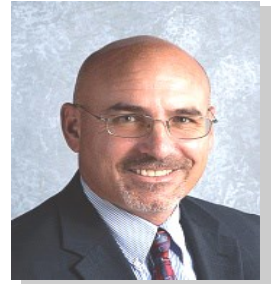




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November 2019



Principal's Corner

A message from Thomas Einhorn, Principal, Newtown Middle School

November is going to be a very busy month for all of us. Empowering your child to do their best and to persevere when things become challenging are important attributes that we all need to instill in our children. We as a school community have been working on creating opportunities for students to increase their capacity to demonstrate "grit". Research has shown that "grit" above all else is the single characteristic that successful individuals have in common.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents who are dropping their students off in the morning to use the Horseshoe or the Cafeteria drop off areas only. Please do not drop off your children on Queen Street. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We as a school are continuing and increasing our efforts to promote Kindness and Service. As a commitment to our students and our community, we want to continue to take an active role in fostering these important virtues. As a school, we want to provide opportunities for our school community to participate in a positive way in the coming months and through this and future school years.

We would like to wish you a Happy

Thanksgiving and we look forward to the year ahead, and our shared partnership.

Regards,

Tom Einhorn



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Assistant Principal's Corner

By James Ross, Assistant Principal

October's Rotary Student of the Month



**Grade 7
Newtown Middle School**

Dominick H

Dominick is the epitome of a gentleman and caring citizen. He routinely says "good morning" and "thank you" to his teachers. Dominick often volunteers to help out in his 7 Blue community by plugging in Chromebooks, putting up chairs or locating a peer who left papers behind. He is often noted by guest teachers as being extremely helpful and can often be found in the cafeteria joining any other student who needs a friend that day. Aside from his polite nature, Dominick has high expectations for himself and is always striving to learn all he can from his classes and has a very mature work ethic. He is respectful, kind and all around...just a great person.

Congratulations Dominick!

November Junior Advisory

7th Grade:

Study Skills: Students work in collaboration to develop the necessary skills to help them study for a variety of assessments and to study in a more productive manner.

8th Grade:

Your Identity: A healthy self-concept is key to students' success and well-being in school and in life. During adolescence, students are developing their sense of self. This lesson guides students toward evaluating themselves in favorable ways by examining how they see themselves now and in the future and by teaching students to recognize the positive traits others see in them.

Assistant Principal's Corner (cont'd)

By James Ross, Assistant Principal



Lost and Found

Is your student missing a lunch box, sweatshirt, sneakers, books, etc.? Please have them check the back of the cafeteria. Items that have not been claimed by the Thanksgiving break will be donated.



Veterans Day Ceremony

On **Monday, November 11th**, Newtown Middle School will be celebrating Veterans Day with a breakfast and ceremony for our local veterans. Students extended invitations to family members who served in the U.S. military. Those veterans who can attend, will enjoy a breakfast in the cafeteria, then a grade level ceremony which will thank and honor all who have served our nation. The staff and students of Newtown Middle School are looking forward to celebrating this very important day with our veterans!





October 16, 2019

Dear Newtown Middle School Family,

Newtown Middle School will be hosting a **Veterans Celebration** on Monday, November 11, 2019. It would be our honor if Newtown Middle School student family members who are veterans would join us in celebrating Veterans Day, as we would like to thank them for their service. The program schedule is as follows:

Grade 7 breakfast & assembly:

8:25 am - 9:00 am Veterans and student breakfast in the cafeteria

9:05 am - 9:50 am Schoolwide Veterans Assembly in the auditorium

Grade 8 breakfast & assembly:

9:35 am - 10:10 am Veterans and student breakfast in the cafeteria

10:10 am - 10:45 am Schoolwide Veterans Assembly in the auditorium

Please return the RSVP to the student's cluster social studies teacher

no later than Friday November 1, 2019.

**** Please note:** If your guest requires assistance (help with handicap parking, etc.) please contact Will Ryan to make arrangements. Please email him at: ryanw@newtown.k12.ct.us

Student's name _____

Grade (circle one): 7 / 8 Cluster: _____

Veteran's name: _____

Branch of the military: _____ Rank: _____

Relationship to the student: _____

Student Council News

By: Susan Musco and Shari Oliver



Student Council News for November, 2019

By: Student Council Advisors Susan Musco & Shari Oliver

The NMS Student Council Board of Directors have taken on the responsibility of running our meetings and events that we are pursuing this year. We are having a very productive, student-centered year so far!

Fall is a busy time for Student Council. Please read below for some important events.

- **October 28 through November 1 Student Council Community Days**

- Weather permitting : Student Council members will host **Recess**

Community Days where students can use Frisbees, hula hoops, and a variety of lawn games purchased by Student Council. So far students have had a great time with the new items available to them during recess.

- Inclement weather : Board games, puzzles, and a variety of other indoor activities will be provided for students to enjoy.

- **November 4 through November 18 NMS Thanksgiving Food Drive**

- Students are asked to bring in *nonperishable* food items such as cereal, canned soup/fruits/vegetables & tuna fish, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & sauce, coffee & tea, baking supplies including flour & sugar, and toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues. Please do not send expired or dented items.

- The items will be donated to WIN (Women Involved in Newtown) who will be providing Thanksgiving food baskets for Newtown families in need.

- **November 7 & 8, 13-14 PTA & Student Council fundraiser: *Be Kind Mural***

- Student Council is excited to be partnering with the PTA to sell pop sockets and NMS custom socks to raise money for the *Be Kind Mural* installation. We will be in the cafeteria selling pop sockets and custom socks for \$10.00 each. Buy a cool item and support a great cause!

- **Join Student Council!**

- It's not too late to join and make a difference in your school community!

All students are welcome! We are especially interested in more participation from our seventh graders. Please show up at our next meeting to be part of a dynamic and fun club!

The November Student Council meetings will be held on Monday 11/4, 11/11, and 11/18.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

Library Media Center

Fall Book Fair



Newtown Middle School's fall book fair was an enormous success for our students. The wonderful PTA volunteers that organized and staffed book fair were an awesome crew, and the library media center staff would like to thank all those volunteers especially Kristin Kinsey who was the Book Fair Committee Chairperson. During the book fair, our students were able to select some great reads for independent reading projects. These types of events are not possible without our NMS PTA, and I am looking forward to more possibilities for fun and exciting events with them. Thanks again for everyone's help to make our book fair a success for our students.

Sincerely,
Library Media Center Staff
Andrew San Angelo & Nancy Fraczek

PTA News



Greetings NMS families and friends,

The Newtown Middle School PTA held it's first Book Fair last week! We want to thank our amazing Book Fair Chair Kristin Kinsey for coordinating this important event for the NMS PTA! Also, a special shout out to all of her volunteers who assisted in taking shifts during the week. We feel that the Follet Book Fair really concentrates on the books and we loved watching the children make their selections. Our next Book Fair will be in the Spring! Looking ahead this month we have our Newtown Middle School Veterans Day Celebration! Please consider making a donation to our PTA sponsored breakfast! You may sign up using this link <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=DXOZ7804>



Thanks

We would like to give a special thank you the following advertisers in our 2019/2020 Newtown Middle School Student Directory; Rob Rozz Well and Pump Service, The Farmhouse Restaurant, Koenig Frameworks, Preusser Research Group, Mark Edwards Roofing and Siding, Balanced Pilates and Barre Studio, Newtown Savings Bank, Barzetti Welding LLC, North Country Landscape Management, and The Colonial Automobile Group. We appreciate all of your support so much!

This month we are looking forward to working with our wonderful NMS Student Council to sell our new Spirit Socks and Pop Sockets to fundraise for our Ben's Bell Mural. Cody Foss Ben's Bells Project (CT) will be joining us at our next NMS PTA General Meeting on November 20th, 9:15am in Room B6.

Please join us for coffee and bagels! We hope to see you there!

November is traditionally a month when we express thanks for all the blessings in our lives. We want to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and tell you how thankful we are for you, our Newtown Middle School Parents, Teachers and Staff. We are only successful because of your support!

Sincerely, Melissa Beylouni and Kristen Bonacci—NMS PTA CO-Presidents

Jennifer Chaudhary— First Vice President

Monica Kwarcinski—Second Vice President

Brooke Heinen — Treasurer

Julia Crisci — Secretary



Brought to you by NMS PTA and Student Council

NMS POPSOCKETS & SPIRIT SOCKS



Logo on PopSocket

\$10 Each

Cash or Check*

*Please make check out to NMS PTA

For Sale During Lunch On:

Thursday, 11/7

Friday, 11/8

Wednesday, 11/13

Thursday, 11/14

Friday, 11/15



Sock Sizes*: Small (4-6); Medium (6-8); Large (8-10)

* Sock sizes run large

Contact NMS PTA with any questions:

newtownmspta@gmail.com

**All Proceeds Go Towards
NMS Ben's Bell *Be Kind* Mural**



LOOK WITHIN



2019–2020
Call for Entries!

Deadline for Entries: Thursday
December 5

For Details: the Main Office or
the NMS website

Visit **PTA.org/Reflections** to learn more and get involved.

Attention All Writers and Editors



Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Colwell are looking for writers and editors to join the Literary Magazine Writing Club.

Our Purpose

- To meet with other writers
- To make friends
- To write and edit for our **Award Winning**
NMS Literary Magazine - *The Opus Optima*

When- Mondays beginning ***November 4th 2019***
From 2:40-3:40

We will be meeting on alternate Mondays so that artist/writers could be members of both aspects of our magazine.

Where- A-12



Hope To See You There!

NMS Drama Club

AUDITIONS

For Willy Wonka JR!

AUDITIONS: will be held on November 13th in the Middle School auditorium from 3:00pm – 8:00pm. Audition forms can be found in Ms. Quinn's room (D2) or on Google classroom.

PERFORMERS: Please prepare a 1-minute dramatic monologue as well as 16-32 measures of a Broadway song. Songs from, *Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and Pop songs are NOT acceptable. Also, please do NOT prepare any songs from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. You may sing without any accompaniment, or, you may bring a CD or Youtube track, but it must be without vocals.

CALLBACKS: will be held on November 18th from 2:45pm -5:30pm.

CREW: Applications are available in the lobby next to the stage manager forms. Complete your application/forms and submit to the Google Classroom or to Mr. Tammero by November 13th.

Parent Meeting: Mandatory for the parents of both cast and crew members, in the auditorium on December 4th at 7:15 pm.

Questions? Please contact
Mr. Tammero, Mrs. Talluto, or Ms. Quinn



YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Yearbooks are on sale for just \$36.00! This price will hold until mid-January, when it will increase to \$38. Copy and paste this link into your browser to go directly to our Josten's page, https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1037119/Newtown-Middle-School/2020-Yearbook/20190820044210740112/CATALOG_SHOP/ enter your information, and you're done! You can also call 877-767-5217 during regular business hours. Please be sure all information is complete and accurate [**your child's homeroom teacher is especially important!**], and that you save your confirmation email. If you have any questions, please email Miss Lang – langs@newtown.k12.ct.us.

YEARBOOK CLUB MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER

The Yearbook Club will meet on the following dates in October: 11/13 and 11/20. All students are welcome! All staff is needed. Please see Miss Lang for a permission slip, or email her at the address above.

PIÑATA CLUB

Have you ever wondered how a piñata is made? Now is your chance to learn how to make one of your very own!



**Starts Monday, November 4th after school
See Mrs. Steeves this week in room A-7 for a permission
slip.**

Hope to see you there!

School Based Health Center



Dear Newtown Middle School Parents/Guardians,

Happy Fall!



I am the Nurse Practitioner and one of the three staff members of the Newtown Middle School-School Based Health Center (SBHC). I would like to introduce myself and explain to you my role here at the SBHC. My career as a Nurse and Nurse Practitioner has solely been in Pediatrics. I am a licensed and certified Family Nurse Practitioner. I believe in treating the entire individual. With medical symptoms, there may come psychosocial symptoms. For example, anxiety may present as a headache or stomach ache. Both I and my co-worker, Jennifer Sawyer LCSW, are here to treat your child as a whole. I also believe in the importance of an education and being a member of your community. I am able to communicate with your child's primary provider so we may work together as a team.

Some of the services I can provide at the SBHC are:

- Diagnose and treat common illnesses such as strep throat, ear infections, allergies and rashes.
- Immunizations required for school entry and the flu vaccine (based on your insurance).
- Health education such as healthy eating, exercise and avoidance of allergy/asthma triggers.
- Educate, refill prescriptions and complete medication permission forms for the school nurses for asthma.
- If your child needs a prescription at their appointment, I will electronically send a prescription to your pharmacy so you may pick it up at your convenience.

All of these services are provided Monday-Friday during school hours. Therefore, I am able to help prevent children from missing valuable time from class and prevent parents/guardians from missing time from work and their busy lives. There is no out of pocket costs to you. Insurance may be billed, which goes towards your deductible. Uninsured students will be seen for free.

Please call me with any questions or concerns at (203) 270-6114. We are located between the library and c-wing office.

Sincerely,
Karen White, FNP
School Based Health Center
Newtown Middle School



Attention All 8th Students and Parents of 8th Graders!

The fall is a very exciting time for 8th grade students. It's also a time to be on the look-out for special announcements and deadlines pertaining to your high school plans. Here are a few to keep in mind:

- Applications for Henry Abbott Tech and Shepaug Valley High School Agri-science program are available online and in the counseling office,
- Students applying to high schools other than Newtown High must come to the counseling office to pick up the NMS form to assist your counselor in their piece of the application process and help keep students on track.
- We ask that students complete our form and return it to the School Counseling Office no later than **2 weeks prior to the application deadline.**

*Please feel free to contact the counseling office and speak to Tanya Hague-Doehr, Susan Connelly or Stacey Premus for more information about this process, 203-426-7644.

Career Day

Friday, **December 6, 2019** is Career Day for our 8th grade students. For two periods students will have the opportunity to learn about 3 different careers from parent volunteer presenters. Presenters will share information regarding their career, skills needed for that career and pathways in that field. This is always a fun and exciting day here at NMS and we are so grateful to our parent volunteers.

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SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB



Five Trips...

- Friday evenings in January and February
- All to Mohawk Mountain

Don't Miss
Out...Space
Still Available

- ★ Completed forms and payment will be accepted daily on a first come-first served basis until all spaces are filled, or 11/15, whichever comes first.

Last day to join to ski or snowboard is 11/15

Refer to
the NMS Ski/Snowboard Club website
and/or
the October edition of "The Lion's Roar"
for important dates, links, etc.

Dates to Remember

Look for details in the Lion's Roar or on the NMS website <http://www.newtown.k12.ct.us/nms/cal/>

November

November 5

Election Day
No School

November 6

Community Vaping Forum
NMS 7PM

November 11

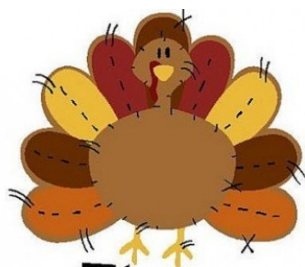
Veteran's Day Celebration

November 27

Early Dismissal
12:32PM
Lunch Served

November 28-29

No School
Thanksgiving Holiday



Happy Thanksgiving

December

December 2

8th grade Concert
@NHS 7PM

December 3

7th grade Concert
@NHS 7PM

December 20

Early Dismissal
12:32PM

December 23-January 1

No School
Holiday Recess

Enjoy Winter Break!



