

The Jacks Journal



NYSMAA MUSIC FESTIVAL

BY MASON CRAGO

Congratulations to all the students who participated in NYSMAA and/or the All County Solo Festival. The NYSMAA event took place on November 4th and 5th. The event included a band with instrumentalists from many schools within New York. Our very own Jackson Randles represented NTMS proudly! The band concert was followed by a chorus concert and then an orchestra performed with many talented students from all over the state. From NTMS, Amelia Cabantog, Joselyn Bird, Mason Crago, and Derek Keenan performed in the chorus. The All County Solo Festival is a concert event with vocalists from all of Niagara County. According to Derek Keenan, "All County is a fun experience with talented vocalists from our school and other districts." Good luck to all our students with their upcoming auditions. North Tonawanda is so very proud of your musical endeavors!

GLOWVEMBER DANCE

BY MAGGIE DIGIACOMO

There will be a Glowvember dance Friday, November 18th. The dance will be hosted by team Orion. The theme is neon, so get those bright and colorful clothes out. The gym will be decked out in black light, so get your glow on! Tickets are on presale for only \$5 in the cafeteria, but \$6 at the door. The dance is from 6-8 in the middle school gym. There will be a guest DJ, Mrs. Keidel from NTI.

Update: The Glowvember dance will be rescheduled for Friday December 2nd 6-8. Tickets will be on sale the week of the dance if you missed them the first time!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Recscape Room:

Friday November 25th &
Saturday November 26th 6:30-9

Register online! There are only 30 slots available.

Matt's Music Holiday Concert

December 3rd 2-3:30pm

Location: NT Public Library

Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Clause!

December 8th - 18th

Location: Ghostlight Theatre

Tickets: StarryNightTheatre.com

Winter Sports Preview

BY THE NEWSPAPER STAFF

As the holiday season approaches so does winter sports! Tryouts for a variety of sports are this week. Many students will be trying their best to make teams for basketball, cheerleading, swimming, diving, bowling, hockey, wrestling, and track! Coming off some successful seasons in soccer, and volleyball, NT is hoping to keep it up. Here are some reminders for any students trying out for winter sports:

- Trust your coach
- Play for fun
- Be supportive
- Show good sportsmanship
- Do your best

Good luck to all the winter athletes on both a successful tryout and season!



T-NT WEEK FESTIVITIES

BY NEWSPAPER STAFF

This October, students and staff participated in a week-long celebration of our Lumberjack pride and school spirit. Starting off, the door decorating contest went on the entire week before and made the hallways feel festive. Then, on October 14th the middle school hosted its first school dance since before the pandemic. Almost the entire school was in attendance to kick off the beginning of spirit week. With days like Tacky Tourist Tuesday and Western Wednesday both staff and students delivered the fun and made the whole week feel special. 8th grader Addison Hart said, "Doing the spirit week was fun and the lead up to the T-NT pep rally and game was exciting." That Friday the weather was perfect! Each team had a special pancake breakfast made by the teachers and got to spend some time playing outdoor games on the football field. The day finished with cheering on the high school students in their car parade and the second annual pep rally. Students represented their teams and earned points with every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place win. From musical chairs, to Tug-O-War even the teachers got involved and fought to earn points for their team. According to 8th grader Maggie Digiacomo, "The day was so fun, everyone was on the same side, and involved. Even if you didn't know somebody or weren't friends normally it didn't matter." A special congratulations to the seventh grade Team Aries on their win! We hope to build on this annual tradition in the years to come and encourage students to feel pride in the traditions of the North Tonawanda school district. Go Jacks!

DEAR JACK

BY JACKS JOURNAL STAFF

Dear Jack, why is homework so hard? It is making me feel pressured and overwhelmed.

Creating good study habits is a great way to help! Try reaching out to teachers during enrichment if you are struggling with work, or going to homework club after school. Support is offered in room 166 Monday through Thursday.

Dear Jack, I am nervous to talk to my parents about things that are changing in my life. What should I do?

Keeping communication open is really important. If you are unsure where to start, stop by the counselor's office and talk to them about how to have difficult conversations. Being honest, and true to yourself is the most important thing you can do.

VETERAN'S DAY

BY MAGGIE DIGIACOMO

November 11th is veteran's day. What's the history of this day though? World War I officially end with a treaty, this treaty is known as the Treaty of Versailles. Even though the treaty technically ended the war, fighting had stopped numerous months beforehand. When an armistice between the allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. That is exactly why November 11th, 1918 is known as the end of the "war to end all wars". Hence why we celebrate Veteran's day on November 11th every year.