

# NCPS SUMMER LEARNING SCHEDULE 2023

				<b>Jun 2, 2023</b> Teacher workday (4 hours)
<b>Jun 5, 2023</b> Summer School Begins  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 6, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 7, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 8, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 9, 2023</b>  <b>No School</b>
<b>Jun 12, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 13, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 14, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 15, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 16, 2023</b>  <b>No School</b>
<b>Jun 19, 2023</b>  <b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Jun 20, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 21, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 22, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 23, 2023</b>  <b>No School</b>
<b>Jun 26, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 27, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 28, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 29, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jun 30, 2023</b>  <b>No School</b>
<b>Jul 3, 2023</b>  <b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Jul 4, 2023</b>  <b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Jul 5, 2023</b>  7:40 am - 3:12 pm	<b>Jul 6, 2023</b> Last Day of Summer School 7:40 am - 3:12 pm	



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# Green and Gold Times

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## THE JOY OF LITERACY

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P.R.I.D.E.

Politeness

Respect

Integrity De-  
termination

Excellence



The above mural was designed by Abby Bates, Braylin Beauchamp, Ally Biddlecomb, Tawny Bowis, Presley Gracik, Eliza Leo, Lacie Self and Claire Walker to introduce our One School One Book program.



On April 11, 2023, NMS students started their 10th Annual One School One Book Reading Program under the leadership of Mrs. Stacey Lee. Our building came together to read the chapter book at the same time, (chapters were assigned each night) over the course of 7 days. The students had the chance to embark on the reading adventure with the book, *Not If I Save You First*, by Ally Carter. Each morning a question about the book blared from the speakers. Students and staff were given strips of paper to record their response. Mrs. Stacey Lee collected the responses and students who answered the questions correctly were entered into a drawing for a chance to win a prize. The winners of the daily trivia questions were Isabelle de Rosa Fries, Lacie Self, James Scripture, Eliza Leo, A insleigh Perham, Nina Thorne, and Hannah Childs.

By introducing one book with students across all grades, we shared the love of reading with our entire school. Students enjoyed having a chance to share their thoughts about the book with their friends. With One School One Book, it increases students' interaction with books and promote the joys of literacy within the school, and allow teachers, parents, and students to have conversations about what they are reading. The students also kicked off the book reading with Spirit Week.



Treon Morris



Faith Robinson, Thomas Cruz & Lillyth George



Brionna Fischer & Cailyn Seymour



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hello Northumberland families-

Thank you for everything you do as a family to support us here at NMS. We have had a fabulous year! The month of May has been busy. We have worked hard to prepare and take SOL tests, celebrate through a wonderful dance social, attend fabulous field trips, and come together to acknowledge the excellent work of our students at each grade level assembly. We will work in June to provide remediation for our students and then in July we will dedicate ourselves to preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. Please reach out over the summer if you have questions or concerns.

As we teach NMS students everyday, "Let's work to earn those Pride bucks, remember to be polite, be respectful, show your integrity and determination, and always aim for excellence!" Thank you again for your support and have a wonderful summer!

*Shelli 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~*

## HANDWRITING CONTEST

The Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest is the most prestigious handwriting contest in the United States. The contest kicks off each fall and runs through February 14. The winners are announced and prizes awarded each spring. The entries for cursive is open to all students enrolled in schools in grades 3-8. The students' entries are evaluated at the school and state level. The winning students received trophies, a certificate and the sheer pride that comes with having the best penmanship in the nation.

Mrs. Brann's English student, Gavinn Woods, was chosen as one of the State Finalist for the 2023 National Zaner-Bloser Handwriting contest. He earned a medallion and a certificate stating he is a state winner! Congratulations to Gavinn and his proud English teacher, Mrs. Brann.



Gavinn Woods & Mrs. Brann



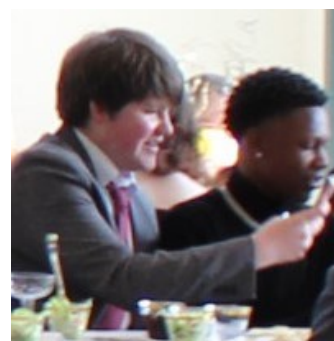
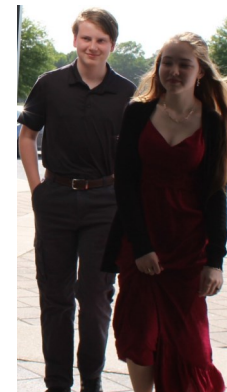
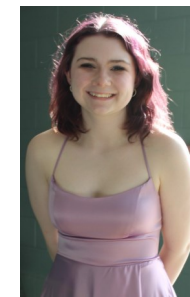
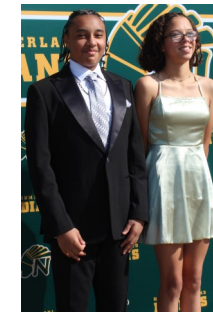
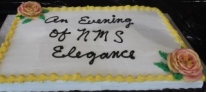
Gavinn Woods & Mrs. Lipton



Gavinn Woods & Mrs. Brann



## An 8th-Grade Evening of Elegance





# PRIDE

Politeness    Respect    Integrity    Determination    Excellence

Throughout the school year, students are taught how to behave according to the five expectations. Our school wants each and every student to remember to be **polite** to one another, **respect** teachers, students and other staff members, show **integrity** and **determination**, and always show **excellence** in the work they do. Students should always show their Northumberland PRIDE. They can earn PRIDE Bucks by showing school wide positive behavior expectations. Another thing to earn is a PRIDE post-card that is mailed, letting their family know that they 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 students was selected as student of the month and received a certificate, \$5 PRIDE Buck and special snack bag.

## MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

- Respect everyone and everything at NMS.
- Follow the rules even when no one is watching.



Eme Watkins    Maddox Gant    Lillian Hayden    Lilly Lewis    Emma Somers    Lyndon Williams

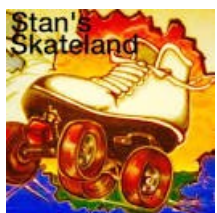
## APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

- Attend class daily and on time.
- Be willing to share answers & ask questions when needed.
- Be prepared for instruction with all necessary materials.



Rachel Barnes    James Raynor    Jacob Smith    Brandon Saunders    Tawny Bowis    Uriel Cabral

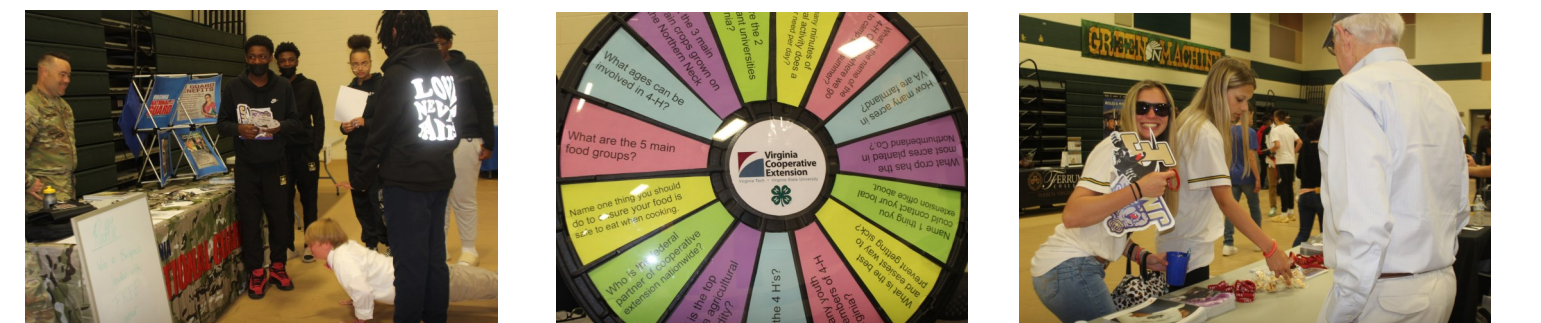


Our Quarter 4 "No referrals Celebration" was held at STAN's Skateland on May 24th for 8th/7th grades; and May 26th for 6th/7th grades. The students that have had a day of ISS, OSS or After School Detention will be in Study Hall during that time to help make-up any assignments.

# CAREER FAIR



On April 21, 2023, Mr. Lightfoot and his Business Management Class invited NMS 8th grade students to their 2023 NHS Career Fair. While this was not a actual job fair, a number of companies were looking for summer help (such as Compass and some restaurants). There were representatives from a variety of public and private sector organizations such as Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, Heads Up, Abilities Abound, Boys & Girls Club, Northumberland County Sheriff's Office, Northumberland Chamber of Commerce, Carry-On Trailer Corporation, Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department, Northumberland Emergency Services, United Bank, United States Coast Guard, Northern Neck Regional Jail, Haynesville Correctional Center, Virginia National Guard, Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Conservation Police, and Omega Protein. There were also a number of learning institutions such as The Apprentice School of Newport News Shipbuilding, Virginia Military School, Virginia State University, Ferrum College, James Madison University, Mary Baldwin University, and University of Lynchburg. The goal was to expose the students to a number of possible careers to pursue. The students took their time, met with the company representatives and collected ideas as to what they offer and how they might be able to contribute to their future. Overall, the students had a meaningful learning experience.





# D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



Northumberland County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. program graduated 75 eighth-grade students on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. We have some great kids at NMS and hopefully, by them taking part in the D.A.R.E. program it will encourage them to make the right choice if they come in contact with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, bullying and peer pressure. We are grateful to live in a community where our police department strives to teach our youth valuable lessons that will help them succeed in school and future life endeavors. Officer Kevin Keeve (NMS SRO), Sheriff J.A. Beauchamp and Health Teachers (Mr. Donald Bazemore & Mr. Jonathan Boarman) presented the students who met the class requirements with their D.A.R.E. completion certificates and D.A.R.E. backpacks. Some students also received additional rewards, such as Daren the Tiger (Emma Somers, Presley Gracik, Jake Brann, & Uriel Cabral Arias); county seal challenge coin (Alex Ponce, Chloe Courtney, Ally Biddlecomb, Katie Austin, Tawny Bowis & Gabrielle Burnett); D.A.R.E. challenge coin (Cailey Rose, Terry Bromley, Lacie Self, Jeilan Williams-Johnson, Mia Livingston & Regan Lucas); and students that returned their D.A.R.E. erasers and pencil as requested received a D.A.R.E. water bottle. It was a pleasure to have Sheriff Beauchamp attend and briefly speak at this event.



Kneeling (Left to Right): Jake Brann, Nathaniel Barnes, Abigail Bates, Keiden Bundy, Luke Sisk, Landon Shirilla, Nina Thorne, Lacie Self, Jetzabel Vega, Levi Sebra; Standing (Left to Right): Officer Kevin Keeve, Jeilan Williams-Johnson, Yosahara Valenzuela Castro, Terry Bromley, Braylin Beauchamp, Estefania Diaz-Zamora, Raniyah Dunkley, Rayana Haynie, DeAnna Mothershead, Kavan Middleton, Alex Ponce, Kentrez Rice, Donovan Kelly, and Mr. Donald Bazemore.



Sheriff Beauchamp & daughter, Braylin & Officer Kevin Keeve



(Left to Right): Officer Kevin Keeve, Claire Walker, Emma Somers, Katie Austin, Ally Biddlecomb, Keymah Clarke, TryManty Carter, Erick Garica Vargas, Lydia Hall, Eliza Leo, Regan Lucas, Taliaferro Pearson, Saprina Williams, Teriona Merrill, Caleb Timberlake, Tyler Smith, and Mr. Jonathan Boarman.



Alex Ponce & Sheriff Beauchamp

# SPRING ART SHOW



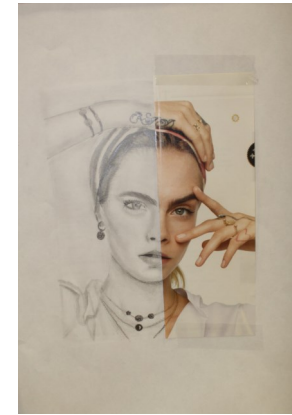
Aniya Doggett



AuNesti Coleman



Chloe Ricks



Eliza Leo



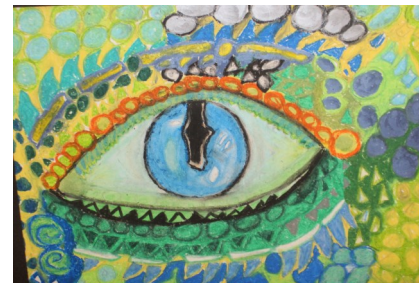
Gaetyn Craigway



Rachel Burns



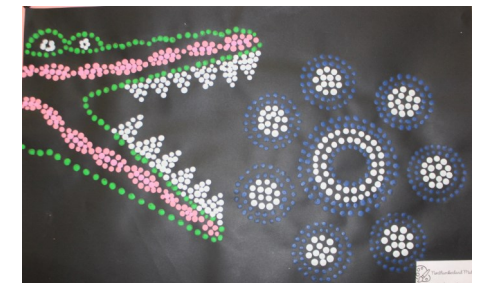
Tawny Bowis



Hailee Powell



Jake Brann



Jordan Bunn



Lillian Hayden



Tessa Stowell



Lily Lewis



Katie Austin



Isabelle de Rosa Fries



Messiah Diggs



# SPRING ART SHOW



NCPS held their 2nd Annual K-12 Spring Art Show in the gymnasium at Northumberland Middle School on April 13 –14, 2023. The art showcase was organized by Mrs. Heather Cockrell with Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Perez and it was fantastic. Each artwork was special; however, the following students were recognized with an award.



Presley Gracik  
1st Place



Alayna Lewis  
2nd Place



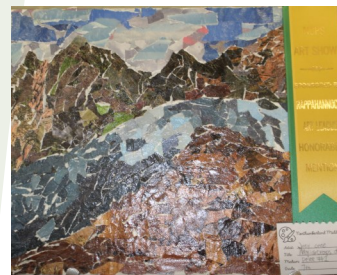
Lillian Hayden  
3rd Place



Lacie Self  
Principal's Choice Award



Mia Livingston  
Art Teachers Choice Award



Joey Gee  
Honorable Mention



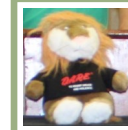
Treon Morris  
Honorable Mention



Chloe Ricks  
Honorable Mention



Gabriel Burnett  
Honorable Mention



# D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



(Left to Right): Officer Kevin Keeve, Keondra Keeve, Presley Gracik, Tawny Bowis, Brianna Ince, Evelyn Saunders, Gabrielle Burnett, Eleysia Downing, Kavon Jackson, Waylon Hymes, Lyryc Bea, Kiptyn Cockrell, Jemaris Barber, Cadence Curry, Victoria Jett, Mia Livingston, Keilani Williams-Johnson, and Mr. Jonathan Boarman.



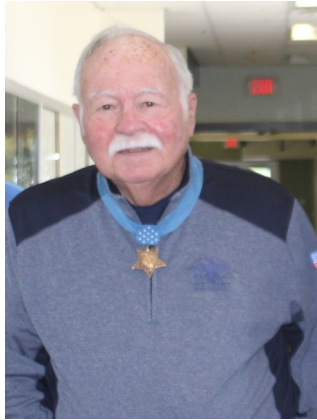
(Left to Right): Officer Kevin Keeve, William Feldmann, Zaiden Crockett, Marcus Crawley, Treon Morris, Marlene Orozco, Chloe Courtney, Medalis Cauja Correa, Akyra Buchanan, Caleb McCall, Joseph Brandon, Uriel Cabral Arias, Cailey Rose, Tessa Stowell, Kira Conaway, Ava Withers, Kelsey Newsome, Chloe Ricks, and Mr. Donald Bazemore

Once the ceremony was completed, the students had the opportunity to go outside for ice cream and a chance to water dunk Officer Keeve, Mr. Bazemore and Mr. Boarman. They were dunked several times by the students; but, Emma Somers dunked all three men.





## HONOR PLUS DIGNITY



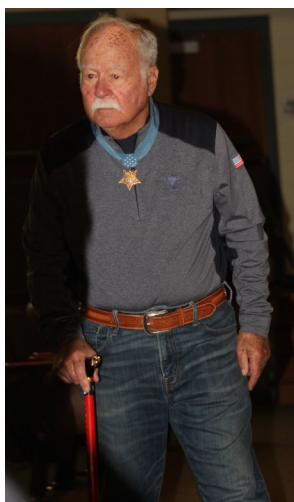
On May 16, 2023, Chief Vega and Sergeant Lemon invited Colonel Harvey Barnum, Jr., Marine Corps Retired, a distinguished speaker to talk to NHS and NMS Cadets and students. Colonel Barnum received the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War. He was the fourth Marine to receive the medal for actions in Vietnam. Colonel Barnum talked about his days in high school playing football and baseball and being a member of the Boy Scouts of America in Cheshire, Connecticut. He was also president of his Freshman and Senior class at Cheshire High School. He was drawn to the Marines while attending a military recruiting day as a senior. He said the junior and senior boys were assembled in the school auditorium, with faculty members observing from the rear of the room as each recruiter got up to give his pitch. The Air Force recruiter got up to explain the advantages of joining the United States Air Force. He was greeted with catcalls and whistles from the students. The Army recruiter received the same treatment, as did the Navy recruiter. Then the Marine recruiter a seasoned gunnery sergeant, rose and glared. He said, "there is no one here worthy of being a United States Marine. I'm deplored that the faculty in the back of the room would let the students carry on like this. There isn't anybody here I want in my Marine Corps." He said, when the recruiter sat back down he was among the students that swarmed around his table. He was sworn into the Marine Corps that same year. He joined a Marine Platoon Leadership Class when he got to St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he graduated with a degree in economics and then joined the Marine Corps. Colonel Barnum talked about his days when he was a 1st Lieutenant during Operation Harvest Moon. His unit was ambushed by Viet Cong units, his company commander and radio operator were both killed, dismantling the company's command structure and communications capabilities. With no other officers in the company, it was up to him to take command. He retrieved the radio and informed the battalion commander of the situation. He stood on a tall knoll, exposed to enemy fire on all sides, and directed air strikes by pointing his arms towards enemy positions. When his troops crossed a narrow and deep river, he was the last member of his company to cross the water to safety. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on December 18, 1965, for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty". Thank you Colonel Harvey Barnum, Jr., Marine Corps Retired, for your service and sacrifice for our country and also for a most needed inspirational talk to our students.



Carroll Ashburn, Colonel Ashburn, Cadet Matthew Kelley & Cadet Ryland Pearson



Cadet Ryland Pearson, Colonel Ashburn, SRO Jessie Lee & Cadet Matthew Kelley



# SPRING CHOIR CONCERT



The chorus held their annual spring concert on April 13, 2023, under the direction of Mrs. Latasha Lee. This year was a "Tribute to Michael Jackson." Some of the songs performed were "The Love You Save", "I want You Back", "ABC", and "Rock with You". In addition to walking down memory lane listening to Michael Jackson's songs, Mrs. Shanita Curry choreographed a dance to Thriller with some of our 6th and 7th graders that brought the house down. If you weren't there you missed a treat. Everyone was incredible including a newcomer to the NMS stage, Treon Morris who started off the concert with the song, "When I Had You." Choir members are Jayla Giles, A'Mya Coleman, Keondra Keeve, Kyle Lankford, Willie Bowles, Elijah Byrd, Brianna Ince, Raniyah Dunkley, Alicesyn Thomas, Kaela Baker, Brandi Parker, Khloe LaGreca, Tayla Gibbs, Karolyn Ball, Destyn Coleman, Kierra Coleman, Tommorah Koonce, Johnae Jackson, Victoria Jett, Tony Holden, Wyatt Headley, Ethan Fitzgerald, Try'Quaun Burton, and Jamir Basker.



Treon Morris



Members of the Thriller dance team from left to right are: Mrs. Tashet Ball, (Makeup Artist), Milton Laws, Zakiya Rice, Harmony Robins, Chyna Wormley, Kaitlyn Redmond, McKinley Campbell, Ryjanae Kelly, Liam Johnson, Mrs. Shanita Curry (Choreographer), Khloe LaGreca, Amare' Starks, Mrs. Latasha Lee (Choir Director), Selena Bryan, Brandi Parker, Logan Thomas, Cailyn Seymour, Christian Dandridge, Jadeyn Thompson, Phillip Weldon, and Ms. BreAnna Curry (Makeup Artist).





# SPRING BAND CONCERT

The Band held their annual spring concert on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, under the direction of Ms. Madeline Lee. The 6th and 7th Grade Bands and Symphonic Band played several favorites such as "Renaissance Fair", "Dragon Slayer", "Ghost of the Lost Ship", "The Big Three", "Cajun Folk Songs", and "Song for Lyndsay". Everyone had a good time enjoying the music and the turn out was excellent.



6th Grade Members: Zachary Austin, Aidan Ball, Rachel Barnes, Emily Beccera, Selena Bryan, Kara Cockrell, London Cottrell, Thomas Cruz Cornejo, Maddox Gant, Tripp Garland, Mason Gough, Andrew Harrison, Antwan Haskins, Kamiko Haynie, Wyatt Jackson, Liam Johnson, Lucas Lewis, Christopher Martinez, Benjamin Parsons, Kaitlyn Redmond, Sarah Self, Abby Shelton, Parker Shirilla, Lacey Spitzer, Tyler Spring, Jolie Thibodeaux, Riley Thorne, and Bryan Turner



7th Grade Members: Nelson Brooks, McKinley Campbell, Brooks Dameron, Savannah Davis, Eduardo Diaz-Zamora, Lyriq Garner, Mason Kimball, Sophia McCaldon, Kaleb Middleton, Eli Miller, Nyriel Newton, ZaKai Scott, James Scripture, Teresa Tate, Phillip Weldon, and Chyna Wormley

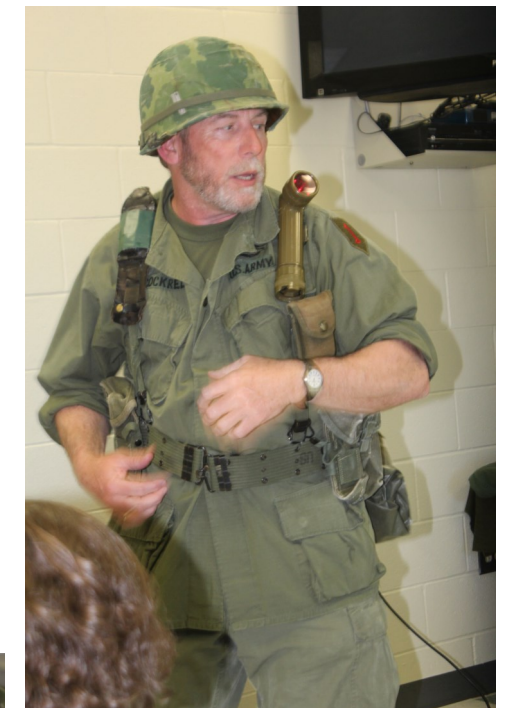


Symphonic Band Members: Abby Bates, Lyric Bea, Braylin Beauchamp, James Blake, Sadie Blake, Evan Branem, Reagan Brent, Chloe Bustle, Jacob Clarke, May Crowther, Braeden Cummings, Damian Cruz, Isaac Faulkner, Cameron Gross, Courtney Kline, Mathew Lewis, Jesus Lopez-Martinez, Kavan Middleton, Alex Ponce, Judah Perez, Jesus Ramirez-Santana, Rachel Rice, Landon Shirilla, Luke Sisk, and Leon Zarrag-Dominguez



## VIETNAM ERA

Mr. Cockrell's 7th grade History class learned about the Vietnam War. The students learned that the United States (U.S.) was afraid that communism would spread to South Vietnam and then the rest of Asia. Therefore, President Truman sent the Military Assistance Advisory Group (Navy, Army and Air Force) to Vietnam to supervise the use of \$10 million worth of U.S. military equipment to support South Vietnam in their effort to fight North Vietnam from 1954 - 1964. Then the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, also known as the U.S.S. Maddox incident, marked the formal entry of the United States into the Vietnam War (U.S.S. Maddox was attacked by North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats, leading President Johnson to call for air strikes on North Vietnamese patrol boat bases). The U.S. were fully involved in the Vietnam War from 1964 - 1973 and there were 58,220 U.S. military fatal casualties. Mr. Cockrell also shared with his students artifacts he has collected over the years, such as canteens, sunglasses, sleeping bags, combat equipment, etc.





# JROTC CADET DAY

On Friday, May 5, 2023, JROTC held their 1st. Annual JROTC Organization Day event. During this event, there was a JROTC Battalion Run, followed by a BBQ, and team competition games. The invitation was extended to all students who are currently enrolled in JROTC and those who were enrolled in the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Lipton was very honored to stand and run with the Battalion.



# NMS ACADEMICS

## FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) competed in the FPS State Bowl at Granby High School. The FPS were given a scenario and was asked to find a solution to a hypothetical future situation - "Throw Away Society". The students completed challenges about the topic. Jordan Bunn and Talen Bowis were each awarded the Wythe Medallion for the Middle Division. This was the first time judges presented two awards in the same division. Under the guidance of Mrs. Wilkins, a team of four students (Waylon Greer, Jaden Bundy, Talen Bowis and Jordan Bunn) competed in the Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS) Middle Division team competition. GIPS teaches students how to think creatively about the future. NHS student Morgan Dunn placed 2nd in the Middle Division Individual Competition. Congratulations to all the students.



Jordan Bunn & Talen Bowis



Waylon Greer, Jaden Bundy, Morgan Dunn (NHS), Jordan Bunn & Talen Bowis

## Tire disposal

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, we showed our GREEN Northumberland spirit during a FREE Tire Disposal event for our community. Our NMS and NHS TAG students along with JROTC students, Elementary and Senior BETA students and volunteers from the community pitched in to collect old tires from Northumberland residents. The students counted tires, removed tires from cars, trucks and trailers, and loaded the tires into the back of a tractor trailer. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to collect over 500 tires!





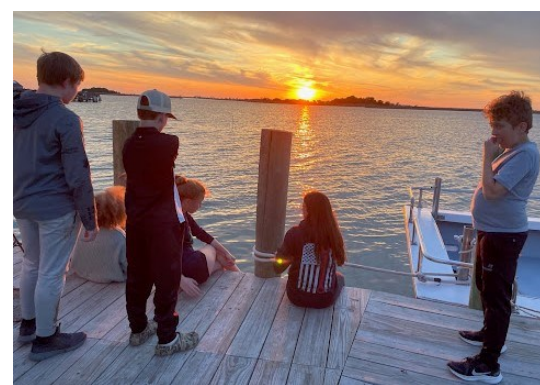
# NMS ACADEMICS

## TAG STUDENTS ON THE BAY

Our TAG students took a field trip to Smith Island, MD, from May 5-7, 2023. They had an amazing weekend of learning coordinated by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Students were able to get some hands-on experience, learning about marine habitats and life in and around the Chesapeake Bay. Students learned about the local watermen and observe marine and marsh species up close. They learned about conservation and efforts to keep our environment clean and healthy. They participated in activities such as crabbing and marsh mucking which was a big hit! Mrs. Wilkins would like to extend a special thanks to NMS Science teacher, Mrs. Whanger, and parents Kristy Shirilla and Brian Barnes for chaperoning the trip. Overall, it was a wonderful weekend that the students will never forget!



(Left to Right): Mrs. Whanger, Zach Austin, Mrs. Wilkins, James Scripture, Liam Johnson, Lucas Lewis, Parker Shirilla, Ally Biddlecomb, Emma Somers, Kamiko Haynie, Aylett Sanchez-Cervantes, Eme Watkins, Nathaniel Barnes & Jaden Bundy



# JROTC CADET DAY





# SPRING FORMAL

On May 19, 2023, the Junior BETA sponsored a Semi-Formal Spring Dance from 6-8 p.m. in the NMS gymnasium. The Junior BETA invited all NMS students. They had music by DJ Brian Gracik and snack food was provided. Everyone had a great time and the turnout was great.



# SPRING FORMAL

