THE LEGACY OF JON HAZEN

They say the impact of a teacher can be felt for generations.

There are some students walking the halls of Norwood-Norfolk who might not know the name Jon Hazen, but they are certainly impacted by him and the decisions he made every day. That child’s parent or grandparent may have had Mr. Hazen as a teacher if they grew up in this community. Or, they may have experienced him through athletics either as a coach or official. Certainly, current students are living the vision of a unified, prideful school that Mr. Hazen guided as the President of the Board of Education. All who knew Mr. Hazen listened when he spoke, knowing it to be the measured advice of a mentor. His genuine concern for others and sage wisdom have impacted this community and school. It’s with sorrow that we learned of his passing. His impact will live on.

At the beginning of a recent varsity hockey game, our coach Doug LaVigne organized a special tribute to Mr. Hazen. After reading a short statement and a moment of silence, our athletes put their helmets on sporting a decal with the initials “JH” in memory of Jon Hazen. Here is the statement, “The Icemen would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the late Jon Hazen; a former Norwood-Norfolk teacher, varsity coach and school board president. Mr. Hazen was committed to his students, players and his community. He was the founder of the Norwood Norfolk Youth Soccer Program, was a Section X track and field official, JV hockey coach and varsity soccer coach at NNCS. Tonight the Icemen pay tribute to Mr. Hazen by wearing soccer ball decals with the initials JH. A great way to honor a man that had a positive impact on student athletes. Thank you Coach Hazen.”

Thank you Icemen and Coach LaVigne.
HEROES HONORING HEROES

Heroic people seldom think that their actions are special.

At our recent Student of the Month Assembly our local Heroes from the Norfolk Fire Department honored two individuals for their heroics. Elementary teacher Jessica Purvis and her mother Carolyn Purvis were taking a walk through the neighborhood when they suspected a house was on fire. They immediately reported the situation, checked to see if anyone was home, and our Fire Department saved the house. If it weren’t for the Purvis’ immediate action then the house would have been lost. Congratulations Jess and Carolyn Purvis and thank you for your decisiveness.

Pictured here with Jess and Carolyn Purvis are Firefighters Rick Coller and Jeremy French.

Also during the assembly the Firemen recognized all the students who participated in the Coloring & Poster Contest for Fire Prevention Week. They then handed out trophies for the posters that were selected. Congratulations to all the students who were recognized.

Of course, there were many children recognized for being a Student of the Month at the assembly, too. It’s always nice to recognize children for all the special things they do. Congratulations to our Students of the Month. We are proud of you!

You can watch a video from this assembly on the Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School Facebook page.

K-KIDS HELPING OTHERS

Our K-Kids are learning a lot about civic duty and responsibility. Recently they collected nine boxes of food for the Angel Tree Program.

Great job, kids! We’re proud of all you do.

HOUR OF CODE

Many of our students are coding for the very first time. The number of job openings in the field of computer science are much greater than the number of job openings in other fields. Learning how to code is the very first step to accessing these jobs. It takes no prior experience and the short tutorials help students learn the basics. They can even do this at home! Visit www.hourofcode.com for more information, including the how to videos.

Thanks to technology teacher Laura Gutenmann for signing our school up for the Hour of Code and supporting our children with accessing these skills. Happy coding!
NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Members from each of our fall sports teams recently qualified for being named a Scholar Athlete by the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. The list was recently published by the NYSPHSAA. We have four Athletes of Distinction, seniors who have a cumulative average of over 90 for 3 years.

Blake Richards
Sydney Levison
Alyssia Simons
Courtney Delosh

Here are the scholar athletes

Boys Cross Country: boys Soccer:
Elliott Cook Luke Allen
Sterling Sweeney Nicholas Burke
Owen Haas Bodie Molnar
Clayton Reed Blake Richards
David Scovil
Levi Sochia

Girls Cross Country: Girls Soccer: Football:
Madelyn Dineen Emma Wells Bobby Voss
Kiera Fetter Shianne Cota Anthony Zuanetti
Erin Dickinson Alaina Elliott
Makenna King Courtney North
Sydney Levison Kaelee Shrewsberry
Keely Ashley Courtney Delosh
Sydney Daniels Alyssia Simons

Congratulations & way to go!

VARSI TY VOLUNTEERS

Our varsity hockey athletes are giving back to the program that provided much of their foundation. In mid-November the entire team volunteered during a U8 League Day, providing some much needed support for these young skaters. The athletes also support the young Icemen during their games, which are right after the varsity practice.

Our varsity players are doing much more than helping the kids, they are learning how to be civic-minded young adults. Their presence also provides our youngest athletes with positive role-models. Great job varsity hockey team!
HVAC II STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Belle Pitts! She was named her program’s Student of the Month at Seaway Tech. Her skills in HVAC II have continuously improved and her teacher selected Belle to represent the class as the Student of the Month. You can read more about this in the Seaway Tech Newsletter sent with this email. Congratulations, Belle. We’re proud of you!

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Music students from NNCS were fortunate to attend a recent workshop on African Drumming. The students who participated enjoyed this unique experience. Thanks to SUNY Potsdam for hosting this event.

LOCK DOWN DRILL

We recently conducted a Lock Down Drill at NNCS. We did this with local, county, and state law enforcement as observers. We will be convening a Safety Committee with these community partners to receive feedback on our procedures. We appreciate the support and assistance from our law enforcement officers.

We also appreciate the patience from our community as we conduct these necessary drills. These drills are not always easy on our students or teachers. Thank you for your continued support.

Throughout the remainder of the year we will conduct three more Lock Down Drills. These will NOT be announced until minutes prior to the drill commencing. They will be announced through our emergency Remind 101 notification system.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS – REMIND 101

If you would like to receive notices via text for events such as early dismissals, schools delays and closures, simply text @nn-parents to (315) 889-0354. If you would like to learn more about Remind 101, then please visit https://www.remind.com/learn-more. For assistance feel free to contact Mr. Sova at helpdesk@nneski2.org or 315-353-6631.

FLYER ATHLETICS

We’re ready for the winter sports season to begin! You can find up-to-date schedules on our website or by visiting www.sectionXboces.com.

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.”
COST PER PUPIL REPORT

Recently, Business First Magazine reported on the cost per pupil of each school in NYS. This was inclusive of all student expenditures for both general and special education. It was reported that NNCS spends $22,133 per student which is much less than most North Country schools. The average for schools in the North Country is $24,153 per student.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Vanessa Babcock '04, a Senior Systems Engineer at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, has been busy since graduation.

After attending Clarkson University, and being a three-season athlete throughout her high school years, Vanessa wanted to remain fit so she became a regular at SUNY Potsdam's Maxcy Hall. She developed daily fitness routines for herself and became a personal Beachbody Coach, while working full-time and becoming a mom in 2015. Vanessa joined the World Natural Powerlifting Federation in 2017, a drug-free powerlifting federation, keeping with her beliefs in remaining naturally fit.

Vanessa competed in her first local competition in October 2017 and was victorious in setting four State records and awarded Best Lifter. She then competed in a national competition in February 2018 where she set five National records and five State records and again was awarded Best Lifter. Through her diligent regimen, she competed in a World competition in October 2018 and became a World Champion, setting six World, National and State records. She again received the Best Lifter Award as well as the 2018 Women's Lifter of the Year Award.

Vanessa now holds a total of 22 records consisting of 10 State records, 6 National records and 6 World records!

Congratulations, Vanessa! We're proud of you. #FlyerPride
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