

The Wolverine Times

Northshore Academy
Upper School

January 2018

Festivus 5K Raises \$17,000 for NEC



On **Sunday, December 10**, over 300 runners took to the snowy streets of Salem to participate in the 6th Annual Festivus 5K for Autism.

The event, hosted by Finz Seafood & Grill, raised \$17,000 for students at NEC.

The top 3 NEC Team Runners were Derek Brennan (20:51), Stephen Lamonica (21:43), and Sarah Schocker (22:21).

Thank you for your support!

Soup-er Bowl Planning is Under Way!



The NSA Soup-er Bowl is a fun and flavorful fundraiser where staff,

local restaurants, and students donate soup to sell to students and staff. The event is planned for **February 14th**. You are welcome to have lunch with your student at this event.

Feel free to submit a batch of soup (in a crock pot if you have one) for our sale. Please reach out to your community and restaurant contacts. Please email Lynn Burns with any questions at

lburns@nsedu.org

Getting Our Geek On



In December, the Tech class attended a Saturday LAN party. LAN parties are gatherings of people with computers or compatible game

consoles, between which they establish a local area network (LAN) connection between their devices so they can play together. The event is turning into a well-attended NSA tradition.

Tech classes have also been busy building staff computers as upgrades happen throughout the building. Students have been very attentive and responsible with these tasks.



Students enjoying the NSA LAN Party

Spirit Week Recap



Spirit week was a great success! Students participated in many fun activities, such as the school pep rally, Twin Day, Sports Gear Day, Decades Day, and Ugly Sweater Day. The annual Cookie Bakeoff was won by student **Marc Cooper**.

Spring Drivers Education Courses



Fall driver's education is wrapping up! Drivers education is a wonderful opportunity for your student to learn in a supported

environment. A student must be 15 years and 9 months to take the class.

Spring classes begin the week of **March 26**. The required parent class for students enrolled this spring will be held on **February 6 from 6-8 at NSA**. Please email Lynn Burns with any questions at **lburns@nsedu.org**

Dual Enrollment Classes

NSA has 7 students enrolled in a spring dual enrollment class. This is a college class for high school students where both high school and college credits are earned.

For more information, please reach out to your student's counselor.

NEC Family Night on January 25



Family Night at NSA will be held on **Thursday, January 25** from 6-8PM. The evening

will feature a parent discussion forum on the latest research on teenagers and the effects of social media.

Light refreshments will be served following the discussion. We will also be offering pizza and activities for students and siblings over 6 while parents attend the forum.

Please RSVP with the number of children and their ages to Lynn Burns at **lburns@nsedu.org**.

Senior Seminar Update

NSA Seniors have been working on their senior seminars by planning and executing a fundraiser for a cause of their choice. The project helps them learn important job skills, such as collaboration, communication, conflict resolution, initiative, organization and time management, problem solving, and dependability.

Donations were recently made to the Cape Ann Animal Aid and Lifebridge Shelter in Salem.

SATs

When a student applies to a college or university, he or she will likely be asked to provide test scores for the SAT, which is a standardized college entrance exam.

The SATs are offered all year, with the exception of February and April. The remaining dates for 2017-2018 include: March 10, May 5, and June 2. To learn more, visit

<https://www.collegeboard.org>

SAT accommodations can be applied for, but can take weeks to process. Please contact your student's NSA counselor for more information. Please plan ahead and request an application if your student is in the 10th or 11th grade.

Save the Date!

1/17 College tour to UMass Boston

1/25 Family Night 6-8PM

1/26 NEC Pride Day

2/14 Soup-Er Bowl

2/16 Early Release Day (11:30)

2/19 President's Day (No School)

2/20-2/23 February Vacation

3/26 Spring driver's ed classes start for students older than 15 years and 9 months. Contact **lburns@nsedu.org** for more information.



Go Wolverines!