

# Northwest Middle School

## MIGHTY MOHAWK MEDIA

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### LUNCH MENU

MONDAY- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce / Crispy Chicken Tenders  
 - Cheesy Garlic Toast and a Romaine Mixed Salad as Sides.

TUESDAY- Crispy Chicken Nuggets / Meatballs and Gravy -  
 Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans as Sides.

WEDNESDAY- Hamburger on a Bun / Crispy Chicken Sandwich -  
 Golden French Fries, Romaine Lettuce, and Tomato Slices as Sides.

THURSDAY - Soft Beef Tacos / Chicken Fajitas - Lettuce,  
 Tomato, and Cheese as Toppings - Black Beans as Sides.

FRIDAY- Cheese Pizza / Turkey Wrap Munchable - Steamed  
 Corn and Red Peppers as Sides.

### WEATHER



MONDAY 10/31/22	TUESDAY 11/1/22	WEDNESDAY 11/2/22	THURSDAY 11/3/22	FRIDAY 11/4/22
DAY 66° 50% Chance of Rain	DAY 67° Partly Cloudy	DAY 68° Partly Cloudy	DAY 69° Mostly Sunny	DAY 70° Partly Cloudy
NIGHT 51° 40% Chance of Rain	NIGHT 44° Mostly Clear	NIGHT 44° Mostly Clear	NIGHT 46° Mostly Clear	NIGHT 48° Partly Cloudy

By; Nate Fry & Brycen Montavon

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

Thanksgiving break is through the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of November.

The winner for the door decorating competition is:  
Mrs. Lawson's class

The winners for the costume contest are:

Best Group: Landyn Deemer, Justin Delawder, Brady Faulkner, Wyatt Young, and Mason Cramer  
 Funniest: Kaleb Colley  
 Most Creative: Sydney Halleck  
 Best Overall: Olivia Brown  
 Staff: Kitchen Crew



### WORLD NEWS IRAN PROTESTS

The Iran protests are still continuing after the surprising death of Mahsa Amini made news, and the citizens of Iran are fuming. You may be wondering, why are they protesting and who is that? Mahsa Amini was an Iran citizen who was spotted walking out of a subway by the capital's city's Guidance Patrol. Supposedly being "Improperly dressed" to the apparent standards, she was soon taken away to a detention center to be re-educated on how to dress properly to the religion. Three days passed and she died on September 16th.

This left Iran citizens in a rage, which soon led to them violently protesting still 40 days after the incident. As the protester death toll hits at least 234 protesters, fires continue to light the streets of Iran to fight for justice.

### WEBSITES USED

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/24/world/middleeast/iran-protests-raisi-khamenei-hijab.html>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-63410577>

By: Mason Bender & Gwyneth Montgomery





# Mohawks of the Week

By: Adelyn Smith and Kali Zukoski

Allie Cantrell- Allie always gives her best effort and has a positive attitude. She smiles and brightens everyone's day. She helped decorate Ms. Henry's door for Red Ribbon Week even though it wasn't her homeroom.

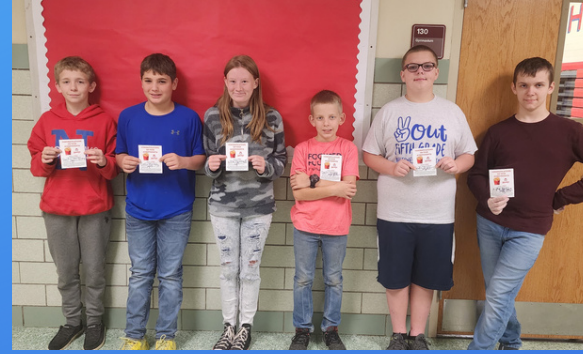
Beau Ramsey- He helped carry a bookshelf into Mrs. Ferguson's room.

Kyle Fortune- turned money in to the office so it could be returned to the owner.

Dustin Montgomery- Helped carry in a shelf and organize Mrs. Ferguson's room.

Devin Hicks- Devin helped Mrs. Ferguson work out a technology issue.

Xander Crisp - Returned a credit card to a teacher when it fell out of a pocket at the Pep Rally.



## C.A.N.S

### Comedy At Northwest Schools

I'm afraid for the calendar,  
it's days are numbered.

Singing in the shower is fun until soap gets  
in your mouth,  
then it becomes a soap opera.

Have you heard about the chocolate record  
player?

It sounds pretty sweet.

How does the moon cut it's hair?

Eclipse it.

By: Lucas Crabtree and Bryson Newman

## MUSIC

By: Jordan Emmons and Jonah Throckmorton

The Northwest Band class is currently working on Christmas music. The schedule is currently not available. Some of the music includes Bell Carol Rock arranged by Ryan Fraley, Angels Diggin' composed by Gary P. Gilroy, and Santa's Blizzard Escape composed by Rob Grice. The 7th and 8th grade band is conjoined in this concert. Congratulations to Lena Pitts, Lucas Crabtree, Candice Liles, and Dalton Helton on making it to Moorehead University.

### ARTIST OF THE WEEK

The artist of the week is Queen. Queen is British rock and the band was founded in 1970. They were an active band group until 2009. A fun fact is that in Montreux, Switzerland, there is a 3-meter tall statue of Freddie Mercury.

- 1\_ Bohemian Rhapsody
- 2\_ Don't Stop Me Now
- 3\_ Somebody to Love

## INTERVIEWS/CLUBS

**Interview with Mr. Burton**

**Interviewed by Gracie Moore & Calleigh**

**Kattine**

What does our school need to work on in order to improve?

"Being good human beings to each other. We need to be focused on being our best everyday.

Academically, we aren't where we need to be. All of us should be willing to work hard. I want to be 1st, not 2nd. Also, our attendance should be better."

What are your expectations for the 2nd nine weeks?

"We should understand that the work the teachers assign is for you to be successful in spring testing."

Do you enjoy football season or basketball season?

"I grew up in a basketball environment. Basketball has always been one of my favorite things on this planet. I really enjoy watching students play football, but my favorite sport has to be International Soccer Matches."





## Brief Sports Summary of the Week 10/23-28

Basketball open gym started for Junior High Girl's and Boy's Basketball.

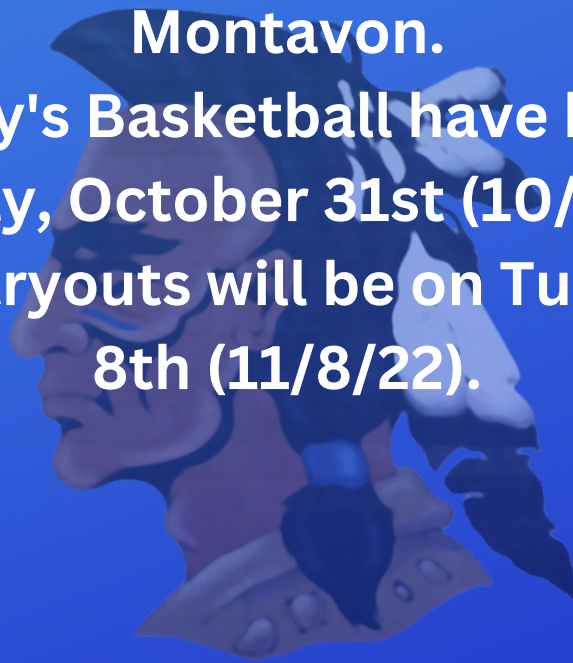
The coaches for the Girl's 7th grade team are Laken Smith and the 8th grade coach for girl's basketball is Jessica Storer.

The coaches for the Boy's 7th grade are Lloyd Cantrell and A.J Kirkendall.

The 8th grade's coaches are Jessie Carver and Chris Montavon.

Tryouts for Boy's Basketball have been moved to Monday, October 31st (10/31/22).

Girl's Basketball tryouts will be on Tuesday, November 8th (11/8/22).



**By: Ivan Ealey & Landon Hartley**





## Author of the Week



For our first installment of Author of the Week, the author chosen is Russian novelist and short story writer, Fyodor Dostoevsky. Dostoevsky wrote several lengthy novels, and they were quite popular. His full name is Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky and he was born November 11, 1821. He was born in Moscow, Russia, and his tales had a large influence on 20th century fiction stories. Fyodor Dostoevsky is at times said to be one of the finest novelists to exist because of the impact his novels had. Why was he such an astounding author? As quoted from Saul, "Literary modernism, existentialism, and various schools of psychology, theology, and literary criticism have been profoundly shaped by his ideas." This is why his novels had such an effect. Not only were they engrossing narratives, but they had helped to form some of the modern aspects of literature we have today. Numerous works of his had and are known for their psychological profundity, deep insight, showing the characters' descent into various forms of madness. Now, while his books are intriguing, Dostoevsky has had events occur in his life that are just as well-known as he, making him the approximation of a celebrity in his time. He was imprisoned in Siberia, had a mock execution, and epileptic seizures throughout his life. His most famous novels are *Crime and Punishment*, *The Possessed* (also known as *The Demons and The Devils*), *The Idiot*, and *The Brothers Karamazov*.

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By: Bella  
Harness and  
Jordan Emmons

## Comic Strip



Happy Halloween!

By: Elizabeth  
Golden, Adelyn  
Smith, and Jonah  
Throckmorton



# NMS Birthdays

## November 2

Ayden Barber

## November 3

Zachary Hayslip

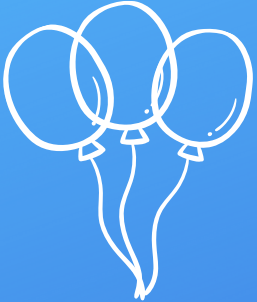
Alexander Hobbs

Aurora Whitely

Kaylee Thackston

## November 6

Chloe Jordan



## Results from Last Week's

### Polls:

Do you prefer a clean or messy locker?

Red: Messy Blue: Clean

Do you ride the bus?

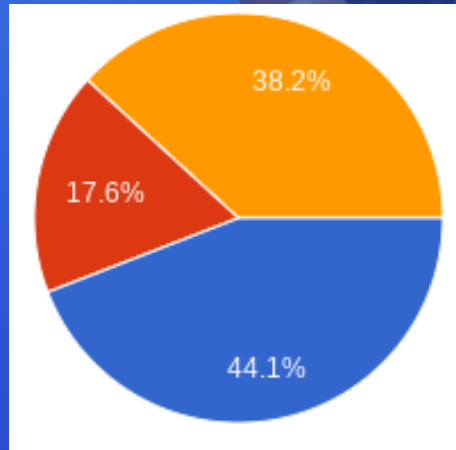
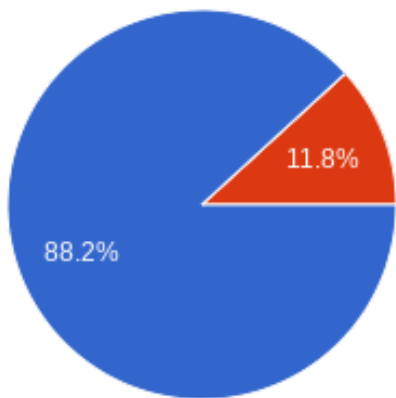
Red: No Blue: Yes

Yellow: Sometimes

What's your favorite scary movie?

TOP 4 ANSWERS:

- Scream
- The Halloween Series
- The Conjuring Series
- Hocus Pocus 1 & 2



What's the hardest part of school for you?

TOP 5 ANSWERS:

- Writing/Reading
- Algebra
- Getting work done on time
- Getting enough sleep/staying awake
- Managing time

Polls for This Week: <https://forms.gle/rtzW31t42CiWJoRN6>

By Elena TePas and Cora Alexander

# Sharp Moments

Where we cover interesting and unheard topics, old and new.

With J Weslee G. Sharp and His Co-writers Annabella (Bella) Harness and Adelyn Smith.

## History of Halloween

For this week's Sharp Moments, I'd like to discuss the upcoming holiday. Halloween, a day and night on October 31st of treats and fright, one of the most popular holidays in the United States of America. Millions of dollars are spent on the costumes Americans don to be creative and the candy they consume every year. Though, you may wonder, when did this holiday begin?

Over the many years it's existed, Halloween has been celebrated in many different ways and has been known by many different names. Halloween originated through Irish immigration in the 19th century. In the United States, Maryland was the first colony to participate in these practices all those years ago, though the tradition of Halloween can be traced back nearly 2,500 years ago to the ancient Celtic tradition of Samhain. Samhain was a tradition where Celtic citizens would dress in costumes and their priests would light massive sacred fires to ward off spirits of the deceased. Their New Year was November 1st, and it marked the end of harvests and summer as well as the beginning of the freezing, harsh winter that would occur. In their eyes, winter was associated with death, specifically, human death. Because of that, the day before their New Year, October 31st, was when the Celts believed the border of the living and dead blurred. This caused the ghosts of the dead to cause trouble and damage crops. Although, this was also the time when it was easiest for Celtic priests, Druids, to predict the future. The prophecies Druids spoke provided the Celts with comfort during the long winters. With the fires the Druids lit, individuals burned crops and animals as a sacrifice to appease the Celtic deities. Later, the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic land. In the 400 years the Romans had ruled Celtic land, the festivals of Roman origin had mixed with the tradition of Samhain. One of these festivals was Feralia, a day when Romans commemorated the death of individuals in late October. The second festival was a day to honor the Roman goddess of trees and fruit, Pomona. Her symbol being an apple with the festival having bits of Samhain incorporated into it is likely what caused bobbing for apples to become an activity during this time of year.

In the Eighth century, Pope Gregory the Third made November 1st a time to honor all saints, which was originally on May 13th as declared by Pope Boniface the Fourth. This created All Saints' Day. When All Saints' Day had been mixed with Christianity's influence, All Souls' Day was formed. (Witches were perceived as evil entities by Christians, so that's how those iconic figures became so popular during Halloween.) All Souls' Day was similar to Samhain, having large bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes, these costumes being saints, devils and angels. Another name for All Souls' Day was All-hallows, which later became All-Hallow's Eve and, the holiday we all know and celebrate, Halloween.

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