



Nor'easter



ICYMI - HOCO Recap

by Jasmine Estes & Meredith Sprague

For the Vikings of Northeast High school, Homecoming Week is a chaotically fun celebration and one of the most looked-forward to events. Throughout the week, each of the five days have themes that student and staff can dress up to accordingly. For this school year, Monday was Opposite Day, Tuesday was Wild West Day, Wednesday was Movie Day, Thursday was Character Day, and finally, Friday ended with Spirit Day. During spirit week, many students and teachers dressed up for the different days. These outfits ranged anywhere from dressing as a cowboy to looking like a unicorn.

One of everyone's favorite part of the week is the pep rally on Spirit Day. It gave the entire school a fun event to look forward to and to get everyone (especially the football team) hyped up for the homecoming game. At one point amid the pep rally, there was a demonstration of what they hoped would be the outcome of the game. In the demonstration two students dressed up as sumo wrestlers. One of them represented the Warhawks, while the other represented us Vikings. The two rivals then faced each other and tried to knock the other down. With the



Northeast High School 2021-2022 Homecoming King and Queen: Riley Patterson and Ta'myra Jones.

Vikings obviously being the stronger and better opponent, our side won. But the students weren't the only ones who enjoyed it, the teachers were also full of infectious excitement and joy. Throughout the rest of the pep rally, many things were going on. For examples, the football team danced and played around with both their teammates and the crowd, the different grades had a contest of who could be the loudest,

and the cheerleaders put on a performance they had practiced for weeks. Allyson Minelli, a varsity cheerleader, said, "I thought performing in front of the school was stressful because we practiced so much and I didn't want to mess up the stunts." But even with the nerves they might have felt, the ladies put on an outstanding performance. And as for the whole event, every student and staff member out there had a fun time

the season. In a hard-fought competition, the Vikings won against Seminole's Warhawks 21-12. For every touchdown, the stands erupted in joyful screams and clapping for our beloved football team. To match the crowd's energy the Northeast Band would play the school's notorious Fight Song while the cheerleaders cheered the boys on with chants and stunts.

To end the week off, was the homecoming dance. As the coronavirus prohibited the possibility of a dance, this night was very much anticipated among all students. Between all grades and every group of people, everyone looked amazing. Just being in the room you could feel the joy among each other, whether pictures were being taken of your favorite people, or taking to the dance floor with people who shared a love for the song being played. At several points there were even dance circles being

made or conga lines going around the large room in the Coliseum. "Yea! It was fun. I had so much fun with my friends and dancing with everybody," says Sophie Ellis.

Another part of homecoming season that everybody looks forward to is homecoming court. Students from each grade, excluding the senior class, nominate one girl and one boy to represent their class. But twelfth graders get to choose ten pairs of students and then before the dance itself, the whole school votes on one girl and boy from the senior class to be the queen and king and represent Northeast High School. For the freshmen class, Danielle Brunner and Derrick Brantley were nominated. The sophomore class chose Taylor Welch and Corey Anderson for their prince and princess. To represent the junior class, Victoria Aguilera and Henry Hernandez. As the upperclassmen of the school, the ten couples chosen included Eric Delgado and Lily Contreras, Jeffrey Phanphilethip and Briana Riddle, Romario Degoutte and Helena Leitner, Khalid Jackson and Catherine Lugo, Nick Nero and Marquavia Evans, Xzavier Mead and Chloe Logan, Jacob Williams and Ta'myra Jones, Riley Patterson and Jasmine Estes, Elijah Norfleet and Joanna Godfrey, and lastly, Irene Malis. At 9 o'clock of the homecoming dance, the king and queen were announced. The king chosen was Riley Patterson with the queen being Ta'myra Jones.

Each day brought new memories to be shared with each other and fun times that would never be forgotten. The week brought the month of October to an enjoyable end.



Vikings Versus the Devils

The most competitive rivalry in Northeast History.

by Isabell Fowler, Jasmine Estes, Sophia DiLella

For decades the two schools have always gone head to head in every sport. From chanting at each other during games to vandalizing the others' school. The tricks and ____ go all the way back to 1954.

Despite the negative stigma on rivalry in general, there are a lot of benefits of healthy rivalry. According to Wenzel Coaching, having that competition between two teams drives the players to do their best. When they're on the field there is the natural competitiveness between the two teams and the players on each team. On the field there is one goal: to win. When the Vikings take the field against the Green Devils there is nothing but the decades of rivalry in the

air.

Through the last 67 years the two competitors have played the most daring of tricks. In 1994 a group of kids would go to the others' school and put toilet paper all over the campus. This would happen every Friday whether the two schools were against each other or not. Rivalries are a large part of the highschool experience, they make things fun and exciting, and after talking with a few members of our study body this statement became clear. Many of the interviewees shared the same thought, "Our rivals make us better and even though we might not win every game they still bring us together and we have a good time", summed up, Alya Weaver grade 11. One student Presley Jones, grade 9, brought up a good point when she said "Our

rivals bring us more school spirit and everyone that goes to the games is very intrigued". Rivalries are not only fun for student athletes, they are exciting for everyone, even teachers and of course coaches. Coach Davis believes that, "Rivalry ups the whole team's morale and brings the best out of players, it also allows for bragging rights." Even teachers that aren't also coaches enjoy rivalry. Mr. Morrison said "I know the rivalry with St. Pete is very historic. I kinda always liked rivalries because as a sports fan they bring more fun to the game." Everyone across campus is influenced by this long standing rivalry and they love it.



Junior Jason Bernard stands in front of the student section in the stands at the NEHI vs St Pete football game wearing a shirt he made for the event.

Covid Effects School Spirit

Is school spirit at an all-time low due to the new adaptations caused by Covid? Or is this the new attitude of the student body and teachers?



By: Maria Brophy, Azaria Barkley

Over the spirit week it was made apparent that that liveliness that is supposed to run through the course of the school is lacking. Why is that? Plenty of people have acknowledged the same. This was supposed to be a week all about supporting our school and the people in it, but suddenly everyone lost their enthusiasm. Could it be that the people of Northeast don't care anymore?

Or did COVID play a part in the absence of spirit that's supposed to give the school life.

Covid. A lead cause for death, depression, and the changes in the way we now navigate the world. Many have seen and felt the differences that are the lasting effects from the virus. In fact, many teens have felt "anxious and disconnected due to social distancing and missing usual social outlets" (Robert Preidt, paragraph 11). With

the lack of ways to connect with others because of the pandemic, an anonymous student has stated that it's made people "less motivated, so no one really cares for the school things anymore".

These characteristics that have been found in the student body have unmotivated the students to participate in school activities and have pride in being a Viking.

On October 29, 2021, the school wide pep

rally was held on the field-the bleachers covered in a sea of red, black, and white. The Viking Sumo wrestler destroying Warhawk. The hype football team flipping in the field along with the cheerleaders' tumblers and stunts. But when taking a glance at the faces present, there was a lack of enthusiasm or excitement in certain sections of the bleachers. Schools other than ours have also experienced this sudden drop in liveliness. With Covid coming to a rise once again there has been "less of a need for in-person social connections" (Lauren Dain, Jessica Sehgal, and Sydney Ter Molen, 17). Now students are preferring to use online resources to communicate and interact with their peers.

With improvements made to the events hosted by the school it may be able to salvage what spirit is left in our school. An anonymous student suggested "to promote school

spirit there should be a lot more information and more teacher's participation as well." Along with this suggestion freshman Samantha Lewin stated that "posters and teachers knowing information, so they inform us also."

Although we aren't alone with the struggle with school spirit some schools seem to be doing just fine. One way they incorporated school spirit was making a weekly spirit day "these simple actions are great...it encourages a common bond between fellow students, faculty, and staff alike" (Kinsley Stocum, paragraph 4).

by Cetan Falcon, Trinity Hurley, Nev Leitner, and Khalfini Phillips

Northeast High has had a long history of golf, all leading up to our current head coach Mr. Olis and his star team of young up and coming golf prodigies! But before we meet the current players, let us back up and explain a little about the history of this sport.

The game of golf originated in 15th century Scotland, however the modern 18-hole golf started

in 1764 at The Old Course, St Andrews. Funnily enough, golf was banned in Scotland as it was seen that it distracted from military training. Moving on, some notable people of the time include both Tom Kidd and Mary Stuart, both having distinct accomplishments and grants to the game of golf. Tom Kidd was the first person to be given the modern golf trophy in the year 1873, an especially important accomplishment. Conversely, Mary Stuart

(being the queen of Scotland at the time) coined the term “caddie” when referring to her assistants as cadets.

The current NEHI team of 2021; led by Mr. Olis and his amazing team. Coach Olis praised Pat Bond, on the boys’ team, and Sydney Fjare, on the girls’ team, as the best of the best on his teams. Pat Bond, with a Handicap(1) of 2, is one of the best players of this year. In his interview he believed the team did well

with their “limited numbers” and overall smaller team sizes. This sentiment was held by most players of the team as well. For instance, Kayla Hage said they did well with participation; while Aiden Smith said they did well even with the considerable number of fresh players. In that vein, Mr. Olis emphasized that, even with the team doing so well this year, they are a younger team and only losing one member to graduation this year. In short,

the team can only improve from here, giving them a better chance at taking the number 1 spot!

Moving forward the records the team is aiming to beat next year are mostly improving their placements from this year. This year the highest placement was Pat Bond who ranked 3rd overall. Looking on to the future, this year’s golf team has a very promising chance of doing exceedingly well going into the next year and beyond.

Here’s the Kicker

by Isabella Mehling

Girls’ soccer has gotten their kickoff! With a strong start from both the JV and Varsity team, this season is clearly a remarkable one. With three days of tryouts and an abundance of players this year compared to just enough players to schedule games last season, the team is flourishing with quality players.

With a close pre-season game of 6-7 against Pinellas Park, the Varsity soccer team has been working hard alongside the JV team to develop new skills. “The girls have shown great improvement and have come together to form a solid team.” says Mr. Cady, the JV coach for Northeast girls’ soccer.

Dedication to a sport is always essential, and many of the girls have shown that by showing up to every practice and game. The want for improvement is there, and it’s what drives a good season.

Knowing that there is still a lot of games ahead, the girls are practicing over holiday breaks. “We’re going to push through the season, no matter how good or bad the team is.” states Sarah Daranikone, a junior and Varsity player here at Northeast High School. Whether the season is filled with victories or losses, everyone will put their best foot forward.

Having team spirit is a huge factor in this team. Being comfortable with

your teammates, having the freedom to speak up and know your value will make a team even stronger. Tied with the importance of technique, being comfortable with your talents and teammates is what makes or breaks a team.

Some losses will hit hard, but with the stands cheering and chants from the teams, high fives before and after a game, and the teamwork that is displayed, those losses are softened. This year, the team will do something great. Whether it’s making it far up the ranks in the end of season tournament, or just collaborating in a new environment for many, this season will be one for the books.

by Ella Doswell

Coming back from a season where they made the playoffs, the boys soccer team is looking forward to continuing their success. The season began with two wins and one draw with victories over Keswick and Lakewood and a draw against long time rival, St. Pete High School.

The season has gotten off to a great start. Captains Omar Chafchouni (#18), Devin Perry (#6), Nolan DeHaven (#8) and Jackson Bickel (#7) have stepped up to lead the team to glory. Omar has contributed tremendously so far, with four goals and two assists. Nolan and Jackson have been playing phenomenally from the back

field defending against the opposing team.

Meet the Player: Moheeb Aburajab
What are your expectations for this season?

“To put our greatest time and effort into winning every game no matter how skilled our opponents are.”

What position do you play and why?

“I am more comfortable as a full back because I enjoy a more defensive role on the field.”

Why did you join NEHI Boys Soccer?

“I love the sport. I grew up watching it with my family. I also love that I share the same values as my teammates.”

The 2021 Vikings: Overcoming Tragedy and Change

By Aiden Vanasco

“It’s not how you get hit; it’s how you get back up.” – Frank Miller (Center)

It’s no secret that the Vikings football program has had a tough past few years. Notably with the heartbreaking death of Quez, the loss of Coach Frioud, unremarkable seasons, heartbreaking playoff losses, and countless other setbacks, the Vikings’ confidence seemed to be at a low coming into the 2020-2021 offseason. However, this year, we rebounded from a losing season in 2020, and tied for 1st place in the district with a 9-2 overall record. Thanks to an ex-

treme amount of talent on the roster, and Coach Davis’ incredible first year as head coach, the Vikings dominated the regular season. Even though we fell short in the playoffs, the story of the 2021 Vikings is nothing short of amazing.

There is a lot more to 2021 than a 9-2 record. During the offseason, the entire Football program was rebuilt from the ground up. The weight room was refurbished, and the team got new helmets and pads. Coach Davis stepped up to be a new head coach, and we had several exciting student transfers. So, entering the pre-season, the team

was noticeably different than years prior. We started off strong with a pre-season victory against Calvary Christian High School, and a 32-7 victory against Palm Harbor to open the season. From the beginning, it was clear that the new team had a strong chemistry.

Destin Ozorco, more commonly known by the school and his teammates as Tugboat, referred to the team as a family. “No matter what background you come from, a team is a family. And, we were a family.” Throughout the regular season, the Viking family lost only one game, and we defeated teams

like the Largo Packers, Seminole Warhawks, and Countryside Cougars that we haven’t beat in several years. In the face of adversity, our Vikings stood strong. We played through the tragedies, setbacks, and team changes to create a monster season. The likes of which we haven’t seen at our school in decades.

The 2021 Northeast High School Vikings dominated their rivals this season. Ranked #32 in all Class 6A Florida High School Football teams, and #165 in the state, they recorded their best overall record in all internet-available history, which goes

all the way back to 2004. Headlined by D1 Louisville commit D’Angelo Hutchinson, who threw for a total of 511 yards this season, while also amounting 500 rushing yards in 7 games played, and defended by stars Jaylan Anderson, who came 4th in the district in tackles, and Derrick Brantley, who led the district in sacks. A disappointing end to a historic season cannot be overshadowed by the legacy this season has left behind on our school, and even with the loss of several key teammates, our confidence going into next year is at an all-time high.

STUDENT INTEREST

Where Do We Go From Here?

Navigating the confusing pathways of the college application process.

by Cassidy Campbell, Kacey Whales, Monique Garcés, Meredith Sprague

Going to college is a huge aspect in life so for the students who are graduating this year, applying for colleges is an important step that they need to take. There are many aspects that are required when completing college applications but with clear explanations, it's really not as stressful as it may seem.

There are multiple methods that can be used to apply for colleges. Some seniors prefer to apply directly through the college and other prefer to use websites like Common App. No matter which direction is used, most of the same steps need to be taken. Colleges will usually ask for a high school transcript (which can be sent through a counselor), some type of standardized test score (SAT or ACT),

and an essay about you. The classes and extracurriculars you take are also crucial for you application. High level courses not only look good on high school transcripts, but also prepare the student for the rigorous work level that colleges have. Though most colleges suggest standardized testing scores, not all require them. They may help to give the application an edge over those who don't send scores. Colleges give applicants prompts and word count limits that they can use. Typically, the prompts will suggest that you write something personal about yourself so the review board can know a little more about you. This could include writing about a hardship you got over or the reason that you want to pursue your desired major. The purpose of writing a college essay is not so that they can judge your writing ability, but so they can assess which applicants

have the drive to go to their school.

The college application itself is not the only aspect of the entire application process. There are financial aid options that can help with paying for college tuition. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a common way to apply for potential loans or federal scholarships that could assist with covering college tuition. Another common method of getting scholarships is through Bright Futures. This process offers two scholarships based solely on volunteer work and testing scores. Though FAFSA and Bright Futures may be some of the most common, there are hundreds if not, thousands of scholarships that are offered. Companies such as Tylenol, Coca-Cola, Disney, and Wal-Mart all have opportunities for college scholarships. Other foundations, websites, and colleges

also offer scholarship opportunities for all students ranging from high school freshmen all the way to college juniors.

One other important point to remember is to finish every step as fast and as thorough as possible. Keeping ahead of deadlines is the best advice that can be given when dealing with college applications. Many colleges even rewards this by automatically listing applicants that submit their entire application before a certain deadline. The earlier that an application is completed, the higher chance you have of being accepted. Another good reason to apply early is to avoid application fees. Some students start applications and apply for scholarships the summer before their senior year knowing



Guidance Counselor Ms. Kirkwood meets with a student to discuss her college goals.

that it helps them lower fees because it can increase their chances of getting into the school they want.

Stresses of the Application

by Claire Singha

Submitting college applications is a pivotal point in any college bound teenager's life. When it comes to anything college related, actually turning in the application and hitting submit is the easy part. Getting to the submission button is one of the final stages of the process. According to a study performed by NYU, "(49%) of all students reported feeling a great deal of stress on a daily basis".

To start the process, each student needs to decide vaguely what they want to do as a career, then they need to research the different colleges and universities that offer those programs or certificates. Once they have done all their research, they narrow down the search to their top choices. Now, students will get on the common app or apply to each school individually.

This seems stressful all on its own, but each student is doing all this while trying to maintain their GPA and keep their

grades up so colleges will be impressed by their transcripts. An overwhelming number of students say college applications contribute to their stress. Many teachers push their students to apply for college while still piling on the senior year workload. Ella Doswell, a senior at Northeast said, "As hard as the college application process is, it leads us to success in the future besides the fact that it can be complicated and stressful."

Although many students will agree with Ella's stance on the stress of college applications, not everyone will have the optimism she does to look on the

bright side and see how this stress can lead to a better future. Jovana Petrovic-Todic, also a Northeast senior said, "it never ends, there will always be something more left to do." Jovana is a first-generation college student and is figuring out this process on her own. She plans to go into nursing at the Saint Petersburg College Nursing School.

Steven Duff, a Northeast senior says, "College applications have added lot of stress to an already busy schedule. Between having to write essays, get transcripts and do interviews, it is kind of overwhelming. But it'll be

worth it once it's all said and done." Steven is planning to go into the military and is hoping to get accepted into the United States Military Academy, West Point. He has had to go through a strenuous process of talking to state representatives as a requirement for the application process.

Drew Linton, another Northeast senior stated, "Finding a way to find time to balance schoolwork, athletics, work, and time for college applications was difficult especially when it seemed like teachers never gave us a break to work on our applications and college



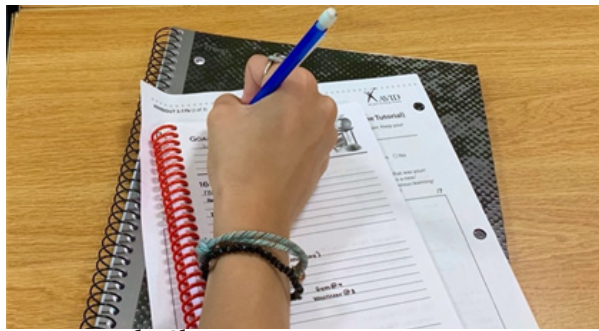
essays." Drew has applied to several schools including the University of South Florida, University of Central Florida, and University of Kentucky. His top choice being USF while majoring in sports management.

Mrs. Milne, the front desk receptionist at Northeast says, "I have seen kids cry, they get very upset, it is just very stressful because they are trying to get into a college their parents want and it's too much sometimes." Mrs. Milne deals with parents all day long and has seen firsthand the extra stress parents are adding to their kids during the application season.

College application stress is something seen by both teachers and staff while it is being experienced by students, some are focused on the stress while others are learning to overcome and see what will come after applications are all said and done, and acceptance letters begin to arrive.

Stay the Course

Keep it simple and jump right into ways students can stay motivated.



By Miranda Shuman, Izzy Mehling, Syed Haddak

The transition from online to in-person school has been difficult for both students and staff. The loss of loved ones, suffering from covid, and the fear of falling behind academically all have affected us more than we would like to admit. Anyone who has attended school understands how difficult it is to stay motivated. School can be grueling at times but finding the right motivation can keep you working towards goals you have established. One way Chloe Logan, a 12th grader, keeps herself motivated and focused on school is by reminding herself about how hard her parents' work. "My parents motivate me to work harder in school," she says.

One tool that Northeast provides students with is a planner. "Planners are an easy way to stay organized," says Charlotte Hefte, a sophomore here at Northeast High School. Keeping up to date on your planner can ensure productivity and organization. This is helpful for school as well as time management; it ensures you keep events and deadlines organized. Planners also allow you to prioritize important activities and assignments. Knowing which assignments to get done first, when they are due, and which ones are most important can help students not be overwhelmed by masses of work. Focusing on one assignment at a time can make a mountain of work seem a little less scary.

You can use goals to help you stay motivated in school and outside of school. Goals help remind you of what you are working towards, and the things

you still need to accomplish. Setting goals can help keep you on track, and help you

know what to prepare for in the future. Try and make the goals you set for yourself directly related to the task you need to stay motivated for. Doing this can improve your time management as well. A faculty member here at Northeast, Mrs. Taylor, says that students should "...keep their 5/10-year plan in mind, and make sure to always look forward." Setting these goals for yourself can make sure you're on the right track for your future.

To-do lists are a common way to stay organized and can keep you motivated. This sets up small goals that you can accomplish, which then helps you achieve superior goals. The Northeast planner contains a checklist to help you keep track of courses that are required for graduation. Checking off these courses once they are completed gives you a sense of pride, and leads you even closer to the big goal: graduation. "Writing a to do list for the day increased my productivity and allowed me to prioritize the tasks that were most important" says Anna Sanders, a 9th grader at Northeast. To-do lists are easy to create and are an effective tool to use throughout the school year.

Staying motivated through this school year can be difficult, especially with Covid. However, using the tools provided, you can succeed personally and academically.



Chase the Dream

by Amiyah Williams

Florida A&M University is a historically black college located in Tallahassee. It is one of the largest historically black colleges in the United States, with over a thousand students. It awards bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. Florida A&M University students are proud students of their school, and they are not afraid of telling you that they bleed the colors of their school, which is green and orange. I, along with other high achieving black students, was personally invited by Mama Joe, to attend an Florida A&M University event held at SPC college. Thanks to Mama Joe, I was able to attend this event and am here to share my experience as well as that of other students.

As I exited the bus, I was greeted by SPC amazing staff, SPC was kind enough to make tote bags for the students attending the event containing information about the college and their benefits to help students progress to the future they hope to achieve. Following our schools arrival we were led into the campus music center, the music center became crowded with black

students from a variety of schools across Pinellas County. Larry Robinson, the president of Florida A&M University, delivered an inspirational speech to students at the event. Mr. Robinson spoke about his upbringing and how we should "never forget where you come from because where you came from has made us who you are today". President Robinson went on to discuss the small town where he grew up and how that has made him "the man I am today". Robinson also spoke about FAMU's ability to cultivate successful black men and women, saying, "we can't afford you not to be successful". After President Robinson speech, FAMU Florida student connection took the stage and performed an astonishing musical performance. It was such an amazing performance that if you are a black student and haven't yet thought about attending Florida A&M University, you might want to consider it as a college option.

I asked students who attend the event their favorite moment? Chloe Logan, said "when FAMU Florida student connection came on stage did their performance. They did

hip hop, RnB and pop, it was really intriguing and I enjoyed it" Ta'myra Jones said, "It was the performance and like the how the speaker and the president and everyone was there, people that have not even went to FAMU but people who are married to alumni and everything showed support". Tori said, "I enjoyed the event and my favorite part was the performance and at the end of the performance FAMU staff had table set up around where you can look at the different major and careers, I over all just enjoyed it".

After, the the president speech and performance, Florida A&M University staff was kind enough to set up tables and tents where students could walk around and gain more information about the school. Career and major tabs was also set up and student was able to walk up and talk to the staff at their career or major field and gained information about programs. I personally really enjoyed the whole event and hope that I along with the students that attended the field trip who plan on joining the ratter family all get in to the college.



Happy Holidays From Your Nor'easter Staff

Get in the Spirit of Giving

by Grejsi Kumaraku

In the spirit of giving back this holiday season there are multiple ways you can lend a hand and help someone in need without having to look too far.

One of the projects is right on campus, Ms. Dudley has started a program that is currently active called operation Christmas child along with other school operated services such as beach clean-ups, and many others from bright futures that are easy to get involved with. In a

recent interview with Mrs. Dudley, she made it known that students giving back is key in giving ownership of “what is going on in the word and their community”. There are ways to help our world by going to a food bank or an organization that help all of us such as cleaning up our environment one piece at a time. As well as our community by participating in campus beautification projects, tutoring, volunteering at athletic and/or other school events as well as working with our special needs

students said Mrs. Dudley. She also went on to say that our school as a whole gives back via the student body which makes volunteering that much more critical to our success. The last thing Mrs. Dudley said was through volunteering you can gain “self-awareness” of the occurrences in our community and, “the needs of others”, and above all else “empathy to those less-fortunate”.

This may insight all of us to hopefully continue to give back to our school as well and help us realize

something were thankful for that is often overlooked. Some of our student body has already taken the lead. Alexis Comer for example spends her time volunteering at a local animal shelter called Fluff, she said she started her volunteering experience “because I’ve always wanted to find ways to help animals, and this was the perfect start”. Alexis goes on to express how volunteering was crucial to her for the self-satisfaction not for a reward of some kind. Alexis encourages other students to start

volunteering and says, “it feels so nice knowing you are taking your own time to help out the less-fortunate or the helpless”.

There are so many ways to start your notion in volunteering that you really can’t say no! you will ultimately find that there is so much at stake and your help really does matter.

Holiday Plans

by Izzy Fowler and Kayla Hage

Holiday break is a time to relax and have fun. For many it allows for a much-needed vacation, but the real question is where should you go? You could go to Hawaii, Jenny Springs, or Riverview. Here’s some of the fun trips our fellow students have planned!



Romario Degoutte (12th) has a fun trip to Riverview. He’s going to see his family and staying with his aunt. Deloitte is most excited for the table with all the food, especially the roasted duck. They have some fun family traditions of a water balloon fight and an ugly sweater contest. This is a yearly trip; he is going for about three days and he’s driving with his mom and

dad.



Our second scholar, Keira Stump, is going to Jenny Springs for about 4 ays with her best friend. They are roasting marshmallows and kayaking. She is most excited to see the beautiful nature.



The next peer we interviewed wanted to stay anonymous. They are most excited to see volcanoes and manta ray at night. They are visiting their great grandpa

for 7 days and this trip has been planned for over a ear. They are flying with their dog Joe, mom, dad, brother, and their uncle.



The fourth student, Jovana Petrovic-Todic plans on going to North Carolina, specifically Beach Mountain. She cannot wait to go with her cousins and see snow! Her plans just so happen to be a surprise... she’ll be taking a long road trip of 11 hours for 8 whole days. This trip has been in the making for over a year. Have lots of fun Jovana!



Shelby Rader our fifth friend, is going to Disney Springs with her boyfriend. She is so excited to see the spectacular firework show along with the one and only MICKEY MOUSE. She is going for 2 days; this trip has been planned for a month. They are driving there, and Shelby cannot wait to visit all the shops.



Our final peer, Andrew Gryshcenko

ventured to St. Augustine for the Friday night air show. He will be flying his own plane into the Spruce Creek Airport.

Andrew will be staying for 2 nights. This trip has been planned for only one week. Andrew will be traveling with his dad and his pilot friend, obviously he will be flying. He plans to stay in a hotel and at the air show. He is most excited to see all the different kinds of planes.

Thanks for traveling with us!



How do you Holiday?

By Shelby Stirk and Olivia Cook

Christmas time comes with its own celebrations, but so do many other holidays. We wanted to ask some of our readers how they celebrate different holidays throughout the year.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the time of being together with loved ones and creating memories that will last a lifetime. One of Mrs. Engles' favorite memories on this holiday was when her daughter was little, they were at her sisters' house, which was always clean. All her daughter ate was olives and turkey skins, and "while my family was saying the blessing, I was scrubbing puke off the floor". Another thing Mrs. Engle loves about thanksgiving is the food. One side dish that she loves is called green bean bundles, and if you want to know how to make it, here's how!

Ingredients

- ½ cup of butter
- ¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 3 (14.5 ounce) cans whole green beans (Or fresh green beans)
- 15-18 bacon slices, slightly cooked and cut in half

What to do:

- Preheat oven 350 °
 - Melt butter, sugar, and garlic to make a paste
 - Gather 6 to 8 beans for each bundle
 - Wrap each bundle with ½ slice bacon and secure with toothpicks
 - Top each bundle with equal amounts of paste
 - Place in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish
 - Bake for 20 minutes
- Serves 8



Christmas

'Tis the season to whip up some tasty treats as you spend the break celebrating with your family. Everyone can enjoy the cold nights with hot coco and something yummy. To help your holiday sweet tooth, here is a recipe from Kody Tuckers' (11) mom, called "Christmas Crack"

Ingredients

- Saltine crackers (enough to fill pan)
- 1 cup of butter
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- Chocolate chips

What to do:

- Preheat oven to 350 °. Line in 11 x 17-inch baking sheet with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Spread the saltine crackers out in a single layer and fold up the edges of the foil to box in the crackers. Set aside.
- In a medium saucepan, melt the butter and brown sugar over medium heat on the stovetop. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low and let it continue to boil for exactly 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Quickly pour over the crackers and spread to cover evenly.
- Bake for 5 minutes (minimum) in the oven or until bubbling. The crackers will expand slightly and shift around a little.
- Remove from the oven and immediately sprinkle the chocolate chips on top. Let stand for 1-2 minutes until about half of the chocolate chips look shiny.
- Once the chocolate begins to look shiny, it is soft enough to start spreading over the toffee.
- Top with additional toppings if desired and place in the refrigerator for about 2 hours for the candy to harden.
- Once it has set, peel away the foil. Break the candy by hand or use

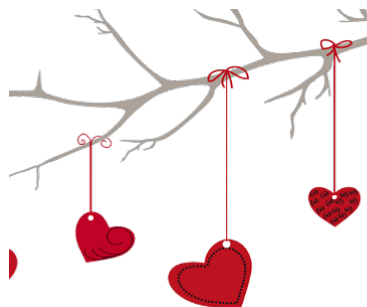
a sharp knife to cut into pieces.



New Year's Eve

New years is not only a time to look forward into the future, but it is also a time to look back at the year that has passed. Brayden Vahaerents (11) says that a favorite memory of his is when he and his friend "dressed up as Michael Jackson". New years is also a time for resolutions, goals to make to yourself to bring a fresh start to the new year. Like a workout routine, a new hobby, a new diet, reading more, and being more social. Some superstitions include the following...

- You cannot do laundry because it washes away good luck
- You cannot sweep the floor because it sweeps people out of your life or brings death to people



Valentine's Day

Valentine's day is the day where we shower our friends, family, and partners with love and affection. One way to show this is by making "little cards with candies" as Josue Espinaco (11) did when he was younger.



St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is the greenest day of the year. Well, except for Mariel Dwyer (11), who always forgets

its St. Patrick's Day and she says "it's always fun running around trying to find green, or convince people that I am wearing green". But she always makes up for it by eating only green things!

Kids love spending this day setting up traps in hope to catch the Leprechaun.



April Fool's Day

The 1st of April is a day of constant goofs and pranks and everyone either hates it, or absolutely loves it. Like Landon Bridges (11), who's favorite prank happened his freshman year in technical theatre, when he "put extra makeup and clay to make a fake screw in my hand and they sent me to the nurses office". He thought it was funny, but Mrs. Engle was not pleased.

Fun pranks for this day include...

- Silly string people
- Turning locks around so when you close the door you are locked in
- The shock gum
- Etc.



Mother's Day

What a lovely day it is when you can really show to your Mom/Step-mom/female guardian, that you love and appreciate all that they do for you and your family. CeCe Smith (10) once "bought my mom a ring".

STUDENT INTEREST

Viking Bistro and the Culinary Arts

Where creativity and good taste meet.

By: Cetan Falcon

NEHI has a colorful array of students and a great pool of diversity; in line with that the programs at the school strive to match. Culinary arts at NEHI are quite popular for one main reason, pizza bread, but the academy has so much more to offer students than just a tasty snack. Chef Serata works his hardest to develop the Culinary Academy into a haven for students to learn about the industry and have a fun time. As Chef puts it “You’re in it” that is the main advantage of the Bistro, students are quite literally running a kitchen. The process for most weeks starts with two seniors. They start on Thursdays by thinking up a themed menu, they price it out and take inventory, then prepare the remaining days to be served on the following Wednesday. Conversely the Juniors act as a prep squad and provide teacher meals during 1st lunch. The Juniors focus mostly on learning cooking techniques, prices and business management, and skills. All of this is overseen by Chef Serata who puts the work and success of the bistro in the student’s hands.

Most students gain rich experience from the academy from both the curriculum and environment. Specifically, students gain a strong bond with their fellow students and a safe space to express creativity and, most of all, have fun throughout the high school years. Some of the main aspects or values in the culinary academy are camaraderie, experience, and work ethic. The academy allows students to have a community within the school, students are stuck with the same group for 4 years, for better or worse! “In culinary you have the same class for 4 years, allowing us to create good bonds.” says

Victoria Castro (12) and Sarah Hinkley (11) shares the sentiment “I have made great, I have my own friend group exclusively in culinary which has expanded to encompass more students”.

On top of the camaraderie of the kitchen, the main aspect of the academy is learning how to cook and gaining a better understanding of the restaurant industry. Chef Serata focuses on the entire industry, from management and pricing to techniques and flavor profiles. The Magnum Opus of the Culinary Academy, aside from Pizza Bread of course, is the Viking Bistro. Combining all the parts of the industry into an on-campus restaurant for the public and teachers. “The bistro shows us the functionality of a professional restaurant and gets us comfortable for rush hour in a restaurant, preparing us for the best” says Victoria Castro. It is not all fun and games, however, real work is needed for the kitchen to run effectively. Shaelyn Weaver says, “The bistro can stress me out sometimes” while Collin Chastain agrees with saying “Its work.” But through the thick and thin work will get done, and it is completely up to the students to pull the Bistro together.

Finally, the man of the hour, Chef Serata. Well respected among both teachers and students alike. He has been in the industry for a large portion of his culinary career before finding himself in charge of the students at NEHI. Much like the regular goals of the bistro, chef believes the work of the Bistro is the most important. In his own words, “You are in it”, The students make or break the bistro. He points the students in the right direction and lets them be creative and productive.

JROTC Drill Team



by Joan Groendal-Patterson
What does Drill Team do: Drill Team goes to competitions to compete with other schools, and went to football games.

After school Tuesday-Thursday every week a group of students get together after school to practice for competitions. There are other teams that

get together after school like Color Guard and Raiders. Participating in these activities and going to the events looks good on cadet uniforms because students get a reward to wear so everyone to see the hard work they put in. When cadets go to these events, there is a specific uniform that we have to wear (above).

Why do you enjoy doing Drill?

“Because I have seen the Drill Team at events and thought they looked really cool. Ever since I have joined I have gotten a better understanding of what the Drill Team does and why they have it.” -Diego Ortiz

Women’s Club



by Emily Jones

Every Wednesday in Room 1-228 the Women’s Connect Club strives to unite the student body through involvement. Sponsored by Michelle Dudley, the initiative of the group is to integrate school community voices as well as aid and support women through facilitating opportunity. This newest installment of NEHI’s broad extracurriculars, provides a gateway to inspiring individuals to speak their mind in a supportive environment. Women’s Connect has discussed a variety of issues, from humanities work to school dress code. One value is apparent, the necessity to empower and cultivate conversation. Sponsor Mrs. Dudley states that she aspires for the club to “educate and allow females to talk to each other and find a commonality.” School students and staff still struggle with the affects of hybrid learning, affecting NEHI’s connection among pupils. By providing activi-

ties that assist growth, students are offered the chance to help themselves, others, and the entire school in uniting ideas. Dudley states that students were “isolated for so long we are trying to build a female community.” Furthermore, she cites her inspiration to create the club stemmed from the Miss NEHI Pageant. Women’s Connect seeks to be a platform for all Vikings, conveying ideals of community role models and peer coalition. The club plans to aid a shelter or organization with supplies. However, all opinions are still endorsed within the club. One of the latest meetings designated to deciding where the aid is most needed within the public. Dudley expresses that the club is conducting “a project with CASA, a shelter for abused women and children.” CASA, founded in 1977, and operates as the local areas’ hotline, and emergency domestic abuse shelter. Vikki Filson, a member of

Women’s Connect, states that her favorite activity conducted thus far was “... outlining problems with the dress code.” Dudley further elaborates on this discussion when inquired about the upcoming events of the club, enunciating that the club has been “trying to address and amend the current dress code, because we feel it targets women more than men.” Student opinion should be heard and acknowledged on all issues, Women’s Connect creating an environment where appropriate standards are upheld in accordance with freedom of speech. More so, Women’s Connect Club provides the chance to network, as well as utilizes the employment of leadership skills. Through collaborative efforts, not only is every individual given the chance to grow, but community-oriented goals implement teamwork strategy. Actively creating a more welcoming setting that develops diversity, encourages students to speak in front of peers, and fosters mentorship. With ambitious interworking of both staff and student influence, Women’s Connect serves as a refreshing outcry of young minds. Visit Women’s Connect on Wednesdays to have your voice heard!

Volleyball Serves up Fun

SPORTS Continued



by Shelby Stirk, Valerie Ray, Logan Richards, and Kimmy Ha

From the players who have played any year before this one, this season and team has been one of the best seasons in a while. The JV team especially has been doing very well this season with eight wins and only two losses. Unfortunately, the Varsity team had only seven wins and thirteen loses but they put in their best effort considering

that a lot of the girls on varsity high school teams play club volleyball. Overall, this years volleyball team really turned around and, in more years to come will hopefully grow and achieve more. Some students and staff had some things to add about how the season went. Shaelyn Weaver stated, “I always like to watch it because it’s very intense, the way the girls are able to do the multiple things they can do. All in all, it’s a very

incredible sport”. Even the students here at Northeast High School have made it to some of the home games to support our Vikings and see what it’s really about. The 12th grade assistant principal here at Northeast explained her thoughts on volleyball. She said, “I’ve played volleyball in high school and it’s very interesting. However, I’ve never played on a team. I think the JV team here at Northeast has been doing very well and has been good at

team work on the court this season as I have been to a few games.” (Ms. Muhly).

Volleyball is a very complex and competitive sport which requires a lot of skill and practice to master. Just hitting the ball up and hitting it as hard as you can is not going to pass.

If you are thinking about trying out or playing make sure you review the rules and terms beforehand.

Sport Specifics

Positions On the Court

- *Setter- gets second ball and sets up the hitters to attack
- *Right-side hitter- attacks or blocks the ball on the right side on the net
- *Outside hitter- attacks or blocks the ball on the left side, on the net
- *Middle blocker- attacks or blocks the ball in the middle, on the net
- *Left or right back defense- digs any balls hit over the net from the opposing side also can hit from back row
- *Libero – can go in and out at any time from the defensive players only

Rules

- *Hit the ball up to three times (max)
- *Six people on the court at all times
- *The same person cannot touch the ball twice consecutively
- *Passing the ball=hands closed not open
- *You cannot touch or go under the net

Gaming: The Sport of the Future

By: Aiden Vanasco, Azaria Barkley, Maria Brophy, Phoenix Ellzey, & Milenys Triana

Playing video games can be an exciting and relaxing way to spend your free time. Video games can offer a whole new world of opportunity, experience, and achievements. However, this wasn’t enough for some. Some gamers wanted to take their video games to a new, more competitive level, and several decades later, E-sports has become a global phenomenon, and brought together millions of people. But what exactly are E-sports? Why are they so controversial, and are there any benefits of it? In order to discuss the controversies surrounding E-Sports, we must first understand what E-Sports are. According to Oxford Dictionary, E-Sports are “a multiplayer video game played competitively for spectators, typically by pro-

fessional gamers.” E-Sports began as early as video games themselves. The earliest known public and competitive video game event took place at the University of Stanford for “Spacewar!” A vintage video game built into a miniature TV with a small round screen and futuristic looking build. “Spacewar!” was the only thing these TVs could do. It would take until 1980 for the first official E-Sports event to take place. With the extreme success of Nintendo’s NES, and soon after the SNES, the competitive gaming world rocketed into the mainstream media and the lives of people world-wide. Now, 50 years after the first competitive gaming event, E-Sports has reached even higher heights, and even more obscure corners of the world.

Although E-Sports can be an extremely beneficial medium of entertainment, it has had its

fair share of controversies and overall bad media attention. What do you visualize when you hear the term “gamer?” For most people, there is a negative reputation associated with the word.

Maybe a dirty, messy teenager with greasy hair and bad hygiene. Why is this? Likely because of the negative perception that the media has on the subject. Throughout the years, gaming has faced this negative press. One of the largest examples of this in recent history was E-Sports icon ZeRo. Known for his competitive Super Smash Bros. success, as well as his massive following on his YouTube and Twitch channels. In 2020, he was exposed for sending inappropriate messages to a minor. In short, his online success was a massive hit, and the entire Super Smash Bros. gaming community was looked at differently. Following this, as well as

the outbreak of COVID-19, “Super Smash Bros.” events were canceled everywhere. This was not only a big setback for Super Smash Bros., but it was also a setback for gaming everywhere and furthered the distaste of competitive gaming in the media.

Alongside media controversies, there is simply a general disliking of gaming among older people. How many times have you been playing a video game and been told by your grandmother “put that game down! It’ll rot your brain!” Although this was originally the general consensus, new evidence suggests that gaming can build vital skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and team building, and much more. As well as benefiting brain development, according to The New York Times gaming has “become a gateway to college scholarship money.” With this new pathway

opened, not only is there an opportunity to further the competitive nature of -Sports, but you can now take courses that further enhance the skills needed to succeed in the field of gaming.

In this new world full of opportunities, gaming has made it said that it’s here to stay and will only continue to grow. With a vast number of benefits provided by the gaming world, and its amazing way of being accessible to nearly all, gaming is a way for people to be entertained, competitive, and express their creativity, as well as develop essential skills for development and life in general.

Living in Harmony

Interviews

Elizabeth Daley, Grade 11, Alto section leader “I hope to help the choral program grow as much as I can! I want to show those interested the arts that it’s a really fun experience. Through the trips we take to Meadowlawn, the songs we choose to sing, and the events we have the opportunity to perform at, it’s my goal to show people how much fun we’re having and to grow the choral program for next year!” When asked about the upcoming concert Daley said: “I’m very excited! I think the music we’ve worked on sounds so pretty and I’m excited to show that to an audience.”

Kevin Hanna, Grade 12, Choral President

“I hope to see all three of these choirs grow especially our gondoliers as they are also our traveling choir. In previous years we had an A cappella group which I’d love to see come back in the coming years. I also really am excited to see how the choir executive council grows and supports the choir in all its endeavors”.



by McKenna Arapi

The choral program at Northeast keeps very busy. Not only do they have several ensembles with over 60 singers, but they also have numerous after school clubs and activities. Dr. Tripp, the choral director is in charge of the Scarlett Choir, an intermediate treble ensemble, a beginning choir for those starting out. He also has the Valhalla Choir, which is their advanced mixed ensemble, some of their performances include

Disney’s Candlelight, on Live TV with Bay News 9, School board meetings and sporting events.

The clubs involved Gondoliers, Tri-M, and CEC. The Gondoliers are an a cappella group that have a long standing history at NEHI. They meet after school and are open to all NEHI students by audition! Tri-M is a musical honors society. It stands for Modern Music Masters and focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy.

At Northeast, the honor society officers are McKenna Arapi as President, Caroline Daley as Vice President, Alexis Tran as Secretary, Keegan Jeffries as Treasurer, and Jasmine Estes as Historian. CEC is the Choral Executive council. This council oversees everything to do with the choral program. They plan fundraisers and concerts as well as make important decisions regarding the program along with Dr. Tripp. The officers include Kevin Hanna as President,

McKenna Arapi as Vice President, Alexis Tran as Secretary, Grejsi Kumaraku as Historian, Adamaris Quevedo as Librarian, and Alexandria “Sasha” Barragen as Class Manager.

A word from Dr.

Tripp Thank you! This is my first full year at Northeast, and I’m so lucky to have supportive and enthusiastic students to work with. You work hard, you have fun, and you support each other. And you sing beautifully!

Upcoming concert, December 9th:

This will be the first official concert the choral program will have in over a year. After stopping due to Covid, they are now able to perform again. They are joining forces with the Meadowlawn Choral program to present an evening of fun seasonal music! The concert will be on Thursday, December 9th at 6pm in the auditorium, come and support the choral program!

Marching to the Beat

by Jasmine Estes & Cassidy Campbell

Music has always been a part of the Northeast campus. One of the larger sections of our music department includes the Northeast High School band.

Being a member of the Scarlet Regiment Band entails a lot. For the first few months of the school year, the band is in full marching mode preparing for the season. Having to learn and memorize several songs while simultaneously marching their given choreography, takes months of hard work and dedication. Most of the time, participants have to learn the music and choreography over the summer before the school year even starts. And although the final product may look like it was easy, it was not. Just being a musician alone takes an incredible amount of hard work. In fact, it is like a language of its own. You have to learn how a

specific instrument works. Whether it be a string instrument, where the musician must learn placements of their hands and the weight of the bow, or a wind instrument, in which you must learn to position your mouth in just the right way to produce a sound. Learning these basics parts of any instrument can take months that’ll then become second nature to the player. All musicians also have to learn to read music. This alone takes hours of tedious practice and studying of the

clef they have to read in.

This is just one aspect of the lives of NEHI musicians. Trombonist Jackson Bray started his musical journey in the sixth grade. He learned a lot of the fundamentals of his instrument in the few years he attended Northeast’s neighboring school, Meadowlawn Middle. But once he joined high school band, he “had to hit the ground running.” Other members in the band could relate to being thrown into a faster paced environment

even with their prior experience in music. In fact, some even attend NEHI for the band and orchestra. Senior sousaphone Victoria Richardson had the option to attend her zoned high school but instead, she chose the Vikings because of the infamous skill of the Scarlet Regiment Band.

NEHI’s band often takes the spotlight. But there are other programs as well. One is the Scarlet Strings, or orchestra. The group has been in action for the last few years.

They have also gone to MPA, music performance assessment, which is a big deal in the student music world. The last two years the Scarlet Strings received the highest marking being superior.

Covid had an impact on all of NEHI’s music programs. So, with getting back to a normal school year this year was able to give this years student a chance to partake in a somewhat normal season. Fall of this school year was the first time in two years that the marching band was able to have a season. For the upperclassmen this gave them a chance to do what they love, and for seniors, the last time they get to put on their uniforms.

Being a musician is not as easy as it looks and involves a lot going on behind the scenes. From recruiting new or past members to learning music in a given amount of time before the first performance.



The Revenge of Ichabod Crane

Northeast Highschool's Theatre department takes on a spooky challenge with the fall show.



by Olivia Cook and Nason Hunsinger

One goal of the Northeast Theatre program is the yearly fall performance. This year's show was a perfect fit for October, it was a modern twist on the old classic Headless Horsemen story. While having comedic timing, spooky elements, and a meaningful message, it's a play that went a long way in the hearts of students. By having this show it's a great way to get students

involved in after-school activities. The atmosphere that Mrs. Engle, NEHI's theatre director, creates is a safe, friendly environment that everyone would be comfortable in. Like senior Victoria Wong, when asked about how her experience has been so far in the show, she said it's "...been really fun..." and "Has been a good way to get out of my comfort zone." Any student who has done a previous theatre production can say that having this comfort-

able environment.

The show is based on the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, and loosely on the Headless Horseman. The play was strategically planned to show during Halloween month. Since the show was a horror spoof, a lot of work was put into ensuring the set was designed appropriately. The set designers truly outdid themselves, with the amazing two-story house. The technical theatre students, and the stagehands all helped bring this show to life. Nearly everybody who

auditioned for the show got to play a part. Interviews with the cast members helped us get a better understanding of what the production was truly like. Sophomore CeCe Smith said "It's been really fun, and a good way to make friends...more like family than friends. All the cast members seem to agree that they have created strong bonds and relationships with each other, that they intend to keep.



Poet's Corner

MiseryRoad
by Riley Childs

I was lost
Tryin to find my way home
Stuck on misery road
Waiting for some one to bring me home
But no one did
I was all alone
Looking and waiting got me thinking
What could i be doing
What should i be doing
Why am i even doing
I had a long talk with myself
That never turns out well
And i started to hate myself
More and more the anger grew
And im just trying to find a new
Just trying to be a new
But i cant do it
I cant find my way home
I dont even have a person in sight
On this misery road
I cant tell if its selfish
Or if i can say this
But i need a person
To be on misery road with me
Now im on this road
Harming myself to ease the pain
Waiting for somebody to be lost with me
But no one comes
And i know i will always be all alone
Nothing less nothing more
No one loves me
Not even a shoulder to lean on
Not even a creep to kill me
But myself
All alone
Misery road

One thing I wonder
by Ta'nayshia Grover

The fire of enigma that no one seems to touch.
Should it be the burn itself, or the burn of the truth
that injures the bodies —minds, rather.... of the
sheep that never leave the farm?

Is it even appropriate to call those that fall under the
spell of the pharmaceutical industry "sheep"?

Schizophrenia.

They're the ones that are crazy.
Mentally insane.
But how could you label their pain...
A pain that engulfs the flames that never eludes from
their brain...?

A pain that brings the rain.
A pain that flickers the emotion of shame..

How could a collective all see the same,
All hear the same,
The same... of the unexplained.

Hallucinations.
Delusion.
Illusion.

But how did we get to that conclusion?
How can you label something you've never experi-
enced?

Schizophrenia.

The 'insane' ones.
The mentally in pain ones.
The never 'okay' ones.
Schizophrenia."

Distant Dreamer
by Trevor Perry

In the midst of the wheat, in the midst of the
delicate brilliant ears,
moves the inconspicuous breeze. It moves my
hair and ocean of summer grass no different
either way.
At these times on the homestead, there is an un-
ending length of time in each second, a delight
that comes in the free birdsong and unfaltering
quality to my entire being.
Furthermore, supporting this is the unassuming
Earth, that sweet rich earthy color that acquires
this show with the daylight.
On the off chance that I could want for harmony
inside this human body and surroundings,
I could want no more. The wheels of straw rest
on their earthen bed, soaking in the sunshine,
adding their fragrance to the day that develops
as an old photographic film may.
Under the sky that is made all the more pretty
for the scattered clouds, the white puffs that
radiate white light,
every color is made more gay.
Perhaps this is the pride of nature, this simple
scene of flora and fauna,
and the biggest blessing is to witness its beauty.
The people think something unfamiliar is too
sick, those who were seen dancing were thought
to be insane by those who could not hear the
music.

Entertainment

Horoscopes for New Year's Day

Aries

Relax! You need to get out and let your hair down! Start the new year doing something physical; go for a walk, dance, or do some exercise. You'll feel better for it. On New Year's Eve, you'll be glowing!

Taurus

Change things up. Why not do something completely different this New Year? You have the taste for adventure, a need to get out and travel to unknown places. Step outside your comfort zone! But your partner might not want the same thing, so try to compromise if you don't want to push them away!

Gemini

Social butterfly. You'll really benefit from going out with friends, meeting people and having stimulating group discussions. You'll have strong communication with your partner, but not necessarily a lot of romance! If you feel a bit lost, let yourself be guided by others and just follow the group for a while until you feel more self-confident.

Cancer

Let positivity reign. Things are looking up! There's a positive feeling in the air, and you will be surrounded by happiness and kindness from others. You'll have a fun on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be filled with family visits, which will be good for your well-being. Your love life will also flourish! Your desires and fantasies will come true...

Leo

Romance is coming. If the time is right, a new romantic encounter may be on the cards! Don't rush into anything without thinking or take things too quickly. Avoid political discussions that could lead to you getting angry or snapping at people. If you're in a relationship, you love each other really, but your partner's behavior or bad habits could have you feeling frustrated.

Virgo

Surrounded by love. Your relationship with both your family and romantic partner are set to flourish! You could meet someone new or else strengthen an existing relationship. Your efforts will pay off! You'll be in a strong and positive mindset. In your work life, the only way is up!

Libra

Don't stress. Your money horoscope is looking positive, as you're managing to do as much as possible without breaking the budget. There are lots of good times ahead with friends, but there may be some tension in your relationship. You both want each other to change completely, but that's not always possible! There may be arguments and even the possibility of a break-up. But a change could be a positive thing for you, and you might already have your sights on bigger and better things!

Scorpio

Stay strong. You know what you want and will use your charm, charisma and authority to get it. You need to get out and move in order to relax and let loose a bit! In your love life, you may meet someone genuine and kind. You already feel in good health, but why not make some New Year's Resolutions to get even better? After all, you have the willpower to keep them!

Sagittarius

Financial worries. You may have to make a difficult decision regarding your finances, feeling torn between your desire to spend and the little voice of reason in your head. You may feel frustrated and worried, struggling to fully relax and forget about work. But outside of work, there could be an exciting romantic meeting on the cards...

Capricorn

Mood setter

You will feel like you are really progressing! You are full of energy, in the mood to party and to find love! If you're single, this is a perfect time to meet someone special. If you're in a relationship, things will be calm, and you'll both be happy. You might even think about using the New Year as a chance to get married or remarry in 2022!

Aquarius

Live life to the full

You want to have fun and live life to the full, but this could mean that you spend a little over your budget! But it may all be in vain anyway, as you can't seem to find satisfaction no matter what you do. Your love life is looking fairly uneventful, and a relationship may be coming to a natural end...

Pisces

Time to recharge

This is a very happy time for you, with both your family and friends being a source of joy for you. That said, you might feel mentally exhausted. There's a chance that you'll get invited to a party abroad or even just somewhere different within your own country. This would be good for you, but try not to get lost on the way there!

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Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas. Some of the words have religious meanings, others are secular in nature.

1. Groceos _____
2. Naclorig _____
3. Rats _____
4. Scunttshe _____
5. Porduhl _____
6. Naast _____
7. Skagceap _____
8. Dressephh _____
9. Gramen _____
10. Galen _____
11. Limesotte _____
12. Vaniyitt _____
13. Gotscink _____
14. Virasou _____
15. Traweh _____
16. Gisehl _____
17. Wamsonn _____
18. Ejuss _____
19. Stranneom _____
20. Scamsthir _____