

Northwest Middle School

MIGHTY MOHAWK MEDIA

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LUNCH MENU

MONDAY- Cheeseburger on a Bun / Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Baked Beans, Golden French Fries, Diced Peaches, Fresh Oranges and 1% Milk.

TUESDAY- Macaroni & Cheese / Walking Taco, Roasted corn, Red Peppers, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Grapes, and 1% Milk.

WEDNESDAY- Sloppy Joe on a Bun / Crispy Chicken Nuggets, Roasted Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Mixed Fruit, Fresh Orange and 1% Milk

THURSDAY- Crispy Chicken Sandwich / Chicken Caesar Salad with Coleslaw Red Peppers, Applesauce, Fresh Orange and 1% Milk.

FRIDAY- Cheese Bosco Stick / Buffalo Chicken Wrap with Golden French Fries, Red Peppers, Diced Pears, Fresh Orange and 1% Milk.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Archery tryouts are on February 9th at 7 p.m. They take place at the **High School's Tiered Lecture Room**. For contact information, call Luke Hurst at **(740) 250-6216**.








The Sweet Heart Dance is approaching quickly. It is on **February 24th** from 6:00-8:00 in the NMS gym. Only middle school students are allowed to attend and the admission is \$3.

On February 17th, the AG Olympics are taking place. There will be fun agriculture-based games and there will be a 2-hour early dismissal schedule on the 17th as well.

By: Adee Smith and Kali Zukoski

By: Landon Hartley & Brycen Montavon

WEATHER

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
52° 30°	51° 37°	59° 41°	53° 40°	54° 35°	52° 29°	42° 24°

WORLD NEWS

BY: WESLEE SHARP & BRYSON NEWMAN

U.S./China: On Thursday, February 2, 2023, a Chinese weather balloon was blown off course and strayed in U.S. airspace. Following its discovery, U.S. officials stated that it was believed to be a spy balloon. Though China reassured that it was just a weather balloon that strayed off course, the U.S. still shot down the balloon off the coast of South Carolina after it was safe to do so.

Ukraine: On Friday, February 3, 2023, the Ukrainian government revealed a case they had been building on Yevgeny Prigozhin, the leading figure of the Russian mercenary group *Wagner*, which has been a Russian asset in the war. This was followed up by a statement that said "mercenaries (from the group) of all ranks would be held responsible."

U.S.: As of Friday, February 3, 2023, more than 320,000 people across Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi were still without power after a record breaking ice storm. Along with the power outage and freezing temperatures, 11 people have died from the weather, most being from car crashes due to the icy roads.

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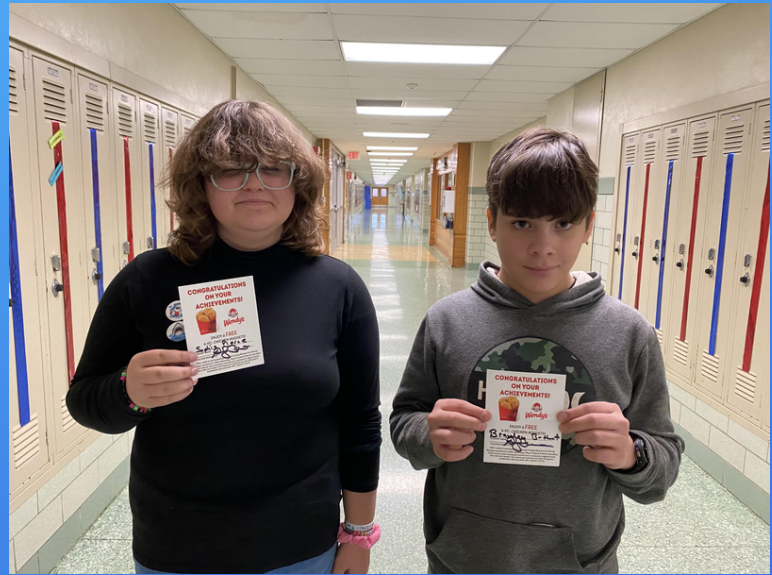
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<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/china-says-spy-balloon-was-research-airship-accidentally-strayed-to-us-101675433761793.html>

Mohawks of the Week:

Sophia Pierce and Brayden Bautista-Hunt: Nominated by Mrs. Brown and Mr. Doss for being helpful in their classrooms



C.A.N.S

Comedy At Northwest Schools

What does a baby computer call its father?

Data!

What do you call a belt made of watches?

A waist of time.

What did the grape do when it got stomped on?

It let out a little wine.

I'd tell you a joke about paper,

but its tear-able.

By: Luke Lewis, Nathan Fry, and Brevan Staggs



MUSIC

By: Lucas Crabtree,
Jordan Emmons,
and Gabriel Suthers

Congratulations to:

Gabrielle Thomson- 6th Chair, Emma Zornes- 7th chair, McKenzie Adkins- 8th chair, Lena Pitts- 3rd chair, Jordan Emmons- 1st chair, Dalton Helton- 1st chair, Christian Hayslip- 2nd chair, Dustin Hall- 5th chair, Quintin Zornes- 2nd chair, Lucas Crabtree- 7th chair, and Gabby Evans- 10th for making it into the All-County Honor Band.

Luke Combs is the Artist of the Week. Luke was born on March 2, 1990, in North Carolina. He started performing as a child, most notably at Carnegie Hall. Luke started his singing career inspired by Eric Church.

The artist's top three most famous songs are:

1. Beautiful Crazy
2. When it Rains it Pours
3. She Got the Best of Me

We are open to suggestions for who the music artist of the week should be!
Email: suthersg27@nwmohawks.org

INTERVIEWS/CLUBS

Interviewing Mr. Cunningham

What's your favorite sport to coach/direct?

"Basketball"

How does it feel to be the athletic director?

"It can be very busy, but it is something I enjoy because my love for sports and being around our students."

Which do you enjoy more, being the A.D. or guidance counselor?

"Becoming a school counselor has been a goal of mine since I was in high school. Something that I feel thankful for every day is that becoming an A.D. has allowed me to become more involved in the community and build even stronger relationships with the students."

Interviewing Mrs. Lawson

What made you guys decide to make/start Power of the Pen?

I was an assistant coach at a previous school. I recolozined that NMS had some talented writers who needed an outlet for their creativity."

What exactly do you do in Power of the Pen?

"We talk about our writing and how to make it better. At competitions, the students write on a prompt for 40 minutes then move rooms and repeat two more times."

How do you think the students are doing for their first year of Power of the Pen?

"I think the team did an amazing job for having only a few practices. To have three qualifiers for Regionals is exciting."

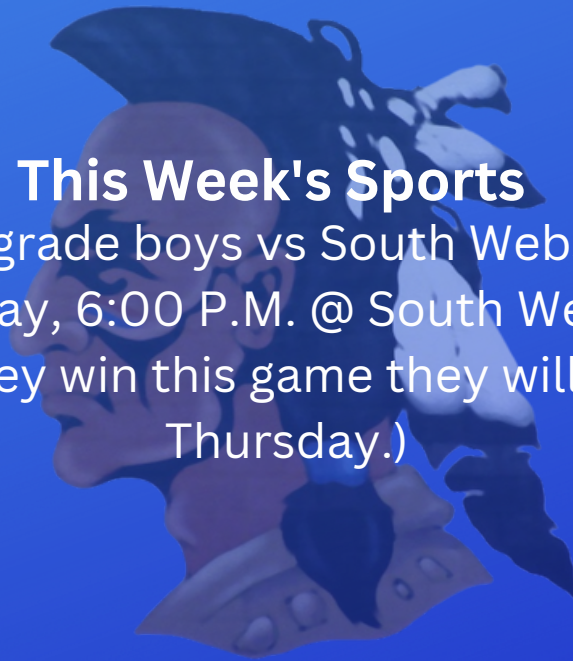


Brief Sports Summary of the Week

Our 7th and 8th grade boy's basketball came out with a win over Eastern! The 7th grade score was 34-33 and 8th grade also won 38-32. Unfortunately, both the 7th and 8th grade girls teams lost. This was the last in season game for middle school basketball. Tournaments started last Saturday with 7th/8th grade girls and 7th grade boys. 7th grade girls lost to Wheelersburg and the 8th grade lost to Minford. The 7th grade boys also lost to Waverly. All of these games will be held at South Webster High School.

This Week's Sports

8th grade boys vs South Webster
Monday, 6:00 P.M. @ South Webster
(If they win this game they will play
Thursday.)





Author of the Week



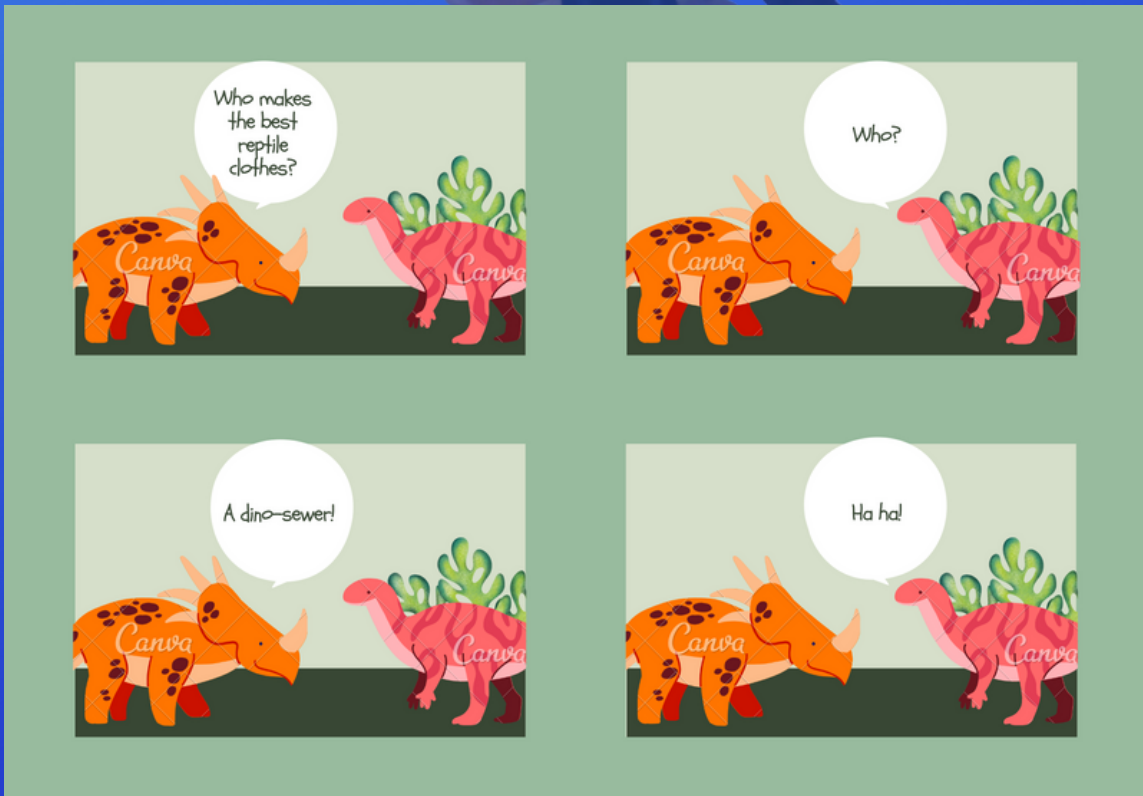
This week's Author of the Week is American author, Veronica Roth. Veronica Roth was born August 19th, 1988 in New York. She grew up in Barrington, Illinois and began writing at an early age and she was an ardent, passionate, reader. She was a massive fan of Lois Lowry's works, especially *The Giver*. In high school, Veronica Roth became an active Christian. This path to religion was a theme in her works. Before the young author graduated from Northwestern University, where she had studied creative writing, she wrote *Divergent*, the first installment in the science-fiction trilogy that people know and love today, during winter break her senior year. The book was sold to HarperCollins in 2010, shortly after she took the manuscript of the book to a writers conference in March. In 2011, it was sixth on the *New York Times* bestseller list. In 2012, *Insurgent* was released and took the top spot on the very same list. The fans of the series grew and grew to the point that when the series finale, *Allegiant*, came out in 2013, it was the most-preordered book that HarperCollins had ever issued. The series was successful, having over 30 million copies sold by 2015. The series is about a girl named Beatrice Prior, and she was born in a world where there are factions, sections separated by virtue and values, that people are designated to when they turn 16. Abnegation for selflessness, Candor for honesty, Dauntless for boldness, Amity for peacefulness, and Erudite for the intelligent. Beatrice fits in multiple of these, an oddity called a "divergent," and that is something that could get her killed if people learned of it. She leaves her current faction, Abnegation, and attempts to hide her deadly secret as she earns acceptance into her new one, Dauntless. All of the books in the series had film adaptations and she even made a side novel, *Four: A Divergent Collection*. Years after, Roth created more books not connected to the previous series. Those are *Carve the Mark*, *The Fates Divide*, *The End and Other Beginnings: Stories from the Future*, *Chosen Ones*, and *Poster Girl*.

Source:

Blumberg, Naomi. "Veronica Roth". Encyclopedia Britannica, 16 Oct. 2022, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Veronica-Roth>. Accessed 27 January 2023.

**By: Annabella
Harness and
Adelyn Smith**

Comic Strip



By: Elizabeth Golden and Adelyn Smith



NMS Birthdays

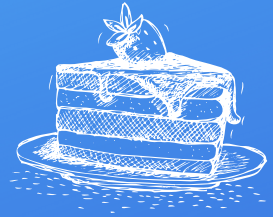
February 6
Trevor White

February 7
Sydney Halleck

February 9
Lillie Wolfenbarker
Elivya Burchett
Kaden Kazee

February 10
Garrison Redoutey

February 12
Riley Pertuset
Jason Perez



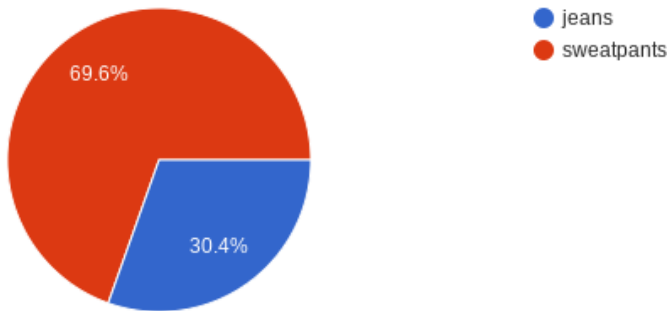
By: Mason Bender & Gwyneth Montgomery

Results from Last Week's

Polls:

jeans or sweatpants ?

23 responses

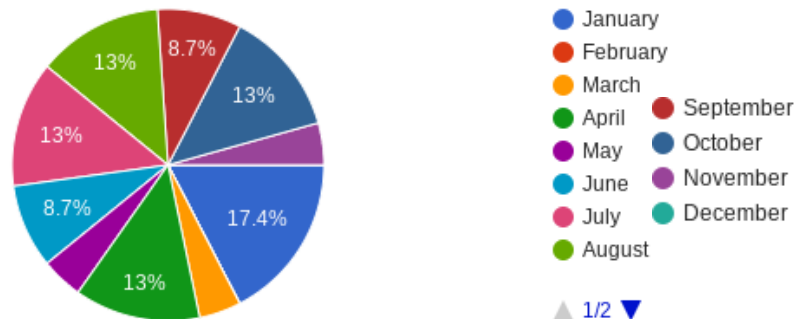


The top 3 favorite NFL teams:

Cincinnati Bengals
New York Giants
Kansas City Chiefs

When's your birthday month ?

23 responses



This Week's Polls: <https://forms.gle/y54c29a6SZ3GCwht5>

Sharp Moments

Where we cover interesting and unheard topics, old and new.
With J Weslee G. Sharp and His Co-writer Annabella (Bella) Harness.

Black History Month

For this installment of Sharp Moments, we will discuss what the month of February is known as, Black History Month. If you aren't aware, Black History Month is a month to recognize the African American citizens' roles in our society. This month is also known as African American History Month, and it has been celebrated since 1976. Not only America participates in this, other countries like Canada and the United Kingdom devote a month of the year to Black history.

The origin of Black History Month dates back to 1915, which was half a century (Fifty years) after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in 1865. As quoted from the United States Constitution, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." This says that slavery is not permitted unless it's punishment for a committed crime. Otherwise, a person cannot be forced to work except for if they are paid for their services, it'd be a job rather than forced labor. The September of 1915 was when the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland and Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson founded an organization that was devoted to researching and promoting achievements by African Americans and others of African descent. They called it the "Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)" (History.com). Present day, the name was changed to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). This organization sponsored national Negro History week in 1926, which they held on the second week of February because of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who are important figures in American history. This inspired numerous schools and communities to host local celebrations of Black history.

Over the span of decades, city mayors began to issue annual proclamations to recognize "Negro History Week." Thanks to the civil rights movement and growing awareness of Black identity, "Negro History Week" became Black History Month by the late 1960s. In 1976, the thirty-eighth U.S. president, President Gerald Ford, officially recognized Black History Month. As stated by History.com, present day, "Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society." Historic icons like Harriet Tubman, Malcolm X, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks among so many others are recognized during this month.

The main theme of this month, the theme that has been designated to it since 1976 by the American presidents, is "Black Resistance." For so long, African American citizens faced horrible discrimination and historic opposition. This month was meant to explore that and celebrate their resistance in such awful times.

Source:

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>