

**POSITIVE POINTS**  
**BOARD MEETING – NOV 14, 2018**

**High School**

1. As part of our LINKS goals, we are developing restorative justice practices at the high school. All staff have been trained in the practice of community circles. Teachers will be implementing this practice throughout the course of the school year. It is an excellent tool for fostering positive, strong relationships within the classroom.
2. We have had a technology infusion at the high school that is going great! Students are learning the value and power of communicating online as well as the various means of being engaged in their coursework.
3. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Conference 2019
4. Sydney Coggins, Andrew Meccariello, and Jessie Sutton have been selected to represent Norwich High School at the spring 2019 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. The three students will join a select group of sophomore leaders from schools covering 16 counties in Central New York next summer as they learn about leadership and achievement. Congratulations to all three - we look forward to the impact you will have on NHS!
5. The physics students participated in the adopt-a-physicist project for the month of October. Adopt-a-Physicist connects high school physics students to real physics graduates who are eager to share their stories. Working in areas ranging from particle physics research for freelance writing, the participating physicists embody a huge range of careers, backgrounds, interests, and educational levels. Adopt-a-Physicist connects classes with the physicists of their choice through online discussion forums that are active for a set three-week period.
6. NHS Students enjoyed a day biking in the Adirondacks - learning about the outdoors and staying physically active! Thank you Black River Outdoor Education Center for providing our students with this opportunity!
7. Adventure Club enjoyed their first outing to Wolf Mountain just a few weeks ago. A special thank you to advisor, Rhett Genung, for continuing to provide these great experiences for our students.
8. Our LPP high school peer leaders took a trip to Cullen's Pumpkin Farm in Richfield Springs where they donated over 50 pumpkins to our program; carved and taken downtown to be part of the 20th annual Pumpkin Fest.
9. High school students Jonah Loughren and Jonathan Ryan presented at a career exploration event where over 400 middle school students gathered to explore future opportunities. The event held on October 9, 2018, at the Foothills Performing Arts Center in Oneonta New York combined a day of learning with tours and higher education sessions presented at SUNY Oneonta. Loughren and Ryan shared information about the growing opportunities in the aviation field and how to begin preparing for this field at an early stage, something they have both done with great passion.
10. Norwich High School inducted four individuals and one team into its Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday. Former football coach John Pluta; former three-sport athletes Don Chirlin, Pat Quinn and Tom Sery; and the 1948 tennis team were honored during the eighth annual Induction Ceremony.
11. Even though she may be competing for her home country Micronesia, we are proud of Margie Winter's quest to compete in the Olympics for swimming. Margie recently competed in Argentina in the Youth Olympics where she placed 1st in her heat. The next step is worlds in December. Congratulations to Margie on striving toward her dream with passion and dedication!
12. NHS is well represented in the musical world. 18 students participated in the All county Auditions for Wind Ensemble, Jazz and Swing Choir recently. 19 students will be attending the Area All State Festival 11/16-17 at SUNY Oneonta
13. Kayla Farrell (senior) was also recognized for her citizenship, leadership and musicianship over the summer by the staff of the New York State Summer School for the Arts in Choral Studies in August. She received the Dean L. Harrington Scholarship. Kayla Farrell will be attending the NYSSMA Conference All State Mixed Chorus in Rochester 11/29 thru December 2. This is the highest state honor for a public school music student.
14. The Middle School/High School Archery Teams sent 14 Archers to the first tournament of the year this past weekend. The following archers will be attending the Centershot November to Remember Bullseye and 3D tournaments. From the Middle School: Zavioer Bucksbee, Anthony DeRensis, Malaki Eaton, Braden Reid, Hodlen Ryan, Aidan Stafford and Wyatt Thornton and from the High School: Chase Ballard, Katie Becker, Andrew Clarke, Andrew Mullen, Abigail Natoli, Hailey Shattuck and Shayne Webster.

### Middle School

1. Aladdin Jr, the musical, was hosted on Nov 9 and 10 involving students from PB, NMS and NHS. Courageous, talent-filled and inspiring to think that co-directors, Allie Rehn and Alyssa Jutting pulled this off in two short months. Congrats to all.
2. 14 MS and HS students attended the warm up “November to Remember” Archery tourney in Cicero with over 380 archers in attendance. NHS just missed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division and 7th graders Braden Reid scored highest amongst MS students in the 3D shoot while Holden Ryan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
3. On Nov 2 and 5, NMS hosted grade level Parent- Teacher conferences with over 50 families.
4. Over 40 students had the opportunity to ride the trails along the Black River through a school sponsored mountain biking event with Black River Outdoor Education Program.

### Perry Browne

1. Another Scholastic Book Fair is on the books with over \$2000 in sales; 40% of the money made goes back to the school! A big shout out to Joanne Stafford who has made this possible!
2. Officer Woodard visited Mrs. Canfield’s class to discuss safety--the students enjoyed having her.
3. Students are starting their days off with pearly whites as part of the morning routine for many is to brush their teeth when they get to their homerooms.
4. Staff participated in “The Brain Architecture Game” on our staff development day. The game showed how adverse childhood experiences affect brain development.
5. A new Sensory Path has been added to one of the Hallways at Perry Browne. It is a “fun”, 2 minute, organized way to get the heart pumping blood to the brain, to wake up the sensory system and get the sensory system organized.
6. The third grade team visited the Farmer’s Museum; admission was free funded by a successful scholarship application submitted by third grade teacher, Kaitlyn Olsen.
7. The technology initiative is off to an awesome start! Students are engaged and some teachers have been creating assessments and moved from workbooks to Google Documents for student work.
8. Kristen Smith from Norwich Fire Department visited Perry Browne, delivered a terrific presentation on fire safety, and included a demonstration of the fire truck sirens and horns. It was pretty cool!

### Gibson

1. Jen Oliver is back and excited to be here!
2. Pre-K and Kindergarten-Language Practice with Mrs. MacIntosh and Mrs. Bartle (Speech and Language Therapist). Consisting of 10 weeks of push-in, whole group lessons, for language concepts for all classes AND an additional 10 weeks of small group lessons for language concepts with students needing more practice.
3. I can say that I am very excited that our Pre-K program is full because in the past we did not fill up our half-day program with students!
4. Second graders being challenged to read each month is a friendly competition between classes. We completed a new unit, “Becoming a Scientist.” Students enjoyed working through the Scientific Method and experimenting with buoyancy and interactions.
5. The Fireman came to the First Grade Level Gathering to talk about Halloween safety.
6. Many classrooms carved pumpkins for the Norwich Pumpkin Festival.
7. Some Kindergarten classrooms made homemade applesauce with their class.
8. Family volunteers are coming into Kindergarten rooms each week for volunteering time/additional hands for stations and crafts.
9. Many parents have attended the first two Grade Level Gatherings. Students have been publicly recognized from all classes for birthdays and bucket fillers.
10. Many family members are coming to have lunch with their children each week in the cafeteria.
11. Open House was well-attended with 50% or more attendance from each kindergarten classroom.
12. Classroom/daily snack has started with a calendar providing a day a month for each family to provide snack.
13. The “Book Room” is up and running due to the aides and assistants that volunteered.
14. Kelly Colosi and Amber Oliver gave a wonderful training to aides and assistants on tools to use to avoid conflicts with students.