YOUNG WRITERS’ CONFERENCE

Over Memorial Day weekend, high school English teacher Ms. Sullivan brought two students (9th grader Katie Cruz and 11th grader Reanna Taylor) to attend the Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference in Burlington, Vermont. At this conference, high school students from all over the U.S. (but especially from the Northeast) gathered with famous writers to discuss writing craft and enhance their own work. There were open mic sessions offered during each meal, as well as a story slam, a poetry slam, and a variety of other exciting events. Both students went out of their comfort zones and read their work in front of an audience. Overall, it was a great weekend! Nice work, Katie and Reanna, and thank you Ms. Sullivan for providing this opportunity for our children.

THANK YOU ALCOA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

We are excited and proud that Travis LaDue Jr. has been selected from a competitive pool of more than 150 applicants to participate in the 2019 NatureBridge Alcoa Scholars program to embark on a two-week expedition to Yosemite National Park in California and Olympic National Park in Washington.

The Alcoa Scholars Program was developed six years ago with the aim of bringing together a diverse group of youth from Alcoa communities around the world for an intensive hands-on environmental science education experience in some of earth’s most beautiful protected lands.

We’re proud of Travis and thankful for this opportunity. Read more about it in the North Country Now article.

SEAWAY TECH SCHOLARS

Attached to this email you’ll find the May Newsletter from Seaway Tech. We’re very proud of our CTE students. Recently the Potsdam Elks held their Excellence in Education luncheon where three of our CTE students were recognized; Phillip North in Metalworking, Miranda Smith in Education & Human Services, and Nate Haggett in Criminal Justice. Also, at a recent honors celebration, Logan Weaver received a cash award for Excellence in Metalworking. Belle Pitts was also recently recognized as the Student of the Month in HVAC II.

Congratulations to all. Well done!

The Seaway Tech graduation will be on June 14th at SUNY Potsdam’s Hosmer Hall.
NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Athletic Coordinator Nate Plantz has announced that many of our Flyers and teams will be recognized by NYS Public High School Athletic Association as Scholar Athletes. For an individual to achieve this they must have a GPA above 90%. Here are the numbers of scholar athletes per team: Baseball – 8, Softball – 9, Boys Track – 12, Girls Track – 20, Golf – 6.

Mr. Plantz has also announced that ALL of our spring teams attained the Scholar-Athlete Team recognition. Teams can only achieve this if 75% of their roster has above a 90% GPA. Congratulations to our student-athletes!

In addition, we have 4 Athletes of Distinction (seniors with a cumulative GPA over 90): Sydney Levison, Grace Furnace, Alyssia Simons, Jacob Dutch (Golf - SLC athlete). Congratulations. We’re very proud of you.

FLYER ATHLETICS

Our varsity softball team played in the Section X Class C Championship this past Friday. They almost took it from undefeated SLC, but ended up losing 3-1. Our girls played a great game and had a fantastic season.

Our varsity baseball team went up against an upstart M-W team in the Section X Class C Championship game…and WON, 8-3! Our team has consistently performed well all season and can now hang the championship banner in our gym. Congratulations team and coaches for winning the Class C Championship! Our boys will play in the first round of the NYS Tournament on Thursday at 5:00, hosting the Section 2 (Albany area) Class C Champion. The game will be at the Canton HS baseball field.

Our golf team had a strong season, coming in 2nd behind Canton in Section X Division II. Their consistency all season helped keep them in contention all season. Congratulations coach & athletes on a stellar season.

Our boys track & field team had an awesome season which saw many personal bests in their meets. During the Section X Championship meet, which was hosted by NNCS, Bodie Molnar was named the Boys Outstanding Sprinter after winning the 100, 200, and 400 meter sprints. Bodie was also a member of the winning 4x400 meter relay team with teammates Matt Frost, Owen Haas, and Clayton Reed. These boys will move on and compete in the NYS Track & Field Championship. Congratulations team and coach!

Our girls track & field team dominated the first day of the Section X Championship meet, hosted by NNCS, winning five of the first seven events of the competition. Led by Maddie Dinneen, who was named the Girls Outstanding Runner, won the 400, 800, and 1500 meter races. Maddie was also a member of the winning 4x800 meter relay team, also including Sydney Levison, Rachel Hewey, and Erin Dickinson. Senior stalwart Sydney Levison also won the 2000 meter steeplechase, coming back to take this event after breaking her ankle in the same event last year. Alaina Elliot continued her dominance, winning the discus. These girls will represent Section X…and NNCS…in the NYS Track & Field Championship. Congratulations team and coach!
CAREER EXPLORATION

Students in Ms. McNulty’s AP Biology and Regents Chemistry classes had a real treat this past week. She invited Daniel Christiansen, a PhD candidate for Chemical Engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago, into her classes.

Mr. Christiansen spoke about the value of education, and the great resources and careers that are out there post-high school for students who wish to pursue STEM fields. He also demonstrated the connection that traditional science/engineering projects can have to the fine arts, and how research and development can be "beautiful".

Thank you to Mr. Christiansen and Ms. McNulty for organizing this opportunity for our children.

NORWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY – SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We recently received word from Norwood Public Library regarding their Summer Reading Program. Attached to this email you’ll find a letter to caregivers, a flyer, and a calendar of activities and events. The Norwood Public Library participates in a collaborative summer library program that shares a theme and literacy goals. This summer the theme is "A Universe of Stories," and public libraries are offering many great books and activities.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Our students recently performed at the Norwood Village Green and they did not disappoint. There are only two more opportunities to hear our wonderful musicians.

       June 4 – Middle School Concerts
       June 11 – Elementary School Concerts

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

6/3  President & Vice-President Meet with Superintendent
6/4  Student of the Month
     Middle School Concerts
6/5  National Honor Society Inductions
6/6  Fun Night
6/11 Elementary Concerts
     Board of Education Meeting
6/12 New Board of Education Member Training
6/13 Track & Field Day
6/14 Academic Excellence Lunch – middle school
     Seaway Tech Graduation
6/17 Last Day of Classes for grades 7-12