

# 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester 2016-17



# Newsletter

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North Country Union Junior High School 57 Junior High Drive Derby VT 05829

The mission statement for North Country Union Junior High School is "To be a community that shares the responsibility for the intellectual and personal development of all learners within an environment of trust, safety, and respect." This school year we have continued the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) to help support our mission. PBIS is a state-wide effort designed to help school teams form a proactive school-wide systems approach to improving social and academic competence for all students. Schools in Vermont have engaged in using a formal system of positive behavioral supports in their schools. The purpose of PBIS in our school is to maximize the academic and social learning of the school community through consistent, universal, proactive systems that create and maintain a safe and effective learning environment.

At NCUJHS, we believe that the character traits of **respect, responsibility** and **perseverance** are important for the success of all members of the school community in academics and in life. We also believe that there are certain habits which exemplify these traits. These habits can be modeled, taught and assessed so that students can strengthen the character traits to the best of their ability. Students are encouraged to follow these *Habits for Success*

- ❖ I am a **respectful** member of the NCUJHS community.
- ❖ I take **responsibility** for my success as a learner.
- ❖ I **persevere** to produce high quality work.

Our school is a Title 1 school and as such, we receive federal funds to support the learning of our students. This year we are using these funds for our professional development training in the area of response to intervention and school improvement, interventions services in reading, and software to support our efforts to reduce disruptive behavior. We think these programs work really well for kids, and we welcome your input at any time.

# *Important* **Safety Information**



**Front Door Security:** School policy is to welcome all parents and adult visitors who have reason to be at the school. All visitors will need to announce themselves to the front office by pressing the button to the left of the doors in the entranceway of the Solarium. Visitors must report to the main office and sign the register. Visitors must wear a visitor's pass at all times in the building. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

**Safety Drills:** NCUJHS conducts a variety of safety drills throughout the school year. While some drills involve evacuating the building, other drills (lock downs) may take place while students remain in the building. The school community practices these drills at a minimum of once each month.

**Off Campus Evacuation:** An evacuation plan is in place to be sure that our school community will have a safe place in the event that we need to quickly evacuate the building.

**School Messenger:** School Messenger is a rapid communication system used to notify parents in the event of a major emergency, school closings, or general events going on at school. This system will allow the school to make up to 4,000 automated phone calls in 12 minute. The system is set to deliver the message if the call is a live pick-up or if the call is answered by an answering machine. There are two different ways that we will be using the system.

*Information Calls:* When there is general information for parents, we will use the system to communicate with parents. We will use the system to remind parents about distribution of Parent Updates, Report Cards, permission slip due dates, snow days/delayed school days and other special events. These calls will show up on the caller ID as either the main number of the school or the Supervisory Union main number.

*Emergency Alerts:* In the event of an emergency situation, the system will contact your home phone, cell phone, work phone as well as all three emergency contact numbers. If you require additional contact numbers, please contact Mrs. Kirchner at 766-2276 ext. 5101. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone. In the event of an emergency, the caller ID will display **411**.

Keeping you informed is a top priority of NCUJHS. **The successful delivery of information and messages is dependent upon accurate contact information for each student, so please make certain that we have your most current contact number.** If this information changes during the year, please let us know immediately.

# *Important* **Safety Information**



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**Emergency School Closings:** In the event of inclement weather or mechanical breakdown, school may be closed or the starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal. NCUJHS will utilize the School Messenger system to notify parents. In the event of a school closing or delay, the system will be used to make a call to all home and cell phone numbers to let families know of the cancellation or delay. Emergency school closing will also be announced over radio stations WILE1490AM, and WMOO 92FM and some TV stations.

In the event of a two-hour delay, students should plan to catch their bus two hours from their originally assigned time. Parents who drop their children off at the school should plan to get them to school between 9:45 and 10:00am. We will begin classes at 10:22am. We will begin the day with Block 1 and move through an abbreviated schedule for that day.

In the rare event of inclement weather or mechanical breakdown during the school day, it may be necessary to close school during the school day. This would be a very rare occurrence. Emergency school closings will be announced over radio stations WIKE 1490 AM, on WMOO 92 RM and some TV stations. In the event of an early school closing, we would make announcements to notify students of that information. We would offer students opportunities to make phone contact with parents to make after-school arrangements. It is always a good idea to have a conversation with your child about what plan you would want to put in place in the rare occurrence of an early school closing.





# Falcon of the Trimester Awards

## Blue Team

Josephine Chitambar

Vermillion Reardon

Christopher Johnson

Matthew Abbott

## Red Team

Natalie Limlaw

Mason Marquis

Kendyl Page

Mitchel Provoncha

## Gold Team

Braden Harris

Abigail Pettengill

Max Roberts

Ashlyn VonHeeder



# Honor Roll

## All A Highest

Matthew Abbott  
Sage Alix  
Bailey Arkley  
Shauna Baraw  
Bailey Bartley  
Abigail Bellizzi  
Dustin Beloin  
Amanda Bissonnette  
Emma Bowen  
Diamond Bussiere  
Adrianna Chaput  
Josephine Chitambar  
James Cilwik  
Ryan Collins

Allyson Cotnoir  
Clarissa Demers  
Jake Elwell  
Julia Flanders  
Maclaren Flanders  
Riann Fortin  
Ava George  
Taylor Gilson  
Austin Giroux  
David Gratton  
Bryce Gunn  
Peter Gyurkovics  
Goff Haley  
Erin Lamotte

Hannah Loukes  
Cecelia Marquis  
McKenna Marquis  
Ericka Mead  
Matthew Moore  
Sarah Nadeau  
Molly Patenaude  
Abigail Pettengill  
Ruthie Petzoldt  
Allison Pillsbury  
Dorothea Potter  
Cameron Provost  
Vermillion Reardon  
Logan Richardson

Ryder Richardson  
Max Roberts  
Terah Snell  
Kameron Starr  
Ashlyn VonHeeder  
Blair Webster  
Jackson Young

## A/B High Honors

Jaylin Alderman  
Gavyn Allen  
Hannah Amyot  
Hunter Atherton  
Tisha Bailey  
Julia Baker  
Gabriel Baraw  
Mana Barrett  
Olive Beauchesne  
James Beede-Skinner  
Britton Beswick  
Kayla Birk  
Jeffrey Blais  
Alexia Boatwright  
Chase Brainard  
Amelia Burger  
Mikayla Cadieux  
Monica Caffrey  
Nolan Carmody  
Bryce Champney

Korey Champney  
Noah Cheney  
Hailie Chilafoux  
Sterling Choquette  
Jeanette Coderre  
Marisa Cote  
Adam Curtin-Sykes  
Kiarah Deslandes  
Sienna Eastman  
Zachary Ellis  
Owen Fournier  
Steffen Fournier  
Kaya Germaine  
Connor Glass  
Aleena Graveline  
Ashton Hamblett  
Shea Hamel  
Braden Harris  
Jackie Hatin  
Garrett Heath

Hannah Hisman  
Geovanni Isabelle  
Rylie Jenness  
Christopher Johnson  
Jazmine Judd  
Braidan LaMadeleine  
Cody Lamb  
Daniel Lanoue  
Dillon Lantagne  
Emily Letourneau  
Makenna Lewis  
Natalie Limlaw  
Kyle Martin  
Joseph Mayfield  
Sage McCarthy  
Jacob Michaud  
Cayde Micknak  
Trysten Morgan  
Andrew Morin  
Arlo Moses

Laura Mount  
Chyanne Ofsuryk  
Kendyl Page  
Abbie Percy  
Jordan Poirier  
Hailey Pothier  
Marta Potter  
Mya Poulin  
Mitchell Provoncha  
Libby Prue  
Paige Ramsdell  
Ryleigh Rappold  
Hunter Roberge  
Ethan Robillard  
Conlon St. John  
Jeremiah Stacey  
Cole Taylor  
Abigail Thompson  
Erika Tuller  
Camden Willis

# Teacher Awards



## Family and Consumer Sciences

Emily Letourneau; Perseverance

Jacob Michaud; Responsibility

Elijah Morris; Perseverance

Abbie Percy; Respect

Abigail Pettengill; Responsibility

Emma Ward; Respect



## Visual Arts

Matthew Moore; Responsibility

Allison Pillsbury; Perseverance

Libby Prue; Respect

Max Roberts; Respect

Kaylie Wheeler; Responsibility

Emily Wilkie; Perseverance



Hailey Lawrence; Respect

Cody Lamb; Perseverance

Sage McCarthy; Perseverance

Mitchell Provoncha; Responsibility

Cameron Provost; Respect

Ashlyn VonHeeder; Responsibility



## Instrumental Music

Clarissa Demers; Perseverance

Erin Lamotte; Responsibility

Cecelia Marquis; Respect

Ruthie Petzoldt; Responsibility

Mitchell Provoncha; Respect

Victoria Young; Perseverance





# ***Mathematics***

## ***Mr. Fortin:***

Allyson Cotnoir; Respect

Logan Richardson; Responsibility

Erika Tuller; Perseverance

## ***Mr. Blais:***

Emma Bowen; Respect

Devin Grenier; Responsibility

Jordan Porier; Perseverance

## ***Mrs. Baker:***

Hunter Atherton; Perseverance

Libby Prue; Respect

Ryder Richardson Responsibility

## ***Mrs. Murphy/Mrs. Olbrys***

Jake Elwell; Responsibility

Braden Harris; Respect

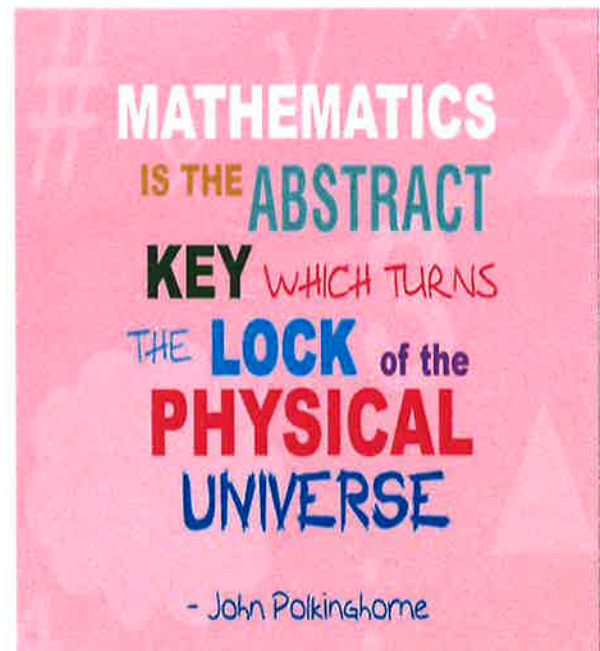
Logan Snider; Perseverance

## ***Mr. Chitambar/ Mrs. Castle:***

Samantha Brown; Responsibility

Abigail Pettengill; Respect

Paige Ramsdell; Perseverance





# Library Technology



Dustin Beloin; Perseverance

Clarissa Demers; Responsibility

Joseph Higginson; Respect



## Chorus

Destiny Poulin; Perseverance

Kayla Birk; Respect

Cecelia Marquis; Respect

Connor Glass; Responsibility

Jeremiah Stacey; Perseverance

Matthew Allen; Responsibility



Emma Bowen; Perseverance

Jeanette Coderre; Respect

Julia Flanders; Respect

Ava George; Responsibility

Aleena Graveline; Perseverance

Braden Harris; Responsibility

## Physical Education

Hunter Atherton; Reasonability

Britton Beswick; Perseverance

Allyson Cotnoir; Respect

Jake Elwell; Respect

Vermillion Reardon; Responsibility

Max Roberts; Perseverance

Gavyn Allen; Respect

Faith Barry; Perseverance

Diamond Bussiere; Responsibility

Hunter Ducarme; Perseverance

Francesca Lynch; Respect

Hailey Pothier; Responsibility



Bella Carlos; Perseverance

Marisa Cote; Perseverance

Mikayla Cadieux; Respect

Ryan Collins; Perseverance

Clarissa Demers; Responsibility

Cody Lamb; Perseverance

Max Roberts; Respect

Samson Willson; Responsibility

Sienna Eastman; Responsibility

Austin Giroux; Respect

John Kuhaneck; Respect

Natalie Limlaw; Perseverance

Ransom Robinson; Responsibility

Emma Ward; Perseverance



Bailey Arkley; Perseverance

Mitchell Provoncha; Respect

Hannah Amyot; Responsibility

Josephine Chitambar; Responsibility

Kaitlyn Grenier; Perseverance

Kaylie-Ann Mobbs; Respect

Brandon Prue; Respect

Vermillion Reardon; Perseverance

James Cilwik; Responsibility

Markita Coderre; Respect

Steffen Fournier; Perseverance

Chelsealynn Glodgett; Perseverance

Braden Harris; Respect

Ryleigh Rappold; Responsibility

# Health Class Highlights

Throughout the trimester, students are reading and reviewing articles from Scholastic's current health and life-skills magazine for teens called *Choices*. Here are some resources that *Choices* recommends:

<http://choices.scholastic.com/resource-guide>



Another great resource for guides on digital citizenship, privacy and internet concerns, ratings on movies, video games, apps and more are at **Common Sense Media**.

"Common Sense Media helps families make smart media choices. We offer the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music. Our **Parent Concerns** and **Parent Blog** help families understand and navigate the problems and possibilities of raising children in the digital age."

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/about-us/our-mission#about-us>



## *NCUJHS StoryKeepers Residency*

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NCUJHS was lucky enough to again host local author in residence Natalie Kinsey Warnock through the month of October for her StoryKeepers program. Natalie regaled the students with stories of her past and taught students to research and write their own family stories. Students then presented their stories in a day-long celebration of their learning and storytelling that continued into the evening of October 20 for parents. Students and teachers spent the day with mixed teams and mixed grade level audiences where students constructively critiqued each other and praised each other's stories and efforts. Students presented a variety of projects from traditional written narratives to comic strips, digital books, video stories, and electronic circuit boards that enhanced their storytelling.

Natalie's residency complements the language arts department's school-wide trimester focus on "Our Storytelling Traditions" and our study of why we tell stories and how those stories originate, are put together, and are passed along. Students also learned valuable research skills including interviewing, accessing primary and reliable secondary sources and historical documents online, as well as real-time research at the Derby Town Clerk's Office that will serve them well as they begin a Humanities-centered history fair project in the second trimester. Look for another celebration of learning here at NCUJHS in late February.

Thank you to Faye Morin and the staff at the Derby Town Clerk's Office for hosting our students over three days and for the doughnuts!





# **Cross Country Running**

**Coached by: Ericka Paige**

Jaylin Alderman

Hannah Amyot

Josephine Chitambar

James Cilwik

Jayden Coburn

Kaya Germaine

Austin Giroux

Abigail Gonyaw

Peter Gyurkovics

Braden Harris

Dominic Hilliker

Andrew Morin

Arlo Moses

Abigail Pettengill

Ruthie Petzoldt

Dorothea Potter

Marta Potter

Vermillion Reardon

Jada Sanville

Jackson Young



# Soccer 2016-17

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls—Coached by: Joanne Fortin**

Sage Alix	Olive Beauchesne	Kayla Birk
Amanda Bissonnette	Adrianna Chaput	Allyson Cotnoir
Riann Fortin	Haley Goff	Alexis Hawley
Sarah Nadeau	McKenna Marquis	Molly Patenaude
Hailey Pothier	Marta Potter	Erika Tuller

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys—Coached by: Richard Blais**

Adam Abbot	Matthew Abbott	Jeffrey Blais
Nolan Carmody	Noah Cheney	Jordan Eastman
Zachary Ellis	David Gratton	Peter Gyurkovics
Dominic Hilliker	Musa Issa	Christopher Lahue
Nathan Maple	Hunter Masson	Matthew Moore
Logan Richardson	Camden Willis	

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls—Coached by: Steven Farrow**

Britton Beswick	Alexia Boatwright	Mikayla Cadieux
Halie Chilafoux	Josephine Chitambar	Ava George
Taylor Gilson	Rylie Jenness	Halli Judd
Carly King	Mercedes Labbee	Makenna Lewis
Cecelia Marquis	Dorothea Potter	Abigail Thompson

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys—Coached by: Josh Brien**

Dustin Beloin	Noah Crogan	Owen Fournier
Austin Giroux	George Jacobs	Dillon Lantagne
Jeremiah Mayfield	Cayde Micknak	David Naramore
Charles Navin	Mitchell Provoncha	Johnathan Pray
Ryder Richardson	Kameron Starr	Blair Webster