SYDNEY LEVISON – SIGNING WITH DIVISION I COLLEGE

Congratulations to senior Sydney Levison! She will be running cross country and track & field with Siena College next year. Siena is a Division I school in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Sydney has been an outstanding student-athlete while at Norwood-Norfolk. Her many accolades have come from her diligence and perseverance. Earlier this year she was selected to be the Section X female representative on the NYSPHSAA’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). We couldn’t be prouder of Sydney. She’s a competitor, scholar, friend, and leader.

NNCS is hosting a Signing Event for Sydney on this Wednesday, November 14th at 4:30. All are invited to the District Conference Room as she declares for Siena College. It’s a special day that she is sharing with teammates and friends. All are invited to congratulate Sydney while she signs for Siena College. Go Saints!

VETERANS DAY

Our students know of the sacrifices men, women, and families have made on behalf of our great country. Thank you to all the teachers who facilitated our children’s understanding of sacrifice, courage, and responsibility. And thank you to all men, women, and families who serve.

In the picture to the right you will see a series of poppies on student lockers. (We’re not sure where they came from, but it was a very poignant statement.)

The signs about the school thanking Veterans is a tremendous view. Additionally, through discussion in Ms. Childs’ class, it was discovered that 18 students in the freshmen class have parents who are Veterans. The class decided to make them a Thank You basket to honor their service.

We had students complete Veterans Day projects with the younger grades. To the left is a picture showing the final project from Mrs. Bullard’s 3rd graders.
We had students collecting money for the Wounded Warriors Project. KJ Belmore, Nattalya Browning, Constance Pirosuk, and Kylie Baxter collected at Walmart on Sunday and Garrett Villnave and Duncan O'Brien sat at Stewarts on Saturday. All together, they raised over $1,200 to donate to Wounded Warriors!

**CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET**

We’re very proud of both the boys and girls Cross Country teams. They finished their season ranked 12th (boys) and 10th (girls) out of all the Class D schools in NYS and won the Section X Championships. Both teams ran very well in the NYS Championship Meet. Our girls team came in 4th and our boys team came in 7th. This is extraordinary! We’re so very proud of you all. And…congratulations Coach Fetter.

In the girls meet the Norwood-Norfolk team was paced by Maddie Dinneen in 13th place followed by Sydney Levison in 25th place. Rounding out our team was Sharon Colbert (33rd), Rachel Hewey (52nd), Erin Dickenson (74th), Caera Stone (94th), and Kiera Fetter (95th). Great job, girls!

In the boys meet the Flyers team was paced by Clayton Reed in 49th place and Michael Richards in 58th place. Rounding out the team was Thomas Hopsicker (63rd), Levi Sochia (66th), Owen Haas (77th), Laeton Colbert (100th), and Jace Williamson (101st). We’re proud of you!

Team and individual results can be found [HERE](#).

**STUDENT OF THE QUARTER ASSEMBLY**

Four times a year our middle school celebrates their students at the Student of the Quarter Assembly. Bill LaPointe from the Potsdam Elks joins us to announce the Flyer of the Quarter and speaks to the students on character, integrity, and volunteerism. For this 1st ten weeks the Flyer of the Quarter is Lance Bradley. His teachers say that he is a model student who approaches his work in a serious and thorough manner. He’s an excellent work partner within the classroom and exemplary citizen outside the classroom. He is at the top of his class in both academics and sports. Congratulations Lance and all the Student of the Quarter honorees.

Each grade also selected two students as Students of the Quarter with their teachers reading testimonials to these children. This assembly was kicked off with the high school chorus singing one of their practiced songs. It was a wonderful celebration.

**SCHOOL BUSES**

There is no reason for people not to see our school buses. They’re big and painted yellow with bright, flashing lights. If you see one then slow down. If the yellow lights are flashing, then please use caution. If the red lights are flashing then STOP. We are carrying our most precious treasures. If we catch someone passing a stopped school bus with their red flashers on, then we will provide your plate number to the police.
**PARP CHALLENGE...SUCCESS!**

We were so very happy that our students met their targets during the Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) Challenge. Principal Kingsley and Administrative Intern Sarah Bullard placed a challenge before the children and if they hit the target then they’d … KISS A PIG!

What fun the children had as Mrs. Kingsley and Mrs. Bullard smooched a pig. A few who were close to the action thought the pig kissed them back, too. Congratulations to all the children and families who participated in the PARP Challenge. Few things are more important than reading to your child.

**CHAMPIONSHIP BANNERS**

At NNCS we remember our history and celebrate our present and past students. Organized by Athletic Coordinator Nate Plantz and assisted by many coaches, our varsity gymnasium is now a showcase for the accomplishments of our student-athletes. Past championships are displayed, by sport, for all to see. It looks great and will undoubtedly inspire our current students.

**LOCKDOWN DRILL SCHEDULED**

NNCS will conduct a mandatory Lockdown Drill on Friday, November 16th. The exact time of day that this will occur will not be announced. We conduct these drills as a mandate from the NYS Education Department; however, there is great value with these drills. Just as Fire Drills have enabled our children to learn to react appropriately, Lockdown Drills can do likewise in the event of a serious situation. The District also learns from each drill on how to better respond to various situations and scenarios. Our Emergency Response Plans are improved as a result of these drills.

During this planned Lockdown Drill, members from multiple emergency response services will be on site to review and evaluate our processes. They have been invited by the District as a collaborative effort to offer the most feasible process for keeping our children and employees safe in the event of an emergency.

Teachers will work with our younger children so that they understand the purpose of conducting these drills. We understand that this type of disruption, while necessary, can be upsetting to children. Our teachers will work to ease any anxiety surrounding this drill.

During a lockdown, no visitors will be allowed access to the school. Typically, a lockdown takes between 30 and 45 minutes to conduct. We apologize for any inconvenience that you have while we conduct this safety drill.
GO HOME EARLY DRILL

Mandated by the NYS Education Department, all schools must participate in a Go Home Early Drill. This drill is to prepare our readiness to react and send our students home at a different than normal time. To minimize the impact on instruction as well as the impact on families, we will conduct this drill on Tuesday, November 20th. Students will be arriving home about 15-45 minutes earlier than normal. Our goal is to have them home 30 minutes prior to their normal routine; however, we must allow for a fifteen minute variance.

SELF-DEFENSE – STUDENT INITIATIVE

Female juniors and seniors had a special opportunity afford them thanks to the efforts of Madysen Michaud. During class with Mr. Reyome, students discussed how they could make a difference. Their ideas centered on safety and they looked for ways to bring training for themselves on being physically safe. Their outreach brought Joe Colarusso and the He Yee Dao Karate Association here to school and they conducted a brief self-defense training for our older girls. The Association also provided each participant with a certificate for two free classes if they felt inclined to continue their training.

Thank you Madysen Michaud for organizing this important training.

Thank you to the He Yee Dao Karate Association for your volunteerism. This Association has been running classes at NNCS for many years. New students are welcome to start classes at any time.

A special note: Sophomore Sydney Daniels was one of the instructors during this self-defense course. She’s has been working with the Association for many years.

GROOVE & MOVE ASSEMBLY

Early this past week our high school students had a special treat. A rock concert in our auditorium. This music group was made up of local talent and they spread the mission of showing positive character traits through music. They celebrated the bravery of our students who were the first to dance and the kindness that can be shown through music. You can see a VIDEO from this assembly.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our District Safety Committee recently held a meeting with our community partners. Participating in the meeting were the Norwood and Norfolk Police, St. Lawrence County Sheriffs, NYS Troopers, and Potsdam Rescue. The District participants included administrators, IT Coordinator, Transportation Supervisor, Maintenance and Cleaner Supervisors, and our Facilities Director.

The purpose of the meeting was to review our Emergency Response Plans, plan upcoming drills, and establish a process for reviewing our Plans. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with our community partners, ensuring the safety and securing of our children.

Future meetings with our community partners has already been established and the District is working to schedule a meeting with our internal Safety Committee, too.
FAMILY RESOURCES

As parents we all need support when working with our own children. Particularly, when we’re trying to support our kids in areas that we parents have little experience. How do we help our children navigate the world of cyberbullying? It’s different than what might occur when children are physically together and so our reactions can either escalate or de-escalate the negative activity. Here are some resources from Common Sense Education as well as 5 tips in responding to cyberbullying.

Also, if your children are spending time playing Fortnite, you may want to look at this resource. Understanding “where” are kids are spending their time is important as we help them navigate this different world.

FACEBOOK

Celebrate our children! Follow our middle school on Facebook page by clicking "Norwood-Norfolk Middle School Moments" Our elementary has also joined with a Facebook page, called “Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/13 Staff Development Day
   President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
11/14 Sydney’s Signing Event
   Parent-Teacher Conference - ES dismissed at 11:30
   - MS & HS dismissed at 10:30
11/15 Wellness Committee Meeting
11/16 Lockdown Drill
11/17 Key Club Free Movie Day
11/20 K-2 Thanksgiving Feast
   Go Home Early Drill
   Board of Education Meeting
11/21-23 Thanksgiving Recess