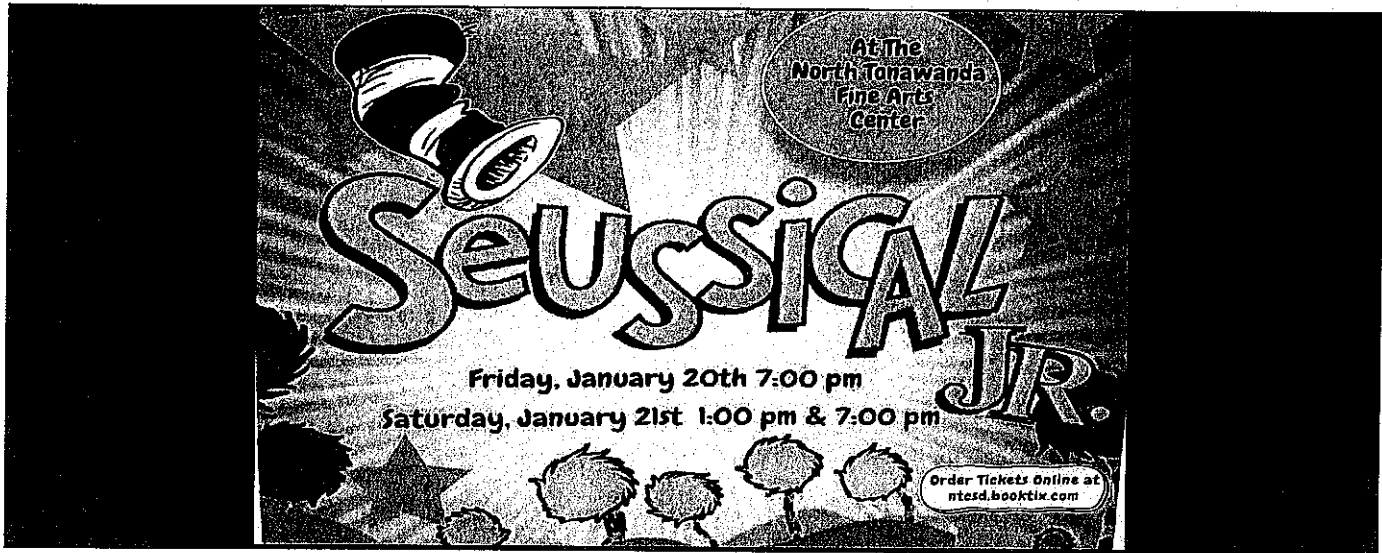


# The Jacks Journal



## SEUSSICAL ON STAGE

BY MASON CRAGO

The NTMS musical is Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There are three showings one on Friday night and two on Saturday! Both evening performances are at 7:00pm, and there is a 1:00pm matinee on Saturday. Lucky for you, tickets are on sale now for all students only \$5! This show will be an exciting ride through some of Dr. Seuss' greatest stories with a cast and crew that have been hard at work to bring you a great show and learn a lot along the way. The cast and crew are very excited for you to see the show! But tickets are only on sale for a few days during lunch periods so act fast! If you can't get them during lunches tickets can be purchased online at [ntcsd.booktix.com](http://ntcsd.booktix.com). We hope to see you there!

## CULTURAL AWARENESS FRIDAY

BY NEWSPAPER STAFF

The middle school morning announcement crew and our English Language Learners are joining forces on Fridays. Every Friday a different culture is highlighted on the announcements. The speakers share facts, greetings, and cultural traditions to help our school community be more inclusive. With many new students arriving, and trying to fit in to our school, it was important that we also acknowledged the unique, and interesting things about their cultures! Lexi Pytlik stated, "Spreading awareness about other cultures helps everyone feel comfortable and celebrated." Our English Language Learners are hoping that this positively impacts our students and faculty and creates opportunities for conversation. They hope it will help eliminate biases and discrimination and people feel more open minded and appreciative. The students are looking forward to many more Cultural Awareness Fridays to come, and excited to learn about all the diversity in NTMS.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? CHECK OUT THE ACTIVITIES BELOW AND GET INVOLVED!

### Flag Football @ The Rec

Registration open NOW

Season dates are: 4/22 - 6/24

You can register on the Recreation Department Website

### Teen Manga Club

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-4:30pm

Location: NT Public Library

Free for all kids in grades 6-12!

### Niagara Climbing Center

January 1<sup>st</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>

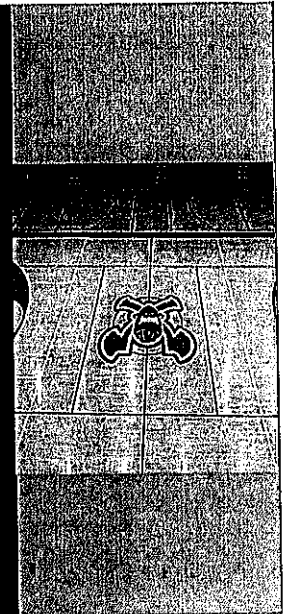
Special student rate for unlimited climbing during these winter months!

[www.niagaraclimbingcenter.com](http://www.niagaraclimbingcenter.com)

## Winter Sports

BY MAGGIE DIGIACOMO

North Tonawanda middle school winter sports are coming towards an end, so let's admire some of the outstanding efforts students have put in to their seasons. First off, let's talk about the current records of each team. The girls modified basketball team has a current record of 5-2, "I think we are working well as a team, and I am looking forward to the rest of our season and success" explains one of the team captains, Jessica Lindhurst. Braxton Vaillancourt, a member on the boys basketball team says, "We are a good young team, we just need to be more physical in the paint and make our layups, our defense has been top notch and our shooters are shooting." They currently have a record of 2-4. Obviously, both the boys and girls basketball teams have had great success. Moving on to modified wrestling, "I think the modified season went really well because there were a lot of new people (including myself) who did really good, such as Isaiah Rogers and Dominic Bruno. Overall I think we had a really good season." Ethan Lake says. Lastly swim, currently they haven't had any meets but teammate Addysen Santo says, "I think this upcoming season is going to go great, I have high hopes for the new people on the team". Clearly, NTMS winter sports are going extremely well so far. There are still multiple games, meets, and matches left, so show your school spirit by cheering on your fellow peers!!



## IN MEMORY OF TAYLER WOOLSTON

BY NEWSPAPER STAFF

This January the North Tonawanda community lost a beloved student, athlete, and friend. Tayler Woolston was the ultimate leader and impacted students of all ages whether they were her teammates on the field, or younger athletes hoping to learn from her. She was an excellent friend, hard working student, passionate volunteer at NTAA, and aspired to become an elementary teacher. Our hearts go out to all of Tayler's family, friends, teammates and all the lives she touched. Her memory will continue to live on in our Lumberjack family.



### DEAR JACK

BY JACKS JOURNAL STAFF

*Dear Jack, the dreary weather is really depressing, and now that the holidays are over, I'm just bummed out. What can I do?*

Find new ways to get active, or hang out with friends. There are lots of indoor facilities locally to play basketball, or volleyball. Also, check out some of our clubs to keep you busy during the winter.

*Dear Jack, course selections are coming up and I have no idea what I want to do at the high school?*

This is a really exciting time, look at it as an opportunity and not something to scare you! Stop down to the guidance office, or talk to your parents about your options. Think about how to manage your time but open the door to classes you think you will enjoy!

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

BY AVA WARD

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. This day is celebrated on the third Monday of January while his birthday is actually on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Martin Luther King is well known for his adoption of nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for African Americans which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King is most remembered for his masterful public speaking skills, that were most memorable in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Before all of his success he was arrested twenty-nine times for "acts of civil disobedience." Dr. King is now known as one of Americas greatest heroes.