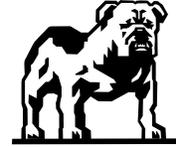




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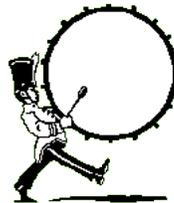
Marching Band

By: Maggie Surdovel

The Northern Lehigh Marching Band had a successful season this year with record breaking victories and an unusually large group of members from here at the middle school. The band started the season in June with summer practices including a two-week-long band camp in August. Because of the hard work of the group, they were able to start competing earlier than usual, placing in the top three at their first competition. The band continued to practice and improve their scores, all the while anticipating their most important competition, The Chapter Championships. In October the band traveled to West Chester University for the Chapter 2 Championships, performing their best and leaving victorious with a score of 86.3. The group also had the

pleasure of beating season-long rival Schuylkill Haven, who placed second with a score of 83.25. The band's victory at West Chester University also landed them a spot in the school's record books, winning the second consecutive championship, a first in Northern Lehigh history. In early November the band traveled to Dover, Delaware to compete in the Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC's), competing against bands from nine states including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. The band was the only Group 1 band to represent at the ACCs and emerged in 24th place with a score of 83.6.

The marching band's



accomplishments were honored at the banquet held later that month where Mr. Carroll called the members of the "rookie" class up front to honor their hard work as the youngest members of the band. This year's band included eleven middle schoolers: Piccoloists Heather Heiney and Calli Zaleski; Percussionists Brandon Horvath, Maggie Surdovel, and Michael Maniscalco; Clarinet players Katie Hartmaier and Alex Oertner; Trombonist Chris LeFrancois; Saxophonist Joey Barone; Trumpeter Kelli Hunsicker; and Color Guard member Tiff Hamm. This class of inexperienced rookies out numbered all other classes of veterans, and we certainly hope they made a contribution to the band's record-breaking season.

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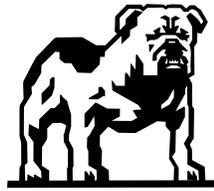
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Boys' Basketball

By: Channing Shiffert and Ryan Trexler

A super group of boys in our Middle School belong to the Bulldog boys' basketball team. They also have an excellent group of coaches including Coach Kremposky and Coach Roberts.



These young athletes practice five to six days a week but they have off on Sundays.

The coaches were unable to be interviewed but Nick Valentini and Ryan Perkowski talked to

"The Bulldog Times" and shared some insights about the team. Ryan said that the team isn't doing very well, but he still enjoys it because he likes to play basketball. He said he also likes playing because it relieves him from some of his school work when he gets out early to travel to another school.

On both the A and B

basketball teams, the players are Nicholas Barber, Christopher Bingert, Michael Gaston, David Getz, Austin Golden, Daniel Gonzalez, Kevin Heberling, Christopher Hoffman, Dalton Johnson, Darien Middaugh, Adam Orendach, Shawn Parisi, Ryan Perkowski, Joshua Pristash, Vaughn Reese, Carlos Saez, Shawn Shupp,



Nicholas Valentini, and Kyle Wasilkowski. Best of luck to this great bunch of boys as they compete at the high school level next year.





Meeting Mr. McGonigal

By: Kyle Baumann & Ryan Trexler

A new member in the Middle School building this year is a teacher known as Mr. McGonigal. He can be found in room 31.



Mr. McGonigal started working here in September and he stated that he likes working at

Northern Lehigh.

Mr. McGonigal attended East Stroudsburg University before he started teaching here.

A favorite sport of his is football and his favorite NCAA team is Penn State. Mr. McGonigal enjoys watching NFL and the

team he roots for is the San Francisco

49ers. He

mentioned that he also

likes Brett Favre.

Another favorite of his is the color blue.

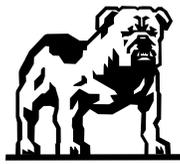
We are very happy to have Mr. McGonigal in our building and

hopes he continues to have a good year.



Would you like to view a vibrant color version of *The Bulldog Times*? It can easily be found on our Middle School website at www.nlsd.org —Click on *Middle School*—Then click on *Bulldog Times* Enjoy!





Middle School Girls' Basketball

BY: Dylan Hofmann & Kirk Bender

Which group of girls in this school received a top compliment from a coach?



According to Mr. Reinhard, the Middle School girls' basketball team is the best team he ever had in his coaching career. Mr. Reinhard feels that their best ability is their ability to play as "one." They are also really good defenders. He also commented that the team's best stats are in the blocks, steals,

and rebounding columns. He added that they are excellent passers too. They rarely turn the ball over when they have it. Coach Reinhard said, "Their greatest strength is that they play unselfishly and are willing to sacrifice individual glory for the best interest of the team."

Their leading scorers for this year were Tina Bastardi and Aimee Oertner. That explains why they only lost two games.

The other members of the team include team is

Crystal Bauder, Emily Buss, Allison Ehrich, Brittany Everett, Timmi Fiske, Taylor Fliszar, Allie Fritzinger, Nicole Horn, Rebecca Howell, Cheyenne Kunkle, Jackie Minnich, Emily Moore, Aimee Oertner, Ashley Olewine, Jamey Pollock, Jinessa Rutt, and Autumn Stauffer. Kiana Bellesfield, Heather Chandler, and Morgan Kemmerer were this year's team managers. Congratulations on a terrific season, girls!





NL Wrestling

By: Connor Hedash

The Northern Lehigh Middle School wrestling team is made up of 14 hard working athletes.

They have dedicated their time to the sport six days a week for four months

during the winter.

The head coach for the Bulldogs is Mr. Rob Marlatt and the assistant coach is Mr. Whitey Chlebove.

The returning members

from last year's team are made up of Zane Heller, Dylan Hofmann, Kyle Greenawald, Kyle Baumann, Tyler Stoss, and Derrick Keeler. The team also has five seventh graders who have had prior success in booster club. They are Ty Herzog, Cody Bowman, Connor Hedash, Ryan Martinez, and Danny Marsh. The new comers



to the sport were ninth grader's Tyler Eshbach and Trevor Dottery

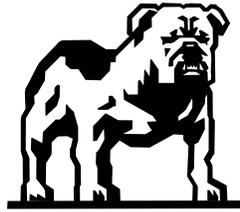
and, seventh grader, Anthony Harris.

Although giving up five forfeits each match, the Dawgs have compiled an 8-4 dual meet record so far.

Good luck to all the wrestlers who will be competing at Parkland

High school on February 15th and 16th.





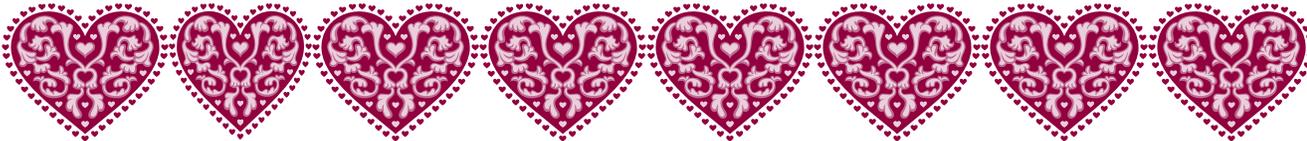
Valentine's Day Word Search

By: Dylan Hofmann



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Cupid love bow hearts
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 February candy sweet beautiful



- ♡ What did one light bulb say to the other?
"I love you a whole watt!"
- ♡ What did one calculator say to the other?
"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways!"
- ♡ What did the painter say to her boyfriend?
"I love you with all my art!"

- ♡ What did the carpet salesman give his wife for Valentine's Day?
Rugs and kisses!
- ♡ What did the boy octopus sing to the girl octopus?
"I wanna hold your hand, hand, hand, hand,
hand, hand, hand, hand!"