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JONATHAN LIN: VALEDICTORIAN



Photo Courtesy of Ray Habib

Post graduate plans: Princeton University
Favorite subject: Science (chemistry)
Inspiration: Kobe Bryant
Best advice given: "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime."

AKSHAT PODAR: SALUTATORIAN



Photo Courtesy of Ray Habib

Post graduate plans: Duke University
Favorite subject: Calculus
Inspiration: Mom & Dad
Best advice given: "Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

Class of 2013

CASEY DEStEFANO: CLASS PRESIDENT



Photo Courtesy of Ray Habib

Post graduate plans: Ohio University
Favorite subject: English
Inspiration: Dad
Best advice given: "Do not take anything for granted."

VIRGIL BOYKIN: SENIOR SPEAKER



Photo Courtesy of Ray Habib

Post graduate plans: Penn State
Favorite subject: History
Inspiration: Martin Luther King & LeBron James
Best advice given: "You can do anything you put your mind to."

North Brunswick DECA Takes Anaheim

Bree Hanson, Contributing Writer

On April 23, 2013, North Brunswick Township's DECA Chapter made their way to Anaheim, California. twenty three students, along with three chaperones, went to represent the school at the International Career Development Conference.

In February, North Brunswick competed against other schools in New Jersey. The top three students from each event qualified to go to California. Though not all twenty three students qualified, Mrs. Malik allowed other DECA members to join and attend career workshops that were held at the same time as the ICDC.

"It was amazing to be able to meet new people through the motivational and interactive workshops. I was so grateful to be given the opportunity to interact with all the people I met on the trip," said three-year DECA member, Shaina Skelton.

Even though North Brunswick stayed in California for a week, not all of the days were DECA-oriented. On the first day, students spent their



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competing at the competition were expected to take an exam that dealt with their event, and participate in a role play. Some events, such as the Sports and Entertainment

night in downtown Disney. The following night officially opened the competition. Each New Jersey student was given ten New Jersey pins, which were traded amongst over 16,000 other students. Students who were

Promotion Plan, had over 145 teams registered to compete. "It was a great experience, and we got to interact with a lot of different people from all over the world. We ended up learning a lot, but we also go to enjoy the beautiful

California weather and scenery. It was really hard to leave," first-time DECA member, Nicole Fosko, stated.

For a majority of the trip, the students spent their time outside at the pool or walking around meeting new people. Because all 50 states, Guam, and Canada were there, thousands of new friendships were created.

"ICDC in California was the best trip of my life. I met people from all over, became good friends with many others, and learned more about DECA and business. I truly learned a lot and had so much fun doing it," junior Megan Brewi stated.

Unfortunately, no one from North Brunswick won at the competition, but making it to the highest level was the greatest accomplishment any of them could ask for.

Next year, ICDC will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from May 3 to the 6. If interested in joining DECA, talk to Mrs. Malik, who can be found in room 420.

Deadly Texas Explosion

Jackie Carlsen, Contributing Writer

On April 18, 2013 a tragedy occurred in West, Texas after the bombing in Boston. The West Fertilizer Company exploded killing at least 14 people and injuring nearly 200.

Six lawsuits have been filed in the local county court against Adair Grain, who is the owner and operator of the company. Those suing include people injured in the blast and insurance companies representing businesses that were damaged.

A woman's car and apartment were destroyed in the explosion. It left a crater more than 90 feet wide and blasted the walls and windows of dozens of buildings in town.

Rescue workers tried to evacuate people from homes near the plant explosion. Local police said the fire was still smoldering; preventing firefighters from carrying out their work. The air in town remained thick with smoke more than two hours after the explosion and the area around the blast site was littered with shards of wood, bricks and glass.

President and First Lady Obama joined the residents of West at a memorial service for the 14 people killed. City workers from

Waco replaced West workers so they could attend funerals and take a break from repairing the city's water system and cleaning up the town.

Although the cause of the blast is still undetermined, what is clear is that the West Fertilizer Company stored large quantities of highly reactive products.

The federal, state and local regulatory agencies are working on developing more collaborative, comprehensive and common-sense strategies to ensure that the owners and operators of all plants that store and manufacture high-risk chemicals -- including smaller operations -- are properly regulated and held accountable if they endanger public safety.

Fire officials continued to investigate the cause of the fire that triggered the blast. As that went on, citizens attempted to clean up their community, re-evaluate their lives and build themselves back up to recovery.

On May 6, investigators blamed stocks of ammonium nitrate fertilizer stored in a bin inside a seed and fertilizer building on the property for the explosion.

The Death of Margaret Thatcher

Autumn Philip, Contributing Writer

Margaret Thatcher was born in October of 1925 in Grantham, England. She became the first woman to lead a Western Democracy.

Thatcher served as the British Prime Minister for three straight terms (about eleven years) By the end of her first term unemployment had increased to more than 3 million, but she managed to pull it through and solve other long term issues.

During Thatcher's second term was the "miners' strike," the union was defeated. She also almost lost her life making her the the first Prime Minister to come close to death in the 20th century. The Irish Republican Army attempted to murder her and her cabinet by bombing their hotel during a conference.

In her second term Thatcher sold state assets which amounted to more than 20% of the economy. The selling of the state assets took place by offering shares to the public. The

Thatcher cabinet was split in half and exposed after the resignation of Michael Heseltine. This had a huge impact on her leadership, luckily she was able to pull through the crisis with only heavy criticism from her own party and the public.

Nicknamed the "Iron Lady" by the Soviet press after a 1976 speech declaring that the Russians were bent on world dominance, Thatcher also had an alliance with President Ronald Reagan.

Thatcher resigned in 1991 due to unpopular policy and power struggles in her party. She still remained a political figure.

In 1992 Thatcher left the House of Commons. In 2003 she retired from public speaking after a series of strokes. In July of 2011, after missing a serious of important events, Thatcher's office in the House of Lords was permanently closed. Margaret Thatcher died May 8, 2013 of a stroke.



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Erica Cha

Harrison Kaye, Contributing Writer

Adjusting to high school sometimes takes over a year to master, but freshman Erica Cha has taken NBTHS by storm.

Before the school year even started, Cha was getting to know her teammates at soccer practice over the summer.

She has been playing soccer for about a decade and started her high school career as a varsity midfielder. She, along with several other freshman, are the future of the Lady Raiders soccer program.

“Playing soccer runs in my family. I couldn’t imagine my life without soccer.”

Cha is not just an athlete. She is also an active member of the Alchemist Theatre Company and was in two productions this year: Theatre Revue 2013 and the spring musical *Ragtime*.

Senior Ally Baier had the pleasure of working with Cha in these productions and only had nice things to say about the freshman. “She is always so happy and willing to work with others. She is already talented and will amaze the school for years to come.”

Cha landed one of the lead roles in the Spring Musical, *Ragtime*. Only a freshman, she will surely play a big part in each of the Alchemists’ productions for the rest of her high school career.

Cha has two siblings in the

school, her twin brother Brian and her older sister Corianne, who is a senior. These two along with her parents help her stay motivated in all of her activities.

The sisters bond through music according to Corianne. “Erica

is very enthusiastic about music and theatre and thankfully she has the talent to achieve whatever goals she has for it.” Having an older sister to guide Cha is a great asset to have while adjusting to a new school.

Twin brother Brian has grown up with Erica side-by-side and enjoyed it. “There’s nothing better than being with Erica. She is such a fun and happy person.” Having this quality should help Cha achieve her goals in the future.

All of Cha’s friends enjoy having her company. Brian added “You can always count on her to make you laugh.”

Erica Cha will surely be a shining light in NBTHS’s history. Only time will tell what she will accomplish in the next three years, but the sky is the limit.



Photo Courtesy of Anthony Kovach

Mrs. Gilliland

Anthony Kovach, Staff Writer

Mrs. Laura Gilliland is a dearly beloved teacher by almost all of the students at NBTHS. A dull classroom can instantly be illuminated with her radiance. Vivacious and comical, Mrs. Gilliland teaches with a fierce passion. Recently, she was

level and began teaching not one, but three individual classes. She teaches Current Issues, Human Behavior, and Honors US History II. It is apparent Mrs. Gilliland would not want to teach anywhere else as she states, “Every year, I get fresh minds to appeal to, learn new things



Photo Courtesy of Anthony Kovach

commended for her astounding efforts in the classroom. Mrs. Gill received the Governor’s Award for Teacher of the Year, one of the most prestigious recognitions that can be given to our instructors.

She has been an outstanding member of NBTHS’s faculty for 25 years. Mrs. Gill sought to take her experience at NBTHS to a new

about young people.” Mrs. Gill also comments on why she loves her job.

She goes on to say she thoroughly enjoys “discussing ideas and encouraging debate amongst youngsters.” Mrs. Gilliland will, without a doubt, bring a smile to many faces.

Harrison Kaye

Nicholas Onorati, Contributing Writer

Walking through these halls, many students find it easy to become nameless faces. Some students choose to live out their four years of high school quietly.

Others, however, choose to make as large of an impact on the school as possible. One of these students is senior Harrison Kaye.

Even as a freshman Kaye tried his best to make a difference. He did so by running and earning the spot of Treasurer for the Class of 2013. He has maintained this position through his four years and worked to fundraise and handle finances for his class. His work has greatly impacted the class of 2013 proms and other school events.

Harrison Kaye has also been a member of the World Champion

Raider Robotix team for all four years. His hard work and dedication to this team helped lead them to the championships.

Along with robotics, he is also a member of the baseball team. After playing for NBTHS for three years, Kaye was made a captain of the team his senior year.

His leadership on the field also transcends into his daily life. He is a member of Heroes and Cool Kids and a Senior Leader. As a member of these programs, he works to lead younger students by example and positively impact the school community.

He then, impressively, manages to keep up with his school work and even gained a spot in the NBTHS chapter of National Honor Society.

Next year he plans to continue his studies at Stevens Institute of Technology where he will study mechanical engineering. Kaye plans on playing baseball at Stevens next year.

As his senior year begins to wrap up his advice for other students is “it is important to participate in anything you are interested in, even if that’s a lot. ‘Not enough time’ is not an excuse.”

As he moves on and leaves NBTHS his impact will be left on this school and his name will not be forgotten. NBTHS as a whole appreciates the hard work that Kaye has

exhibited while a student here and will continue to cheer him on as he moves forward.



Photo Courtesy of Leila Piracha

Boston Choir Trip

Ryan Wilcox, Contributing Writer

A group of choir students from North Brunswick Township High School traveled to Boston, Massachusetts to compete in the Music Festival, a competition which consisted of various ensembles: jazz, choir, and even orchestra.

On their trip, the choir along with their choir teacher Ms. Moreno were able to visit the Boston Conservatory where they learned about post secondary

had lots of history,” senior, Ally Baier, a member of the honors choir, explained.

The choir placed second in the Women’s Ensemble category and received the spirit award due to their sportsmanship and kindness towards the other ensembles.

“The students did an excellent job at the Music Festivals. I was proud to see their hard work pay off. They



Photo Courtesy of Liela Piracha

school with a concentration in musical theatre, vocal, and instrumental music.

The choir also had the opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Boston on a tour bus. There they saw the Boston Public Garden, waterfront, Castle Island, the Back Bay, and other historical places. The choir was able to see The Blue Man Group and enjoy a day at Six Flags.

“The city was so vibrant and interesting to explore with a great group of people. I loved being in an unfamiliar place that

sounded beautiful and should feel good about themselves because they performed flawlessly,” said Moreno.

“The whole trip was such a bonding experience. I enjoyed every second of it; from the competition, to the jokes that were made on the bus, which we practically lived in,” Heather Rhodes exclaimed.

The choir’s Boston trip was an overall success. They managed to bring home two awards, adding them to the collection of awards from previous years of competitions.

Off To College

Ryan Lehnau, Contributing Writer

As the summer is getting closer, high school seniors across the nation prepare for their future.

The way that they do this may vary, but for a good portion of graduating students, college is just around the corner.

When the thought of college first comes to mind, a rush of emotions hits.

There is a sense of freedom, responsibility, and fear when planning for college. As final preparations are being processed when enrolling for college, students take responsibility for their own success, for the first time.

Unlike elementary and high school, the student is not going to be walked through the process of keeping on track, yet instead, must stay on top of their responsibilities and maintain focus.

College can be an exciting time for many people. It is a time in which students are away from home and more independent.

While attending college, people usually undergo the biggest

transition of their lives--the move into adulthood. This is the time in which consequences can affect the outcome of one's success.

During spring and summer,



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admitted applicants prepare the enrollment process and make final adjustments and decisions to the college of their choice.

As students make final preparations for their college experience, they must learn to adapt to the responsibilities, while having fun along the way.

College may be the most rigorous academic aspect of one's life, but that is no excuse to not have fun.

Summer Jobs Needed For Any Career Path

Hayley McDonald, Contributing Writer

Summer jobs open doors. They create valuable connections that could lead to other jobs in the future or even help you land an internship at your dream job.

Summer jobs instill work ethic and responsibility in young adults and prepare them to start working more serious jobs as they get older.

Lifeguarding is a popular summer job for teens. Although certification is required, the process is short and the work is not very strenuous; it involves sitting and staring at the pool or ocean for long periods of time.

It is important for lifeguards to not get distracted easily though; a mistake like getting caught up in a text conversation with a friend or a good book could mean a person drowning.

Although this rarely happens, it is important to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Another downside to lifeguarding is the sun exposure.

Although the responsibility is great, most teens are attracted to lifeguarding because of the endless hours in the sun and the tans they'll have by the end of the summer.

This sun exposure, however, could lead to bad burns, sun poisoning, and, eventually, skin cancer.

To prevent these side effects, it is important to wear SPF everyday and reapply often after being in the water.

Lifeguarding is a great job for teens, and many jump at the opportunity to get trained and certified. Popular employment amongst teens also includes being a hostess for a restaurant.

Most restaurants only hire people who have restaurant experience; so if a hostess or cashier job is available and experience is not required, this is a great addition to any resume.

Although most food places only offer waitressing jobs to people 18 and over, they do offer positions for younger adults that include hostessing and bussing tables. This provides valuable restaurant and cashier experience for teens.

It is often said that everyone should work in the food industry at least once in his life. This gives people a different perspective so that they treat food service workers with more respect and kindness.

Working in the food industry gives a person customer service skills and the understanding that the customer is always right. This will

help in almost any career industry in the future.

Cashiers take up another large portion of working teens. Cashiers are in a union, which guarantees them certain privileges in the workforce.

Being a camp counselor is another good choice. Working with kids all day keeps teens busy, active, and in nature!

Opportunities to work in arts and crafts, at the pool, or in outdoor games are available at most summer camps, so most teens can find their niche there.

Start by creating a resume and sending it out to prospective employers! A summer job could change one's perspective or one's intended career choice, and any work experience is of great value.

Making the Big Choice: Which College?

Ankur Sharma, Contributing Writer

High School seniors are in the homestretch of what has been a long, educational, and memorable journey. With two more highlights to add to senior year--Prom and Graduation--on the horizon, the big question still stands: Where are you going next year?

Deciding which college to go to is the biggest decision a high school senior makes. He/she decides which college to call their home for the next four years. Ibanca Anand, a senior at NBTHS, was accepted to Duke University, New York University, and John Hopkins.

When it came down to making the big decision, Anand committed to Duke University Class of 2017. "Deciding which college to commit to was one of the toughest decisions I had to make because there are so many factors such as financial aid, tuition and fees, what life is like in the school of choice, and much more. But in the end, I had decided that Duke will be my home away from home."

Akshat Podar, another senior at NBTHS, also had a tough decision to make when it came to deciding which college to attend.

Podar received acceptances from Duke University and NYU Stern.

"The choice was very difficult to make since both schools are prestigious in their own right but after a lot of thought, I gave my nod to Duke Class of 2017." Alisa Adwaney and Bharadwaj Ramachandran both received acceptances from Carnegie Mellon and have committed to the Carnegie Class of 2017.

"It's all about working hard and remaining dedicated and I know that Carnegie will provide me with plenty of opportunities to achieve

great success," said Adwaney.

The decision making process is no easy task for high school seniors. Factors such as tuition and fees, scholarships, distance from home, and beginning a new life in a new school play a role in this process. Now that the seniors of NBTHS have decided where they intend to start the next chapter of their lives, they rejoice together and look forward to a memorable Senior Prom in June and a wonderful Graduation, to cap off a long and amazing journey.

Seniors' Last Pep Rally

Jordan Grant, Contributing Writer

Pep rallies are enjoyable for all students; for the day classwork is exchanged for some competitive fun.

Now that the year is slowly coming to an end, seniors definitely want to leave high school with a "bang." Winning

every competition and every game is the ultimate goal for seniors, and can you blame them?

The freshmen came very close to the seniors in many of the games. They were no joke; they entered the Pep Rally determined to

make their mark in NBTHS - and they did.

However, with no surprise, the 2013 class won the pep rally! From the tug of war to the sack race, the seniors beat all of the other grades, leaving them with the glorified Spirit Cup.

40th Annual Musical Celebration

Michelle Kim, Staff Writer

The Alchemist never fail to please the audience when there is dancing, singing, and acting. Those who wished to take part in the drama club have their chance to shine on stage. Performing successful shows such as, *An Inspector Calls* and *Beauty and the Beast*, freshman can experience their first shows while seniors experience nostalgia. Devoting their time every week after school, students prepare themselves for the thrill of acting out their favorite performances.

Directed by Mrs. Suchocki, the students perform three shows every year: The Fall Play, Theatre Revue, and the Spring Musical.

Students gather for Tech Week as each show arrives. Tech Week gathers the whole group, practicing before the final days of performance.

Along with rehearsing, the week allows many of the Alchemists to make friends and have a great time. With creative props and colorful costumes, the

Alchemist members entertain with comedy, mystery, catchy songs, and give great performances. Many relatives and friends arrive to support the show and the actors and actresses taking the stage.

This year, the Alchemists have chosen the *Ragtime* musical; it

Alchemists has entertained their audience for many years with so many talented actors and actresses.

Performed four times in three days, their hard work leading up to the show proved valuable. *Ragtime* takes place during the early 20th century. It shows the story of three

Played by actors and actresses including Darius Delk and Ryan Wilcox, the group brings the story out to form a touching and thrilling atmosphere. Along with mentioning historical figures like Henry Ford, Harry Houdini, and Admiral Peary, the play gives the audience the chance to enjoy and learn of the culture during the 1900s.

Credit should be given to lighting, sound, production, and pit orchestra, since they have contributed their part in supporting the show. With scenes changing throughout the shows, the backstage crew must accurately bring the props on and off of the stage. Along with helping the actors and actresses utilize the props, the backstage crew spends time together singing along with the ones on stage and going over what comes next. As the year comes to an end, the Alchemists look forward to coming up with new ideas for more intriguing shows for next year.



THE 2013 CAST OF *RAGTIME*.

Photo Courtesy of Michelle Kim

is a touching and exciting show that people of all ages enjoy. Celebrating their 40th annual musical,

groups that have come together to share the story of their struggles in America.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Mufifsheikh Abdulfattah Rutgers University	Oluwamayowa Babalola Middlesex County College	Kaveena Bullock Fairleigh Dickinson University	David Coffie-Owusu Montclair State University
Nikita Abraham Rutgers University	Alexandra Baier Rutgers University	Laure Caballero University Autonoma of Honduras	Michael Colandrea Kings County College
Alyssa Adams Arcadia University	Baber Baig Middlesex County College	Rosana Cabrera Middlesex County College	Israel Colon Middlesex County College
Alisa Adwaney Carnegie Mellon University	Crystal Baksh Middlesex County College	Nadiyah Caceres Middlesex County College	Joseph-Renso Columbano Middlesex County College
Nana Adwoa Agyarkowah Rutgers University	Joseph Baradhi Middlesex County College	Jonathan Candelaria Rutgers University	Morgan Comunale Quinnipiac University
Matthew Agudelo Rutgers University	Abbey Barker Rutgers University	Emily Carey Albright College	Jessica Conroy Montclair State University
Justin Agudosi Hampton University	Chelsea Barton Middlesex County College	Alyssa Carlsen Middlesex County College	Fanta Conteh Montclair State University
Ashley Ahimovic Middlesex County College	Summer Barton Montclair State University	Christopher Castellanos Middlesex County College	Jacqueline Contreras Middlesex County College
Adam Ahmad Chaustre Rutgers University	Carolina Batista Colgate University	Mario Castellanos Fortis Institute	Vinny Cortese Middlesex County College
Shiraz Ahmad Ohio State University	Anish Baweia University of Michigan	Michelle Castro Middlesex County College	Madeline Crispin Middlesex County College
Rubab Ahmed Middlesex County College	Connor Becerril Drexel University	Allison Catalano Georgetown University	Kyreeh Crone American International College
Fahad Akhtar Rutgers University	Tyler Belfi United States Armed Services	Corianne Cha The College of New Jersey	Julissa Cruz Middlesex County College
Kelsey Aloia University of Delaware	Edgard Betances Middlesex County College	Allen Chang Rutgers University	James Curran Middlesex County College
Brooke Altman Florida State University	Martin Bay Kean University	Brian Chang Arizona State University	Leigh Ann D'Alessandro Ramapo College of New Jersey
Omer Amin New Jersey Institute of Technology	Precious Boakye Fashion Institute of Technology	Julie Chang Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	Justin D'Amore Middlesex County College
Monica Amponsah Middlesex County College	Jessica Boka University of New Haven	David Charneco Seton Hall University	Verine Dande Rutgers University
Ibanca Anand Duke University	Abigail Bonett Pennsylvania College of Art & Design	Ayushi Chauhan Rutgers University	Cori Dawson Howard University
Vasili Angloher Middlesex County College	Mollie Bongiovanni Middlesex County College	Christopher Chedid Cornell University	Maya Day Middlesex County College
Brenick Anudon Ramapo College	Jason Boswell Middlesex County College	Elizabeth Chevy Middlesex County College	Crystal Delos Santos Anthem Institute
Demetrios Apostolakis Rutgers University	Anderson Bourdierd Middlesex County College	Rohan Chittella Rutgers University	Branden Decoteau United States Air Force
Matthew Arcure Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	Michael Brandefine Middlesex County College	Radia Choubani Middlesex County College	Priya Desai Rutgers University
Stephanie Arronis Rutgers University	Kalice Braxton Trinity Washington University	Steve Christy Middlesex County College	Casandra Destefano Ohio University
Yulisa Avelar Middlesex County College	Antonique Brockington Middlesex County College	Keisha Chung College of St. Elizabeth	Alejandra Diaz Rutgers University
Manuel Aviles Rutgers University	Gleniece Brown Rutgers University	Christina Chunilall Middlesex County College	Kevin Diaz United States Air Force
Alexander Azcona Middlesex County College	Samaad Brown Devry University	Joseph Ciccarelli Middlesex County College	Luz Diaz Middlesex County College

Yulibel Diaz Middlesex County College	Danielle Gary University of North Carolina	Tatiana Hernandez Miami Dade College	Ashleyann Kaltschmid Gentle Healing School of Massage
Justin Disarro Stevenson Institute of Technology	Jesus Genchi Middlesex County College	Connor Heron East Brunswick Vocational Technical School	Amadu Kanu Lincoln Technical Institute
Alyson Dohn Louisiana State University	Victoria Genito Middlesex County College	Blanca Herrera Fortis Institute	Karlynn Karupen Middlesex County College
Orren Douglas Middlesex County College	Sriram Gidugu Rutgers University	Ricardo Hinds Raritan Valley Community College	Harleen Kaur Montclair State University
Michael Duff Devry University	Grace Giglio Montclair State University	Dvir Hizkiyahu Middlesex County College	Harrison Kaye Stevens Institute of Technology
Mykel Easie St. Joseph College	Ankur Goel Middlesex County College	Nicole Hoagland Coastal Carolina University	Ebony Kearse Middlesex County College
Yossra Elsayed Middlesex County College	Christian Gomez Middlesex County College	Jaylen Hobdy Kings College	Olivia Kelly Middlesex County College
Dayanna Espinoza Silva Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Karen Gomora Berkeley College	Adonieye Hoo Middlesex County College	Bailey Keyser New Jersey Institute of Technology
Azania Faison University of Vermont	Anthony Gonzalez Middlesex County College	Donte Howard-Seay Tidewater Community College	Mohamed Khan Middlesex County College
Miriam Fakhry Montclair State University	Jordan Gonzalez University of Delaware	Nicole Howlin Middlesex County College	Shafan Khan Rutgers University
Atiqah Fareed Middlesex County College	Christine Gran Middlesex County College	Irene Hu Seton Hall University	Gagandeep Khara Rutgers University
Michael Farhat Middlesex County College	Jordan Grant Middlesex County College	Shelley Huang Rutgers University	Bradley Kilheaney DeSales University
Kelly Farrell Strayer University	Ni'Ja Green United States Air Force	Andrew Hunt Middlesex County College	Bridget Kissi Rivier University
Jessica Feiner West Virginia University	Stephanie Guevara Penn State Wilke Barres	Joseph Ikuss Stevens Institute of Technology	Mbalu Koroma Middlesex County College
Cadmiel Feliz Rutgers University	Brandon Gunter Rider University	Lauren Illes Albright College	Adeniyi Kukoyi Penn State University
Iverson Fleming Long Island University	Lenny Guzman Middlesex County College	Kevin Jackson Middlesex County College	Connor LaPrey Rutgers University
Dennis Ford William Paterson University	Ray Habib Rutgers University	Marchane Jackson Middlesex County College	Dalen Le Fashion Institute of Technology
Michael Fortenberry Middlesex County College	Mohammed Haji Drexel University	Peter Jacob Rutgers University	Kangsoo Lee Boston College
Rahzahn Fowler Middlesex County College	Alan Hall Middlesex County College	Alan Jacome Fashion Institute of Technology	Ryan Lehnau Rutgers School of Engineering
Imani Fox Howard University	Maya Harb Middlesex County College	Jose Jaimes Middlesex County College	Klara Lekics Middlesex County College
Jahsava Francois Middlesex County College	Antasia Harris Raritan Community Center	Monisha Jain Rutgers University	Eugenia Lignos Middlesex County College
Victoria Gagliardi Maryland Institute College of Art	Gregory Hart Drexel University	Saraan Jarral Middlesex County College	Maria Lignos University of North Carolina
Giovanni Galioto Middlesex County College	Ryan Henning Hofstra University	Julio Juarez Universal Technical School	Jonathan Lin Princeton University
Jennifer Garbowski Richmond the American International University in London	Mathew Herbst Ocean County College	Nervly Julney Middlesex County College	Jasmin Little United States Armed Services
	Christian Hernandez Middlesex County College		Angi Liu Stevens Institute of Technology

POST-SECONDARY PLANS

M'Kya Long-Woodard
Middlesex County College

Licheidy Morales
Middlesex County College

Lahar Parikh
Rutgers University

Akshat Podar
Duke University

Bryan Lorenzo
Seton Hall

Christian Morel
United States Marine Corps

Sweta Parikh
The College of New Jersey

Steven Porsolt
Middlesex County College

Hugo Lorenzo
Middlesex County College

Katherine Moreno
Middlesex County College

Ashley Park
University of Illinois

Dorie Porwich
Rutgers University

Michelle Lostocco
Middlesex County College

Kieasha Morgan
Middlesex County College

Daniel Park
Rutgers University

Samantha Porwich
Rutgers University

Michelle Lofalla
Binghamton University

Millicent Moseray
Rutgers University

Timothy Parson
Middlesex County College

Lazahra Primos
Middlesex County College

Amanda Luken
Northeastern University

Emily Mount
Middlesex County College

Ajay Patel
Middlesex County College

Rene Quintero-Nieto
Middlesex County College

Nicholas Lupo
Middlesex County College

Alex Mui
Rutgers University

Aksay Patel
Middlesex County College

Shaira Rahman
Rutgers University

Christopher Maceren
Penn State Harrisburg

Marylynn Muldowney
The University of Rhode Island

Devangi Patel
Rutgers University

Bharadwaj Ramachandran
Carnegie Mellon University

Nicholas Macio
The College of New Jersey

Kirsten Murawski
Middlesex County College

Dhruvit Patel
Rutgers University

Randall Ramirez
Middlesex County College

Adam Magnacca
Montclair State University

Ronald Myers
Stevenson University

Dhruv Patel
Rutgers University

Amanda Ramos
Rutgers University

Hoda Manaem
Middlesex County College

Marissa Myriety
Canisius College

Harsh Patel
Temple University

Jessica Rangel
Middlesex County College

Jeremy Manaraj
Middlesex County College

Shachi Nagda
Rutgers University

Meera Patel
Rutgers University

Christina Rankin
Brigham Young University

Giselle Martinez
East Brunswick Vo-Tech

Ronald Nazaro
United States Marine Corps

Nehi Patel
University of the Sciences

Shivang Rastogi
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

Sergio Martinez
Middlesex County College

Victor Nicolas
Middlesex County College

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Massachusetts College of
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Finding Dory, Tough Expectations

Grace Chu, Staff Writer

After Pixar's great success of *Brave*, a new film has been announced: *Finding Dory*, the upcoming sequel of *Finding Nemo*. The film will be centered on the funny and adorable character, Dory, and her being reunited with her family, and it will be released on November 25, 2015.

Pixar is capable of producing wonderful movies with imaginative storylines for a broad audience, such as *Finding Nemo* itself. Not only was the animation breath-taking and real, the story of a clown fish on a journey to save his son throughout the ocean, with the help of his amnesic companion, is

deep, yet light-hearted for children, and had a great emotional impact. It was positively received and had well-deserved success.

It is no surprise that the announcement of a sequel bought anticipation; as well as skepticism and anxiety. There are numerous film masterpieces that can be marred by their sequels.

Most sequels are unnecessary and are just made for extra cash or an opportunity to relive the fame. The result can be an unoriginal and poorly-made piece of work that does not live up to the original.

The story of *Finding Dory* may not seem so promising to some

people and may mar the original film through some people's eyes.

While it is highly doubtful that *Finding Dory* will be just as good as its predecessor, viewers should at

least keep an open mind and judge the movie with no bias, as with any other movie. It is important not to let opinion be clouded by cynicism.



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An Opinion on Prom.

Tiffany Smith, Staff Writer

One of the biggest highlights of High School is said to be Prom.

All my life I've seen movies stressing the importance of Prom, and watched numerous family members take on the excitement of this one night.

The question is, just how necessary is Prom? Is it a waste of money? For me, the answer is no. Prom is one of the only days a girl can be a princess other than her wedding day. Why not go?

From the moment we graduate, our young, naive selves have to deal with the real world. Nothing is sugar coated or watered down.

High School is one of the easiest times of our lives, we should take advantage of all the opportunities to have fun before things get serious. We need to enjoy our youth while we have it, because once it's gone, it's gone for good.

Prom is a time for relaxation; a sort of celebration for making it this far. It's meant to be enjoyed.

Whether you have a date or not, Prom is worth attending. Having a great night/weekend with your friends is a chance that shouldn't be passed up.

If these are the moments we are meant to remember, I want to remember every last bit of my Prom experience.

So take advantage of High School while you still can - enjoy Prom!

Gym Circuits, Yay or Nay?

Chyna Woods, Contributing Writer

Since we came back from spring break, we've had to do circuits in gym class. For a series of small workouts, that only lasts fifteen minutes, is it really worth it?

These circuits are meant to help you intensely work out each part of your body. There are fifteen stations with certain tasks that range from running, to lifting dumbbells and weighted poles, to

only work on one part of the body for forty-five seconds, it doesn't seem like much of a workout. It takes time for you to "feel the burn" when exercising and the time provided isn't enough. If that time was just devoted our activity for the entire period, we would receive a much better workout. With that being said, it's definitely wasteful.

Doing the circuits isn't all that bad, others say. Some of the



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basic exercise (jump rope, crunches, push ups, etc). Each station lasts for forty-five seconds. Doing seventeen tasks for forty-five seconds should add up to about fifteen minutes. After the circuits, we go do our assigned activities.

Judging by the complaints in the locker room, the circuits seem to be a waste of time and energy for everyone. According to Mushba Chuddry, a freshman NBTHS student said, "They're boring and take up too much time that could be going to our activity." Since we

tasks are simple, but enjoyable and entertaining for students. Senior, Emily Mount said, "I'm not a big fan of the circuits, but I love jumping rope or using the hula hoop. Too bad it's for a short time." Usually hula hoop and jump rope are everyone's choice because of its simplicity and reminder of a simpler time.

Doing circuits in gym has its pros and cons. It seems pointless for us to waste our time with something that doesn't seem to have any effect. The few tasks we do, make it worthwhile, but not by much.

PE's New Compensatory Assignments

Anthony Kovach, Staff Writer

Students may be a bit more reluctant to sit out of gym for minor reasons with a newer policy in place. According to a new rule at NBTHS, students must complete a written assignment for each day of gym missed. The make-up assignments range from poems to essays and all in between. A full list can be pulled up on the North Brunswick Township website. One has to ask: how do any of the tasks relate to physical education in the least? I am as bewildered as any other student.

The general student body is opposed to the idea (as always) and believes it to be irrelevant and useless. First, most students lacking the motivation to participate in PE will certainly not find the inspiration to then write about its splendor. In addition, the question has to be asked how these assignments will benefit students apart from giving a gym grade: they won't.

These new assignments are a meaningless installation; a tedious addition to a class meant for pure excitement and fun. To incorporate written assignments into a PE period is a large mistake whether the original intent was to prevent students from completely missing a class of exercise or to allow students to better appreciate the basic spirit of gym class. Either way, the addition of these make-ups is flawed and unnecessary.

A Team In Unison

Brian Steinman, Contributing Writer

On September 11, 2010, the Stanford Cardinal women's volleyball team ended a three-year, 109-straight win-streak by Penn State. The Nittany Lions women's volleyball team went on a dominating run that consisted of 3 National Championships and just 19 sets lost. It all went unnoticed in America.

The more obvious choices for favorite sports in this country are football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. But if you ask any volleyball player or anyone who has ever played, they'll tell you that it is one of the most competitive sports out there. And unlike other sports, where a LeBron could take over the game by himself, volleyball demands teamwork for success. Just ask Ryan Lehnau, North Brunswick senior and starter at opposite hitter on the school's volleyball team. "We win and lose as a team. Our offseason work has paid off for sure."

That it has, as the Raiders volleyball team was ranked number seven in the state through April 28th with a 12-1 record. Now, through May 5th, they stand 15-1 and number five in the Central Jersey Group IV. Any team with a record like this surely has an excellent coach in background. James Biolsi, North Brunswick's Honors and AP Physics teacher, has coached the

program for 7 years including this season. He knew when he accepted the job that this program wouldn't be built in one short season. Instead, he instilled principles in his team which carries down to every new athlete that walks through his door. When asked about his team's success this season, Biolsi stated that "this season we've been putting together all the pieces over the last few years. Based on the experience we've gained, this season has proven fruitful."

Yet, Biolsi can't win all by himself. This season's captains, Jonathan Lin and Rohan Chitella, have witnessed Biolsi implement these morals throughout their high school careers. Lin, who is the center on the team and is attending Princeton University this coming fall, was asked about the coaching of the team. He stated that "Biolsi isn't supposed to do it all by himself. We want everyone involved in the program to help coach each other."

As for Chittella, whose position is outside hitter, sees the potential in this year's team as compared to previous seasons.

"Giving four years to the program, we can go really far this season." If this team continues its self-motivated effort, it definitely can go down as one of the greatest teams to ever don the blue and gold.

Boys Lacrosse: First Win in 3 Years!

Tiffany Smith, Staff Writer

Our Raider's Boys Lacrosse Team has a long tumultuous history.

In 2011, a turnover in coaching caused a massive drop in the team's players. Distraught over the addition of strict rules by Coach Waddell, many seniors

Long hours after school for conditioning, and drilling play after play proved fruitful in the end. This group of boys became a team in their game against JP Stevens, and came home with a win.

Coach Waddell said

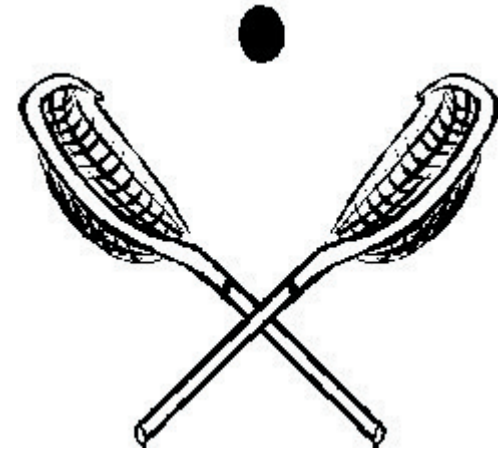


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quit, causing the underclassmen to follow suit.

Striving to change the morale of the team, Coach Waddell introduced new techniques the boys had never seen before. His no-nonsense attitude set the team in line.

Coach Waddell has made the biggest effort to prepare his team for their opponents. A large influx of players, however, came to his advantage this year.

"The team has made tremendous improvements since last season. I look forward to watching the team grow."

The win helped the boys to gain confidence, something they've been missing for too long.

Their first win came as a huge surprise to all of NBTHS! Good luck to the Raider's Boys Lacrosse Team at States!

Inappropriate Behavior Strikes Rutgers

Isabella Evangelista, Contributing Writer



The University of Rutgers has been hit with surprising news about their basketball team. The basketball team's head coach, Mike Rice was fired due to abusive actions towards the team at practices.

In December of 2012, Rice was suspended for three games and fined \$50,000 for abusive behavior towards the players. He was suspended due to a video from a practice that athletic director, Tim Perneti acquired. In that video Rice throws basketballs at the players'

bodies including the face and cursing at them.

Along with his suspension he was not allowed to have any contact with the players nor allowed to be on campus.

Around the time of April, the footage of Mike Rice at practice aired on ESPN. The video was all over the internet and news. Many were shocked and had much to say.

The video was released by Eric Murdock, assistant coach. Murdock claims that he told Perneti about the abuse in the summer of

2012, but took no type of action until he saw the video himself.

Murdock was fired in July for reporting the abuse and is now suing Rutgers. After it was seen by thousands of people including Governor Chris Christie, the next day Rice was fired.

Rice is very short-tempered and since he only coached at Rutgers for about three years many of his other teams that he had coached ran to the media. Rice coached at Robert Morris before Rutgers. Many of the players said they recognized Rice's

behavior but they were not used to him aiming the ball at players or cursing. Some of them had positive thoughts about him.

Fred Harris, who played for Rice at Robert Morris stated, "I didn't like him all the time I was there, but once I left, I really learned and appreciated what he taught me."

Also NBA-All star, Kobe Bryant was shocked. His reaction towards Mike Rice was "I would have smacked the hell out of him."

Black Mambaness Next to Godliness

Darron Baity, Contributing Writer

Kobe Bryant tore his Achilles heel in the game against the Golden State Warriors. He showed pain and discomfort almost the whole game.

Kobe is a strong competitor and very athletic. He's always played through the pain, and refused to leave or be taken out of the game.

Eventually in the final minutes of the fourth quarter his Achilles heel went out under his feet causing him to collapse on the court.

Bryant was a man on a mission, and his mission was cut

short by injury. Although he wasn't there to finish his mission, it was accomplished through the will of his team, the Los Angeles Lakers.

His mission was to get the Lakers in the playoffs, and to make it to the finals.

An MRI confirmed what Bryant and the Lakers' trainers already suspected; Bryant tore his Achilles tendon, an injury that required surgery and that would

leave him sidelined for the next 6-9 months.

Not only is Bryant out for the season, this could potentially threaten the 34 year old's future Hall of Famer's career with the Lakers. He's been with the Lakers for about 16 years.

Now the rest of his career hangs in the balance. Bryant has been a very successful player in the NBA and has left his mark on the league.

If this injury does ultimately ends his career, his name and his legacy in the game will remain forever. In the history

books, engraved in the game, and on the Lakers franchise Kobe Bryant's name will always be remembered.

Kobe will be undergoing surgery soon and hopefully return healthy and be ready to go by next season. Now we play the waiting game to see if Father Time wins his battle with Kobe. Will he be back to continue his legacy? Only time will tell.



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2013 NFL Draft Pick Individual Team Advantages

Moksh Gudala, Contributing Writer

Recently, the annual NFL Draft had taken place, and like most years, there were some big surprises as well as some shocking let-downs.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who held the first pick, were in dire need of a quarterback.

This need was taken care of through a trade with San Francisco, which helped the Chiefs acquire QB Alex Smith. As claimed by NFL analysts, no great quarterbacks were available in this year's Draft, so KC's move could have been for the better.

On Thursday night, Round 1 of the Draft, Kansas City started a queue of linebacker selections with the pick of Eric Fisher, an Offensive

Tackle from Central Michigan. Fisher was prospecting to be one of the best Offensive Tackles this year, after Luke Joeckel, who was expected to be the first pick.

The Jacksonville Jaguars, seeing the major opportunity they were given, grabbed Luke Joeckel, an Offensive Tackle from the famous Texas A&M. The 3rd pick belonged to the Oakland Raiders, but they traded this pick to the Dolphins for Miami's First and Second round pick.

This gave Miami a chance to draft a big name player, which they did.

Miami drafted Oregon Defensive end Dion Jordan to add to their D-line. Miami had also recently released a new logo for the 2013-2014 NFL season.

Moving down the line, the Cleveland Browns took Barkevious Mingo, a top prospect for the Draft, at the 6th pick. Mingo is a Defensive end from Louisiana State University.

At the 7th pick, the Arizona Cardinals picked Jonathan Cooper, an Offensive Guard from North Carolina. The St. Louis Rams, who traded their first and second round picks to the Buffalo Bills for the 8th overall pick, drafted Tavon Austin, Wide Receiver from West Virginia.

Austin was the first non-linebacker drafted this year.

The New York Jets, with the intention to replace recently traded Darrelle Revis, drafted top Cornerback prospect Dee Milliner. Milliner isn't expected to be a replacement to Revis, but he is expected to complement Cornerback Antonio Cromartie.

Quarterbacks were not really the cream of the class of 2013 crop, and because of this, only one QB was drafted this season. EJ Manuel was drafted by the Bills in the 16th overall pick. He wasn't even in the top 3 QBs of this year. Geno Smith, the best QB prospect, wasn't drafted until the 2nd round, by the Jets.

Softball Team

Nicole Howlin, Contributing Writer

The Lady Raiders softball team had a decent record for the 2013 year. The girls haven't finished their year yet but, as of right now, they have won seven games and lost eleven. The team has a few more games, two next week and then another one if they make up today's game.

After those games, the girls, when they start their GMC tournament and once the seeding is done, they will find who they're playing for the first game in GMCS.

After their rough game during Senior night, they hope this is a motivator to do even better and prove to everyone just how good they are in the GMCs.

The six girls that will be leaving us after this year and head off to college to start their next chapter are Captain Marylynn Muldowney, Captain Kelsey

Aloia, Crystal Baksh, Ashleyann with occasionally coming in as a pitcher when she needed to. Samantha and Dorie Porwich.

Dorie Porwich was asked,



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Dorie Porwich, who took a year off of Softball her Junior Year decided to come back for her final year of High School softball.

Porwich played first base

“What made you come back after taking a year off last year?” Her response was, “Because I realized how much I liked playing and I missed being with my second

family; the softball team.”

The team is glad to have Dorie back and says she is a very important member on the team.

Captain Marylynn Muldowney was an extremely important member of the Lady Raiders softball team. Making the varsity softball team as a freshman she has improved greatly throughout her four years here at NBTHS.

Muldowney will be greatly missed although she will continue improving as she heads on to the University of Rhode Island where she will be playing D1 Softball. When she was asked about her teammates her response was, “Our team is a group of amazing girls and athletes. Together we have such potential and I think we are finally starting to click.” Hopefully Muldowney is right and they will click during their tournaments in the GMCS.