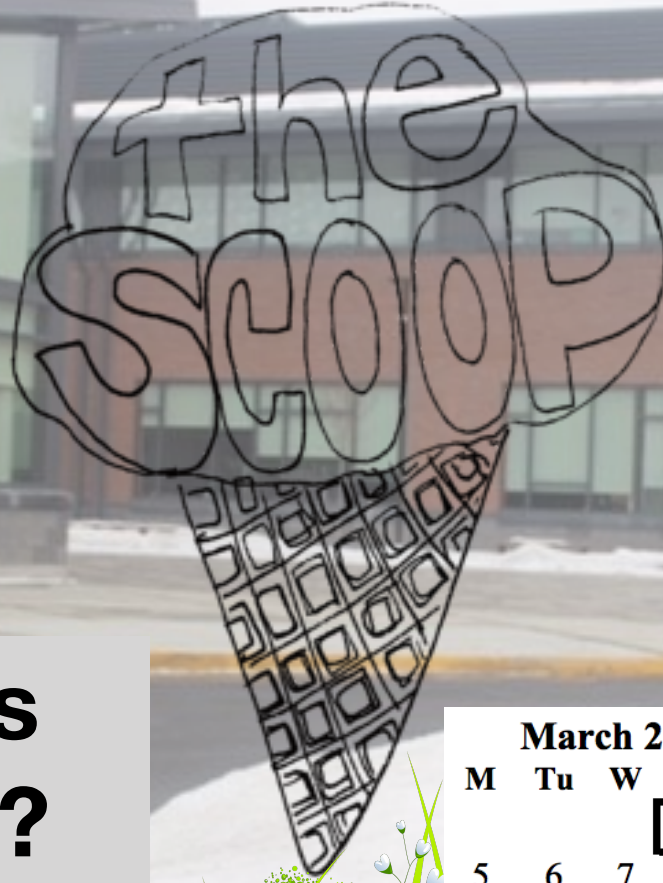


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The North Haven Schools
Drama Coop is proud to
announce the 2018 production:



Performances
April 5, 6, and 7

A Poem of Winter

By Spenser CruZoni (2017)

Calm

Cold

White

Falling and covering

Chilling and freezing

Being made into constructs

Of towers, dragons, people

And others

The shape of people

Embedded in the snow

In the evening

And the footprints of animals

In the morning

The sight of snow

On leafless trees

And mountains

**Bring a warm sensation to the
mind**

Funny, no?

**Everything may look sad and
gloomy**

But it also looks beautiful

CONGRATULATIONS
to the Girls Basketball Team
for another UNDEFEATED SEASON!
The Second Year in a row!
KUDOS GIRLS!



The Myths and Legends Surrounding Mr. Johnson

By Dylan Couture

Mr. Johnson is a sixth grade Social Studies teacher who is always willing to tell a story, share his knowledge of the bottomless pit of random trivia as well as the fearless MAROON team leader.

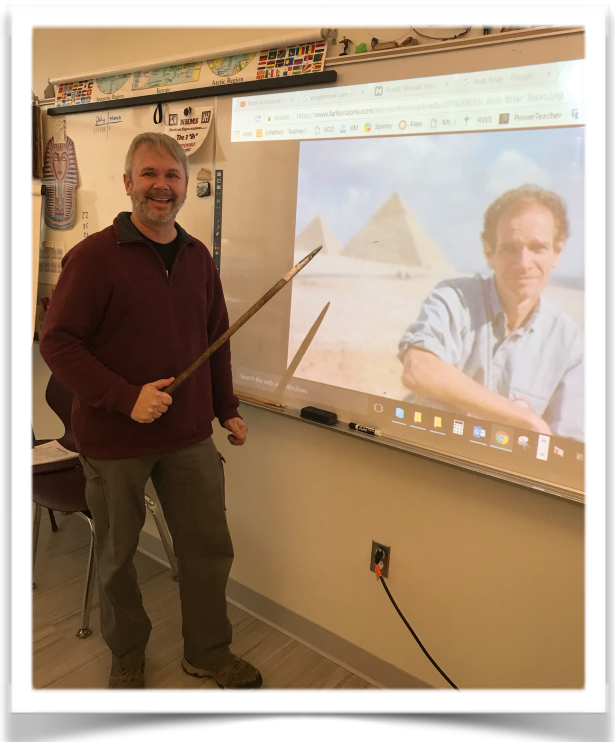
Mr. Johnson has many stories one of them is the story of his sharpened stick. The day Mr. Johnson moved in, he found this large hole in his basement wall. He then went as far as he possibly could digging through the basement wall until he found some broken plates.

His basement, unfortunately got moldy and Mr. Johnson hired someone to flood it. He then found the sharpened stick and pondered where this ancient stick could be from - the possibilities became endless. Being a wise Social Studies teacher, he thought this must belong to an Australopithecus that is why he now uses the sharpened stick as a pointer.

Another story is the fertile crescent sneeze. Mr. Johnson was teaching about the fertile crescent and was in the middle of a sentence when he sneezed... a student then said "Mesopotamia" (which is a place in the fertile crescent) In place of "bless you." The class broke out in laughter.

For more stories visit Mr. Johnson in room A114.

"Mr. Johnson keeps us on our toes because he adds humor when he teaches and he is cool."
-anonymous student



NHMS Boys Basketball

Written by Viana Pham

Team Questionnaire:

Varsity Captains: Matteo Crisanti and Ty Rooney

Funniest on Team: Chris Hager

Most Likely to Forget Uniform: Elijah JG

Smartest on Team: Ty Rooney

Best Dressed: Mikey Brandt



Interview with Ty Rooney & the Inside Scoop!

Ty Rooney, one of the 8th grade captains has been playing basketball since 1st grade. He has made the middle school team every year, since 6th grade. Besides being on the school team he also is on New Haven Heat. He averages about 20 points per game, and is a starter in varsity. Along with Ty there is 7th grader Elijah Jean-Guillaume, 8th graders Matteo Crisanti, Chris Hager, and Owen Pincince. At the boy's home game versus Branford Ty had 22 points, and they had a big 30 point lead win. So far, they have a 7-2 record with JV being undefeated.

Ry's Ties

Fashion Article by Caley Neville



What do you think of when you're told to dress your best? Perhaps it's your best shirt and pants, or your favorite skirt and jewelry. For Ryan Balzano of the 8th grade Yellow Team, it's his button down shirt, long pants, flashy red sneakers, and a fun tie to top it off. Ryan has not only graces the hallways of North Haven Middle School with his silly ties, but with courts across the New Haven County. Whether is be happy faces, M&M's, or even basketballs, Ryan never fails to bring a smile to a passerbyer's face.

Music

Imagine Dragons

By Andy Cecarelli

This week's music top group is Imagine Dragons. This alternative rock group was formed in 2008 out of Las Vegas Nevada. They became internationally famous with their album *Night Visions* this album include two of their greatest hits *Radioactive*, and *Demons*. This album came out in 2012. The album also reached No. 1 on the Billboard Alternative and Rock Album charts as well as the top ten on the Australian, Austrian, Canadian, Dutch, German, Irish, Norwegian, Portuguese, Scottish, Spanish, and United Kingdom Albums charts. Their latest album named *Evolve* contains their two latest top hits *Thunder*, and *Believer*. This band shows a classic success story of getting famous even with many changes in the members of the band.



Book Reviews by Grace Kirby

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library By Chris Grabenstein

Hoping that the children will learn to love their town library just as much as Lemoncello loved the library as a child, Lemoncello has the head librarian. So, when Kyle Keeley find out that there a lock in the night before the grand open he is determined to go no matter how challenging even writing his first essay. Also, he has to get past his grounding for something that he did. Find out if he gets picked or even if he gets his essay in on time to even be in the drawing. Also find out how wins the escape!



Memories of an imaginary Friend By Matthew Dicks

Budo is lucky as imaginary friends go. He's been alive for more than five years, which is positively ancient in the world of imaginary friends. But then someone kidnaps Max Budo's real life friend. Budo and his team of imagery friends set out to find Budo. Somehow, they end up in a hospital. Unfortunately, they still haven't found Max! After they found Max they have to escape the kidnapper. On their way home Budo realizes that his worst nightmare might come true.

The Inventions of Hugo Cabret By Brian Selznick

Orphan Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and his special note book that he can't show anyone. Oh yeah and also keep the secret that he's the one up there not his grandfather. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father from this mystery.



What's Cooking in Class?

By Caley Neville

Family Consumer Science (or cooking) is a fun time for students at North Haven Middle School to explore the depths of culinary art. Mr. Kirdzik leads a fun, informative class, with promises of delicious food at the end of many classes. Eveani Okwuosa of the 8th grade Sage team faces a problem, though. Eveani is vegan. A

vegan is someone who does not eat any animal products. Eveani does not eat butter, cheese, or any other types of meats at all along with other foods. As you could imagine, having a vegan diet is hard for the basketball player. Eveani is not able to eat many of the foods we cook.

Although some may argue that vegan food is limited, there are actually many options. Vegan cupcakes, muffins, pizzas, and other foods are possible to make and may even be better than the original thing. Vegan food could also improve your diet, your mental state, and your overall wellbeing.

On the contrary, others may think that being vegan is pointless and that non vegan options are too good to give up. Cooking vegan foods may be too expensive or complicated for children and teenagers to create in a 45-minute period.

In conclusion, both cases have very strong



Mr. Russo by Brianna Foster and Emma Gill

The students of Blue Team's (6th grade) beloved math teacher and Team Leader Mr. Russo recently left our school on February 15th, having accepted another job as the Dean of students at Derby Middle School and the athletic director of sports in Derby, Connecticut. Mr. Russo is a graduate of Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, The University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut, and Quinnipiac University.

Also on February 15th, Blue Team had a small going-away party in the auditorium for Mr. Russo where students told funny stories of their experiences with him. Then, they had blue sheet cake and other refreshments while laughing and talking with teachers and friends. **We'll Miss Mr. Russo!!!**

North Haven Middle School

Get-To-Know

Mackenzie Ly

Ever wondered about who some of the staff is and what they do? Have you ever seen them around, but never knew who they were? Keep on reading this little **GET-TO-KNOW!** Some staffs info will be posted here, and you can find out who they are and what they do! You'll soon know more of the people that work here and your mind will be expanded! Want to know more? Find them on the [North Haven Middle School Staff](#) page!

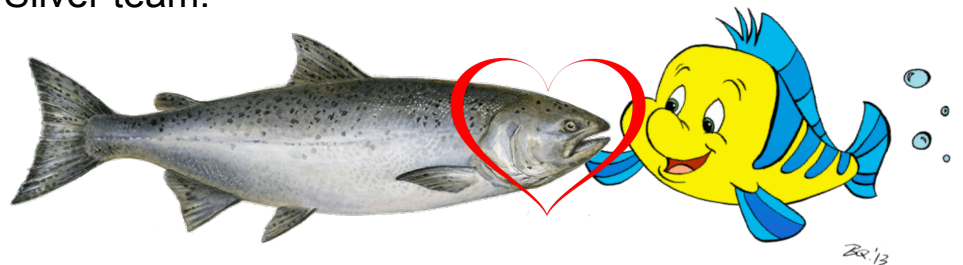
- **Mrs. Swartz** is the School Psychologist who likes seeing students grow from 6th through 8th grade.
- **Mrs. Sekelsky** is a Special Education who believes working together to be successful and communication is important.
- **Mrs. Sauerbrunn** is the School Nurse who helps students when they are hurt or when doing checking ups.
- **Mr. Sansolo** is the School Social Worker who works with students in crisis and those who are experiencing some difficult or confusing feelings.
- **Mrs. Rosabianca** is a Reading Specialist who helps students with their reading skills.
- **Mrs. Moreira** works in Guidance and helps students in the areas of academic achievements.
- **Mr. Callahan** is an Intervention Specialist who helps students with special academic and social adjustment needs.



The Salmon Epidemic has Hit the North Haven Middle School!

Sara McCarthy and Mackenzie Ly

6th grade science teachers received the Atlantic Salmon eggs as a privilege to help a program. On Tuesday January the 23rd, the Silver Team teacher Mrs. Bryden announced that 198 salmon eggs have... died! 2 of them- Nemo 56 and Nemo 57 survived the salmon attack! All the cores were very sad to hear that our salmon are gone. Why? No one knows the cause of death of these salmon eggs. Some people think it's disease. Other people think that the temperature of the tank was unstable. Hopefully, Maroon and Blue team's salmon eggs are doing much better than Silver team.



THE LITTLE MERMAID

The North Haven Drama Cooperative is very excited for their spring musical, The Little Mermaid. Some featured leads in the production include Jocelyn Nutile as Ariel, Billy Lipinski as Prince Eric, Andy Cecarelli as King Triton, Ana Marcarno as Sebastian, Georgia Crowder as Ursula, Genevieve Simon as Flounder, Jane Leamon as Scuttle, and Shealin Saracino as Chef Louis. Many students are in our talented ensemble and backstage crew. Cast members are currently learning music, dancing, and lines while the crew is working on painting and building sets. The costumes and sets are being created to bring an underwater vibe to our Middle School Auditorium. "Fun" says Andy Cecarelli i.e. King Triton. "Interesting," adds random fish. "Amazing," concludes Seagull #5. The story of The Little Mermaid follows the misadventures of Ariel, a mermaid who wants to be human and Eric, a prince who is looking for a non-princess who would love the life of a sailor. Will King Triton stop the scheming ways of his evil sister, Ursula? The production is under the direction of Mrs. Munk. The dates of the production are April 5th (6:30), April 6 (7:00), and April 7 (7:00). Tickets will be available during lunch waves the end of March for \$12.