

King and queen crowned

By Alayna Warren

Homecoming festivities never get old. Each day of the week brings something new. Each year, the student body gets to vote on the homecoming king and queen. There were a total of six guys and six girls who paired up to run for the title. This year's winners were senior class president Maya Reineck and student council representative Payton Shober.

After being crowned king, Payton said, "Having this opportunity was so much fun and to be able to go through it with my best friend made it so much better. I would like to thank all the people who voted for us and all the friends that helped."

Maya was overwhelmed with the delight of being queen.

"Having this opportunity has been so amazing! My mom was homecoming queen in 1998, so it's cool to live up to it and have this legacy. My favorite part about this has been experiencing all of the things with one of my best friends! Payton and I had so much fun making our video with our bros and being part of all the homecoming festivities that took place throughout the week. Hearing our names announced and the pictures and the hugs all happened so quickly! I swear I didn't stop smiling the whole weekend. It's something that I'll never forget and I'm so thankful for the people who were rooting for us and helped us get there. It was such an overwhelming feeling and I feel so blessed to have lived it, especially with Payton as my partner in crime," she said.

**"My mom was homecoming queen in 1998, so it's cool to live up to it and have this legacy."
-Maya Reineck**



Photo by Alayna Warren
Senior Maya Reineck smiles at her escort, senior Payton Shober, as they walk down the football field at the homecoming game on Sept. 15.

New conference brings new rivalries

By Paige Maurer and Kristina Toczek

This is the first year Norwalk's sports teams are in the Sandusky Bay Conference instead of the Northern Ohio League. This means new teams they will be facing and maybe some new rivals.

The NOL ended because it would be hard to only have six teams in a league, Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer said.

The SBC is split up by enrollment number into three different divisions; Lake, Bay and River.

The Lake Division is the largest and it is the one Norwalk High School is in.

During football season, the teams in Norwalk's division are Perkins, Clyde, Bellevue, Tiffin Columbian and Sandusky. During other seasons, Shelby will be a part of the Lake Division.

Football coach Chris MacFarland said he will miss the NOL.



"The newest teams would be Perkins and Clyde. They have been playoff teams before, but never have competed against us for a league championship. NOL is my favorite for sure. I grew up playing in it and have made some great bonds over the years," MacFarland said.

Boys' cross country coach Drew Karnehm doesn't necessarily have a preference.

"There's really no difference. There are multiple schools at every meet. I'm in between about the two of them," he said.

Student athletes are ready for the challenge.

"If we watch enough film we'll know what the new teams are like. The SBC has a lot of teams and a lot of better competition than the NOL," said sophomore football player Jake Sommers. He believes that the rival for football is still Bellevue.

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Parked to perfection

By Madisyn Alt

For the first time this year, students have assigned parking spots. Assistant Principal Pat Kania thinks highly of the change.

"It is a good idea; it takes care of many parking issues," he said.

Kania explained that one of those issues is students turning against traffic. Many students, when leaving the parking lot or even looking for a parking spot, tend to go the opposite way and turn against traffic.

"Everyone knows where their aisle is. Perks to being a senior, you get a front row opportunity," Kania said.

Social Studies teacher Derek Pigman agrees.



Photo by Madisyn Alt
Senior Alli Cummings stands by her truck in her second row spot.

"It is a good idea because you know where you are going and you know your spot will be open," Pigman said. Junior Alysha Ziembra thinks the assigned spots are a good idea. "I like them because even if I am late, I still have a parking spot," she said. Junior Deyer Graffice agrees with Ziembra.

"I guess it will keep people from fighting over spots so it's a good idea," he said.

Senior Alli Cummings disagrees. "I think it is a bad idea because I miss the free parking spots and it is hard to back in and out of tight spaces," she said.

Note: Seniors want to paint their parking spots; see an editorial on the matter on page 3.

Trying Trucker Time

By Paige Maurer

Trucker Time is a new addition to this year's schedule.

"It's been talked about for years," said Principal Brad Cooley.

Trucker Time is intended to help students with academics, careers, transitioning to college or the workforce, communication and interacting skills, Cooley said.

It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On those days, classes are slightly shorter to create a 24-minute window for Trucker Time.

The Trucker Time Committee decides and plans the lessons

that student learn during that time.

The Trucker Time Committee includes physical education teacher TJ Thomas, social studies teachers Nichole Clark, Jennifer Gerber and Nick Lee, science teacher Samantha Roberts, intervention specialist Carissa Olsen, guidance counselor Sandra Stewart and math teacher Rebecca Molnar.

Trucker Time, at the moment, is a learning process for those who are designing the lessons, Cooley said.

"I love it so much," said Thomas.

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Find The Editor

In every issue of the *Trucker Imprint*, a staff editor is hidden within the paper. In this issue,

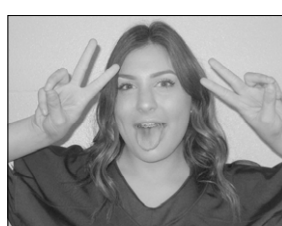


photo editor Alayna Warren is hidden. If you find

her, cut out the picture, write your name (first and last) on the back, and turn it in to the box in the cafeteria during lunch.

A winner will be drawn, and the winner will receive a gift certificate to Stomping Grounds. Hint: it is not the picture of Alayna with her editorial on page 3.

Teachers start new jobs



There are several new faces at NHS this year. Read all about them on pages 4 and 5.

New bleachers at Whitney



The new bleachers at Whitney Field were just in time for football season. Read about them on page 11.

Homecoming festivities



See pictures of spirit week and homecoming events on page 14.



Staff Editorial

Balancing school & work

Back to school. We've heard it for years, and it causes many different responses: some stress, some excitement, some anxiety, and more. Regardless, school can put a lot of pressure on those with jobs outside of school.

It's all about communication. Communicate with your family and your boss to work out a schedule. Don't commit to working too many hours each week if you plan on spending hours each night studying and doing homework; start small and get used to your routine.

Also, get involved in your classes and ask questions. If you are struggling, let your teacher know. He or she will most likely be glad to work with your sched-

ule to help you stay on top of your work and not fall behind.

Use time in study hall wisely. If you are working diligently, you should have time to get the bulk of your work done. If you don't have a study hall, use any and all extra time in other classes to get homework done. As easy as it may be to procrastinate, this will only hurt you!

Planners and agendas are great tools. Consider investing in one to write out all of your work to

stay organized and minimize stress.

Along with this, consider mapping out entire weeks at a time (of things you know will happen, like tests, after-school activities and work-shifts). It may sound excessive, but it can certainly minimize stress if you know what is ahead and can plan for it.

As difficult as this may sound for some, try as hard as you can to keep your room clean. This

also applies to your car if it is mess-prone. This is a fairly simple action that can relieve your mind of major amounts of stress.

Sometimes, late nights and all-nighters seem necessary. Just try to work ahead as much as possible so they do not have to occur regularly.

Staying healthy is also important to stress levels, because missing school will only put you farther behind.

No matter what, remember that school comes first, and your part-time job in high school is temporary.

Money is great, but your grades can determine major parts of your future, and need to stay up.

"If you are struggling, let your teacher know. He or she will most likely be glad to work with your schedule to help you stay on top of your work and not fall behind."

Dreamers pose no danger

By Logan Hurst



The DACA dreamers pose no valid threat to the American people,

and the recent controversy around their temporary legal status is rooted purely in xenophobia*.

According to the National Public Radio website, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, was created by the Obama administration in 2012. DACA allows children brought to this country illegally a temporary pardon from deportation, and allows them to work, study and obtain driver's licenses. People eligible to benefit from the program had to be younger than 31 years old, they had to prove they had lived in the United States since June 15, 2007, and had to have arrived in the country before the age of 16. After they have been deemed eligible, they have to show and maintain a

clean criminal record and be enrolled in or graduated from high school, college, or be in the military.

Once they can benefit from the program, their status is renewable every other year... until now.

On Sept. 5, the Trump Administration announced the end of the program. Trump's main reasoning for this is an attempt to bring jobs back to American citizens and protect US citizens from the "dangers" of those here without documentation. Those who benefit from the program refer to themselves as "dreamers." To me, that is a very fitting name. They are people who were brought into this country without any other choice as young children, and are living their lives in hopes of living the American dream.

So many fears arise from this decision. The dreamers are given the entire term of their most recently renewed status to figure out their course of action. After these expire, no renewals will be granted, leading to the gradual phase-out of the DACA program. A survey conducted by a Univer-

sity of California professor found that 91 percent of dreamers are employed. Business owners will have no choice but to fire all of their employees whose work permits expire after the program has ended. In terms of school, former dreamers are allowed to continue studying, but their new, unprotected status will most likely make the cost of an education skyrocket.

Some of these dreamers are even serving in the military to protect our country – the same country that they could potentially be deported from because of a choice they had no part in making.

Sept. 5 was a gut-wrenching day for dreamers: 800,000 plus

people, all vulnerable now, and living in fear of deportation.

If you did not know what DACA was until now, consider yourself lucky. You have been granted so many freedoms and rights simply because of the country you were born in. It's none of my business whether or not someone is docu-



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

mented; almost all dreamers are working members of society or studying for a professional career to support their family. Quite frankly, this is the mindset that the President should have.

**If you don't know what xenophobia means, see the Word of the Issue on page 7.*

Where are they now?

Madeline Roche

New for the 2017-2018 school year, "Where are they now?" will be written by editors-in-chief of The Trucker Imprint from previous years. The first one was written by 2016-2017 editor-in-chief, Madeline Roche.



By Madeline Roche

Let me start off by laughing at everyone who thought they'd never see my name in a *Trucker Imprint* byline again. Here I am :)

I apologize to anyone who wants to know more; I have to keep this brief for those who don't care.

Anyone who knows me knows how much I love to keep myself extremely busy; that has definitely not changed. Just within the month of September, I spent a weekend in southern Ohio, New York and Kentucky. I keep filling up my calendar, making new friends and going on adventures and I am truly happy.

I am taking a couple of college classes online to keep my academics going but my current focus is on doing volunteer work and traveling. This has been a great start to adult life and I get to spend more time with my family and friends. I will go back to being a full-time student, so I am enjoying the freedom I have now. I am also in the works of planning a trip where I will spend a month in Italy, which I am super excited about.

I have two jobs that work very well with my personality and my schedule. I work at the Erns- thausen Recreation Center and, believe it or not, I am continuing in the field of journalism. I work as a correspondent for

the *Norwalk Reflector* and a writer for *Discover Norwalk Magazine*. I can definitely credit some of my success to being part of the *Trucker Imprint* staff for three years.

It's crazy to think about how fast the first 18 years of my life flew by. I recently stopped at the high school to pick up my yearbook and saw some changes, such as assigned parking spots and "Trucker Time." I also saw some current seniors and was reminded of all the memories I made there.

I'm not going to lie; I had a blast during my high school years and I loved school. However, I don't miss it as much as I thought I would. High school can be something to have fun with or to despise. Either way, once it's over, it's important to move on and enjoy bigger and better things.

I refuse to be someone who peaked in high school. There is so much to look forward to and although my journey is still in its early stages, I am confident I will always be grateful for the life lessons I learned at Norwalk High. Besides, being an alumni isn't too bad.

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Seniors: out to lunch



Photo by Paige Maurer

Seniors in newspaper class traveled to different lunch destinations on the same day to see how long it took. They are (from left back row) Kylee Edney, Logan Hurst, Alayna Warren, and Beth Stockmaster, along with Luke Kelley up front.

Name: Logan Hurst
Place visited: Taco Bell
Food ordered: Two chipotle chicken loaded grillers and a Baja Blast freeze
Time left: 11:12
Time arrived back at school: 11:38
How many red lights were you stopped by? five on the way there, three on the way back
Does the restaurant have a drive-thru? yes
If so, did you use it? Yes. There was no one else there. I drove right up to the speaker and it did not take long at all.
On a scale of 1-5, how dense was the traffic? 3
Any unusual delays? I had to take a route different than what I usually take. I had to take Cline Street all the way to Westwind Drive instead of taking League Street to 250 and going straight there.
General comments: The service was quick and there was no one in line; most likely the reason why I made it back in time.

Name: Alayna Warren
Place visited: Dunkin' Donuts
Food ordered: Frozen Pumpkin Frappe, and a bacon, egg and cheese bagel
Time left: 11:14
Time arrived back at school: 11:48
How many red lights were you stopped by? Four red lights going there, one red light coming back.
Does the restaurant have a drive-thru? Yes.
If so, did you use it? No. I went inside and ordered.
On a scale of 1-5, how dense was the traffic? 2. It wasn't too busy but there was more traffic than I expected.
Any unusual delays? No.
General comments: I love Dunkin'. I go there almost every morning to get a coffee. I highly recommend it. Whether you choose to go through the drive-thru or walk in, the service is always quick. They have something for just about anyone.

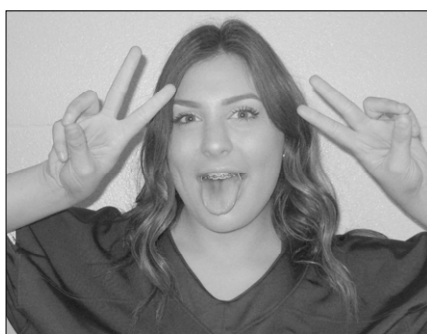
Name: Luke Kelley
Place visited: Wendy's
Food ordered: Baked potato, apple slices
Time left: 11:12
Time arrived back at school: 11:36
How many red lights were you stopped by? 2
Does the restaurant have a drive-thru? Yes
If so, did you use it? Yes
On a scale of 1-5, how dense was the traffic? 3
Any unusual delays? No
General comments: I took the back roads and went about 5 over the posted speed limit.

Name: Kylee Edney
Place visited: H&B's Hop
Food ordered: Cheese fries and a small oreo flurry
Time left: 11:11
Time arrived back at school: 11:30
How many red lights were you stopped by? 2
Does the restaurant have a drive-thru? No
On a scale of 1-5, how dense was the traffic? 2
Any unusual delays? No
General comments: There weren't very many customers there so I got my food in a reasonable amount of time.

Name: Beth Stockmaster
Place visited: Berardi's
Food ordered: Chicken finger basket with fries
Time left: 11:12
Time arrived back at school: 11:40
How many red lights were you stopped by? 1
Does the restaurant have a drive-thru? No
On a scale of 1-5, how dense was the traffic? 2
General comments: Their service was really good and quick for it being fresh.

Editorial

Parking spots need flair



By Alayna Warren

Creativity never goes out of style.

This school year, every student driver got to pick out a parking spot. Having specific parking spots will be a key player for organization in the parking lot.

I, along with many other seniors, feel like getting to personalize our parking spot by painting it would be a spark to our senior year. It's something fun, creative and most importantly something to remember.

Edison High School allows its seniors to let their imagination take over and personalize their parking spot by painting it and making it their own.

Edison High School Principal Jeffrey Goodwin gave me some information on why he allowed the seniors of EHS to paint their parking spots.

Goodwin said, "About a year ago I ran across a couple posts and articles on social media that highlighted the creativity and talented students used to personalize their school parking spots. I thought it was really cool and it would be a fun way for seniors to start their last year of high school. It was really a win-win for us because we had never numbered our parking spots before and stu-

dents had never been assigned to a specific parking spot. Because of this lack of organization, we had problems with students not parking appropriately and not parking in assigned student parking areas. Now every student driver is assigned a specific spot and seniors only can personalize their spot."

I went on to ask Goodwin if there have been any problems with painting the parking spots yet and if he thought it was a good idea.

Goodwin replied, "We have not had any problems as of yet although we just started the program. I am sure this coming summer it will cause more work for me and the maintenance staff to cover the painted spots with paint or sealer. I know some schools require seniors to re-coat the spot back to black before the school year ends."

I understand that during summer break, more effort and work would be required to cover up the painted spots but I believe it would be worth it.

Not only would painting our parking spots bring out our imagination and be a creative way to express ourselves, we could make a fundraiser out of it. Since day one of freshman year, the class of 2018 has been working hard to raise money for our senior prom. To paint a parking spot, we could charge a dollar amount. There are 210 seniors. Granted not every senior drives but say half of us

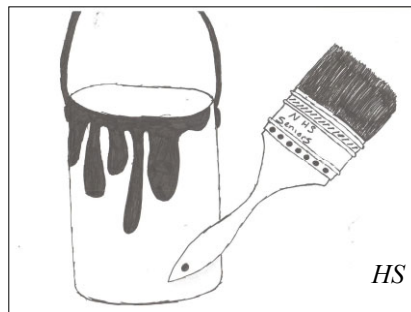
do, that's 105. If we charged a reasonable amount, such as \$10 per student to paint their parking spot, that would make \$1,050 to add to our prom fund. It would be an easy way to raise money, and I know without a doubt that students would participate.

Goodwin expressed caution about applying Edison's experience to Norwalk.

"Keep in mind that every school community allows different things for different reasons," he said. "You enjoy some privileges at Norwalk High School that our students would love to have but we don't give them that opportunity. These decisions are often based on school values and traditions, logistics, resources and finances. We will re-evaluate the program next summer after we see how much time and energy it takes to restore the parking spots, but so far the response from our school community has been very positive."

At Norwalk, seniors do get privileges that I'm sure other schools' seniors do not. We get to leave for lunch and we have the opportunity to arrive late or leave early. The seniors here at Norwalk are very fortunate and appreciative.

After sitting down with Principal Brad Cooley, I got some information on why we do not get this privilege at Norwalk High School.



"Our campus is too nice; it wouldn't look attractive," he said. "I get that it's creative and students would like it but it doesn't look sharp. I'm not completely opposed to the idea. If our student parking lot was where the staff parking lot is, then it could be a great possibility considering it's in the back. If people drove by our campus and there was paint of all different colors and patterns, it just wouldn't look good."

I understand his reasoning. Our school is a very nice school and even better looking. However, I do think painting the parking spots would be a great opportunity. Maybe someday the administration will change their mind. Until then, we can appreciate the elegance of this campus.



Photo by Luke Kelley

An Edison High School student creatively painted a parking spot for this school year.

Spanish suits Snell

By Kamryn Guerrier

Barb Moore's service here lasted for 28 years before it came to an end with her retirement, and David Snell has taken her place as the Spanish II, Spanish IV/V and ESL teacher.

Spanish II student Megan Sage, a sophomore, explains that Snell teaches in a way where everyone knows what's going on at all times.

"He teaches in a perspective that may have helped other students in other ways," she said.

Spanish IV student Emily Berry, a junior, says Snell is really nice and funny and she likes how he teaches step by step.

Spanish I and III teacher Janet Peterson describes him as an in-

telligent, hardworking and athletic person.

"He's the best person we interviewed for the job and he seems to care about his students," she said.

This is Snell's fourth school to be teaching at and he explained how different each school was. At the first school he taught at, there were three Spanish teachers and he taught seventh grade. His next school was a little smaller; he was the only Spanish teacher teaching grades 9-12. His third school had four Spanish teachers who taught K-12.

He said Spanish, math and physics were his favorite high school subjects. When he went to college he wasn't completely sure what he wanted to major in, but knew he wanted to take Spanish



Photo by Kamryn Guerrier

New teacher David Snell teaches his fifth period Spanish II class.

classes. He said he enjoyed high school Spanish because of his teachers along the way. He studied in Córdoba, Spain for four months while in college.

"Studying Spanish was just a good fit for me," he said.

When he was asked to describe his teaching style he explained, "It's always changing and I'm always looking for new ways to help students understand the material." Snell said he likes to promote independent thinking.

Burkett bounces back

By Beth Stockmaster

Jeff Burkett has returned to the school he graduated from to be Norwalk High's newest science teacher.

"I applied here because I graduated from here and I love Norwalk," he said, adding, "It is exciting working with teachers I had as a student."

In high school, Burkett said he was quiet, on the Academic Challenge team and played football. His favorite team is the Browns.

Burkett's favorite subject in high school was history because it was straightforward and nothing changed.

Burkett attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he majored in biology.

He originally wanted to make a career in the medical field, but he had to take a biology class to fill the requirement for college and that was his favorite professor so he stuck with it.

"The most difficult thing about teaching would be finding time to plan," Burkett said.

Outside of teaching he enjoys coaching football and playing guitar when he has free time.

Freshman Justin Seitz said he likes Burkett.

"His teaching style is pretty good. It is a lot of worksheets and we can work at our own pace," Seitz said.



Photo by Beth Stockmaster

New teacher Jeff Burkett teaches his fifth period freshman science class.

Tuttle teaches Truckers

By Alayna Warren

If not in the classroom, you can find new English teacher Alayna Tuttle painting, playing with her dog, watching Netflix or spending time with her friends and family.

Tuttle grew up in Norwalk and attended Norwalk City Schools. In high school, she was really involved.

"I was definitely a teacher's pet," Tuttle said.

Tuttle played the violin in the orchestra and she was in choir.

Her favorite subject was English. Her least favorite was science. Tuttle's favorite teacher from high school was current English teacher Leah Schuster.

"Mrs. Schuster was fun and energetic. I loved the passion she had for English," Tuttle said.

Tuttle is the oldest of three. She has a sister named Alyssa who graduated from Norwalk in 2016 and attends The Ohio State University. Her brother Chris is part of the NHS band and is a senior this year at Norwalk.

While talking about being in the same school as Chris, Tuttle

said, "I think I like it more than he does. I pretend not to see him sometimes but I like being able to see him during his senior year."

When asked how it feels to be in the same building as his sister, Chris said, "It's kind of weird and I try to ignore her."

Tuttle attended Ashland University. She decided to teach at Norwalk because she loved it when she attended and she wants to give back.

"I've always wanted to teach. I love helping people and teaching people new things. I enjoy reading and writing and discussing good books," she said.

Senior Alyshia Leimeister is a fan of Tuttle.

"I think she is one of the best English teachers I've ever had. She is close to our age so she knows what we're going through. She makes English fun through her teaching. She always has a great attitude and a passion for her job. She has a bright future ahead of her," she said.

Senior Braden Nunez likes Tuttle but thinks she is strict.

"I think she is a good teacher but she is kind of strict. She just



Photo by Mascie Horner

New teacher Alayna Tuttle teaches her fourth period senior English class.

likes for us to get our stuff done," he said.

Tuttle is teaching in place of former English teacher Amie Swope, who is now director of technology.

Principal Brad Cooley said he had many applications for the job opening.

"I saw Miss Tuttle as a student when she attended Norwalk. She was great when it came to academics. She has a love for English and helping kids. It's great to have alumni here. It was not a tough decision picking her," Cooley said.

Attendance policy in effect

By Kylee Edney

A big change affecting all schools in Ohio is the new attendance policy.

The changed policy is state law and must be followed by every student who is under 18 years old.

The new law counts absences by the hour, not the day.

Assistant Principal Pat Kania explained the new policy like this:

Students may not miss more than 30 consecutive hours, 42 hours in a month and 72 hours in

a year. If the student misses more than that, he or she will have to meet with an absence intervention team to see what measures must be taken before going to court.

The 42 hours in a month in relation to the hours per day at Norwalk High School is six days. And the 72 hours in a year is ten days.

The original policy of going to court after missing too many days wasn't working to keep students from missing and being tardy, which is why it was changed, Kania said, adding that students

had too many excused days under the old policy.

Kania voiced some concerns about the new policy.

"I think it was rushed out into implementation," he said. "It's a big change and a good idea but it's tough for people to understand."

Kania said that good attendance is important when it comes to the workforce. Most places would consider someone more employable if he or she has fewer absences.

Senior Sydney Steffanni doesn't think it's fair to the late

arrival students because if they're late by just a minute they're late for the whole first hour of school.



S. Steffanni

Kania explained that he's not sure whether Steffanni's late arrival example will turn out to be the case under the new law, but it might be.

"I think it was better the way it was before because no one is perfect," Steffanni said.

New aide 'kind-hearted'

By Kiersten Phillips

Sandy Ratliff is new to Norwalk High School. She is the aide for sophomore Lovea Wicker.

"Mrs. Ratliff is nice. She does not hover and is very kind hearted," Wicker said.

Ratliff has been with Norwalk City Schools for 10 years now. For the first three she subbed.

Before coming to help Lovea, she helped a student with a lot of special needs for about seven years.

"My main job is to get Lovea to classrooms and make sure she has the proper stuff needed for class," Ratliff said.

There are many parts to Ratliff's job. She helps the teachers by printing papers and putting them in order.

"I think working with the kids and seeing them is the most interesting," she said.

Another big thing with her job is that no day is the same. Every day is different, she said.

Ratliff moved to Norwalk about 15 years ago from Tacoma, Washington, and for the first five years she stayed at home with her children.

What started her wanting to help out the school was she would go into her own kids' classes and helped when she could get the chance.

Photo By Kiersten Phillips
Sophomore Lovea Wicker and her aide, Sandy Ratliff, pause for a picture before heading to Spanish class.



Link: 'nice and understanding'



Photo by Olivia Schaffer
New study hall aide Sophia Link and her daughter Callie Link enjoy being at school together.

By Olivia Schaffer

Sophia Link is the new study hall teacher. She took the place of Don Nardecchia, who retired.

Link said her new job is a nice change. She used to work at the middle school as a special needs assistant. Her new title is educational assistant.

"She's nice and understanding if you have to do something," said senior Nelida Negrete.

Link graduated from Cuyahoga Community College. She moved to Norwalk due to her husband's job and has lived here for about 20 years.

Link participated in choir and tennis in high school and said she was a quiet student. One of her hobbies today is playing cricket.

Link has two daughters at Norwalk High School. One is a junior named Callie and the other is a sophomore named Carissa. She has another daughter, Cassie, who graduated two years ago.

"I like it because I don't have to drive to school and it saves gas money and it doesn't really affect me because I don't have a study hall," Callie said.

"I don't really see them so they're lucky," Link jokingly said about her kids.

Andres in a better school environment

By Hailey Sholes

Norwalk High School has a new intervention specialist named Stephen Andres.

An intervention specialist is someone who helps develop, implement and evaluate programs for children and young adults from ages 5-21 who have special learning and adjustment needs.

Andres said he chose to go into teaching because there was a high demand for it and later found out he really enjoyed it.

He chose to teach at Norwalk because it's a good school dis-

trict. He said he has taught at really bad schools where he could hear gunshots.

"Norwalk is fun every day," he said, adding that the best thing about teaching is being around kids.

Principal Brad Cooley said that he likes having Andres as a teacher.

"He's got a great personality and gets along well with all the students and his athletes. He's a great teacher and [football] coach," Cooley said, adding that Andres is a good fit for the school.



Photo by Hailey Sholes
New inclusion teacher Stephen Andres teaches his fifth period class.

'Comfy' new couches replace the old



Photo by Logan Hurst
Senior Eric Hull relaxes in the library's new addition of couches.

By Logan Hurst

Two new couches and chairs were delivered to the library on Sept. 11.

Librarian Lucy Hokes was unhappy with the looks of the old couches, and said the furniture was due for an upgrade. "They were quite frumpy-looking,

and they didn't match," Hokes said, adding that one of the sectionals was missing a section.

She brought her concern to Principal Brad Cooley at the end of last school year, saying that the old couches did not leave a good impression on the public when the library hosted school board meetings and public events.

She was sure to remind him over the summer, and the request was fulfilled at the beginning of this school year.

Hokes said that the old couches were in the library for at least nine years.

The new couches are in a color scheme of blues and greens.

The school got a deal on the price of the couches from Norwalk Furniture, since they are made from discontinued frames and fabrics, Hokes said.

Senior Annie Hiler had a lot to say about the furniture switch.

"They're comfy, but I will never forget the warmth and love the old couches brought me," she said.

School Briefs

Peter Pan flies into NHS for the musical

By Paige Maurer

This year's musical will be Peter Pan, a show for children and adults.

The first round of auditions will be Nov. 6 and Nov. 9. There will be audition sign-ups and packets located in English teacher Debbie Leffler's room 6208 around mid-October.

Approximately 50 people are needed for the cast, Director Robyn Rogers said.

"Peter Pan will, of course, be flying because that's who he is," Rogers said. They will use the same magical stage effects that

were used in Mary Poppins, she added.

Writing lab expands hours to help students

By Paige Maurer

Need help with your writing assignments? Visit the writing lab during its new hours!

The writing lab, located in the library's computer lab, is open during first period and all lunch periods. English teachers Jennifer Lark, Leah Schuster and Alyanna Tuttle are helping students in the lab.

Hours have expanded to try and expand availability to all students, Schuster said, adding that any student who feels like he or

she would benefit from extra time to work on any writing assignments should come down to the writing lab.

New college credit class offered for the senior class

By Lacey Tatum

This year, seniors can take not only regular physics but physics for college credit.

"The science department did not have a College Credit Plus course," Angela Farmer, who teaches CCP physics, said, explaining why the class was added.

The class is a conceptual class. It explains the why something is happening, Farmer said.

The difference between physics and physics CCP is the topics,

the rate at which they cover the topics and how they cover them, Farmer explained. The class has 28 students.

Community helps Hurricane Harvey victims

By Gabby Horowitz

Students and staff here raised donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

The donations are going to Houston Texas. Mike Grose, from the Eagles organization, made this possible. Teen Leadership Corps put it together in the high school.

Between all the schools and businesses that helped, they filled up a whole truck load.

NHS goes green

By Lacey Tatum

This school year, there is a new room with all new equipment for NTV and any other teacher or student who would like to use it.

It is in room 5210, right next to computer teacher Drew Karnehm's room.

It has all new equipment, which includes 15 new computers with Adobe software and the monitors can lay almost all the way flat. It also has portable lights with stands and ceiling lights for no shadows, Karnehm said.

The "green room" has bright green floor mats plus the ceiling and two of the walls are painted bright green.

NTV used the room on Sept. 19 to release the pilot video and NTV was to officially and frequently air starting on Sept. 26.

Art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk also uses the room for her digital art class.

"It's amazing. The computer screens are three times bigger which is nice," VanBuskirk said.

Junior Mary Moore uses the green room for digital art. Moore uses the new green room and its equipment to her advantage.

"It sets me up for what I want to do when I'm older," Moore said.

The old NTV room in the library has been turned into storage for the tech department.

It took all summer to build the new green room but it was worth the work. It has more room that will make it easy to shift the cameras and to go from one set to the next, Karnehm said

"I encourage teachers and students to come down [to the green room] and check it out," said Karnehm.



Photo by Kiersten Phillips

Seniors Josh Welfle (left) and Chandler Baker practice before filming the first video for NTV in the new green room. It is the old computer lab in room 5210, but it has been transformed into an NTV studio with new equipment and bright green walls.

Junior Jennifer Vazquez has used some of the new equipment in the green room.

"I think the videos will come out clearer than last year," Vazquez said.



Photo by Leighton Steele

Jennifer Weichel teaches her second period geometry class. She's here until Nov. 2, subbing for Corrie Kaple while she's on maternity leave.

Weichel substitutes for Kaple

By Leighton Steele

Jennifer Weichel is math teacher Corrie Kaple's long-term sub while she's on maternity leave.

"I'm here until November 2," Weichel said.

Weichel said she got the job through Assistant Principal Pat Kania as the school was looking for a long term math sub and she happened to be available. She

was previously working at Perkins.

"She's strong in math content and it's difficult to find someone who is there for math," Principal Brad Cooley said.

Weichel said she wanted to become a math teacher because she likes helping people, and always helped her three younger sisters with their homework.

Her favorite thing about teaching is when she sees a stu-

dent realize something like a light bulb going off in their mind.

What she thinks is most difficult about teaching is trying to reach students who don't like school.

Weichel grew up in Sandusky. When she was in high school, she said her favorite subject was band.

"It was like a little family," she said

She was also very active in her school. She was on the swim

team, and she participated in the musicals, French Club and National Honors Society. She was also in the Marching Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band.

Some instruments she played were the saxophone, clarinet and mellophone.

She is a fan of the Buckeyes and the Indians.

Her favorite music genres are pop and rock and her favorite band is One Republic. She said she has seen them live four times.



Photo by Luke Kelley

Director of Technology Amie Swope is hard at work in the tech office.

Swope takes on tech

By Luke Kelley

A familiar face from the English hallway has entered the tech department. Amie Swope is the new Director of Technology.

The tech department here at Norwalk serves 3,000 students and hundreds of staff members, from bus drivers to teachers.

Swope said her main job is to maintain the network infrastructure. She also works with printers, projectors, bell systems, locking doors and the phone system.

Swope has been a part of the tech committee for 15 years, and

gives credit to former Director of Technology Deanna Lund for teaching her most of what she knows. Swope has a degree in instructional design.

"I applied for the job because I like tech, and I thought it would be a good way to serve the Norwalk district in a different way," Swope said.

Swope taught English here for 24 years.

"I miss teaching English but I needed a change," she said.

"I love it, it's very busy and I learn something new every five minutes," she added.

NHS reduces plastic waste

By Kylee Edney

Norwalk High school has a new addition in the hallways.

Filtered water bottle fill-up stations were added to a couple of the drinking fountains.

Principal Brad Cooley said these have been added so that students have filtered water available to them.

"It ensures clean and safe water for everyone," Cooley said.

The stations are located at the drinking fountain next to the auxiliary gym and the drinking fountain near the seal.

There is a green light on the fountains that turns red when the filters need to be replaced.

There is also a water bottle count that shows how many water bottles have been recycled with each time a bottle has been filled. It only counts when the fill-up station is being used (not the drinking fountain).

Challenge team gets new adviser

By Brenna Mock

The Firelands Academic Challenge team has a new adviser this year.

Angela Farmer, who is also a chemistry and physics teacher, is the new adviser. She said there are a few changes for this season.

One of the changes involves the team members. The team, consisting of nine, has three returning members: senior Ethan Coover, the captain, and juniors Anna Little and Jared Sitterly. The six new members are seniors Darren Raymond and Elizabeth Ratliff, juniors Micah Dunbar and JJ Hackenburg, and sophomores Crimson Stuckert and Xander Borgeson.

"I'm going to miss Mrs.



Photo by Brenna Mock

The Firelands Challenge Team practices after school.

Swope but I definitely think we're going to have a good year," Little said about the last year's coach, Amie Swope, who took on a new job as technology coordinator.

Another change is the start of the season. "The season is starting earlier than normal," Farmer said. The team practices one time per week. The first official meet is on Oct. 17.

Starting a club 101

By Leighton Steele

In order to start a new club there is a process that students need to go through.

Step one is to talk to Principal Brad Cooley. Then it must be approved by the board of education. It needs to be known to the school board why a new club needs to be in the school.

“I think it [joining a club] engages you into your school,” Cooley said.

There needs to be interest in the club from more than just a few friends because if someone cannot pick up the club after someone who created the club graduates, the club dies off, Cooley explained.

Some clubs that have been suggested by students are an archery, ski, gaming and hacky sack club. Others have suggested a glee club, food club, movie club and LGBT club.

Many clubs will meet this year during the school day, rather than after school, thanks to Trucker Time. Teachers and administrators hope this will encourage more students to join clubs.

At the ice cream social this year, sophomore Tyler Hall signed up for chess club.

“I love the strategy involved in chess,” he said.

Junior Jalyn Moore signed up for Blue Squad.

“I want to help in the school whenever I can,” she said.



Photo by Gabby Horowitz
Seniors Lexi Santiago and Julian Go sign up for debate club at the ice cream social on Sept. 8. “I liked the meetings last year, so I joined this year,” Lexi said.

Wedding bells ring for staff

By Sydney Smith

Two teachers have recently gotten married and returned after summer break with new names: math teacher Stephanie Pope (formerly Ms. Grube) and social studies teacher Nichole Clark (formerly Ms. Blackwood).

Mrs. Clark got married July 8 in Norwalk.

She married Tom Clark, whom she has known for many years.

“We went to high school together actually. We were neighbors and he is a family friend,” she said.

Mrs. Clark’s husband is completing police academy.

She said she has been called Ms. Blackwood by a few senior students. These seniors were her previous students.

A current student of Mrs. Clark, sophomore Haley Shope,

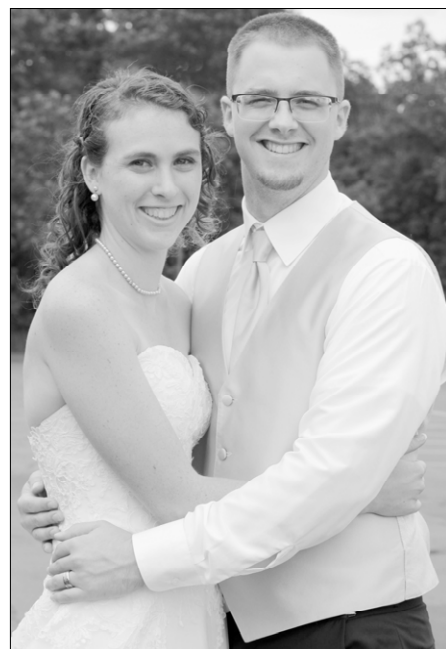


Submitted photo
Mrs. Clark, and husband Tom Clark, look into each other’s eyes at their wedding. Clark’s husband was a family friend and neighbor.

finds the new last name easy to remember.

Shope is in Mrs. Clark’s AP American history class. She found out about the marriage from Mrs. Clark herself.

“She just told us she got married,” Shope said.



Submitted photo
Mrs. Pope, and husband Zach Pope, smile for the camera on their wedding day. The couple met in college.

Mrs. Pope got married on Aug. 5 in Willard.

She married Zach Pope, a computer programmer. The couple met in college; they were both math majors.

Mrs. Pope’s old students wanted to see pictures and know how the wedding went. She showed her students pictures if they happened to ask.

When asked if students still call her Ms. Grube she responded, “Oh yeah, all the time.”

One of Mrs. Pope’s cross country runners, senior Allie Reyna, is used to calling her Coach Grube. She found it a little difficult to call her by her new last name.

She found out about the marriage from one of her teammates.

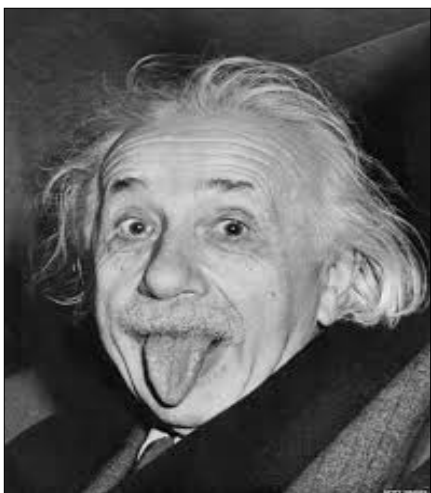
Coach Pope showed the team wedding pictures.

“She even gave us cupcakes after practice,” Reyna said.

Fact of the Issue: The state drink of Ohio is tomato juice.



Quote of the Issue: “A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”
– Albert Einstein



Word of the Issue:
Xenophobia

(zee-no-FO-bee-a)
Noun

A fear of foreigners or strangers
Someone with xenophobia should not choose a job that involves traveling.

Two teachers adjust from teenagers to little ones

By Beth Stockmaster

What is it like to work with teenagers one year, and then make the switch to working with young children?

Callie Baker and Crissy MacFarland were both teachers here. Now they work at Pleasant Elementary School.

Baker, who was an inclusion teacher at the high school, is a literacy coach at Pleasant Elementary. She works with struggling students who need more one-on-one help.

“The high school students are more mouthy and adult-like but here the kids cry about who took their glue,” Baker said.

While at NHS, Baker taught in the same building as her husband, Dusty, an English teacher.

Has their relationship changed now that they teach in different schools?

“I really liked working with Mr. Baker because he helped make an issue funny and was a good source to help with any situation when I needed help. But it also makes our talks at home become longer,” she said.

She said the biggest challenge about teaching the younger students is that they do not understand how to word their feelings.

“The best thing about teaching younger kids is their excitement and joy every day. But I miss my students and the athletes I coached,” she said.

MacFarland, who taught business and computer classes at the high school, now teaches grades K-3 computer skills such as using the mouse, keyboard, and Internet.



Photo by Beth Stockmaster
Callie Baker helps a student at Pleasant Elementary who is struggling in math class. She is now teaching young students when she has always taught high school students.



Photo by Beth Stockmaster
Crissy MacFarland teaches her younger students at Pleasant Elementary about computer skills. She has adjusted from teaching high school students to teaching very young ones.

“I thought it would be harder to move from high school to elementary but the younger kids just need attention and want to interact all the time. It’s not about behavior changes; it’s about how to manage the classroom better,” she said.

While at NHS, MacFarland taught in the same building as

her husband Chris, a math teacher. Has their relationship changed now that they don’t teach in the same school?

“It has not really changed. We were never really in the same school district before

we came to Norwalk and now it is easier to say ‘How was your day?’ without already knowing,” she said.
What is the biggest challenge about teaching elementary kids?
“All of my kids are older so it’s been so long since I have had to deal with young kids and it’s hard to dumb things down to the young level,” she said.

Truck Stop open with updates



Photo by Lacey Tatum

A lot of eager people stood in line to get their drink on the opening day, Sept. 18, of the Truck Stop Cafe. It is open from 7 to 7:40 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, follow @nhs_SG.

By Lacey Tatum

Stomping Grounds has new hours and a few other changes this year.

Stomping Grounds is open from 7 to 7:40 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This year, Stomping Grounds serves one size and every drink will cost an extra 25 cents because the size is larger.

Inclusion teacher Cari Beers, who supervises Stomping Grounds, said she is thinking about adding protein to the drinks for students who want their daily protein in the morning.

“I might add protein powder to the drinks for the athletes and students that would like it,” Beers said.

Beers said Stomping Grounds will be donating money to charities again.

This year, she will be doing Trucker Treats during Halloween and she is also doing Adopt a Family again this year, as well as others.

Trucker Treats is when cars are in the parking lot and handing out candy to children.

Adopt A Family is when an anonymous person purchases a gift or gifts to a child or purchases a meal for a family.

Stomping Grounds will offer the drink of the month and holiday drinks later in the year, Beers said.

Junior Paige Summers has been working at Stomping Grounds since freshman year.

“It’s like working at Sheri’s,” she said.

Moore volunteers after retirement

By Cesar Gonzalez

Spanish teacher Barb Moore retired at the end of last school year, but she hasn’t stopped teaching.

She volunteers in the Project More Third Grade Guarantee. Moore helps by teaching third graders at Pleasant Elementary School how to read and understand words.

“The great thing about the project is that I don’t have to get up at 7 every morning and drive all the way out there. I can come help anytime I want and if I have time,” she said

Moore said she enjoys retirement and very much loves the feeling of free time on her hands. Moore has been camping at Mohican with her husband.

She also said she sleeps in and goes out to eat with the Petersons (Spanish teacher Janet Peterson and her husband) more often.

“I’m glad we are still keeping in touch and we spend more time

now than we use to when I was teaching,” she said

“I like reading for pleasure whenever I want instead of for school purposes,” she said, and also enjoys relaxing and planning without rushing.

Moore added that she doesn’t keep track of the weekdays anymore and after summer it confused her because she felt like she needed to be back to school.

One of her sons has moved out so she has time to paint the house and his room, but for now she is focused on relaxing and not working as much.

Moore plans on traveling to Guatemala.

She is excited to go because she feels strongly about her Spanish language and gets to try it out with more native speakers.

After Guatemala, Moore plans to go to Paris with Francesca Ciotola (Koch) and go camping with her sister.

Moore also is very involved in the Sandusky Community



Photo by Cesar Gonzalez

Retired Spanish teacher Barb Moore is helping Vicente Lopez with Spanish work. She has been reading, camping and doing volunteer work, and said she hopes to travel to Guatemala and Paris.

Church where she is a missionary president and has been busy building crisis care kits to be shipped wherever they are needed including Taxes, Florida, Puerto

Rico and Mexico. They have sent more than 1,000 things to Texas including washcloths, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, combs and small stuffed animals.

Nardecchia reflects on NHS

By Sydney Smith

Don Nardecchia, former girls’ golf coach and study hall monitor, came back to NHS last month to visit. Nardecchia has been in South Carolina settling in at his newly-built home since his retirement last year.

“It’s kind of fun seeing everyone’s progress. I still need to see most of the staff. I saw the lunch ladies first,” he said on his visit.

While in South Carolina, Nardecchia said he has been doing nothing by design. He and his wife have been investigating the new area they live in.

His daily life in South Carolina begins bright and early at 7. He gets the newspaper, drinks a cup of coffee and checks the sports section while on his back porch. He likes to appreciate the view of the sunrise from his backyard. He loves the peacefulness of his new home.

One of his favorite places to visit so far is Jocassee Lake.

“There is so much natural beauty,” he said.

What Nardecchia misses most about Norwalk High School is contact with students. “Everyday contact with students helps establish a feeling of being tuned in with their generation,” he said.

What he misses the least is the stress that came with moving. His last months of coaching and monitoring study hall came with some anxiety while his house was being built states away.

Nardecchia said he enjoyed his experience at NHS. He was impressed with the behavior of students and the appreciation students had for study hall.

One of Nardecchia’s best memories was one of his first memories while working at NHS. He helped a student with an algebra problem and felt like he made a true difference in study hall. His only regret is that he

did not get more involved earlier in life. He would have liked to be a teacher.

Nardecchia’s favorite part of retirement is the ability to set his own agenda. “The best is yet to come. We are real comfortable here,” he said.

Nardecchia misses coaching the girls’ golf team. Even when he was not coaching around the time of his move, he still checked newspapers to see how golf and other sports were doing.

Anna Little of the girl’s golf team said she and her teammates were sad to see their coach leave, but she was hoping he would have fun in a warmer state.

Little said she learned technique and putting from Coach Nardecchia and she learned positivity from Mrs. Nardecchia.

She is still in touch with them.

“I follow his wife on Facebook; we’re bffs,” she said.



Photo by Sydney Smith

Don Nardecchia, former study hall monitor and girls’ golf coach, reminisces about his time at the seal with a smile on his face.

Homecoming changes over generations

By Kiersten Phillips

How has homecoming changed?

Health teacher TJ Thomas, who graduated from NHS in 1988, said that when she was in high school, there were only girls on the homecoming court.

Thomas was a part of the court her sophomore year.

She said ladies on the court wore a suit which was a long skirt, panty hose, jacket, blouse and a hat.

The dresses for the dance were more casual, she explained, but

the guys dressed about the same as they do now.

The music was from the 80’s.

“We danced like no business, facing people and looking them in the eyes,” said Thomas. “We did not spend the night looking at the back of our date’s head.”

Most of the people went with dates or friends. The dinner was nothing real fancy.

She said the dance was at the middle school or they rented a venue.

Social studies teacher Derek Pigman graduated from NHS in 2000.

“Homecoming to me is still the same because Mrs. Molnar is still in charge,” he said.

“There were a lot of pictures because the moms had to have pictures.”

Becky Molnar, who teaches math, has been the teacher in charge of the homecoming at NHS.

Molnar was in school from 1983-1987.

When Molnar was in school, she said there were no guys on the homecoming court. It was just girls.

“Always a football player escorted the queen but that was the only guy,” Molnar said.

It was more common to go with a date than with friends.

When going to dinner, she said most people would go to Chichi’s. Girls would wear wool plaid skirts and jackets.

Homecoming now is different. The dresses are fancy and most cost up to \$100 or more.

Most students go with their friends and most go out to a fancy dinner. Then end up at the reservoir or Blue Bridge to take pictures.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL



Name: Alex Roblero
Grade: 9
Age: 14
Favorite band/artist: Post Malone
Three words that describe me: funny, kind, different
If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would go to Hawaii because it would be a good vacation.
Most embarrassing moment: laughing in the middle of class.
If you could change one thing at NHS, what would it be, and why? I would change drama.
If you could teach any class, what would it be and why? Gym, to keep people in shape.
Biggest pet peeve: When people say "pet peeve."
If you were dying, what would your last words be? Loved living life.
If you won the lottery, what would you buy first? Another lottery ticket.
Five things you'd like to have on a deserted island? 1. Food 2. House 3. Internet 4. Boat 5. Weapons
Where do you see yourself in 20 years? In a bathroom being a plumber.
Weirdest fear, and why? Fear of weird bugs, because they creep me out.
Something people would be surprised to know about me: I'm a really nice and crazy person.

10 Things You Didn't Know About Me



Freshman Ella Foster
 1. I have one brother and two sisters.
 2. I have played volleyball for seven years.
 3. I was born in Sandusky.
 4. I attended St. Paul schools until third grade.
 5. I am 14 years old as a freshman.
 6. My middle name is Anne.
 7. I enjoy watching softball.
 8. My favorite artist is Chance the Rapper.
 9. My hair is naturally brown.
 10. I have a big fear of snakes.

A 'FRESH' school start

By Kylee Edney

Freshmen making their first appearance at Norwalk High School don't necessarily know what to expect.

Freshman Ethan Phillips said that he thought the classes were going to be different.

"I thought it was going to be easy just like eighth grade," Phillips said.



Ethan Phillips

He said the lunches are different than middle school because they give students a lot more food.

Phillips also said that the girls are cuter.

He said if he could change anything, he would change the dress code. He thinks tank tops should be allowed. Phillips said he also thinks Norwalk High School needs a new football stadium.

Freshman Keeanne Steele also said she was expecting high school to be more like middle school.

"There are a lot more people," she said.

Steele said that she expected the upperclassmen to be rude.



Keeanne Steele

"Most upperclassmen that I met are nice and don't talk down to me because I'm a freshman," she said.

Steele added that she wouldn't change anything about high school.

Freshman Dunya Silmi said that she expected freshman year to be easy and she thinks it is easy so far.



Dunya Silmi

Silmi also said that she thought she'd have a bad reputation from her older brothers; however, she does not.

"I felt like all the seniors would hate me," she said.

Silmi said the upperclassmen are nice and do not hate her. She said if she could change anything, she'd change her schedule because she doesn't like French class.

Seniors fill expectations

By Brenna Mock

Seniors this year are excited to finally live up to the class name, but being a senior comes with expectations and new hopes.

"You have to start looking at colleges, getting your ACT scores up and looking at scholarships," said senior Alec Osborn.



Alec Osborn

He has no big expectations this year for school. Osborn says he is fine with being a senior and that it's very relieving for it to be his last year of high school.



Marissa Prieto

On the other hand, senior Marissa Prieto has a lot of expectations with this upcoming school year and hopes for this year to be exciting

"I'm excited, but nervous for deciding what college I have to go to," Prieto said.

Prieto expects to make the honor roll and get accepted into the college she wants to attend.

Senior Tori Smith said this year is "really fun but also sad to think about graduating and not seeing everybody again." Smith hopes to get accepted into college this year also.



Tori Smith

Seniors aren't the only ones who are excited this year: their parents are, too.

Prieto and Smith said their parents are excited, but also a little sad.

Both Osborn and Prieto advise the freshmen this year to focus on grades, and Smith advises them to get involved and make the most of high school.

TEACHERS AT WORK



Name: TJ Thomas
Subjects taught: Health, Transition, Nutrition & Wellness
College attended: Ashland University
First job: Teacher and volleyball coach in Dublin City Schools
Favorite high school memory: Being on the varsity volleyball team for four years and being selected 1st team All-Ohio and District Player of the Year
If you weren't a teacher, what would you be? I would be a doctor.

If you were a student here at NHS, what clique would you sit with at lunch and why? I would rotate tables and cliques because I would love to talk with and get to know many different people.

Most embarrassing high school moment: At the old high school on Main Street, I was sitting in algebra class and I closed the big, tall window because it was freezing, and it basically fell before I could stop it. A gigantic crack appeared from the bottom to the top. Mr. Kompa was furious!

Craziest thing that ever happened during class: Senior year - two students set off a homemade bomb in a locker on the bottom floor of the old high school. I could hear the loud explosion. It blew two lockers off the wall.

I became a teacher because: I have always known I wanted to help young people to become healthier, positive, productive adults. I have always loved kids as I am the oldest of 26 grandchildren; I was usually the babysitter to the younger ones. It is an honor and a privilege to teach students.

Advice for seniors? Always treat others with kindness and respect, be a positive example and role model to the people around you, and give your very best effort in everything you do.

When not sitting behind a desk in school, what do you do? I am almost always spending time with my children and husband, either running our girls to activities, watching their events or chilling out at home watching sports, movies, or Grey's Anatomy.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I am terrified any time I have to speak formally in front of my peers.

Biggest strength: Love and caring for others.

Biggest weakness: Lack of self-confidence

Favorite part about your job? The privilege of getting to know so many wonderful students, and, hopefully, teaching them how to be healthier people.

Biggest pet peeve: Mean, disrespectful and uncaring people.

TRUCKER

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She said that it is a phenomenal way to get to know kids in a different setting by spending time with them.

"It's exciting," said Roberts about being on the Trucker Time Committee. She gets to work with her coworkers and share ideas.

With Trucker Time came a new schedule, and students and teachers are still adapting to it.

Thomas said that it is still difficult to adjust to the new time changes after being used to the

same schedule for many years.

Roberts said that she is not having a hard time with the new schedule, but it will take her the rest of the year to get used to the bell ringing earlier.

"It is awesome because there are shorter classes," said freshman Alexa Moore.

Other students felt differently about the new schedule.

"It was really weird and I didn't like it at all," said sophomore Dylan Castle.

"It's bad," sophomore Olivia Ward said. She liked being on one schedule.

Covering the books



Photo by Logan Hurst

Freshmen Emma Laughlin (left) and **Gabrielle Brutsche** cover some of their textbooks in the library. Librarian Lucy Hokes said she went through nearly 300 book covers, and then continued covering books with wrapping paper and paper bags. The school gets these book covers for free, because local businesses advertise on them.

"Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things."

-Theodore Levitt, economist and professor



Mascie takes on BG

By Mascie Horner

It was a perfect day to watch college football and spend time with someone I'd missed.

Saturday, Sept. 9, I took a trip to Bowling Green State University to watch the football game with my 2017 graduate boyfriend, Jacob Coe.

My grandparents drove me up for the day and it took us a little over an hour to get there. Once I got there, Jacob and I walked to the student union.

The student union is a building on campus that sells school apparel and provides food for college students.

Jacob bought me a new Bowling Green crewneck so I could fit in once we got to the game.

Before the game, we went into a campus buffet and ate to hold

us over until the end of the game. We then walked to the stadium which took us about 15 minutes.

I could feel the love of football from students and other spectators as the game went on. The student section was large, voices were loud and all eyes were on the field as the time ran down.

It was the team's home opener against the South Dakota Coyotes and for both of us, it was our first time at the stadium.

With Jacob being a BGSU student, all he had to do was print our tickets off online.

Once we left the game, we walked back to Centennial Hall, the dorm where Jacob lives, and my grandparents picked us up and took us to Big Boy, located right across the road from the football stadium.

After eating a late dinner, we dropped Jacob off back at his

dorm and headed home. We arrived home around 12:15 a.m.

Visiting campus and attending a football game was a lot of fun. It was interesting for me also knowing a lot of former Norwalk students attend Bowling Green.

Jacob's best friend, also a 2017 graduate, Evan Hohman, went to the game with us. He was the only Norwalk person we got to see.

Walking around campus the little that I did, I got to see some of the academic buildings and some of their new and remodeled projects.

The campus is nice and homey and I plan on attending another sporting event sometime soon.

I recommend watching Bowling Green athletics for anyone who is athletically interested and enjoys local sports.



Photo by Evan Hohman
Norwalk graduate Jacob Coe and junior Mascie Horner stand outside Doyt Perry Stadium at Bowling Green State University on Sept. 9. The Bowling Green football team lost their home opener against the South Dakota Coyotes 35-27.

Movie Review

Get Out: Peele releases thriller

By Alayna Warren

Get Out, produced by Jordan Peele, was the thriller of the summer.

Chris and his girlfriend Rose have come to the meet-the-parents stage in their relationship. Rose invites Chris on a weekend getaway to meet Rose's family and friends. While they're there, Chris feels like the family's overwhelming behavior is just because they're nervous about their daughter's interracial relationship. As the geta-



way continues, disturbing events continue to reveal. Chris gets led to a truth he never saw coming.

I recommend seeing this movie. Although it is not in theaters anymore, you can buy it on DVD. The more you watch it, the more it makes sense. You catch onto something different every time. Although the movie does have some disturbing parts, it is a well written and impressively produced

movie. It does a good job at balancing the tone for funny and terrifying.

Book Review

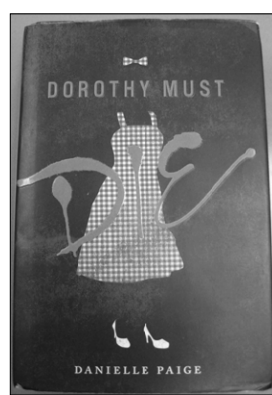
Dorothy Must Die: Wicked witches lurk

By Leighton Steele

I read the novel *Dorothy Must Die* by Danielle Paige, which is a spinoff of *The Wizard of Oz* years later.

This book is amazing for anyone who likes suspense and fantasy and is willing to see how Amy, the main character, struggles to go to Oz from Kansas.

I read this novel because honestly the cover caught my eye, but once I read the summary I wanted to read more.



I got the novel as a gift for Christmas from my mom and she got it from Amazon, but you can get it at Books-A-Million for around the same price, \$15.

It's a good book for anyone; it's not for one specific person or gender.

It's filled with how trying to be yourself and going through many obstacles is not the easiest thing in the world, which can be relatable to many people in their lives right now.

The book is currently not in the school's library but the public library does have it on their shelves.

Teen enjoys The 1975 concert

By Logan Hurst

The concert on June 3 at Express Live! in Columbus was definitely one to remember.

"It's not a message about equality, it's a message about showing each other some damn compassion," The 1975 lead singer Matthew Healy said as the song "Loving Someone" began with rainbow lights covering the stage.

Healy went on to say how important it is to love one another following the terrorist attacks in Manchester, England.

Tickets for this concert were very reasonable, at around \$65 each, and the outdoor venue was very fun, with a pit right in front

of the stage and a large yard behind it for lawn seating.

Express Live!, with a capacity of 5,200 people, was completely sold out, and had a line of people wrapped around the block waiting to get in when the gates opened.

The 1975 is an English indie band that has origins in Manchester. The band, whose most recent album is titled "I like it when you sleep, for you are so beautiful, yet so unaware of it," is made up of four members: lead singer Matthew "Matty" Healy, lead guitarist Adam Hann, bassist Ross MacDonald and drummer George Daniel.

Their sound is somewhat similar to that of The Neighbourhood, Walk the Moon, and

LANY, but their sound is definitely one like none other.

I have been a fan of The 1975 since middle school, and the first song I heard was "The City." I was instantly hooked on their catchy sound, and wanted to listen to more. Their cryptic lyrics leave a lot open to the listener's interpretation.

Along with numerous EPs, The 1975 has released two full-length albums, and announced plans for a third album at the end of the concert.

The band's name – The 1975 – was inspired by a Jack Kerouac beat generation poetry book.

Not only would I recommend The 1975 to anyone, I can now say that they are very talented performers.



Photo by Logan Hurst
The band The 1975 plays the song "HNSCC," which stands for head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, a type of cancer the lead singer's grandmother had, performed as a tribute.

Artist of the Issue



Photo by Hailey Sholes
Senior Danielle Ashakh spray paints a flower for her digital art project.

RIVALRIES

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Senior volleyball player Aimee Smith said, "It gives me a lot more excitement because teams lost seniors and gained new players so we don't know who will be good. SBC is better because you look at the teams differently." She thinks that the rival for volleyball is Perkins.

"We've already faced all the teams before and beat them before. It gives us more confidence and we know we can be a top contender," said senior soccer player Mara Jaworski. She thinks the new soccer rival is Clyde.

Junior golfer Noah Scheel said, "Nothing has changed really. We are still better than all of the teams. It's easier this year." He thinks that the golf rival is Clyde.

"We have seen all the teams at bigger invites before. It's easier because

the harder teams are out of the conference," said senior cross country runner Lauryn Maloney.

She said the rival for cross country is Bellevue

Sophomore soccer player Austin Obermeyer said, "Teams are better. New teams usually aren't good, but these ones have been hard. SBC is better because the competition is harder." He thinks that the soccer rival is Vermilion.

"New teams are tougher, but it's good competition and makes me want to get better. I like the SBC better, but the NOL was easier," said sophomore tennis player Megan Berry. She said their new rival is Perkins.

Junior golfer Madison Duncan said, "I like it because you meet new girls and have a wider variety of competition. SBC is better than the NOL." She thinks their rival is Shelby.

Out with the old, in with the new

New bleachers attract more fans

By Mascie Horner

As you drive down Main Street, attend a Friday night football game, or simply see a picture, you may notice the new addition to Whitney Field.

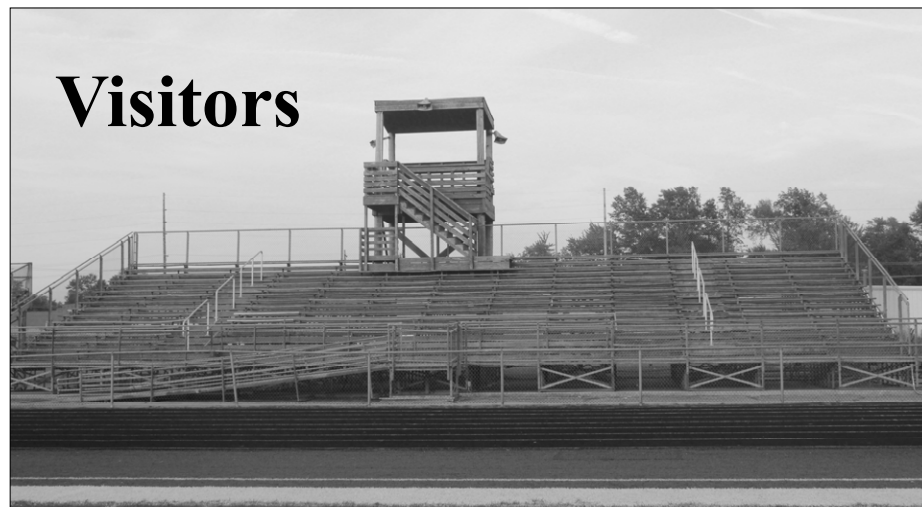
The facility has its first set of new bleachers since the 1970's, an addition that was much needed, Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer said.

Norwalk and St. Paul school district members were involved with tearing the old, wooden, green bleachers down this past summer. Now they've been replaced with new and more eye-catching metal bleachers.

"It was definitely time to get new ones. We want our facilities top notch and the bleachers were in horrible condition," Schlotterer said, adding that every year, he used to have to make a trip to Whitney and check on the "rotting" bleachers.

Students had noticed that it got to the point where the bleachers would rock back and forth and snap in half as they would jump on them.

Schlotterer said he believes the new bleachers will help with game attendance. Having a top notch facility will make spectators want to attend games at Whitney Field.



Photos by Mascie Horner
Above the new metal home side bleachers, the old 1970's wooden bleachers are shown at Whitney Field. Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer said new bleachers on the visitors side plan to come sometime in the future, to provide better seating for traveling fans.

Sports opinion

Visitors side needs work

By Mascie Horner

Despite the new bleachers on the home side at Whitney Field, the visitors side still needs some work.

The paint is peeling, the press box is empty, and most visiting fans don't seem to sit in them to cheer their team on.

Over the summer, when the home bleachers were getting fixed, I was running up and down the visiting side trying to get a workout in. With nobody else in the bleachers, I could feel the weakness of the wooden bleachers. Not a lot of space for me to run on, let alone a crowd to sit on.

Our home team fans deserve beautiful seating, and it's only fair to show our visitors they deserve the same.

I also think more visitors would attend games at Whitney Field if they had a place to sit that is in good condition.

Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer agrees that we still have some work to do.

"The other side desperately needs a change. We also plan to get a new press box along with the bleachers sometime in the future," Schlotterer said.

New boards in gym provide ads, spirit

By Mascie Horner

In the main gymnasium, there have been two new additions that made the gym look "more top notch," Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer said.

On the far wall underneath the scoreboard and at the scorer's table, there are projection screens that will provide advertisements,

spirit videos, starting lineups and pregame pump up videos.

"We wanted to provide ads and dress up our gym to make it look even better," Schlotterer said.

Those who have attended a volleyball game this season have seen ads and pictures of athletic teams being broadcast.

Schlotterer said these boards have many possibilities, but he doesn't have much time to play with them himself.

"We need kids to be involved who are willing to put the boards to a test. We have many talented kids who should give it a shot," Schlotterer said. "I would like to reach out to teacher Drew Karnehm and

his media students to provide cool effects and different ideas we can share with spectators in the gymnasium."

The wall board can be used for pep assemblies, graduation and for teams to watch their game film on.

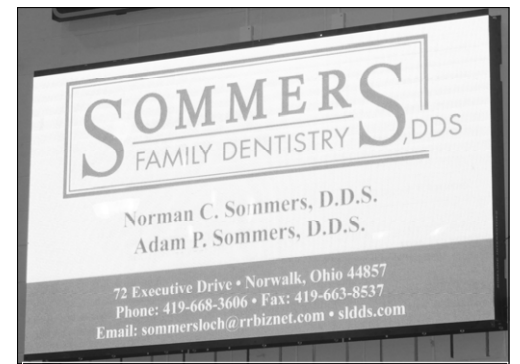


Photo by Mascie Horner

This new board was put in over the summer for displaying ads and pictures of athletic teams.

The boards were not a must-have thing, but Schlotterer said he took advantage of the nice equipment and did a lot of searching and preparation to get them.

"I researched many different companies and wanted the boards for a quality price," Schlotterer said.



Photo by Mascie Horner

The new board on the score table shows a picture of the volleyball team during their game.

Players speak out

By Gabby Horowitz

Some students think there are many sports that are underappreciated. There are also athletes who want more respect for what they do. Principal Brad Cooley and Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer gave their opinions.

Schlotterer talked about the effort people put into sports.

"People don't understand that it takes a certain skill set. I would like to do whatever I can to give the attention needed," he said.

Cooley named the less attended sports, which included tennis, golf, cross country, bowling and swimming.

"Those sports don't draw in a crowd like a team sport does. Tennis and some other sports are individual sports, not team sports," he said, adding that just because a sport isn't well attended doesn't mean it's not appreciated.

Students agreed with the sports Cooley listed. Sophomore Mara Berry, who is part of the tennis team, said that tennis is not a popular sport in this school.

Senior tennis player Lizzie Ratliff explained that if tennis had a student section, or more people at the matches, the team would feel more recognized.

"Golf is a sport you have to understand to watch," said Coach Samantha Roberts. She talked about how many people don't want to make the effort to support other teams.

"If people were to come watch us, we would explain the game to them," she said.

"Many people don't know that we bowl. Getting more people involved in the game will help us get more recognized," said senior Braden Nunez. He talked about how any support would help the team. "Having our scores on the announcements would be cool," he said.

Some swimmers also feel like there is not enough support. "People don't respect how hard it is to be on the swimming team," sophomore swim team member Megan Berry said.

"Most people care about the big sports," said junior runner Carmen Krichbaum. "At this year's [early September] home meet, we barely had anyone."

Cheer for new opportunities

By Olivia Schaffer

Five Norwalk High School cheerleaders may be traveling to Orlando, Florida to cheer at the Citrus Bowl, if their fundraisers are successful.

The five are seniors Kylee Edney, Beth Stockmaster and Maya Reineck, sophomore Makilee Ball and freshman Madison Shutt. They would be gone from Dec. 27 to January 2.

"It's a great opportunity," said head coach Kristie Wert.

This opportunity arose at the cheer squad's camp this year. There were new directors associated with a collegiate All American dance team.

The cheerleaders who wanted to try out had two days to prepare. Fourteen tried out and six made it. For tryouts, they had to perform cheers, jumps and tumbling and score at least a 20 out of 25.

"I thought it would be a fun experience," said freshman Madison Shutt about why she tried out.



To raise money, they have held fundraisers including a car wash. Each cheerleader must raise \$1,600 in order to travel to Florida.

The squad's head coach will not be traveling with them. However, three parents will go.

If they raise enough money, the cheerleaders will either take a van or a plane to Florida. When they get there, they will do activities including a visit to Disney World. On New Year's Day, they will perform at the Citrus Bowl.

Junior Alyssa Faley also qualified but did not choose to go.



Fall Sports



Photo by Alayna Warren
Varsity and JV cheerleaders show their spirit on the sideline of the football team's game against Margareta.



Photo by Sophie Ward
Cross country runner Jada Thomas, a senior, is pictured here running Sept. 23 at an invite here at NHS.



Photo by Paige Maurer
Senior Kendall Bigler kicks the ball past a defender in their Sandusky Bay Championship game against Clyde. Norwalk won.



Photo by Sydney Smith
Junior Anna Little keeps perfect form while coming up for a swing.



Photo by Sophie Ward
Cross country runner Robert Vasquez, a junior, is pictured here running at the NHS invite.



Photo by Gabby Horowitz
Sophomore Megan Berry hustles to the ball while playing Perkins in a match at first singles.



Photo by Alayna Warren
Norwalk's offensive line (dark) blocks Margareta's line during the homecoming game. Norwalk won.



Photo by Madisyn Alt
Practicing their golf swing (from left) are sophomore Zach Crane and senior Braden Nunez.

Photo by Kamryn Guerrier
Aimee Smith, senior, hits the ball at the opponent, Sandusky High School.



Photo by Paige Maurer
Senior Petie Adamos tries to get the ball from a Vermilion player in a nonconference game on Sept. 18. Norwalk lost to Vermilion.

Welcoming new coaches

Chris Jackson



By Sydney Smith

Chris Jackson, industrial education teacher, is the new girls' golf head coach. After Coach Don Nardecchia retired, Jackson filled his spot.

Jackson was previously the volunteer assistant coach. He held that position for a year.

When asked how he likes his new position he said, "I love it! It's an awesome opportunity and I look forward to practices and matches every day."

He said he wanted to coach partly because his daughters golf. One of his daughters is on the team.

Jackson likes to make golf more than just a sport. He has the girls bond as a team also.

They have events such as Taco Tuesday and the whole team spent time loading a truck with supplies for the hurricane victims.

Jackson did not play golf in high school. Although he did not play at school, he played for fun outside of school with his family and friends.

Jackson's favorite part of coaching is affecting people in a positive way. He hopes to see his athletes play golf in their adult lives.

He also thinks it would be cool to coach their children in the future.

Bethany Cring, a member of the girls' golf team, feels that golf is different with Coach Jackson as the head coach. Jackson lets the girls play their game.

"He lets us do our own thing," she said.

She learned from Coach Jackson that a golf player can never spend enough time practicing on the putting green.

Cring was happy to see Jackson become head coach but also sad to see Nardecchia leave.

Cring and her teammates think Jackson is a fun coach to be around and are excited for what the season brings.

David Snell



By Paige Maurer

New year, new season, new teammates and even new coaches. This year, the soccer team welcomed its new assistant coach, Spanish teacher David Snell.

Snell played soccer for Firelands High School and the College of Wooster.

"In a word, it was awesome," Snell said about playing college soccer.

He likes the game and enjoys helping people.

"It's a natural fit," he said about becoming the new assistant coach.

His favorite part about coaching is creating bonds with the

players and teammates. His least favorite part is doing the paperwork.

"It has been a great experience so far working with Coach Snell," head coach Jonathon Kijowski said, adding that Snell has a good knowledge of the game and brings an offensive mind to the coaching staff.

"I couldn't have asked for a better coach to be on our staff," Kijowski said.

He said that Snell brings a positive attitude and different perspective on almost anything.

James Attinger



By Paige Maurer

The jayvee soccer team welcomed their new coach, James Attinger.

Attinger is also a teacher at Sandusky St. Marys Central Catholic.

"It comes natural with being a teacher," said Attinger about being a coach.

Attinger played soccer in high school and for Wilmington College. He enjoyed getting to know players from around the globe including Sweden, Norway and The Netherlands.

He enjoys being a soccer coach.

"Spreading the knowledge that I have to other players is

something I have a passion for," he said.

Attinger's favorite part about coaching is seeing players develop. His least favorite part is driving 45 minutes to practice both ways since he teaches in Sandusky.

Stephanie Osborn



By Olivia Schaffer

The new assistant cheer coach is a

Norwalk High School graduate named Stephanie Osborn. She was a cheerleader at Bowling Green State University for five years as well as having All Star experience.

This is her first coaching job. She is employed at The Freight House in Norwalk.

Head Coach Kristie Wert said she picked her because of her experience and the fact that she went to Norwalk. Osborn cheered at BGSU from 2004-2008.

"She's really nice and is helping out the team with cheer tips from cheering at BGSU," said cheerleader Kennadi Martin, a junior.

Osborn's experience is also providing new opportunities for the team to improve, the head coach said.

Osborn said she wanted to coach because she loves cheerleading and wants to help the team improve.


Athletes of the Issue

Name: Braden Nunez
Grade: 12




Sport: Golf
Why did you begin playing your sport? I wanted to play a sport that I could play my whole life.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? Explain. I have been playing golf for 12 years now. Yes I do, because my ultimate goal is to play professionally.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Trying to stay calm and commit to the shot under high pressure situations.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? At districts last year, Cam and Max sat in a bathtub and we all cleaned our clubs together. Then every golf trip I have been to in general. I have had so much fun over the past four years with the team.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? The night before every match or tournament, I make sure all of my clubs are clean.
Coach's quote: "He is an extremely hard worker and he is our current #1 golfer," Coach Wes Douglas said.

Name: Kendall Bigler
Grade: 12




Sport: Soccer
Why did you begin playing your sport? My parents made me and all of my siblings do it.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been playing for about 13 or 14 years. I am going to try and attend a Division II college to play soccer, possibly Malone.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? THE CONSTANT, NON-STOP RUNNING.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? Before every game, we all kiss the pole. Kaelyn Harkness and I do our handshake and then we have a team cheer.
Coach's quote: "Kendall is working very hard. She works aggressively and unselfishly. She creates a lot of opportunities for her teammates to score because of her unselfishness and her assists," Coach Michelle Sandor said.

Name: Macy Miller
Grade: 12




Sport: Tennis
Why did you begin playing your sport? I didn't want to take gym class. I was hoping to just get my two seasons done and over with, but I guess I fell in love with the sport.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I started my freshman year. I plan to continue playing as a hobby.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? It's completely a mental sport. If you are not entirely focused on the game, then you aren't ready.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Jordan Gran and I came in first at the Clyde tournament after beating Bellevue. Our match was over three hours long.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I always chew a piece of gum before I step out on the court.
Coach's Quote: "Macy's our leader on and off the court so she's really the heartbeat of the team," Coach Chris Higgins said.

Name: Zach Albright
Grade: 12




Sport: Soccer
Why did you begin playing your sport? Why does anyone start playing soccer? Because moms and dads want something to brag about when their 6-year-old's soccer team beat their friend's kid's team.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I've been playing soccer for 12 years and I hope to play after high school.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Most people don't understand that not every goal scored is the goalkeeper's fault, so there is a lot of criticism.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Last year we played a game against Tiffin, and Petie Adamos started a fight in the middle of the field and I always got my boy's back and long story short, I got a red card...
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I listen to motivational speeches and watch videos of myself saving goals before every game.
Coach's Quote: Varsity Head Coach Jonathon Kijowski said that Zach Albright is outstanding in the goal. "For the amount of shots from the other team that Zach has taken, he has made a ridiculous amount of saves," the coach said.

Name: Lexi Santiago
Grade: 12




Sport: Volleyball
Why did you begin playing your sport? I was in 4th grade and I had just moved to Norwalk so I was looking to make friends and have fun.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I've been playing for 9 years and if the college I go to has intermural sports, I'd love to continue.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? There's a lot of conditioning and I'm not the best runner.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? My freshman year, varsity went to regionals and we got pizza and a charter bus and it was a really cool experience for my first year.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I used to slap the wall over the locker room door before every game.
Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? The only volleyball I watch is my fellow players and the Olympics, so no.
Coach's Quote: "Lexi has been a great teammate. She works extremely hard every day and is a great leader for her team. I cannot imagine our team without her," Coach Angie Kalizewski said.

Name: Kylee Edney
Grade: 12




Sport: Cheerleading
Why did you begin playing your sport? I always wanted to be a cheerleader when I was younger.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I've been a cheerleader since fifth grade. I might try out in college.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Going through mental block when tumbling.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Competing at state and qualifying to cheer at the Citrus Bowl in Florida.
Do you have a favorite gymnast? My favorite gymnast is Gabby Douglas because she's amazing at tumbling.
Coach's quote: "Kylee is one of our most hardworking cheerleaders and is always improving. She is one of our leaders and senior captains. She shows tremendous leadership," Coach Kristie Wert said.

Name: Bethany Cring
Grade: 12




Sport: Golf
Why did you begin playing your sport? A family friend started teaching me because golf rocks.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I've played golf since the summer of my freshman year. I am probably not going to at the collegiate level because I'd rather run in college. But golf is a life sport so I will keep playing for sure!
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? The mental part is the most difficult part because you have to stay focused and not let one bad shot or one bad hole ruin the rest of your round.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Tying the 9 hole school record was pretty cool. (Especially because Ellie came to watch me that day and it was her record.)
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? We always have a team prayer before we start a match/tournament.
Coach's Quote: "She's our senior leader right now. She's doing a good job," Coach Chris Jackson said.

Name: Rashod Raymore
Grade: 12




Sport: Football
Why did you begin playing your sport? I always wanted to play since I was little.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I've been playing for 8 years and I do plan on playing after high school if I get the chance.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? 2-a-days
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Last year having a winning season for the first time since 6th grade.
Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? My cousin's boyfriend who plays for the Detroit Lions because I am grateful that he helps me and my brother prepare for the season.
Coach's quote: "He is a great leader and he works hard every day. I think the kids depend on him," Coach Chris McFarland said.

Name: Robert Vazquez
Grade: 11



Sport: Cross Country
Why did you begin playing your sport? I began playing my sport because I did not want to play football anymore.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been running cross country since eighth grade and I hope to run in college.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Having back-to-back workouts and just having to run.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? When our coach shaved his head because we made it to state.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? Warm up for 50 minutes before the race, than stretch for 40 minutes.
Coach's Quote: "Bobby is typically the top runner," Coach Drew Kamehm said.

Name: Jada Thomas
Grade: 12



Sport: Cross Country
Why did you begin playing your sport? Because I like running.
How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? For six years and I might run in college just to stay fit.
Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Workout days and running up hills.
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? When we got to play games like Ultimate Frisbee and didn't run to the reservoir every day.
Do you have any superstitions/rituals? No, I just run.
Coach's Quote: "Jada typically finishes towards the top," Cross Country Coach Drew Kamehm said.

Students show spirit

By Sophie Ward

They cheer, they boo, and they lose their voice at the end of the night – the student section.

Norwalk's own student section is expected to be at a majority of sporting events, but how important is it?

Some students and even a coach were questioned concerning this topic, and their responses showed many similarities.

"It gets us hyped, gets us motivated," junior Trevon Raymore, varsity football

said. To some, the student section has enhanced their performance, mentally and physically.



Photo by Alayna Warren

Norwalk students show USA spirit in the student section at Whitney Field during the homecoming game on Sept. 15 against the Margareta Polar Bears. The football team won 38-20.

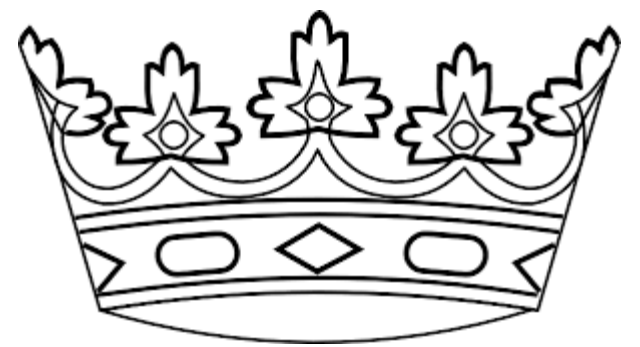
player, "The whole thing gets us excited and makes us believe people care about what we're doing," senior varsity volleyball player Anne Davidson said.

The energy that is put off from 20 or more kids cheering for their home team seems to affect players and their game, according to Football Coach Derek Pigman.

Annie Hiler also gave an opinion about her emotions towards the student section. She truly believes it's important and it gets her friends pumped as they play their game.



2017 Homecoming: Around the world



Snake Dance

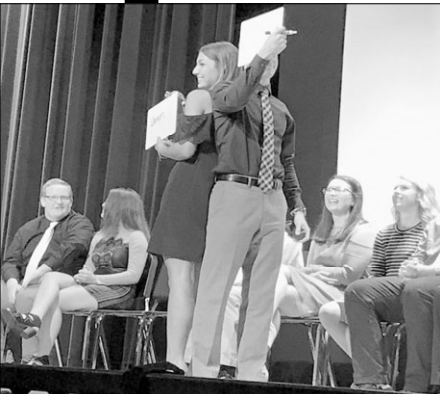
Photo by Paige Maurer
 The 2017 Norwalk High School homecoming court is as follows: (front from left) sophomore attendant Haleigh Skinner, junior attendant Alyssa Faley, senior queen candidates McKenzie Edwards, Tori Smith, Bethany Cring, Lauryn Maloney, Maya Reineck and Annie Hiler, EHOVE attendant junior Michaela Rush, freshman attendant Madison Shutt, (back from left) sophomore attendant Wyatt Brown, junior attendant Wyatt Dotson, senior king candidates Zach Albright, Darren Raymond, Quinn Hipp, Jacob Roth, Payton Shober and Logan Hurst, EHOVE attendant senior Elijah Cruz and freshman attendant Garrett Chapin.



Hall Decorating



Spirit Week



Photos by Alayna Warren
 Senior homecoming attendants Lauryn Maloney and Jacob Roth see how much they know about each other at the homecoming assembly. They both knew shopping was Maloney's favorite hobby.

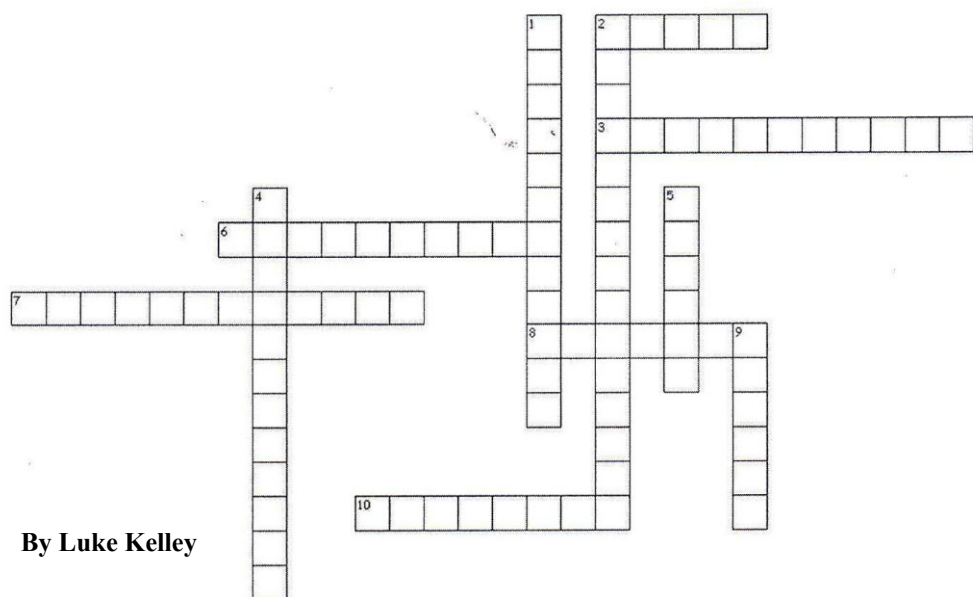


Photo by Alayna Warren
 Seniors Tori Smith (left) and Sydney Castle proudly represent their class's country. Smith shows off Castle's patriotic sandals

Photo by Logan Hurst
 Junior Alysha Ziembra participates in Pajama Day for spirit week. She wears plaid pajama pants and a T-shirt about her love for coffee.



'New' Crossword



By Luke Kelley

- Across**
1. New Spanish teacher here at Norwalk
 2. Homecoming queen this year
 3. Homecoming king this year
 4. Which class won spirit relays
 5. What college did Mr. Cooley attend
 6. What college did Mr. Kania attend
 7. New science teacher here at Norwalk
 8. New English teacher here at Norwalk
 9. Our mascot here at Norwalk

- Down**
1. Homecoming king this year
 2. Name of coffee shop here at Norwalk
 3. Name of the school
 4. What college did Mr. Kania attend
 5. New inclusion teacher here at Norwalk
 6. Name of the school
 7. Name of the school
 8. Name of the school
 9. Name of the school
 10. Name of the school



What's for lunch?

Freshman Carson Colahan had:

1. Peanut butter and jelly sandwich on wheat
2. Cup of peaches
3. Ruffles chips
4. Babybel cheese
5. Nature Valley biscuits
6. Grape Gatorade
7. Dry pineapple and papaya
8. Fork

