NRHEG Public School



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Secondary Principal's Report

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1. From Mr. Domeier:

The 8th Grade Honors English class wrote a combined 298,000 words in their story writing project in November! 22 students + 1 teacher equals a lot of pages of great storytelling!



2. From Mr. Paula: "Our Flexible Learning space is nearing completion. The space is now available for staff to use with their students or to be used as a student lounge. We were awarded \$3,500 through the Waseca Area Foundation and most of those funds were used on six new computers and a projector for the space. In the near future, we'd like to purchase additional seating such as love seats and other chairs, to provide more seating options for larger classrooms. Additionally, we'd like to purchase new additional computers to replace the outdated ones still in the room. A vision for the room would be to include a 3D printer, drone, and virtual reality system to enrich learning, but we are constrained by limited funding."





3. **From Mrs. Bently:** "The December edition of the student newspaper, the Panther Press is scheduled to appear in the December 20 edition of the NRHEG Star Eagle.

A cast of 14 students, all juniors and seniors, will be performing a readers' theater script based on popular and humorous Christmas songs, including "Chrissy, the Christmas Mouse," "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," "There's Something in My Brother's Underpants," "Santa's Solar Sleigh," "Snoopy's Christmas," and "Frosty the Snowman." The script will be performed for all elementary grades, and for residents at Whispering Oaks and the New Richland Care Center on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The seniors have selected the design for their class shirts. The front will feature a "swoosh" similar to that used by Nike, along with the words "Just kind of do it." The back is a large number 18 decorated with the signatures of all members of the class.

Based on initial interest, the speech team is likely to have a higher-than-typical number of participants. Speech contests take place beginning at the end of January; the season continues through early April."

4. **From Mr. Stoesz:** "We have the results of the Operation Christmas Child contest. First, we would like to give a huge "Thank You" to everyone who made a donation. A total of 25 shoeboxes filled with gifts along with almost \$400 in cash was donated. This made the grand total donation come to \$706.37! All of the money and shoebox gifts that were donated will be going to children around the world to help make a positive difference in their lives.

Now for the winners of our contest . . . In 3rd place with a \$147 in total donations were the seniors.

In 2nd place with \$243 in total donations were the juniors.

In 1st place with a total of \$282 were the 6th graders!

The 6th graders will be receiving an ice cream sundae party compliments of National Honor Society."

5. From Mr. Otstot:

"The music department has had a very successful few weeks with concerts for K-1-2, Junior High, and Senior High. All the students performed extremely well in these concerts!

The Indoor Marching Band concert also went very well, with very high turnout in the audience and a great performance by the students. Congrats to Jayna Domeier, Karenna Strom, Jadyn Surat, Devin Buendorf, and Hope VanWilgen on being selected for leadership next year.

The Concert Choir is traveling to the NR Care Center and the Beacon to share their music as well."

Below are some photos of the indoor concert.







6. **From Teri Kormann:** "On the morning of November 21, the Student Council traveled to the elementary school in Ellendale for our 3rd annual project day. The elementary teachers signed up for 1.5 hour slots, and the student council members paired up and went into the rooms to help the students with a holiday project. Elementary and high school students all had a great time!

The Student Council held a fundraiser on November 22 to support the Waseca County Veterans' Memorial. Retired teacher, Richard Ellerbusch, graciously agreed to visit us and be taped to the wall in the lower commons. Staff and students in grades 9-12 were given the opportunity to purchase duct tape; \$1.00 per yard or a whole roll for \$15.00. We sold four full rolls and then approximately 42 individual yards of tape. All of the students in grades 9-12 were invited to the lower commons to watch this event. Mr. Ellerbusch was asked to stand on a chair against the wall as students and staff taped him to the wall. At about 3:00 the chair was removed and Mr. Ellerbusch was hanging from the wall, held there by duct tape. A good time was had by all who participated, and \$100 was donated to the Waseca County Veterans' Memorial."

Below are some pictures of Mr. Ellerbusch being taped to the wall.





Our Mission

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.