, Lacie Self, Eva Williams, Juelz Wiggins, Tayla Gibbs, Chace Jenkins, Kamden Dobyms, Haleigh Burrell, Trent Dameron, Brooks Dameron, Jaden Bundy, Brandi Parker, Kavan Middleton. Current members are (3rd Row) Gabrielle Burnett, Isabella de Rosa Fries, Caleb Timberlake, Riley Milau, Chloe Ricks, Jake Brann, Landon Shirilla, Emma Sommers, Braylin Beauchamp, Eliza Leo, Abigail Bates, Luke Sisk, Mia Livingston, (4th Row) Jemaris Barber, Presley Gracik, Victoria Jett, Claire Walker, Camden Brann, Waylon Hymes, and Lyruc Bea. Not pictured: Ally Biddlecomb, Tawny Bowis, Caleb McCall, and Jeilan Williams-Johnson.

**ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW  
EVERY DAY COUNTS!**  
#GO2SCHOOL



Making regular school attendance a priority is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare for a lifetime of success. When students have missed too many school days for any reason, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused, including pre-arranged absences it marks the point when they start to fall behind academically. Positive school attendance supports students' academic and social growth. When you attend school regularly it helps you feel better about school and yourself. Learning good work habits

Early will support your success in life. Positive school attendance is a joint effort of home and school. Form good attendance habits—being present each day and on time—that will help you succeed in school and beyond. Showing up makes a difference. Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

# Teachers—Who's New?



**Mrs. Sarah Gordon** is the new 7th grade science teacher. She was born in Oklahoma and has lived in many states across the country but have been in Virginia the longest, which started in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, then she moved to Warsaw when she was in the 7th grade when her mom became the Warsaw Town Manager. She received a Bachelor of Science from Bridgewater College in Biology with a Psychology minor in 2000 and earned her Master of Science from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Biology with an Independent Study Project on observing of puffer fish from her kayak in 2022. Mrs. Gordon has been teaching for most of her work experiences. She taught adult and youth swim lessons (public and private, group and individual) 25+ years; adults and children how to purchase and prepare healthy foods: Virginia Cooperative Extension in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties (3 years); Pre-Schoolers: Kingdom Kids Pre-School (12 years); and College Biology: General Biology and Microbiology at Rappahannock Community College (5+ years). She enjoys kayak fishing, making cards, gardening, crafts, thrift store shopping and exercising. Mrs. Gordon is the mom to 4 fur babies: Flash (Gordon) and Mackleroy (both orange tabbies) and Luca and Bailey (dogs rescued from the local shelters).



**Ms. Tiffany Rombold** is the new NMS School Counselor and Career Studies teacher. She graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and taught English for grades 6,8, and 9 before attending Liberty University to become a Reading Specialist and School Counselor. In addition to teaching, she has also coached several sports and activities. Ms. Rombold enjoys reading, kayaking, and attending musical or theatrical productions in her spare time.



**Mrs. Katie Wilkins** is the new Coordinator for the Talented and Gifted programs for Northumberland County Public Schools. She works supporting students in our division through the gifted program, TAG. Prior to joining the NUCPS team, Mrs. Wilkins was the Coordinator of Gifted Education for Middlesex County Public Schools for the past five years. Before that she spent her teaching career in Hanover County, where she was a fourth, third, and kindergarten classroom teacher. She received her gifted endorsement from the University of Virginia, and taught as a gifted resource teacher in Hanover before moving to Northumberland County and accepting the position in Middlesex as gifted Coordinator. She is a career-switcher, starting first in the corporate world as an event planner after receiving her degree from James Madison University. Eventually, her passion for teaching led her back to the University of Richmond to complete an additional degree in teaching. This school year marks her 18<sup>th</sup> year in public education, and she is thrilled to be in Northumberland County. Mrs. Wilkins resides in Reedville with her husband Shannon, and their three dogs. She enjoys living close to their family who are also in Northumberland. Her hobbies include boating, fishing, paddle boarding, and renovation projects. She and her husband are in the process of renovating their new home, which keeps her VERY busy!



**Mrs. Blaire Whanger** teaches 6th grade science. She graduated from Greensboro College with a degree in Elementary Education (K-8) and French. After completing college in 2003 and taking a long term substitute teaching position, her first full time teaching position was in Fairfax County, VA, in 2004. Mrs. Whanger left the full time teaching in 2009 when she had her first child, Katie, who is 13 now!. She also have a 6th grader, Zach; a 4th grader, Charlotte; and a 1st grader, Jacqueline. While she stayed home raising her small humans, she tutored every subject from basic math to science, and language arts all the way to advanced placement biology and trigonometry. She *LOVE* to entertain and cook healthy fresh foods from their garden and local farms! Reading, painting, drawing, swimming, horseback riding, aerial, golf, tennis, taking care of the crazy dog, stubborn cat and chickens are just a few ways they never slow down and relax all at the same time. Even though she rarely slow down, relaxation and self care are never far away and she take advantage of her little slice of paradise AND time at the beach...she just *LOVE* life an serving others!

# Who's New?

**PRINCIPAL:** **Mrs. Shelli Lipton** is a graduate of Longwood College where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Education. She started her teaching career in Caroline County as she earned her Master of Science degree from Walden University. She then taught math and science in Hanover County for several years before enrolling at Virginia Commonwealth University where she earned her Post-Master's in Educational Leadership. For the last few years, she has been on an administrative team in Hanover County as a senior teacher and as an assistant principal. She is very close to her family and looks forward to special occasions and holidays where they all come together to celebrate. She resides in Reedville with her wonderful husband, Mike and is the proud mom to a daughter, Taylor, who started her junior year at Virginia Tech. In her free time, she enjoys running and spending time on the water.



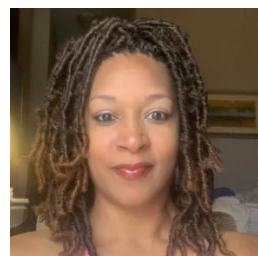
## TEACHERS:



**Mr. Jonathan Boarman** teaches Health & Physical Education. He grew up in Southern Maryland where he attended La Plata High School. In high school, he wrestled four years on the varsity wrestling team and earned a Scholarship to attend West Virginia University Tech. During college he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Coaching Education. After college he move to Heathsville, VA, where he resides with his lovely wife Alysha and their two adorable toddlers. In addition to teaching, Mr. Boarman is also the assistant coach for the school wrestling team. In his free time, he enjoys farming and fishing.



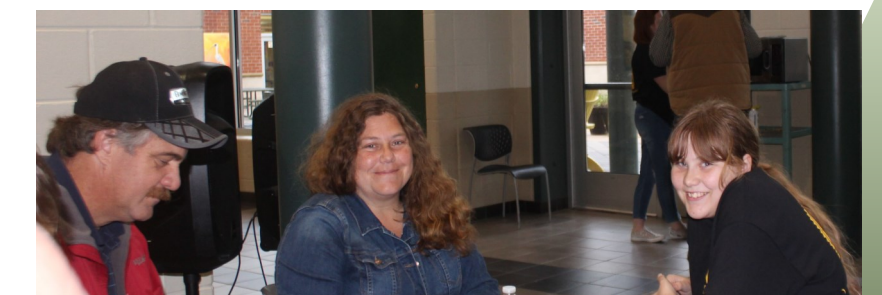
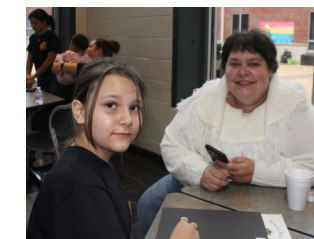
**Mrs. Pauline Brann** has been teaching for 21 years. She is originally from the Eastern Shore of Virginia, graduated from Salisbury University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. After completing her first two years of teaching in Worcester County, MD, she earned her Master's Degree with Old Dominion in elementary Education. Mrs. Brann continued to teach for 7 more years at Pocomoke Middle School, grade 4 and 5, teaching all subject areas while employed with Worcester County Public Schools. Mrs. Brann taught English/Language Arts for 2 years at Sigsbee Charter School on the Naval Base in Key West, Florida. Mrs. Brann moved to Callao, VA and became employed with Northumberland County Public Schools, teaching 3rd Grade English/Social Sciences and remained at the elementary school for 10 years. In December 2021, she received her National Board Certification in Language Art for Early Childhood through Middle School. Mrs. Brann is married to Jeffrey Brann and they have two children, Chloe, who is a high school sophomore at NHS and Jake, who is in the 8th grade here at NMS.



**Mrs. Tia Felton** is the 6th grade Civics teacher. This is Mrs. Felton's 23rd year of teaching. She has taught in Washington, D.C., Petersburg, Chesterfield. Mrs. Felton graduated from Old Dominion University. This is her 7th year teaching for Northumberland County Public Schools. History is her favorite subject to teach! So, teaching History for NMS is exciting for her! She is married to Pastor Willard C. Felton of Shiloh Baptist Church. They have two children who are products of Northumberland County Public Schools. Their names are Makhaila Bentil, who is majoring in Computer Engineering at Virginia State University, and Trey Felton who is a high school freshmen this year at NHS. Trey was a Spelling Bee champion for NCPS last year and was the first person to make it to the Scripps National Spelling Bee from the Northern Neck. Mrs. Felton is also a fur mommy to her new Maltipoo, Zola Camille Felton. She looks forward to having the best school year at NMS!

# NMS ACADEMICS

## JR. BETA RECEPTION



# NMS ACADEMICS

## ART PROJECT

Students in Mrs. Cockrell's art class have come to know art as a tool of communication and self-expression. She has introduced her students to the art of various artists and cultures to expand their appreciation of the role of the arts in different societies. Through a series of hands-on experiences using a wide variety of materials and techniques, students used the elements and principles of design to translate thoughts and feelings into works of art.

**6th Grade: Warm/Cool Colors**  
**Zentangle Hand**  
**Medium: Watercolor Pencils & Black Sharpie**

Students learned that zentangles are miniature pieces of unplanned, abstract, black and white art patterns called tangles. Students learned how warm and cool colors work in art (warm colors pop and cool colors recede). Students also learned how art form can be a meditative and calming process.



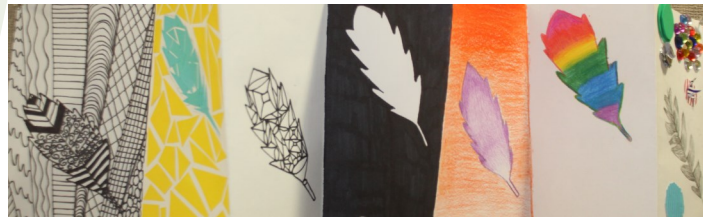
Farrah Noel



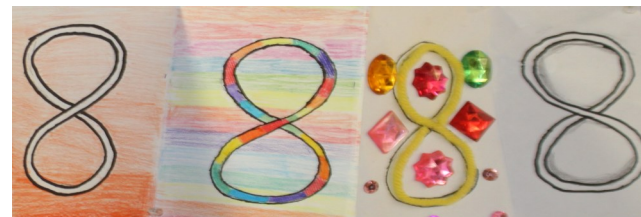
Catesby Rice

**7th Grade: 7 Elements of Art Accordion**  
**Medium: Color Pencils, Markers, Beads, Graphite & Watercolor**

Students learned that balance, rhythm, pattern, emphasis, contrast, unity and movement are the principles of art and design. They also learned that the elements of art and design are the tools of visual artists.



Lillian Hayden



Alayna Lewis

**8th Grade: 7 Elements of Art**  
**Medium: Color Pencils, Markers, Beads, Graphite & Watercolor**

Students learned that the elements of art are both fun and useful by communicating their thoughts and findings using a common language.



Caleb McCall



Emma Somers

## OSMOSIS EXPERIMENT WITH GUMMY BEARS

Mrs. Ambrose's 8th grade science class learned about scientific method. Students used gummy bears to observe how gummy bears are affected by water, salt water, vinegar and no solution.



## CELL THEORY WITH PUMPKIN

Mrs. Gordon's 7th grade science class learned about the cell theory. Students measured the height, radius and diameter of the gourd. They removed and counted the seeds from the splitted gourd. The seed was placed back into the gourd with soil and/or water and observed for several days to check if their were any changes in the height and diameter to learn that new cells come from existing cells.



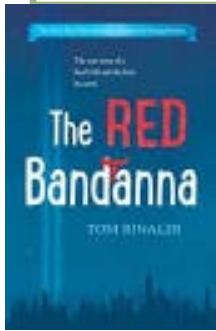
## AN ODE TO THE OYSTER

Mrs. Whanger's 6th grade science class learned about oysters. The students learned about the many types of organisms that live on an oyster, how to dissect an oyster and they explored its anatomy (external and internal).



# NMS ACADEMICS

## RED BANDANNA DAY



All 7th Grade students in Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Walkers' classes read *The Red Bandanna*. It tells the story of how the bandanna became Welles Crowther's signature, long before it became a symbol. Shortly before 9/11 he told his father he was thinking of quitting finance and applying to be a firefighter with FDNY. When the World Trade Center fell his parents had no idea what had happened to him. Months after the attacks, Welles' mother read a news account of how a survivor and others had been led to safety by a stranger wearing a red bandanna, he turned around and went back up the stairs making the trip many times, taking a group with him each time. Welles' parents sent a picture and was confirmed it was him. The story spread and Welles was honored as an FDNY fireman, the first time in history the New York Fire Department have named a civilian to its ranks as an officially recognized members. *The Red Bandanna* is about a fearless choice, about the crucible of terror and the strength that comes from within to answer it. It is the story of a new symbol for strength, and how a bandanna has become the red badge of courage for a new time. The students and 7th grade teachers wore their red bandannas in memory of Welles Crowther on September 15, 2022.



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

NMS celebrated Hispanic Heritage month from September 15 - October 15, 2022, to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society; those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Their contributions to the nation are immeasurable, and they embody the best of American values. Throughout the month we showcased talent and food items.



# NMS ACADEMICS

## READING TO ACHIEVE



The students that participated in the 2022 Summer Reading Program had a day of fun on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The students celebrated their participation in the summer reading program by attending an all expense paid trip to the Virginia State Fair in Doswell, VA. The school provided lunch and drinks or student brought lunch from home. Mrs. Stacey Lee feels that students need to experience both the intrinsic and extrinsic rewards of reading for enjoyment. To read is to achieve, but no one said it didn't have to be fun. The chaperones were

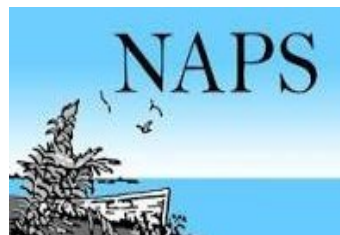
Mrs. Stacey Lee, Mrs. Cindy Swift, Mrs. Pauline Brann, Mrs. Victoria West, Ms. Susan Lewis, Mrs. Erin Haynie and Officer Kevin Keeve. The students who attended were Mila Dameron, Brooks Dameron, Parker Brent, Jayden Bundy, Addison Headley, Parker Shirilla, Kaylene Lewis, Estrella Cruz, Lily Lewis, James Scripture, Jake Brann, Chloe Ricks, Ashton Anderson, Phillip Weldon, Jackson Dodson, Marcus Ratliff, Wayne Woods, De'Maure Palmer, Nelson Brooks, Rowan Hurt, Savannah Davis, Terry Bromley Zeonni Johnson, Carolyn Ball, Keondra Keeve, Kavon Jackson, Lydia Hall, Raniya Dunkley, Shrade Knowlton, Tenley Deihl, Tyler Haynie, Wyatt Jackson, Jarvis Johnson, Milton Laws, Robert Pessagno, Cailyn Seymour, Luke Sisk, Jayden Thompson, and Brice Woolard.



# NMS ACADEMICS

## CLEAN-UP

Our TAG, BETA and Jr. BETA students have been hard at work over the last few weeks serving the community. On Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2022, they cleaned-up the shorelines of Cockrells Creek in Reedville using a small fleet of skiffs with the assistance of the Northumberland Association for Progressive Stewardship (NAPS) and the Smith Point Sea Rescue. All the participants received free lunch and a free "Trash Crab" T-shirt. Then on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2022, they cleaned-up trash on the roadside with NAPS. They met in Wicomico Church and cleaned-up trash to Tipers Bridge in Glebe Point. The students also helped with the off-road gulleys and behind the guard rails. They filled several extra-large bags with trash. Many bottles and cans in recyclable condition were recovered and dropped off at the transfer station. A big thanks to Mrs. Heather Cockrell, NMS Art Teacher and her husband Nick Cockrell for serving as Captain and First Mate; the TAG teacher, Mrs. Katie Wilkins; and the BETA and Jr. BETA Sponsors, Mrs. Karen Baker and Mrs. Cindy Swift for their support. It was amazing what was pulled out from the river—from tire to huge television. NAPS could not do what they do without the help of our students.



# PRIDE

Politeness    Respect    Integrity    Determination    Excellence

## SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NMS recognized two students from each grade level that model the positive behavior expectations. For the month of September the character word was **RESPECT**.

- Accept feedback and discipline from staff.
- Follow directions the first time given.
- Remain seated unless given permission.



Tyler Haynie    Ja'laya Wiggins    Nadia Stokes    Tenley Deihl    Braylin Beauchamp    Akyra Buchanan

The students are reminded daily to keep showing their "PRIDE" and good attendance is essential to their achievement of learning. Students who have perfect attendance for the week receive a \$5 PRIDE Buck. On October 20, 2022, two students from each grade level were selected in a PBIS perfect attendance drawing. During their lunch, they had the opportunity to hit a piñata for treats.



Abigail Sisson & Benjamin Parson    Logan Falin & James Scripture    Mia Livingston & Kelsey Newsome

Students spending their "PRIDE Bucks" at the PBIS Store on Friday's during lunch.



Our Quarter 1 "No Referrals Celebration" was held (6th Grade-October 26th; 7th Grade-October 27th; and 8th Grade-October 28th from 2:30-3p.m. with ice cream & social time on the Soccer Field. Students that have had a day of ISS, OSS or After School Detention will attend a PRIDE Seminar during that time to help encourage them to show improvement in Quarter 2.



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Throughout the school year, students are taught how to behave according to the five expectations. Acknowledging and reinforcing positive behavior is one of the best ways to change inappropriate behavior and encourage appropriate behavior. 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** and **determination**, and always show **excellence** in all the work you do. You should always show your Northumberland PRIDE. You can earn PRIDE Bucks by showing our school wide positive behavior expectations and weekly perfect attendance. Another thing you can earn is a PRIDE postcard that is mailed, letting you and your family know that you had demonstrated NMS PRIDE. The PRIDE Bucks are spent at the PBIS Store that is open every Friday during lunch. Students really enjoy buying fun toys, school supplies, chips and candy.

The following "Student of the Month" received a certificate, \$5 PRIDE Buck and special breakfast box with juice or water.



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NMS recognized two students from each grade level that model the positive behavior expectations. For the month of August/September the character word was **POLITENESS**.

- Be attentive and give eye contact.
- Raise your hand before speaking.
- Ask appropriately for help.



Crew Jones



Faith Robinson



Addison Headley



Jaden Bundy



Evelyn Saunders

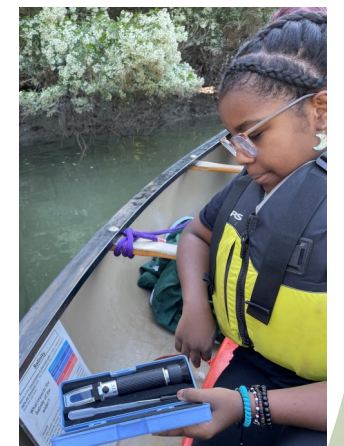


Terry Bromley

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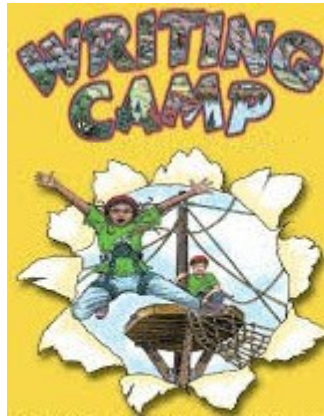
## TAG STUDENTS ON THE BAY

The TAG students traveled to Belle Isle State Park located in Lancaster, VA, for a day of outdoor learning—6th grade went on Tuesday and 7th grade went on Wednesday (October 11-12, 2022). The 8th graders will go at a later date. The park has seven miles of shoreline on the Northern Neck's Rappahannock River and provides access to Mulberry and Deep creeks. The diverse ecosystems makes Belle Isle an excellent outdoor laboratory for environmental education that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) educators shared with the students. The students did a pollution scavenger hunt, water testing, net seining, logging of species, identifying of trees, undisturbed listening in their natural surroundings, a picnic in canoes, and manual labor loading and unloading canoes. The CBF field programs give students a unique opportunity to learn about and interact with the Chesapeake Bay. They enjoyed the CBF educators and it was a beautiful autumn day to learn outside! The 6th grade students who attended are Zach Austin, Kendra Batton-McCutcheon, Estrella Cruz, Andrew Harrison, Kamiko Haynie, Liam Johnson, Lucas Lewis, Kaiden Nguyen, Aylett Sanchez-Cervantes, Sawyer Sebra, Parker Shirilla and Eme Watkins. The 7th grade students who attended are Talen Bowis, Jaden Bundy, Jordan Bunn, Haleigh Burrell, Trystan Campbell, Lameara Dabney, Waylon Greer, Jarvis Johnson, James Scripture and Eva Williams.



# NMS CLUBS

## WRITING CAMP



The NMS Writing Camp is a chance to improve writing skills while having **FUN!** Once a week, students who registered for camp will meet with their assigned teacher to play games while improving writing. Small groups will work with English teachers to assist students in writing and grammar skills. Every Tuesday, starting October 18, 2022, a small group of students will meet with Mrs. Swift, and every Thursday, starting October 20, 2022, a different small group of students will meet with Mrs. Walker.

## COOKING CLUB

The Junior Cooking Club meets every Tuesday, starting October 4, 2022 (6th grade) and every Thursday, starting October 6, 2022 (7th & 8th grades) in the NMS "student kitchen" with the School Nutrition Director, Mrs. Saunee Hamlett. The students will have fun while learning to cook scratch meal items along with the Harvest of the Month fruit and/or vegetable. The students will model proper handwashing, wearing of gloves, and food safety. They will put the food items together while following a recipe and critique the end product. Mrs. Hamlett want to teach them how to prepare recipes and to use their imagination to change the recipes. The first week the students learned how to make Waldorf Salad. The students will learn how to make food items such as homemade granola, southern fried apples, etc.



# DIG PINK



On October 4, 2022, NMS wore pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Dig Pink allows volleyball teams collectively accomplish the goal of recognizing and serving the breast cancer community through fundraising. All of the proceeds raised went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. NMS volleyball team wore pink in support of breast cancer awareness and also NMS teachers showed their support for Dig Pink.



MS Volleyball team in a huddle to strategize their next play against Lancaster's team.



Centered: Mrs. West, (L-R) Mrs. Packett, Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Curry, Ms. Powell and Ms. Rombold



JV Volleyball team in their new Dig Pink uniforms.

# JV FOOTBALL



The JV football team worked hard as a team in every competition. They played with determination and teamwork. The Coach is James Weldon and Assistant Coach Darryl Smith. The team members are (Front) Wilton Smith, Kentrez Rice, Lyndon Williams, Donovan Kelly, Jeremy Burrell, Amir Lewis, Jemarlis Barber, Gavin Jett, Waylon Hymes, Braeden Cummings, Jessey Noel; (Back) Janyle Shelton, Zaidin Crockett, Cameron Minor, Mason Medina, Colby George, Gateyn Craigway, Richard Tighe, Jasir Smith, Ti'Jae Holmes and Kevon Jackson

# JROTC



JROTC Members: (Front) Landon Nance, Nathaniel Barnes, Kelsey Newsome, Ava Withers, Keymah Clarke, Brionna Turner, Riley Milau, Regan Lucas; (Back) Saprina Williams, Mary Pearson, Keilani Williams-Johnson, Marlene Orozco, Eleysia Downing, London Williams, Hannah Childs and Rayana Haynie (Not pictured: Jemarlis Barber, Akyra Buchanan, Donovan Kelly, Robert Mink, Jessey Noel, Kentrez Rice, William Rosado, Jetzabel Vega, Juelz Wiggins, Lyndon Williams and Jeilan Williams-Johnson)

# HARVEST OF THE MONTH

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### TASTE TESTING

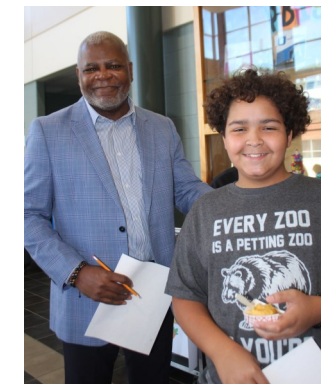
On September 23, 2022, a taste testing of Chipotle Mac & Cheese was offered to the students during lunch. During our taste testing, Mr. Ronald Walters, M.S.Ed, (School Nutrition Program Training Specialist) from the Virginia Department of Education was here to kick-off our first taste testing for this school year. We also received a New Milk Dispenser that dispenses chocolate and white milk.



Mr. Ronald West & Ms. Sandra Lopez



Ms. Sandra Lopez



Mr. Ronald Walters & Caleb Middleton



Logan Thomas

# A VISIT FROM AN AUTHOR

NMS had the pleasure of having a guest author Kathryn Erskine, on Friday, September 23, 2022. She presented a writing workshop entitled "Be SASSY: Writing with SASS" which is geared towards middle school students. Each grade level had the opportunity to attend an interactive workshop with the author. Mrs. Erskine also shared information about her life as an author. Students had the opportunity for a lengthy Q&A to learn more about Ms. Erskine. She was also kind enough to give each student and teacher a copy of her latest novel *Lily's Promise*.



Mrs. Kathryn Erskine



Mrs. Kathryn Erskine & Mr. Adam Letizia

# NMS FALL SPORTS



## GOLF

Our young Golfers have had a wonderful time on the golf course teeing off and getting the golf ball into the hole on the putting green. The team members are (Kneeling): Crew Jones, Amar'e Starks, and Tripp Garland; (Standing): Assistant Coach Donald Bazemore, James Scripture, Brice Woolard, Ethan Downing and Coach Mark Harksen.

## CHEERLEADERS

Our young ladies currently cheer for the girls' basketball team. The squad goal is to focus on "teamwork" and by working together they have an excellent squad. They are very excited to represent Northumberland Middle School! Victoria West is the Coach. The members are (Front-Center): Lily Lewis; (Kneeling): Piper Moore, Brianna Sutton, Kamiko Haynie, Ja'laya Wiggins; (Standing): AuNesti Coleman, Alayna Lewis, Aliyah Segar, Cailyn Seymour and Erika Johnson (not pictured Kendra Batton-McCutcheon and Manager, Jayden Thompson).



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians played with determination and team work. The team members are (Kneeling): Kayci Johnson, Saprina Williams, Lyriq Garner; (Standing): Coach Terrell Diggs, Alicesyn Thomas, Chyna Wormley, Serenity Jessup, Kaitlyn Redmond and Savannah Davis (not pictured Cadence Curry and London Williams).



# NMS FALL SPORTS

## SOCCER

Our soccer players played with determination and team work. The team members worked hard for a good season. The team members are (Sitting): Cameron Mahan; (Kneeling): Riley Thorne, Zoyshe Farrell, Za'Kai Scott, Kaiden Nguyen, Thomas Cruz Cornejo, Parker Shirilla, Andersen Booth, Talen Bowis, Andrew Harrison; (Standing): Audrey Dawson, Alex Ponce, Eric Garcia Vargas, Eduardo Diaz-Zamora, Landon Shirilla, Caden Jones, Trent Dameron, Trystan Campbell, Amari Gaskins, Kamden Dobyms and Coach Lon Patrick (not pictured Uriel Cabral-Arias and Lyryc Bea).



## VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Indians worked hard as a team in every competition. They played with determination and teamwork. The team members are (Kneeling): Naomi Gough, Riley Milau, Lilly Hayden, Logan Falin, Abigail Sisson, Raniyah Dunkley; (Standing): Hailee Powell (Manager), Rayana Haynie, Emma Hinson, DeAnna Mothershead, Eva Williams, Haleigh Burrell, Zalea Gaskins, and Coach Genia Powell.



## JV VOLLEYBALL

The members of the volleyball team played with determination and teamwork. The coach is Pauline Brann and Assistant Coaches are Katie Walker and Rebecca Jones. The members are (Kneeling): Tawny Bowis, Abby Bates, Emmalee King, Karmen Lucas, Addie Gordon; (Standing) Meghan Downing, Presley Gracik, Lacie Self, Ally Biddlecomb, Claire Walker and Ginny Swann.

