

# *The Messenger*

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## **New Richmond High School Bell Schedule Daily Bell Schedule**



<b>1st period</b>	<b>7:40-8:28</b>
<b>2nd period</b>	<b>8:31-9:18</b>
<b>3rd period</b>	<b>9:21-10:08</b>
<b>4th period</b>	<b>10:11-10:58 (Advisory, Lunch@10:28)</b>
<b>5th period</b>	<b>11:01-11:48 (Lunch, Advisory @11:31)</b>
<b>6th period</b>	<b>11:51-12:38 (Lunch, Advisory @12:21)</b>
<b>7th period</b>	<b>12:41-1:28</b>
<b>8th period</b>	<b>1:31-2:20</b>

### **What's advisory?**

**NRHS changes bell schedule to make room for one-on-one time with students**

# NRHS supports mental health and therapy Hope Squad is here and ready to help

By Layla Jones

In 2016, the Grant Us Hope foundation was created after Diane Egburs, CEO of Leadership Excelleration, after she lost her 15-year-old son to suicide a year before.

Now, New Richmond has made it very important to support children's mental health using the Hope Squad.

Hope Squad is a group of students elected to help children struggling with mental health.

The students were selected by their fellow peers and were asked to pick the people they would go to if they needed help. Elected Hope Squad members are put through training and taught how to handle situations and ask tough questions.

Hope Squad members are taught QPR, or question, persuade, and respond to help their peers. First, they start by asking questions that nobody wants to ask, things like, "Have you ever thought of suicide?" Then, they need to know how to persuade people into getting help, saying things like, "I can go with you to talk to guidance," and being there while the student talks with someone in the guidance office.

Finally, they need to know how to respond in any situation. If a student does not want to talk to guidance, members need to find a way to make sure the student gets the help that they need.

Hope Squad is run by Child Focus counselor Bethany Puliafico, English teacher Michelle Senter, Spanish teacher Sharon Nehls, and business teacher Maryann Dalton.

Puliafico describes Hope Squad as, "A peer to peer suicide prevention group with student advisors. Students are selected by their peers as positive people to talk to and confide in."

The students in Hope Squad were chosen by their peers the previous year, including five freshmen, four sophomores, four juniors, and four seniors.

"Students are recommended by their peers. The students complete a survey that asks who they would talk to or get someone to help. We look at numbers and try to balance the groups out. We want both boys and girls," Nehls says.

Junior Daegan Flamm says Hope Squad is a good thing to have in the school environment. "It's really cool. It's a safe space for people to come to seek help if needed." Flamm joined the Hope Squad in her freshman year of high school.

Every year, new members go through training to be able to respond and react to students who are struggling with their mental health. Puliafico says the training consists of the Question, Persuade, Respond or QPR program. "The train-

ing...is a program that focuses on the importance of asking questions related to suicidal thoughts and persuading the students to seek help if needed and then responding to the situation in a way that best supports the student."

The Hope Squad advisors and members were introduced to the students during an assembly at the beginning of the year. The advisors spoke about how mental health matters and that it is okay to get help from their peers. "It (assembly) was to establish a presence of Hope Squad, to tell kids that there are people here to help them if they need it. We have posted things like the suicide hotline to make sure students know there are other ways and people that are there for them," Nehls says

Hope Squad's main mission is to improve mental health at the school and prevent suicide. Many of the teachers have said they have lost students and even colleagues to suicide.

"I have known students and colleagues who have died by suicide, and a beloved member of my family also died by suicide, so I wanted to find a way to get involved to help bring awareness to mental health and to help prevent suicide," Senter

says.

New Richmond also sponsored Hope Week, a week dedicated to the importance of mental health. Each day had a dress-up day where students who dressed the best would earn a prize. "I thought this was our most successful HOPE week yet. It seemed like students were more into it this year with participation," Dalton says,

Nick Jackson, a motivational speaker, joined New Richmond on September 9th to speak about empowering individuals to become the best versions of themselves. Nehls describes Jackson as a powerful speaker.

"I think Hope Week is a great thing! Suicide prevention is a serious topic, but Hope Week allows us to find creative ways to bring awareness to mental health...One of the highlights of the week was hearing Nick Jackson speak to the student body. His message was powerful, and I think it made a difference in the lives of many students, especially when they got the chance to look around and see how many people said they knew someone who struggled with depression and/or anxiety."



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# Boys' / Girls' State offers unique opportunity

## NRHS students participated in real-life government, politics

By Ainsley Zimmerman

Seniors Eva Shepherd, Grace Bailey, Grace Reid, Blake Howard, Caleb Stephen, and Zack Kangas attended the American Legion Buckeye Girls and Boys State. Girls State was held at Mount Union college, while Boys was held at Miami University.

During the week they were there, they formed and functioned as a state government, endorsing and passing laws. These seniors did many things at Girls and Boys State, from passing laws to being on the city school board.

Buckeye Girls and Boys State is a week where girls and guys from all over Ohio get together and form a functioning government for a week. There are differences between the two, and Boys State has been around for longer. Everyone gets a job, ranging from city positions, county, and state, along with the highway patrol that makes "laws" for the roads and can arrest and pull you over.

To get positions, students must run, or campaign to get voted in; after getting voted in, students work said position the rest of the week and every-one functions as a government, making and passing laws, making school handbooks, or running their city.

While at Buckeye Girls State (BGS), Shepherd and Reid were in the House of Representatives, and Bailey was a recreational commissioner for Stoy City. They all three learned many things while attending BGS.

"I learned a lot about government and I became more comfortable talking to people," Shepherd says.

Throughout the week many speakers spoke, from Governor Mike Dewine, who spoke to the girls attending BGS, to State Patrol Officers.

This week is also for new friendships to be made and memories. "My favorite memory is when my whole city was arrested and put on trial for harboring a fugitive," said Shepherd.

"Hanging out with new friends and getting soft serve ice cream with every lunch and dinner," added Reid.

While at Boy's State, Howard was a County Commissioner, Stephens was in The House of Representatives, Kangas was a Country Recorder, They all three learned a lot while attending Boys State.

"It gave me some valuable insight into how the Ohio government works," reports Kangas.

Also like BGS, there were

many speakers at Boys State, Howard says his favorite was the boy who was elected governor.

"His whole premise was for space exploration and a NASA for Ohio made around going to Mars. He used brilliant shoot-for-the star-like quotes and made us all feel so full of potential."

Along with being a functioning government, friendships and memories are made, and some fun memories of the week for the boys are: "campaigning for a position, even though I have insane stage fright," says Kangas.

Howard says his favorite memory was: "hearing that the governor was shot by a banana."

Overall, everyone who attended the week at either Girls

State or Boys state report having had an amazing experience, and when asked if they would encourage juniors this year to try and attend over the summer, Howard says, "a thousand times yes. It is worth it. I loved every second. The people make it so much fun and I love the energy and passion for politics all of these kids share."

Shepherd also said, "Yes, I think the experience helped me get out of my comfort zone, have fun, and talk to girls who came from completely different backgrounds."

So to all the juniors out there, look into attending American Legion Buckeye Boys and Girls State at either Miami (for the boys), and Bowling Green (for the girls) this summer.



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# New schedule allows for advisory period

## Daily time to have one-on-one interaction with students

By Raven Mooney and Gabriella Sons

With the new school year, new additions have been made to NRHS. One of these is advisory, which is a 15-minute long period before or after lunch periods.

Shelby Adkisson, a committee member for Advisory, explains that the purpose of advisory is for teachers to have one-on-one time with students.

"Teachers meet with small groups of students for the purpose of advising them on academic, social, or future-planning issues."

Susan Griffin, another member of the Advisory Committee, says that Advisory was added to the schedule to help improve grades and have teachers help students plan for academic success in the future.

"It's hoped that advisory will help boost grades and achieve-

ment, as well as give kids the chance to build a relationship with a teacher that they trust."

The addition of advisory has created some challenges; for example, time is a struggle for teachers, especially with the shift in schedule times and bells.

"After we read announcements, there's sometimes not much time for anything else," said Griffin.

Even with minor issues, there are other issues that become easier. Adkisson says that the easiest part of advisory is getting to take care of things that would otherwise take up classroom time.

"This time allows us to take care of non-academic things such as announcements, club information/tasks, PBIS lessons, Roar on the River, etc.

during this time."

The principal of the school, Joe Stewart, says advisory is a great check in for students. He says that it is a 17 minute unplug from school.

"It's a welfare check in for students. It's another teacher to make sure students are doing well mentally and academically."

In the future teachers, like Griffin, state that they wish next year they can apply what they learned from last year and make good changes to the advisory.

"I think we can monitor how it's going this year, make positive changes and keep it for the future."

83% of students surveyed think that advisory is beneficial to students stating that it helps them accomplish work and a small break before or after lunch.

"It gives us time to check our grades and get homework done and relax a little," said junior Elle Zeisler

"I think it helps give time for students to get from class to class and get stuff. It also helps if you need to work on something you get a little extra time to work on," said junior Krystina Smith.

"If some kids don't have a learning period they have advisory to do their work as they would in learning period," said freshman Syanne Braden.

"I believe advisory is beneficial because it gives students someone to go to for help and advice for school" said senior Maddy Rudy.

Not all people enjoy advisory, though. The other 17% of students surveyed said that it just isn't enough time to do anything.

"It's not enough time to work on anything, but too long to just sit there," said sophomore Car-

ly Glover.

"Half the time we don't even hear the announcements and it is usually just a thing where kids goof off," added senior Garrett Hoskins.

Students have suggestions on how to improve advisory.

"[We could improve advisory by] being able to focus on troubled areas/subjects," said senior Alessandra Farrell.

The addition of advisory to the school day has changed the schedule so that now all classes are of equal length, rather than fifth bell being longer.

Math teacher Carla Corbin, a teacher on the scheduling committee, says that it has always bothered her to have a long fifth-period class and not being able to make lunch different periods of the day.

"We couldn't go down to two lunches so we had to look for another solution to make the classes equal length," she said

Adkisson, who was also on the scheduling committee last year, says that the committee primarily wanted to make all classes around the same length.

"The long fifth bell was interfering with the ability to make that happen and the ability to add a dedicated time for students to check in with a teacher. We felt there was a need for an advisory period and needed to add that to the schedule," she said.

Corbin also says that the new schedule allows more time per class and helps students trust teachers more. "It also allows us to do PBIS activities during advisory and create relationships with a small group of students."

"I think this allows both teachers and students to follow a consistent schedule and strengthen bonds together," added Adkisson.



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# Emily Miller: English teacher that cares

## Life is good is personal motto

By Cali Lanter

Emily Miller, the new English teacher at New Richmond High School, admits she didn't always know she wanted to be a teacher, but she says, "I genuinely don't know what I would be doing if I wasn't teaching."

Even though her career choice came as a surprise to her friends and family she said that, "My parents have always instilled in me an appreciation for education and I have a love for learning that I hope I never grow out of."

Growing up Miller had very supportive teachers that helped inspire her to become a teacher.

"I had an amazing English teacher my junior and senior years who inspired me to become a teacher. She helped me to see that I had a voice and a talent for writing and that gave me the confidence I needed to

give it a shot. I also wanted to become a teacher because I want students to feel like they have someone in their schools that cares about them as a human being," said Miller.

Miller wants her students to know that she cares.

"I know that school isn't as enjoyable for everyone as it was (and still is) for me, so it's important to me that students feel welcome in school and know that their voice matters," she said.

Miller cares deeply about the well-being and the voices of her students.

"Knowing that you have someone in your corner can go a long way and I would love to make even a small positive impact in that way."

Miller's approach to teaching is very student-centered, she

said.

"My students are complex human beings who bring personality, experiences, strength and life to the classroom. I can't ignore that and teach to the imaginary perfect student."

But challenging students and helping them to grow and become the best versions of themselves is also important to Miller.

"I operate under the idea that we can do hard things together. I'm not there as an expert who has all of the answers, but as a facilitator who can guide students to deeper thinking and hopefully, deeper understanding."

When it comes to Miller's life motto she decided to get it tattooed on the inside of her right arm saying, 'Life is good.'

"It's a constant reminder that life is good even when things get rough. Even when things are taking a turn for the worst, there will always be a bright spot. Sometimes that bright spot is simply being alive."

In high school, Miller's principal would start the day by saying, 'Life is good.'

"This saying has been a huge influence and it stuck with me ever since."

Even though it's difficult for people to see the good in the world, Miller says she maintains a positive outlook. "It's always encouraging to be able to look down to give myself the beauty and positivity in the world."

Miller said that her younger self would probably be surprised that she is a teacher now.

"I think she would be pretty proud of me," said Miller. "I have always held myself to a higher standard and expected myself to achieve highly,



Younger me would probably be surprised to know that we became an English teacher and that we get to go to a job that we love every day. Above all, younger me would be relieved to know that adulthood isn't as scary as it used to seem. It's definitely still a roller coaster but it's also fun and exciting when it isn't stressful."

Miller has faced many challenges.

"When I was 13, I woke up one day unable to hear out of my right ear. I went to several doctors, didn't get many answers and was finally told I had nerve damage and would never hear out of my right ear again. Being a middle schooler and hearing this was devastating."

"I cried about it (a lot) and thought it would define me as a person. But I simply accepted that it is only a small part of who I am. It wasn't easy overcoming these challenges but I realized even though I lost something essential, I hadn't lost who I was."

Almost nine years later, Miller said that now, it's difficult for most people to notice that she can only hear out of one ear.

"I've learned to adapt and take things one day at a time. Life can be unpredictable at times and instead of being crushed when I get thrown a curveball, I've learned to take it in stride and do what is in my control to get through it.



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# School nurse tells students to be themselves

## A look into new staff member, Jennifer Cumberland's job

By Raven Mooney

At NRHS, new staff members frequent our building often. Jennifer Cumberland, a registered nurse, made her way back into New Richmond schools. "I previously worked as New Richmond's district nurse for nine years before returning this year so that has helped me re-acclimate back to the school setting fairly easily."

Cumberland has worked as a nurse for 22 years within a wide variety of fields. "I have a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's degree in complementary and alternative medicine where I majored in phytomedicine and nutrition."

Cumberland says that she is very well suited for this job as she has a wide knowledge of different diseases she's able to combat. "I think my years

working in various fields of nursing have prepared me for the wide array of ailments and illnesses that I encounter with students and staff at school."

Still bouncing between many places, Cumberland works as the RN for the four different buildings. "My duties include responding to emergencies within the district, training school health aides in treating and managing students with acute and chronic illnesses, and maintaining proper medical records and emergency equipment for each building."

Other things Cumberland has to do are vision and hearing screenings along with trying to control the spread of different easily catchable diseases. "I also develop Individualized Health Care Plans and Emer-

gency Action Plans for any student who has life-threatening illness or disorder."

Issues arise within every job, and Cumberland says she struggles with managing different medical services within each building. "Some common issues I face with the new position this year is simply trying to get into a routine, [and] meeting all the students with chronic medical issues."

Even with different issues within the school, Cumberland says that she would not change a single thing about NRHS. "New Richmond is a wonderful place full of amazing people! I feel privileged to be able to work with all the staff and students."

Cumberland states that she doesn't encounter many student conflicts but says if she did she would take proper measures in reporting it to people who can properly handle it. "If I do witness a problem among the students, I will report it to the building administrators so they can handle the situation appropriately."

Cumberland says that she is excited to watch her son Cole, a sophomore, grow up. "I am

grateful to be able to see him grow into an awesome human being! He also keeps me more active as he enjoys doing things outdoors and working out so it's a win-win for me."

Cumberland says that her advice to high school students is to be true to themselves even if it isn't how everyone else is. "Follow what feels good for you-even if it may go against the mainstream. Some of the most amazing things in life can happen if you know who you are as an individual and follow your own path. And don't forget to take a couple of detours along the way and have some fun too."



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# New teacher on the block

An introduction to our new instructional design

By Lillian Williams

Recently welcomed to New Richmond High School, we have Torie Mollett, our Instructional Design Coach. Mollett has been in education for over six years, and her college program had her working in schools from very early on. This is her first year in the tech coach position, after being an English teacher. She was at first hesitant on going into the education field due to both her parents also being educators.

“There came a time when I realized education can be a gift and I found myself called to be a support to students and teachers alike,” Mollett says. “I realized, recently, in fact, that we can't support students without supporting teachers.”

As for what a typical day in her life looks like, Mollett says she finds herself spending most of her time in the media center learning, “new tools and tricks,” that she can take back to teachers.

Since she's newer to our building, you can find her popping in and out of classrooms introducing herself to teachers, assisting staff, or creating content. “It can be chaotic but I'm used to that and I thrive when I'm kept on my toes. I definitely have things to keep me busy.”

Outside of school, Mollett describes herself as, “an old soul at heart. I love to take time and go thrifting or antiquing to find items for my new home,” she says. “I have a little dream cot-

tage that I love.”

Mollett says she loves to binge Netflix with her cat and dog, as well as reading and writing, which are practices she says she strives to maintain. She says that she's family oriented, and loves to spend time with her parents who visit frequently.

Just by looking at her, Mollett says that she's not the extrovert everyone thinks she is. She's been working in public services since she was old enough to work, and believes after that you become good at developing a working personality.

“People are often surprised that I often need alone time to recharge my batteries and I get overwhelmed easily when it comes to crowds or loud places. I suppose I'm more of an ambivert, a little of both.”

Mollett went to college for secondary English education at UC, and recently completed her MAT at Miami University. She says her family has strong Appalachian roots.

“I'm close to that side of my



culture.” She lives with her two pets, a Siberian husky named Gypsy and a ginger cat named Estee, and calls her and her pets “official West-siders”

“I'm encountering a lot of change in my life, which is all my doing, but hard for me,” says Mollett. “Despite all of that, I know change is necessary and I'm working to embrace it!”

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# Goldsmith returns for school year

## Safety of staff, students top priority

By Layla Jones

As the years have passed, New Richmond High School has continued to ensure the school is the safest it can be. Every year, new officers and staff members have been added to ensure student and faculty safety.

School resource officers take every precaution to make the school as secure as possible. After being in law enforcement for 29 years, Deputy Eric Goldsmith joined our team last year.

Goldsmith describes his job as, “dangerous but very rewarding,” because he likes to help people. He describes himself as impartial however, he does realize he has a job to do. “I find myself being fair, but I also have to enforce laws,” he said.

With a busy schedule, Goldsmith explains that he performs a wide variety of services for the school. “I take reports for any incidents for the school district. I file criminal charges

when needed and the liaison between court/school/parents. I assist in safety drills at all New Richmond schools. Most importantly, safety and security for the campus.”

One of Goldsmith’s favorite things about his job is the people he meets and the memories he makes.

“I have so many funny calls but one that stands out is my partner walking into a glass door and hitting himself in his own face with his flashlight. The next day he had a black eye from it.”

Goldsmith has always liked solving crimes and helping those in need. He also enjoys running and being around friends or family. He considers his father his role model.

“My father was very quiet but when he spoke it was very important. My father was a provider for his family and a gentleman.”

Being a police officer is a

dangerous job, there are many benefits and faults when it comes to this job, “Here’s the major downside to this job: the family gatherings, holidays, or events you will miss over the years because of work,” he said.

Goldsmith is married and has four children.

When asked about getting into his job, Goldsmith wants to warn people about keeping themselves happy and healthy,

“I encourage keeping yourself in great shape physically but also mentally. Being an officer can be taxing on both the body and the mind. Productivity is heavily affected by mental health in the field.”

Before deputy came to New Richmond, he worked as a detective.

“Prior to being assigned to this position I was a detective

investigating child abuse cases.”

While working in this agency, Goldsmith says his worst mistake on the job was talking to someone in a manner that did not seem nice.

New Richmond Schools is very happy to have Deputy Goldsmith. Officers like him and many other staff members are what keep our school thriving.



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# Otten switches roles for 2022

Staff member supports teachers to help students succeed

By: Hannah Spears

NRHS staff member Tammy Otten has been working with students here at the high school for 25 years, but her position has recently changed a bit. "I'm now supporting teachers who are supporting students."

Before this year, Otten said, she worked directly with students. "My first eight years, I worked with students with multiple disabilities and after that, I worked with students who had social emotional behavioral disabilities."

A typical day for Otten is very chaotic due to the transition. "I don't have a typical day, since I'm in the transition now. I get pulled into a lot of directions."

Though among the chaos she does manage to stay organized. "I have a to-do list, so I start by checking things off the to do list, making it a whole lot easier for me to stay on task."

Otten said that her favorite

part of her job is being able to learn something in order to help a student.

"A lot of teachers go to professional development and I always feel like if I can learn one new thing, this has been worth it. And if I can do something with that and help a student grow better."

Otten most happy when she is outside or anything that can help her relax. "I like hiking, kayaking, caving, rappelling and running. My evening runs help me release and reset for the next day."

Otten said she often misses her previous job, working with students. "I have some students I have been working with for a really long time, so I'll be missing them. It's hard for me because I got into education so I could work for students"

While most of the time Otten is working for teachers helping

students, she also has a class helping students directly. "The one class that I teach, it's a social skills class. It's problem solving, figuring out how to be in social environments. How to interact in a social environment, and how to read other people. And how to read what other people expect out of you."

Otten takes pride in her family members, especially her sister and her nephew. "I am very close to my sister and my two nephews (21 and 25) who make me proud every day."

Otten's goals for this school year are to make sure students are getting what they need through the teachers. "By the end of the year, if I can say, 'Okay, my students are still getting what they need,' I feel like the teachers that are providing that are finally comfortable in



doing that then I feel like I have been successful."

In the end, Otten's advice for high school students is to remember there's a great big world out there. "Once you get out of high school, your choices are endless. Don't put yourself into a box. Look at all the different options you have. There's something there that you can be successful at. Find that, and do that."



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# NRHS welcomes Nick Schmidt

## Football coach loves being here

By Gabriella Sons

New Richmond High School welcomes Nick Schmidt to its staff. He says that so far, it has been great.

“Staff members are very nice and welcoming, and the students have been excellent. The students are nice, kind, and understanding. There are kids who want to improve themselves, which is great. I have not seen many poor attitudes so it has been very nice. A true breath of fresh air.”

Before coming to NRHS, Schmidt was a teacher at Batavia.

“It was a place I enjoyed for a little bit, but I am pleased to be here.” Prior to that, Schmidt spent 14 years as a paraprofessional.

Schmidt is also one of NR’s football coaches, and while this is his first year coaching football for NR, it is his 18th year coaching overall.

Schmidt stated that with being a head coach in the past and an assistant coach now, he has gained a better understanding

of helping student-athletes become successful on and off the field.

“Our football program has experienced success in the past and it has been a great opportunity to join a community that wants success. The support has been great and the kids have been excellent in their willingness to learn and adapt to new situations. Coach Pitzer has done an excellent job as he begins to create and develop the culture of the program to ensure continued success.”

Schmidt said that he likes most the small feel of New Richmond with the very welcoming people.

“The thing I like least, I’m still waiting to find that,” he said.

Coming into NRHS with the expectation that students wanted to learn, Schmidt said that he wants students to be themselves.

“They all want to improve themselves, and they wanted to feel safe. But I came in with an open mind about their expecta-

tions.”

Schmidt said his family was always very competitive. “We all played sports and we all wanted each other to succeed. My brother and I both played division 1 college baseball, and my younger brother played little league baseball. My younger brother is now the athletic director at McNick.”

Schmidt also plans to run the full Flying Pig Marathon in 2023.

“I’m very active so I enjoy working out, running, and spending time with my wife. I enjoy going to concerts, hanging out with friends, and being involved in sports.”

Schmidt stated that compared to Batavia, the structure of his classes now is very different but it allows him to better know his students and understand their needs.

“The structure of the class is to make sure the student’s needs are met. It’s important to make



sure their personal and social needs are met before their academic goals.”

More hands-on work with students is something Schmidt says he appreciates here at NRHS.

“At my old school, it was more structured where you had that long fifth bell period, but this schedule has allowed me to get to know more kids and get a better one-on-one small group atmosphere to better understand the kids.”

Schmidt mentioned that he first was going to come to New Richmond for a coaching opportunity, but having seen how things worked, he knew it was a place he needed to be.

“From what I heard others say, this was exactly what I was expecting. When you’re at a place and you get a new environment it helps. The grass isn’t always greener on the other side, but this place so far has been.”

Schmidt says he came into New Richmond with an open mind, “I didn’t want to judge the book by its cover. From what I heard I knew it was a group of kids that wanted to succeed and wanted to improve themselves, and are very much willing to learn.”

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# New math teacher enjoys varied interests

## Ms. Hale reads, crochets in spare time

By Ainsley Zimmerman

Cameron Hale graduated from Batavia High School in 2018, then later graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor's in Adolescent Young Adult math.

"I really enjoyed my time at Bowling Green as it is a very friendly community and there are a lot of good places to eat (off campus)," Hale says.

She now lives in Withamsville, Ohio with her boyfriend; she enjoys collecting Funko pop dolls from TV shows, playing runescapes, reading, watching TV, and she recently learned how to crochet over the summer.

"I enjoy crocheting while I binge watch some TV Shows."

Growing up, Hale had no good regard for school until

her sixth grade year, when her English teacher challenged her and believed in her.

"That teacher helped me not only try in school but also achieve a lot more than I thought I ever would."

Hale also says that the teacher's, "impact made me want to also impact the future of society to become thinkers and not be afraid to be wrong because we learn from our mistakes."

When asked why she chose math of all subjects she explained how she had always enjoyed algebra, and was a math tutor at her high school for three years.

This year, Hale said she has several goals for her students.

"I want to show kids that it is okay to make mistakes and

it is okay to be wrong because we learn a lot more if we make mistakes than always being right."

She also hopes to have her students turn in what she calls their practice assignments.

"Homework has a more negative connotation, in my opinion, which is why I say practice assignments," she says.

Hale plans to accomplish this goal through rewarding students who have 80% of their homework complete with stickers.

Some of Hale's hobbies are watching TV shows, like Sherlock, Criminal Minds, and Death Note.

"One of my favorite series is Sherlock Holmes with Benedict Cumberbatch as the star because I enjoy mysteries and really love thinking outside the box. I also love the dynamic between Holmes and Watson's relationship there; it always keeps you on your toes and second guessing."

She also enjoys reading in her free time. "Even though I am a math teacher, I enjoy getting

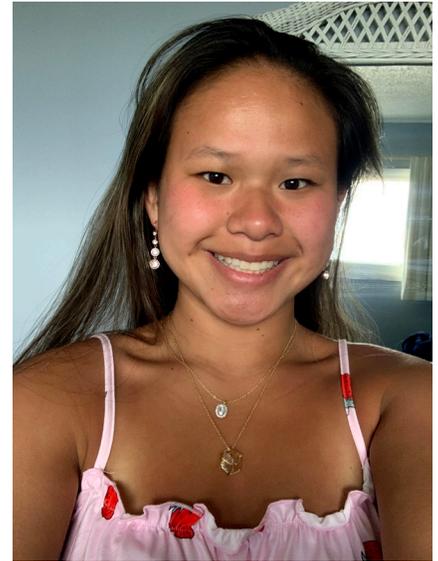
lost in the author's words and reading about the world they created," Hale said.

Lastly, one thing Hale said she wants students to know is that she cares about them.

"I believe it is important for my students to know that I care about their well being and I am always here to help them (with-in reason)."

She wants students to know that they can do most things when they do not give up and truly put their mind to it.

"I am here to support and help them grow and I hope they never feel as though they are alone."



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# The Inheritance Games: is it all that?

## Jennifer Lynn Barnes novel worth five stars

Book: The Inheritance Games  
Author: Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
Rating: \*\*\*\*\*  
Genre(s): mystery, young adult, fiction, contemporary

Summary: The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes is a young adult novel. This is the first book in a trilogy, followed by The Hawthorne Legacy and The Final Gambit. This series is told from the point of view of Avery Grambs, a high school student who wants to graduate and get out.

This all changes when Tobias Hawthorne, a famous billionaire, dies and leaves Avery his entire fortune. The catch is that she has no idea why she was left this money, because she never knew Tobias Hawthorne. The money, however, comes

with Hawthorne's four grandsons. Xander, the youngest of the four, Greyson, the heir apparent, Nash, the oldest, and Jameson, who views Avery as his grandfather's parting game.

With her newfound fame and fortune, Avery must play the game to figure out just how she fits into the story, and why she inherited the Hawthorne's money.

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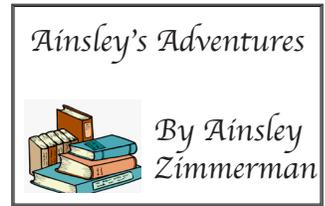
"We aren't normal. This place isn't normal, and you're not a player, kid. You're the glass ballerina—or the knife."

-This quote is one of my favorite quotes from this book, because of the meaning behind it and how Avery keeps it in her head through the book, and uses it almost as motivation.

"Why kill two birds with one stone when you can kill twelve"  
-This quote resonated with me because of the meaning behind it and how it contributes to the story as a whole.

Review: After reading this book, it quickly became one of my favorites I've read. I was in a reading slump for a while, but this book brought me out almost as soon as I started reading it.

The Inheritance Games does a great job of drawing the reader into the story from the beginning, by starting off the narrator and main character, Avery Grambs telling the reader that her mother had a secret, and then switching to her normal life until she is called to the office and informed she is in



Tobias Hawthorne's last living will and testament.

The way this book is written is fast paced, which is something I personally like in certain types of books. With the fast pace of the book, there are also new things being thrown at you in the story, from something new being discovered, to romance plotlines.

Overall, this book is given five out of five stars, as it drew me in from the beginning, and then quickly made its way on my top ten books list.

# Listening to music in classes has many benefits

## Stress relief, relaxation help make schoolwork enjoyable

There are many ways for students to focus while doing their school work. The most common is listening to music; however, does listening music really help out the students in the long run?

In my opinion, listening to music can help me relieve stress from all the work around me. Having something in the background is a good way of having a relaxing work space; especially if you are overloaded with work.

Sometimes it's just nice to have something playing. It gives you enough time to calm down and relax for a while. High school students, especially, are often loaded with tons of homework, the least a teacher can do is allow

them to listen to music while they work.

However, teachers may have a different view on the subject. Some teachers may say no listening to music because

...listening to music can block those extra distractions. Giving yourself your own little world in some way.

it sometimes can distract the student from focusing. I too, can agree on this point because sometimes I even catch myself humming or lip syncing a song

rather than doing my work. There's a way to fix this problem; though-- listening to music without lyrics or music with soft beats, it can be a lot harder to get distracted.

Other ways music can help students can be by blocking outside sounds. Personally, it's extremely hard for me to focus by having constant noise around me; however, listening to music can block those extra distractions. Giving yourself your own little world in some way and making a very peaceful environment for whoever's working.

Students working on assignments daily can lead to some students not wanting to work. But listening to music can lead some of those students to actually want to do their work. Sometimes just doing an assignment with no background noise can be pretty awkward and boring. Some end up doing nothing at all, being distracted by the world around them.

It's just best, overall, to al-



low students to listen to music. Plus, it actually makes doing schoolwork enjoyable.

Therefore, I believe that by listening to music, a student will be able to focus a whole lot more. Having a chance to escape the stresses around you while getting work done can make it a lot more enjoyable. And in addition to making work a whole lot more fun, music even allows you to block out distractions. So in the end, I do believe it is in a student's best interest to allow us to listen to music while doing our work.

# Hope Squad really helps

## NRHS lucky to have support system

New Richmond's Hope Squad has been known for quite some time now. If you do not know what the Hope Squad is, it is a group of students at NRHS that help improve mental health. There is another story about them in this issue.

Some students at NRHS have argued that the Hope Squad is not efficient or necessary in our school environment. I disagree with their accusations.

Mental health is always an important thing to keep mindful of. 1 in 6 youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year.

Hope Squad started because a child aged 15 committed suicide. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in the United States. This suicide could have hopefully been prevented; however, the child was too scared to tell a trusted adult.

This is where Hope Squad comes in. Hope Squad students are supposed to be the friends of those who are struggling

with mental health. Student members help other students get to a trusted adult to truly get the healing they need.

Most students are too afraid to get help, whether that be talking to an adult or the consequences. I feel that Hope Squad makes it so much easier to talk with a trusted adult about how you feel, even if you do not want to talk.

Some might argue that telling an adult will get you in trouble or there will be scary consequences; however, I am here to tell you that you will never get in trouble with the guidance office when it comes to mental health.

Me, personally, I had to go to talk to a therapist for my mental health. I understand the fear of getting in trouble with my parents. When I talked to my mom about it, she was not very happy; however, I was lucky to have a father that understood, but not everyone has that support.

## Should seniors be allowed to paint caps?

### We should be allowed to graduate creatively

We must all dress alike. Nice clothes, nice shoes, graduation robe, why not give students the opportunity to express their uniqueness through personalizing their graduation caps?

With the impending graduation ceremony comes an issue that most students have been debating over for ages: should seniors be allowed to personalize their caps? In short, yes, they should.

Given the chance to decorate their cap, students will be able to express themselves freely, whether showing what college they wish to attend, a career they're pursuing, or even hobbies that got them through the rough trials of high school.

I do however fully appreciate the rules our school has, giving students such creative freedom might be a dangerous idea. So, of course, with that will come rules. While students will be given such freedom over what they choose, it must be school appropriate. No vulgar/obscene words or graphics, because if presented with the option to express ourselves, why should we act out and get nice things taken away?

In reality, how is decorating a cap going to hurt students, or staff? The option for seniors to personalize their caps, in my opinion, is a wonderful way to symbolize our exit from high school, and a meaningful illus-

### Jones' Journal

By Layla Jones



I remember the day I talked to a counselor. I was very upset at the time and I told a friend what had happened. My friend came with me to talk, although she did most of the talking for me. I think having something like Hope Squad makes our school very lucky. Not everyone gets the opportunity to have a support system like how our school offers. My old schools, in different states, did not offer help of this sort.

I do hope that people can reach out more to Hope Squad members knowing that they are here to help you, not hurt you. While we cannot control how our parents or loved ones act, we can accept that we do sometimes need to talk and we do need support from someone.

### Graduating In

#### Style

By Lillian Williams



tration of how our school's restrictions on us as students are loosened as we integrate into society. A perfect example of this is that most college graduates get to paint their caps.

Additionally, it is an enjoyable way to wrap up such a significant period in our lives. As for the class of 2023 and on, I say we stand up and throw our painted caps.

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# Senior Thinks She is the Funniest Person

## Eva Shepherd: is she right?

By Ainsley Zimmerman

Eva Shepherd, a senior at New Richmond High School adores her friends and activities she is involved in.

Eva describes herself as “optimistic, periodically sociable, the funniest person alive, punctual, and dedicated.” When asked why she thinks she is the funniest person alive, she responded, “I don’t know, I just am.” Clearly this means she has to be the funniest person alive.

She is also involved in many activities, such as cross country, band, and Troubadours, with many great memories from all of these. “Friday night football with the band, Saturday morning cross country, and cross country days when we play rugby or capture the flag. I also really enjoy when the Troubadours go on tour before Christmas break and I generally love singing.” Eva also holds positions in some of these activities, like being a team captain in track and cross country.

She has also been awarded the Eye of the Lion award her junior year of cross country by her coach, Doug Smiddy.

Something Eva looks for in a friend is people who are, “lowkey weird, I like people who don’t care too much about what others think.” She also looks for someone who can make a good joke, good at listening, kind and will be honest with her about her decisions.

Some of Eva's favorite memories with her friends include going on late night Waffle House runs, going out to dinner and going to the aquarium with Brooke Donley, Ellie Arkus, and Ainsley Zimmerman, and working with Ainsley at Coney Island. “My favorite night of working with Ainsley was when we exited for a concert and could not stop laughing at anything and everything.”

Over the summer, Eva attended American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State, hosted at

Mount Union College. This is one of her favorite memories from over the summer. “It was so much fun and I got to meet a lot of very cool people and learn a lot about our government,” says Eva. At Girls State, she was elected into the House of Representatives, and passed a bill about putting mailboxes at homeless shelters and using the address of the shelter to apply for jobs. “I know it sounds super boring but it was the most fun week of the summer and I wish it would have lasted longer.”

One of Eva’s most important possessions she says would be her books, “I don’t read much but when I need an escape I can just put my phone down and forget about everything when I read. My favorite book has to be the A Curse So Dark and Lonely series by Brigid Kemmerer.” I like them because of the way they draw the reader in and the way the story of the



Beauty and the Beast is retold is amazing. Eva highly recommends these books for anyone trying to get into reading or looking for a good book series to read.

Eva has many accomplishments, and high ones at that. She is also a very interesting person, and has a ton of confidence in herself and her personality. She also is the type of person you would be able to have fun with.

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# The life of a class of 2024 student

## A peek into the mind of junior Maddy Hoskins

By Lillian Williams

Out of all the students at New Richmond High School, many are characters with truly interesting stories. One of these characters is one of our most well rounded students, junior Maddy Hoskins.

Hoskins describes himself as “a queer, artistic, loyal individual.” He enjoys music, art, horror and romance movies, along with his three dogs.

When it comes to Hoskins beliefs on his own personal core values, “I think not being judgmental is definitely up there, because I think I don’t have the right to judge people,” he said. “I just like being nice, y’know, just being relatively decent, but I guess decent is different for everyone.”

After mentioning that our freshmen are the class of 26,

our interviewee gave his best advice for underclassmen or incoming high school students.

“Honestly, it’s not that deep. Nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing that you think is deep matters. It’s not that important, people don’t really care as much as you think they care.”

Hoskins describes himself as boring, but also believes he does a lot of things. He is an avid member in our school’s GSA, drama, and art clubs, along with being on the soccer team since middle school. When it comes to ideas after finishing high school, he’s sure of college but unsure of future career plans.

Many things are important to him, but when it comes to the things that he’s learned, he believes you should just do what

makes you happy.

“People aren’t going to like you no matter what, so just do what makes you happy. At the end of the day you’re not gonna make everyone happy, it’s not gonna happen.”

When it comes to life outside of school, Hoskins states he is a lover of his dogs, which he considers his family along with his friends. His pets are two Huskies and a Shepard mix, named Cobra, Lucky and Luna, “One of them is stupid. The other two are sweet.”

Hoskins believes he’s very artistic, with hobbies like doing stylized art, cosplay, and music.

He sings to comfort himself when stressed and can often be seen doing it without thinking.

Hoskins says he loves astrology.

“I’m a Pisces sun, Virgo rising, and a Leo moon.”



In school, Hoskins can be seen in honors and CCP classes. When presented with the option to pick a favorite subject or class, he said, “In general, art, but I don’t have an art class this semester. Currently, environmental or guitar.”

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# Freshman wants to go to Yale University

Olivia Henson has grades, spirit to go to her dream school

By Layla Jones

Olivia Henson, a freshman, describes herself as, "A great academic student who tries to be involved in her school and community."

She is a straight-A student that enjoys the New Richmond swim team just as much as her love for school. "I like to be involved in things in my school and swimming offered the opportunity to be there for the school."

Henson has had a hard time since her parents separated when she was younger.

"It was a big change to work with two homes and two schedules, let alone balancing my own schedule as well," Henson said. "Trying to feel normal while everyone else has two married parents has always

been a struggle for me."

Olivia has always been known for being exceptionally smart. Scoring a 4.0 GPA coming out of middle school, Olivia begins her first AP class this year in high school while she takes all other advanced courses. She plans on working hard to get into her dream school, Yale University, located in Connecticut, 738 miles away from her hometown.

"It is so far away (Yale) from here but I want to go see more than just New Richmond."

To achieve her goal of becoming a Yale University graduate and eventually becoming an attorney, Olivia must work hard in all her classes and all her years of high school.

"I want to be financially sta-

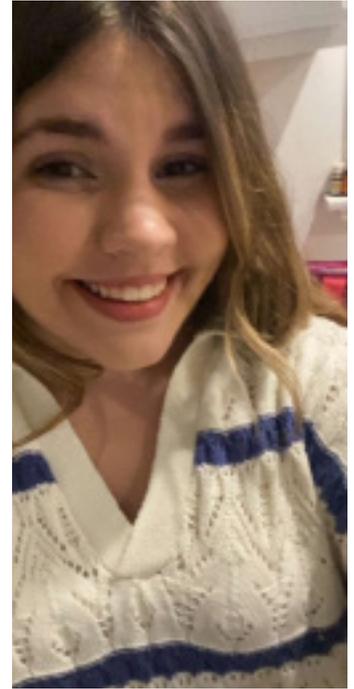
ble, but I want it to be from all my hard work, not because I had it easy."

Olivia's swim career began in eighth grade. She was hooked instantly and began to swim all types of strokes until she settled on backstroke. In her first year of swimming, she won first place in 25 backstroke events. Henson describes it as, "not a big accomplishment," but others beg to differ.

She enjoys being involved in her community and swimming is the best way she can do that. "I have had a lot of fun in swim; some of my best school memories are from swimming."

Olivia recalls a time in the girl's locker room that was her favorite moment at school. Describing the memory, Henson says, "I remember when we used to listen to Bad Romance and just dance while getting dressed. The locker rooms are such a vulnerable place and just being able to have fun without being judged was so refreshing."

Olivia thinks that the main reason why she was able to have fun and enjoy her time on the swim team was mostly because of the way the girls would just let everyone on the team have fun and relax. "It



was like a safe space for everyone after school"

Whether it's cracking jokes and dancing on the swim team or getting a perfect score on her AP human geography test, Olivia is excited for this year. She believes that she will have fun on the swim team this November and will pass her classes to have a high GPA all throughout high school.

"I like school, I have had so much fun learning or swimming."



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# Zoey Kirk loves various arts

## Freshman also enjoys sports, family

By Raven Mooney

At New Richmond High School, there are hundreds of people to meet, each with varying personalities to explore. Freshman Zoey Kirk is one of those people.

She describes high school as, "Not that different from middle school, just more rules. All the teachers are pretty chill."

Zoey claims her family is very competitive with their family games.

"My family is fun. We are more of a softball family than other sports. "Every summer we travel around for softball so that's fun."

Within her family, Zoey talks about her three older siblings and eight different pets.

"I have three older siblings, Kevin, Diana, and Kiera. I have

my parents Joyce and Kevin. We have four cats, actually five cats. Two are outside, three are inside; then we have two dogs and a hamster."

Zoey describes herself as a very creative person; one who likes to read, write, and draw various different things.

"I am very artistic compared to the rest of my family there's one series, called Rotten Ruines that's about zombies. There's seven books and I'm on the sixth one."

Zoey also stated that she was very into music, liking many genres but the main one she sticks with is indie rock.

"I'm really up for anything besides country. I like Lovejoy and Marina for artists. I also like Pebble Brain and How

to be a Human for albums."

One of her favorite accomplishments Zoey has had this summer was riding a roller coaster for the first time in years.

"There were many but the final 'challenge' was the Diamondback at Kings' Island. It was the biggest drop I had that day and I was kinda scared. I guess the Bat was also one of the hardest ones."

When faced with different challenges and stress in life, Zoey claims to try to slow down and get a grip before continuing.

"I try to figure out what's going on and try to figure out what needs to happen. I take step-by-step things so I don't mess up... like overcoming my fears. I guess I like to calm down before I try to do something again, also I just go for it, no waiting."

Zoey says that one of her greatest strengths is her ability to get along with people. "I can get along with people really well, I can adapt, like I'm pretty good at adapting to new environments."

Yet she claims her greatest weakness is her inability to be



very social with other people.

"I'm very bad at talking to people who I don't know, who I just met. I'm very introverted."

Zoey wishes after high school to go to college.

"I don't know what for but college sounds like a good idea." She also says that she plans on moving out, to some place where the weather reasonably changes with each season.

"I don't know what college but I would try to start living on my own, get an income. Perhaps somewhere cold or somewhere where the seasons change a lot."

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# Life of an up and coming freshman

## Kate Isbell is adjusting well to NRHS

By Gabriella Sons

Freshman Kate Isbell thinks that her advanced classes this year are quite a bit overwhelming. "Since I'm taking so many advanced classes there has been a lot more school work and homework to do. "I'm taking all advanced core classes and French 1, learning period, and art foundations. I wouldn't say harder, it is just a lot of work."

She mentioned that she doesn't really mind the new schedule, but that some of her friends find it strange. "Everybody I have talked to has said that their only issue is the new advisory since we didn't have it last year. I like the new schedule because it doesn't feel like you're in one certain class for hours at a time; it feels like 40 minutes."

Kate has five brothers and one sister. "I was the first girl after four brothers so it was a little aggressive but it was fun. Now,

we all have a bond."

It didn't take Kate long to get back into how the school day goes by. "I thought it would be a lot harder but after 2-3 days I got it down for the most part. I know where all my classes are. I didn't really prepare my sleep schedule and it was kinda bad for the first day or two, but it hasn't been too hard since then."

She also mentioned that she isn't too nervous about her freshman year. "It doesn't seem like it will be that bad."

Kate says that she likes the new advisory. "I do like it because even though we just came from lunch- from my advisory- I feel like it's a breath of fresh air before returning to the school day."

In her free time, Kate likes to read, watch TV, play with her cat, and do other simple things. "I like to read mystery and ro-

mance. I like watching The Office and Brooklyn 99, which is a little comedy show about these cops who aren't very smart; it's kind of like The Office. I also like to go to haunted places with my brothers and their friends. We download ghost hunting apps and see if we can get anything."

Kate did track and field during her eighth-grade year and said she plans to do it again this year. "I plan to throw for high school. I'm not much into running compared to doing the throwing part, but that's probably my favorite thing to do."

Kate may change her mind, but as of right now she is not planning to attend college. "I may change my mind by senior year but it is unlikely." Kate hopes to work with children, teenagers, and



adults when she gets older. "I hope to be doing something in the therapy or psychological field. I want to help people who can't help themselves."

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# Freshman shares sports advice

## Lillian Fite enjoys volleyball, softball

By: Hannah Spears

Lillian Fite, one of the youngest freshmen on the JV volleyball team, would describe herself as a quiet person overall, as well as, "Someone who tends to take a while to get used to people."

For volleyball, especially, she wants to try her hardest to be more open.

"I need to communicate better by forcing myself to speak out more."

At the young age of nine, Lillian's parents decided to move, switching schools. This would cause her to have to pick new friends; however, she would never pick her friends.

"I never picked my friends, they picked me."

Fite said that heroes would come for any reason.

"Heroes are people who are there when you need them the most. It doesn't matter what they look like as long as they save you when you need it the most."

Fite would explain her heroes as her friends.

"My friends are my heroes. They were there from the very beginning, sticking with me for my toughest time, and to me that's a hero."

Fite has always been involved with sports. Playing three sports currently, she said she has several goals.

"My main goal for sports is to be better at communicating to my teammates during games."

Volleyball would be Lillian's overall favorite, but she does enjoy softball.

"Softball is a safe sport to me because I started playing it when I was very young so I feel like I can always go back to it even after I took a three-year break."

For anyone interested in future tryouts for sports, Fite has a couple of suggestions.

"If you want to try out for sports you need to go to the open gyms so the coaches can see you more. It allows them to get more of an idea of who you are, and it gives you a higher chance of making the team."

Overall, Lillian Fite is excited for the upcoming year. Hoping to play more sports on the way while having fun with friends and family and believing that her sports seasons will be ex-



citing and something to look forward to.

"I can't wait for the start of the new season of the upcoming sports."

# Senior looks to continued success on football field

## Laurence Smith committed to sport, family

By Cali Lanter

Laurence Smith, a senior at New Richmond High School, describes himself as, "an energetic, generally happy person who loves to laugh and have fun."

Overall, Laurence loves having a good time and cherishes a good laugh with the people he loves. "I cherish every moment I spend with my family because they are the people I am closest to."

Laurence says that his family are his biggest supporters, especially his father. "My father has attended all my games and events, and is always behind me on my decisions," he said.

Not only is Laurence supported by his family, but he also supports them by attending their events.

"I make sure I'm at their competitions because they feel

I'm their good luck charm and they're always there for me at my games cheering me on."

Laurence has a pretty big family that includes his eight siblings and almost all of them are girls. "I live at home with some of my sisters but four of them don't live with us any more."

Laurence, along with his three sisters, were adopted in 2013.

"It gave us a chance at a better life with people who love us and support us," said Laurence.

Laurence is a varsity football player who believes that the world needs to see what he can do.

"Going into my senior season this year is personal because it felt like I let so many people down last year."

Outside of school, Laurence spends the majority of his time on the football field. Most peo-

ple wouldn't want to spend their entire summer practicing football on a field, but Laurence feels differently. "Football feels like home," he said.

Laurence said that sports and his friends make him the happiest.

"I've been doing sports since 2010 and football is my main one. Growing up, I played every sport out there--football, baseball, basketball, track, wrestling. I've always found peace in sports. I love watching professional sports and debating about them."

"But my friends all play a different role in my life. Most of my friends are there to flip my day back to good, but some of them fix my day in ways that others can't. And that's why, if you see me in school, I don't just have athletic friends, I try



making friends with anybody.

Laurence lives by the phrase, "Just go with the flow and live your life. To me, this means focus on the greater picture and don't worry about the small things going on."

# Marching to success

## An inside look at NRHS's Band Camp

By Raven Mooney

NRHS offers a wide variety of extracurriculars for students to involve themselves in. Marching band is one of the big ones that people enjoy. Every year, during the summer, for a whole week, students meet at the school and practice in preparation for the coming season. This week is referred to as Band Camp.

Band director Mike McKinley, who has been teaching for 14 years at NRHS, but 24 years in total, said that the goal of Band Camp is to get through as much of the halftime show as possible as to eliminate after-school practices.

"We can't really have after-school rehearsals because we have students involved in every sport."

In Band Camp, the schedule consisted of marching practice, separate instrument sectionals, and then full band. After a recent poll, some students said that marching was their favorite part of the day. They enjoyed the challenge of learning how to properly march and learning where their sets were within the songs.

"Even though it was really hot I think [my favorite part] was

learning and practicing sets," said senior Eve Roth.

Throughout the day, students faced different hardships.

"Working with a bunch of new sectional people was tough sometimes," said senior Sydney Maus. "We had to take direction from people we didn't know very well but in the end, we all came together."

Even though some of the older students had struggles, McKinley thinks they are doing completely fine.

"It's hard to pick our rookies out this year," he said.

Instructors also faced difficulties during the camp. McKinley says one of the most difficult parts was attendance and flexibility.

"We have kids constantly coming and going for sports."

Another issue that they had to combat was the constant change in weather. "My least favorite part was working around the weather- heat and rain!" McKinley added.

Many students said that the hours spent outside in the heat every day was the least enjoyable part. Repetition over and over became annoying to them but they were encouraged not

to keep morale down as it creates a negative attitude and to always be positive.

"When McKinley talked to us and said we had to keep our tone happy, people started running and yelling about how

they loved band every time we had to repeat a section," said freshman Emily Redmond.

With every downside to something, there is always an upside to maintain the balance. McKinley said that the easiest part of camp is how much fun it is to work with the students. "I love it here and the students are very respectful and always give great effort."

Even with all the issues that occurred during camp, many students still enjoyed the experience.

Senior Andi Dunham mentioned her favorite memory from camp.

"Peyton doing a comedy skit on stage with the microphone; the last day during the group break Alec falling on the stairs and hitting his eyebrow while



It's a beautiful day for Band Camp: students practice their routine in preparation for the upcoming season. Photo: R. Mooney

playing tag with the freshman was an honorable mention."

While the marching season has already started, McKinley said that this year is going great.

"Our marching looks better than it ever has and the music is progressing very well. My expectations for the rest of the year are to complete the halftime show and prepare 'stand tunes' for the rest of the season."

The marching band will be performing Uma Thurman, Feel it Still, Roar, and Shout it Out Loud. These songs will be with a moving performance on the field during halftime. Come see the performance before the season ends.

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# NRHS women's soccer rebuilding

## Players look forward to successful season

By Gabriella Sons

New Richmond Women's Soccer is making a comeback with their varsity winning three games and one game coming to a tie. Their JV, though having lost their games, is improving each and every game.

Players have many goals for themselves this season.

"This season, my goal is to continue to improve and work on certain skills that I want to implement into my game-to-game play. Certain skills or moves I want to be able to do without thinking about them or focusing. And of course, having fun and enhancing my love for the game is a constant goal of mine," said sophomore Molly Schuster.

Right now my goal is to become more confident, not only on the field but also in my day-

to-day life. Of course, I don't expect to become a division one soccer player or anything, but right now getting better is all I can hope to achieve," said junior Madison Hoskins.

Schuster says that she thinks that the new season is going well. "We have won some games, and while also having losses we are improving and that is all that matters. The season is really flying by, but I'm excited to see what the rest of the season brings."

Hoskins states that she plans to play again next year. "I'd say that a lot has changed from last year to this year. For one, there is a much higher standard for the way we look and act. I also really enjoy that there are not only two teams, but two separate coaches for varsity and JV

making it easier to get the help you need."

Kayla Patterson, a senior, said that her favorite memory of the season is coming out and beating Goshen 3-0. "We really surprised people and proved this is a new team and program and the rebuilding is just beginning."

Patterson said that her favorite part of soccer is the adrenaline she gets from playing. "I love the game and all aspects of it. The length, how low scoring is, how you have 10 other teammates out there with you, and how creative you can be on the pitch. You have to be more than just naturally talented, you have to understand the game on such a deep level in order to be a great player."

"Soccer is a game of reading everything and everyone on the field and adjusting and solving problems on the fly. In order to be more successful on the pitch, I need to learn to think less logically and more outside the box and be creative in solving just about anything out there on the field," said added.

Emma Metzger, a sophomore, says that she thinks that, in order for her to be better at soccer, she needs to learn more about each person on the team.

Metzger says it has been a pretty good season so far. "Even though we have lost, we have been improving each and every game."

Hoskins says that so far, she has had a good experience on the team. "I've always felt like

a bit of an outcast, but there are definitely some people on the team that make me feel wanted and respected."

Patterson says she has really enjoyed being on the team. "A lot of things are different compared to my freshman and sophomore years, but change is good and it's nice to see some things change and start rebuilding."

Sudi Mohan, head coach, and Tina Matlock, assistant coach, both take their team very seriously and hope to rebuild the New Richmond Women's Soccer program.

Mohan says, "The program was very competitive and had many high-level players when I coached against New Richmond while at Anderson high school in 2016 and 2017."

Mohan wants to eliminate drama and make sure all players are getting along.

"We want to eliminate low standards that have affected the program in the last three to four years. Have the players take responsibility and then move forward as leaders rather than accept and thrive on mediocrity. I also want those standards of excellence to translate into the classroom."

Matlock wants to as well make sure the players all learn self-discipline. "In order to take a player to the next level, they need to have self-discipline and respect, on and off the field, with their teammates, opponents, adults, teachers--all of that."



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# NRHS tennis stresses improvement

## Coach, team members have similar goals

By: Hannah Spears

The girls tennis team, an exciting yet underrated sport, has been with NR for generations. Brian Benzinger, the current coach for the team, believes tennis to be an enjoyable sport.

"I have enjoyed the game of tennis since I was a small boy and have coached girls' tennis at NR in the past. It is an enjoyable and fun season to coach!"

Benzinger's current goal for this current season is for his girls to be the best they can possibly be.

"Improve, Improve, Improve! For this season, my hope is for our players to learn how to compete and to win close matches!"

Junior Maddie Sharp also said she had a goal for the season. "To take advice given to me

and use that to improve."

Some girls tried out for volleyball, but ended up not making the team, turning to tennis for a change of pace.

Sophomore Audrey Fouss, a previous volleyball player, is one of those girls.

"Before playing tennis, I played volleyball. My eighth grade year, I said to my mom, 'Maybe if I don't play volleyball, I will play tennis.' After that, I started playing tennis and doing lessons at Beechmont Racquet, and just started getting better. The main reasons were that my brother was playing tennis, and one of my best friends had just started playing, so I decided to try it."

One of junior Vivian Kissmer's favorite things about the

team is the variety of exercise.

"One of my favorite things of the tennis team is the equal distribution of running and standing"

Benzinger enjoys how peaceful and relaxing tennis can be.

"Tennis is a great sport that one can play throughout their life. It builds mental strength and physical fitness. Tennis is good for the mind too. ... stress relief!"

Fouss also likes this about the sport. "My favorite thing about tennis is the team. Tennis is not a dramatic sport, so we rarely have any of the drama that you might have on another team. I have also become friends with some upperclassmen that I would have never become friends with if it weren't for tennis."

Sharp would argue that the girls tennis team is one of the most positive communities there is. "I really like how supportive the team is, and I hope one day I can show great sportsmanship too."

Payton Ollendick, a freshman, has a personal goal for the season. "I want to learn how to receive the ball from a serve."

Fouss hopes to learn to respect the other players. "I hope to learn respect. Tennis is a very different sport, as you don't have any kind of ref or line-judge, you make the calls yourself; meaning that some people call the ball in their favor anytime they can, so I hope to learn respect, and to call the ball or anything, fairly."

Fouss explains practices to be a sort of pattern where each takes a turn of doing each rotation. "We don't have practice often, as we have three to four matches a week, and Fridays off. But when we do have prac-

tice, it is usually some kind of rotation. There will be a different drill or game set up on each court, and we will rotate through each."

The start of an everyday practice, Sharp explains, is simple.

"We usually do some type of warmup, and then we stretch. We usually start with serving and then we spit up into different stations. Most of the time, we end the practice off with some sort of game."

One of Kissmer's favorite memories of all time was about a story that happened in the middle of a match. "I once went to hit a ball and it got stuck in the triangle of the racket in the middle of a match!"

Another funny story happened to Sharp during a match.

"My teammates and I always have fun, but I remember falling once in a match and that was pretty funny."

For incoming freshmen or anyone willing to join tennis in later years, Benzinger would offer you a word of advice: "Practice! No one can get better at much without practice. Tennis is much about repetition and repetition is the mother of all learning!"

Fouss, too, said that practice is the best way to get better for this sport.

"Tennis is a hard sport to play in high school, as it's not a sport we learn or know of as a kid, and we play some teams that have played their whole lives. So to any upcoming players, show up and practice. Chances are that as a freshman you won't play in matches, but show up to practices, and work on your game. Your goals should simply be to get better, have fun, and maybe even play your sophomore year."

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# Be Elite motto carries football team through season

## Dedicated players focus on constant improvement

By Cari Lanter

A little more than halfway through the season, the New Richmond football team uses the term "elite" to describe how the season is going.

Team members already have some favorite moments from this season.

"I love have such a good record in my senior year," senior Billy Foster said.

Even though they are starting out strong, the team still plans to improve its season.

"Change Our Best., That means that whatever we did yesterday is not good enough for today and we need to improve or Change Our Best from yesterday," says Coach Brian Pitzer.

There are hard practices and many hours invested in the team behind the winning

streak. Practices are usually set up to prepare the players for the game.

"Our practices should be faster and harder than any game that we play," said Pitzer.

An average practice is usually an hour and a half long but flies by.

"We are constantly moving and there is not much downtime in practice. We feel that practicing at such a frantic pace all the time gets us in shape for the game of football," said Pitzer.

When it comes to getting ready outside of practice, our players have some strategies.

"Learn the opponent's offense by watching their film. Also I like to listen to music to get me mentally prepared to play. Drinking Pedialyte the night

before and the day of the game to keep me hydrated," said sophomore Silas Jacob.

Not only are they physically prepared for their games, players like to get into a good mindset beforehand so they perform to the best of their ability.

"Have a talk with the team to hype each other up. As game time gets closer, get locked in and focused on the game," senior Cooper Tidball believes.

"I close my eyes and listen to music to get my head straight before the game," said Senior AJ Metzger

Our football team has accomplished a lot this season by being 5-1 after week 6 and players are justifiably proud.

"Coming in as a first year player and starting and doing well feels great," said Tidball.

"Only giving up 1 single touchdown in five games," said senior Trane Light.

When it comes down to the game of football, Coach Pitzer hopes every player walks away knowing one thing.

"They must take advantage of the amazing opportunities they are given each day by being able to play such an im-

portant game. At the end of the day, football is just a game. But what's different about football from any other sport is the experience of getting to play in front of your peers, family and community; that is what makes high school football one of the most unique experiences during a student's high school career," said Coach Pitzer.

Football means so many different things to these players.

"Football means everything to me. It has been in my life since I was very little, and has basically shaped who I am today," said senior Andrew Hawkins.

"I can't even explain; football has just been an important escape from my life at home or school. Football is my heart," added senior Laurence Smith.

Win or lose with this team these boys have an unmatched bond that will last a lifetime.

"A win in football has felt better than a win in any other sport. Every game we win, it just feels great when you go home after the game. The work everyone has put in to prepare for the season and winning with your team is the best," said Tidball.



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# Boys' soccer perseveres through some tough times

## "Adversity creates opportunity," says Coach Tyler Klein

By Layla Jones

The New Richmond boys' soccer team has been on a roll this season. The boys have been working especially hard to improve their team this year and represent the school with elegance. With new coaches and a new team, the boys have continued to keep their heads held high all season long.

Coaches Tyler Klein and Matt Waldman went into the season with many new goals for their year.

"We wanted to build a competitive team, a team that represented this school and community with class. Now that the season has started, we have a new goal for the second half of the season. We have lost a lot of close games and sometimes it can seem unlucky, but that's how it works sometimes. It's time for us to turn those losses

into wins. The team works very hard every day and we'll continue to do that," Klein said.

At practice, the players begin with warm-ups and getting touches on the ball. After their warm-up, they begin to work on whatever they needed to improve on in the past game.

"Our big thing lately has been creating scoring chances, so that's something we have been working on for a couple of weeks now. We always like to add a competitive edge to our practices so the boys are ready for the intensity of an actual game. Then we typically have some form of conditioning at some point during practice," said Klein

Coach Klein played on the New Richmond team in high school, so he describes coaching here as, "a dream. It was

the dream coaching job for me when it comes to the high school level. When I decided that I wanted to coach, one of my main goals was to be the coach at New Richmond High School Soccer team one day since I used to play here."

Since this is his first year, Klein talked about some adversities that the team has faced and issues he has overcome as a coach.

Klein says that they were trying to find new players in April. Both he and Waldman continued to find four new players, bringing the number of boys up to 17; however, the early games with few substitutes hit the team hard.

"We had a time where we were down a few players for a couple of games and it was tough on everyone since it was early in the season and the schedule gets tougher on the body. Adversity creates opportunity. They pushed through and some earned more playing time or starts because of that time when we had some guys out," Klein said.

The boys have done well keeping each other's spirits high. Coach Klein says that he believes the team does well when it comes to criticism and motivation.

"The boys lift each other up, constantly trying to keep each other in check. Right now we have been in a little slump but we aren't putting our heads down and feeling bad for ourselves. We are working harder in practice, pushing each other more. I think praising players provides motivation. Players don't want to be yelled at all game long about what they are doing wrong, they know they are doing it wrong, so focusing on the good and letting them

know is encouraging for them."

Captain Caleb Stephen says he wants this to be his year. This is his senior year and he has been playing since he was six.

"I want to win out this year. Score five goals. Win a game in the tournament." Stephen believes that the team has improved on their touches and talking, but there is always room for improvement.

Other players have similar goals.

"My biggest goal is to honestly just have fun," said junior Isaac Graham. "I'm really going to miss these seniors next year so I want to make the most out of this one."

"To improve overall as a player and a teammate," added freshman Trey Bastin.

"I want to at least come in third in league or better," said senior Brady Merz.

The team has all agreed that they have improved their communication and chemistry.

"Our team has just started to click more and more throughout our games," said junior Graham. "Our communication and passing has gotten so much better as the year progresses."

Training has helped the team, as well, according to senior Zach Kangas.

"I had the worst lung capacity at the start of the season and now I can keep up with some of the other guys," he said.

Merz said he has some good memories from soccer. "Doing backflips with Caleb when we score,"

"I love the feeling of giving as assist to my teammates," added Graham.



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# Volleyball team stresses hard work at every practice, every game

## Trust in teammates, have fun, stay positive, say players

By Hannah Spears

Volleyball is a very high intensity sport that requires many skills for one to play. Matt McCoart, or Coach Buck, one of the girls' volleyball coaches at NRHS, says that even the best players still need to improve.

"My advice would be to work on improving all of their skills. The best volleyball players at every level are always the ones that can pass, set, and hit. You have to be able to do all of them really well to be a great volleyball player."

Coach Buck played volleyball during his college years before having to quit after two knee surgeries, though this never stopped him from being passionate about the sport.

"I still loved the game and wanted to be involved so I picked up coaching"

Sophomore Piper Willis believes her favorite part about being a part of the team is her passion for the sport, along with the people who play. "I love the sport and a lot of my friends play."

Freshman Lillian Fite strengths would say her strengths are her serves. "I'd say getting on a serving run and overcoming pressure would be my greatest strengths."

Junior Elle Zeisler, who has been playing since she was in third grade, says that her strength is motivating her teammates.

"My strengths are hitting from outside and helping the team raise our energy during games and practices."

Senior Olivia Dunning, also adds that her strength is, "hav-

ing a positive attitude as well as my hitting ability."

Sophomore Macie Allen is trying her best to get better so that she can complete her goal. "I want to win the league and have a good season."

Junior Cate Coulter wants to improve on her hitting selection. "I want to get as many kills as possible; therefore, I always need to work on hitting different shots and running different plays."

One of the most important goals to have while playing a sport is to always get better from where you previously were. That's why Freshmen Ellie Walden says, "My main goal is always to finish the season better than how I started and play smarter inside the game."

High intensity sport causes some stress to the players, but NRHS team members have some advice.

"Just have fun, don't worry about the extra stuff and stay positive," said freshman Leah Riley.

"I tell players to be relaxed, to be themselves, and to trust in the work they put in every day," said Coach Buck.

"Do your best and try hard!" said freshman Makiah West.

"Give it your all!" added sophomore Savannah DeAtley.

Senior Liz Willis, offers some advice for any incoming freshmen or anyone wanting to join in a team sport. "Forget about your stats: you play the sport because you love it, not so you can get .500 attack efficiency. Just play to play."

Freshman Emma Helvey, has

been playing for a long time making it very nostalgic. "I've been playing volleyball for a long time and enjoyed it. It's a lot of fun even if it's hard work."

The main skill Fite said she wants to work on for this current season is to be able to talk to her teammates while in a game more. "I want to improve on my communication skills while on the court with the other girls and focus on correcting on my footwork."

Walden would like to improve on her thought processing skill during a game. "I want to improve my mindset in the game and always act best in giving it my all. There are a lot of amazing players so try your best and to never let down your team-

mates."

Coach Buck's main goal for this season is to at least get a little better during every practice.

"Our goals for the season on the JV team are always to get at least 1% better in the gym every day. Whether it's practice or a game, we want to improve as individuals and as a team. We want to get at least 1% better every day. And we believe that if we do that, we'll see good results and we'll really like what we've accomplished at the end of the season no matter our record."

A last piece of advice comes from Coulter: "Work hard, you can always get better. Work with and trust your teammates. You can always trust them to have your back."



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