

2ND QUARTER REVIEW



NORTHSTAR NEWS

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

This year, due to concerns about Coronavirus, Parent-teacher conferences were held virtually over Zoom. Teachers and parents had scheduled roughly ten-minute sessions where they got to ask questions about schoolwork and any problems their student may be having.

Parents said that, while meeting in person was preferable, conferences were as good as they could be, given the circumstances. Scheduling times to meet was a big help to both parents and teachers. Previously, parents had sometimes not been able to meet with everyone they wanted to, given the lack of scheduling.

New teacher Mr. Corey Chilson felt the meetings went smoothly, stating, “I was able to give full attention to that meeting. I was able to prepare information about that student, if I had any concern areas I would have the information prepared for the meeting.”

Overall online conferences seemed to be a success, possibly introducing features, like scheduled conferences, to be kept as conferences return to in-person.

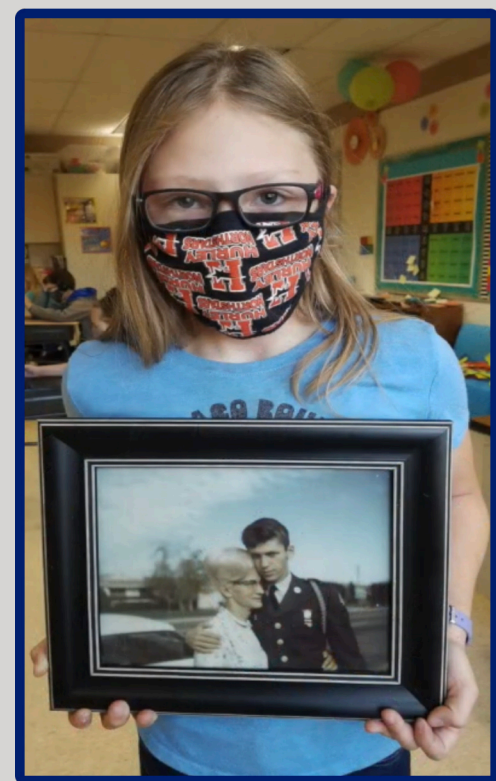
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VETERAN'S DAY

Every year the Hurley School hosts a program on November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day. This year because of COVID restrictions, a traditional program wasn't able to take place. To make up for the cancellation, Mr. Roy Haeger put together a twenty-three-minute video in tribute to our nation's veterans.

The virtual program began with our high school choir singing the national anthem and was followed by an introductory speech by Mr. Chris Kelly. The video proceeded with clips of elementary students showing posters they made in honor of a family veteran including



(11th) performed a Taps duet.

the veteran's name, branch, and other facts about them. Next, a recording of the band performing the song "Beautiful America," was played. Following the band, three seniors, Brooke Taylor, Hunter Fink, and Shane Lynch, read speeches they wrote for the VFW Voice of Democracy speech contest. Hunter Fink, who will be entering the Navy this summer, began his speech by restating the beginning of his Oath of Enlistment. To conclude the virtual program Joe Cane (12th) and Jaxon Sokol



BY: HAILEY EDYVEAN

IN THE CLASSROOM

SNOWSHOEING

Mr. Corey Chilson is taking his biology classes out on educational snowshoe trips this month. Students head down the cross-country ski trails to take a break from masks and indoor classes, while also learning about our area's native flora and fauna. This provides a nice way to get some fresh air and exercise while also learning about what makes our area unique.

ART ROOM FUN

Mrs. Kelsey Hostettler has been doing many fun projects with her students. One of the recent projects, Musical Watercolors, was one of the most favorable projects. During this Mrs. H. played calm, peaceful music while the students painted a portrait of their choice. A foundations student, Kylee Asunto, said, "It was my favorite project so far. It was nice to take a break from my other classwork." Besides this the students have done many other projects such as making clay sculptures, wire sculptures, embroidery, and giant chip bags.

AP ENGLISH

Every Friday Mrs. Shannon Peterson lets her AP English class relax with "Feet-up Friday." The class has done many positive activities to brighten their mental health as well as enlighten stress. Some Fridays consist of yoga and meditation while other days the class does writing activities. For one writing activity the students all wrote negative things or feelings they wanted to get rid of, then the students shredded their papers. "It's always a nice way to end the week, I really enjoy it," an AP student, Mack Eder stated.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

A socially-distanced choir concert was held on December second, with great success thanks to choir director Mrs. Lydia Mattson. The elementary students got to watch a festive show featuring songs from The Grinch, Home Alone, and a special performance from the high school band.

The show opened with the elementary school singers, who sang a fun rendition of “Let it Snow”. Then, the sixth grade choir took the stage to sing “Somewhere in my Memory” from the movie Home Alone, and “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch” from Dr. Seuss’s “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”. The junior high choir took to the stage to perform “Last Christmas”, with special solos from Addison Eder and Rowan Wagner. The high school choir was up last to perform “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and, to wrap the show up, they sang “White Winter Hymnal” to accompany the high school band, who performed a routine choreographed by band director Ms. Cane. The gym lights were turned off, and the band sat in front of a black light wearing all black except for white gloves.

They snapped and clapped their hands to the rhythm, making it seem as if their hands were floating in the dark.

It was a fun performance to watch, and everyone involved did well.

BY: H.N.



ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY FUN

To celebrate the holidays, many fun activities took place throughout the last week of school before winter break. Beginning with dress-up days for the elementary classes; the themes were Christmas Colors, Holiday Best, Flannel Friday, Christmas Accessories, and finally Ugly Sweaters. To continue the holiday fun, candy canes were hidden around the school for the elementary students to find and win a prize. Last, but not least, all teachers participated in a door decorating contest for the chance to win an Amazon gift card to spend on their class.

BY: H.E



Mrs. Peterson's Door
First Place



Eric Eder (5th)
Candy Cane Search Winner



WINTER ATHLETICS



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL BY: H.E.

The clock started and our season began with an away game win over Florence (Final: 77-31) on December 7th. Last season, the varsity team went undefeated in the conference (16-0) taking the conference championship title, then continued to win the regional championship as well. We came back strong with the same team as last year except for one graduated senior. There's been a lot of pressure on us because of our successful season last year. Coach Kivisto continuously tells us, "Everybody knows who we are and what we are capable of. They're gunning to beat us, so we have to be ready to go every game."

Out of eleven games played this season, we've taken eight strong wins and three hard fought losses. We're scheduled to play an away game at South Shore this Friday (1/21). The number of games to be played yet this regular season isn't set in stone, but an estimate could range from 8-12 more games. Wish us luck as we work to beat not only the teams we face, but also the team we were last year.

The JV girls including six freshman, three sophomores, and two juniors, have been doing exceptionally well. Out of eight games played so far, our girls won seven and lost one against Philips. Coach Rye is very proud of his team, "I'm happy with the way these girls have been playing and the way they've been doing things. They're working really well together, playing unselfishly, and putting a lot of effort in defense."

BOYS' BASKETBALL BY: H.E.

The varsity boys returned with two seniors, five juniors, and three sophomores. The Northstars drove to Florence and took a win (75-42) to kick off their season. After taking second in the Indianhead Conference last year, the team is heavily motivated to win the title this season. With ten wins and only one loss under their belts, the varsity boys are on track. "They are doing fantastic! They're a great group of boys and I enjoy being with them every minute of it," Coach Swartz said. This Friday, (1/22) both of the boys teams are heading to South Shore for a good game against the Cardinals. After this game, twelve more regular season games are scheduled, so wish the Northstars good luck as they continue their season.

The Junior Varsity squad consists of seven freshman and three returning sophomores. The boys haven't been able to get many games in, but they've been succeeding so far this season. Coach Erickson proudly said, "The boys are working extremely hard. We've won all of our games so far, going (3-0) in the Indianhead. I'm proud of these kids." The JV will head to South Shore tomorrow as well.

CHEER BY: H.N.

Cheerleaders Camryn, Rachael, Brooklynn, Emma, Shelby, Natalia, Cas, and Monica do a great job at energizing the small crowds at home basketball games. Although spectators are limited, the girls make the stands feel packed as they get the crowd ready to cheer on both the boys and girls basketball teams, sometimes back-to-back. Headed by cheer coach Melissa DeCarlo, the winter cheer squad brings the energy teams need to win hard-fought games.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL BY: H.E.

The junior high volleyball girls will soon begin practice with their new coach, Valerie Aijala. The team consisting of thirteen seventh graders and eleven eighth graders is set to begin practice on January 18th. Their first game will be hosted at home against the Mellen Granite Diggers on February 4th.

Are you excited about your new coaching position?

Coach Aijala: Honestly, I'm extremely excited. There's a lot of girls who came out and they're all truly interested in the sport. They missed their basketball season due to COVID, so they're all super excited to get things rolling as well as I am. It's definitely going to be a huge transition from coaching the high school girls. It's a different coaching style, but I'm excited about the change!"

BOYS' BASKETBALL BY: H.E.

The junior high boys didn't get the season they were hoping for, but they were still able to get a few games in. The eighth graders only got to play three games, two against Mellen and one against Mercer. New eighth grade coach, Max France said, "It was a difficult season due to COVID restrictions, but it was a fun experience to coach some talented players in the Junior High."

The seventh graders, coached by Paul Jurakovich, were able to get four games in. Coach J had many positive things to say about his team, "The team I had was incredibly skilled and blessed with natural talent. The boys didn't get the season they deserved. The teams we played didn't have many players, so we were put up against kids one or two years younger than us. It was fun though and I'm proud of these kids."

Meet the Authors!

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I'm currently a senior at Hurley. I enjoy playing basketball, going skiing, and everything art related. I've taken multiple art classes throughout high school, but this year is my first time taking graphic design and working with the newsletter. Next fall, I'll be attending UWS to major in Art Education and Graphic Design.



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I'm a junior at Hurley High School. I like playing sports (especially softball), reading, and going out with my friends. This is my first high school art class, and my first time working with the e-newsletter and graphic design. I'm learning so much this year, and I'm so excited for next year!



A PHOTO RECAP...



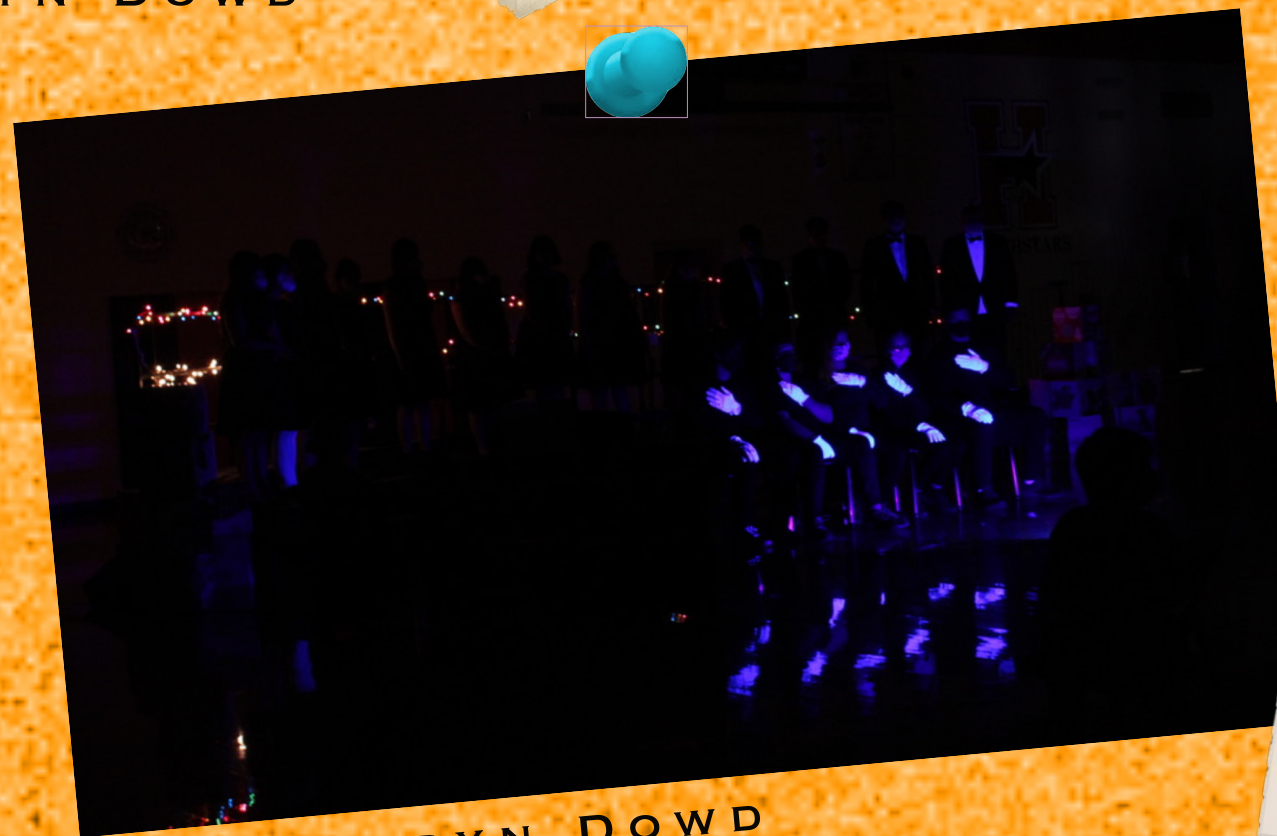
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