

# EMPOWERING TEENS

## BLAZING Bulletin

### Words of Advice

By Dantae DeMerritt with help from Miss H

Our teachers have many lessons and advice that they can give all students at NMS. For this newsletter, we decided to ask Dr. Colgrove what his words of advice are for the students in our school. He said, "work hard, use your brain, and keep pushing yourself". We also asked him to share a quote that he thinks is inspiring to him and he pondered on a couple that he liked. The quote he decided to share was, "Not all those who wander are lost (J.R.R. Tolkien)". When asked to share a quote that he thought might inspire students, he shared the following quote, "Even the smallest person can change the course of the future (J.R.R. Tolkien)". We are very thankful that we have so many educators that are willing to share their words of advice with us in our newsletters.



### Sports Interviews

#### Winter Sports

By Evan Lyle, Brooklyn Guzman, Rena Gallagher, Emiley Lange, Matthew Gallagher, Scott Rayburn, Kylar Sadler, and Dantae DeMerritt (with help from Miss H).

The last several months have brought many different sports to NMS. We have had students participate in both school-based sports as well as club sports. Girls' basketball and wrestling took place in October-December. While Boys basketball took place January-March. Some of the students of NMS also participated in Swimming and Indoor Soccer.

The girls had four different basketball teams. The 6th grade girls had many victories and grew exponentially throughout the season. Our mixed team also showed a lot of growth and persistence. Our 7th grade girls played well at districts and accomplished a lot throughout the season. Our 8th grade girls accomplished winning the district tournament. When we asked 8th grader, Lillie Morrill what she would do after winning games, she replied, "I always put on the jams on the bus for the ride home". We also asked her how she manages being both a student and an athlete. She replied, "Getting my schoolwork done before practice, manage my time in school properly so I can still play, and always try and pay attention to be caught up". We were also able to interview 7th grader, Emeree Tavegie. We asked her what success looks like to her and she said, "It looks like when you win a game, and you go home excited and your whole team is excited and not down in the dumps. Um, there is more things you get to work on after that special game to make you always a little bit better". We also asked her what one of her biggest struggles was during the season and she replied, "When we had a blow out on games and not having all of our teammates". Our wrestling team was also able to accomplish winning the district tournament. We interviewed 6th grader, Bridger Hill and asked him what his strengths as an athlete are. He told us how he feels that he is athletic, and his speed contributes to that. When talking with 7th grader, Gustavo Munoz, we asked him a few questions about his wrestling season. We asked the question, "What did you learn about teamwork during this wrestling season?". He said, "Well, I learned that you have to stick together even though it's hard. You just got to go with it". When asked about his routine after a match, Gustavo explained how the coaches took him aside and explained how he could get even better. Braylon Gregory, a 6th grader, described the wrestling team as both strong and great at working as a team. Swimming was one of the club sports that several of our NMS students participated in. We talked with 7th grader, Brystal Sweet and asked her a few questions about the swim team. We asked Brystal how she thinks her teammates would describe her and she replied, "I don't know. Probably as kind and a leader". She also talked with us about how she enjoys being a part of the swim team because she gets to hang out with her friends. Another club sport that students participated in was Indoor Soccer. When we asked 8th grader, Hollie Swentesky how her teammates made indoor soccer practice fun she replied, "We goof off sometimes or challenge one another in some drills or running laps. Plus talking about random stuff makes practice interesting". They played well throughout the season at their many different tournaments. They participated in events in Gillette, Spearfish, and Belle Fourche. They won some and had some tough losses, but overall learned a lot about teamwork and perseverance. The basketballs boys just ended their season at the beginning of March. They had three different teams. The mixed B team had both 6th and 7th grade players. They continued to improve throughout the season. We talked with 7th grader, Ethan Parsons and asked him what one of the biggest lessons he learned during the season was. He stated, "I have learned that teamwork is more important than winning a game or being the best player on the team". He also told us that one piece of advice that he learned from his coaches was to stay strong and push through. The mixed A team also consisted of both 6th and 7th graders. They won many games throughout the season, and we are excited to see what they can accomplish next year. Lukas Benschopf, a 7th grader explained that his teammates make practice more fun by entertaining him and cheering him up. We also asked him what his biggest achievements were for the season, and he replied, "Mine were probably shooting 3's and making more shots". Our 8th grade boys, played well throughout the season. They had only 8 players but showed their strength in games and continued to learn throughout the season. They were able to accomplish winning districts by just a few points against the Upton Bobcats. It has been a busy few months with sports and we are proud of all our student athletes for keeping up with school as well as their athletic activities.



### Looking Back

By Liam Novak

Over the last 4 months there have been a lot of events that have happened. In January, the Read-a-Thon occurred. A lot of people jumped at the opportunity to read, and for the opportunity to pie Mrs. Tacy in the face, of course. We would also get donations for the school library. You got to keep 15% of the donations that you could spend in the prize store. To celebrate Valentines Day, the school hosted a dance! Everyone had a wonderful time at the dance. The student council made a Valentine raffle for three fantastic prizes. The Newcastle Science Bowl teams went to Casper for the state competition on February 17th. When they got there, they were ready to go, yet it turned out that one of the teams could not go, so it was canceled. They ate McDonalds, and they went to the science zone to do some experiments. On March 10th, they made their second trip. Powell could not go this time, but they still did it. It went well, and they even won! Now they can go to Nationals at D.C. There was a musical festival at Moorcroft on March 11th, in which some NMS students participated. The Choir students of NMS sang at the winter Choir Concert on the 19th of December. Also, on the 13th of December was the winter Band Concert, in which all the NMS band students participated. The math club had their first competition on the 9th of February, even though we did not win, it was a fun experience for those that participated.

### Favorite Quotes from Our Peers

By Dominic Ankeney

It is interesting to learn more about our fellow students, and one great way to do this is by hearing some of their favorite quotes. I interviewed one of our fellow students, 7th grader, Lilliana Cunningham. She shared that her favorite quote comes from the book, "Good Morning, this is God!" written by Joyce Meyer. The quote Lilliana shared was this, "Good morning, this is God. I will be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help so have a great day (Joyce Meyer). We are excited to hear some other quotes from the students at NMS in the next issue of the Blazing Bulletin.



### Blazing Bulletin Challenge

By Emiley Lange & Matthew Gallagher

I am a massive, destructive and gigantic pile of fluff, and when I flow, get out of the way fast don't move so slow. What am I?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO MISS HALEY at [himrichh@wcsd1.org](mailto:himrichh@wcsd1.org)



### Hey Look, That's Art!

By Dantae DeMerritt and Brooklyn Guzman

