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Our Summer Project

During the summer of 2020, despite the Covid 19 pandemic, NCCS implemented a summer enrichment program for our students. These pages represent the hard work, talent, and creativity of many of those who attended. It is a collection of articles, interviews, stories, poems, pictures and much more!

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Catholic Corner

September's Saint of the Month was **St. Michael, the Archangel.**

"When God created the angels, those beautiful spirits of light and love which surround his Heavenly Throne in great numbers, He gave them wonderful gifts of holiness, beauty, and test them in their love for see Him face to face in

One of the Lucifer, whose name was proud of his power disobedience: "I will not

But another great cry of love and is like God?" In a great

the bad angels into hell. In reward for all his love and obedience, God made Archangel Michael prince of all the Heavenly armies.

From the beginning of time, St. Michael was the leader of God's chosen people. In the New Testament he is the guardian angel and protector of the Catholic Church.



wisdom. God wanted to Him before they were to the glory of Heaven. Greatest angels was means "bearer of light". He and raised his battle cry of serve God!"

archangel set up his battle obedience: "Mi-cha-el-Who battle the good angels cast

- Rev. Lawrence G.

During these troubled times, let us pray:

Angel of God

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear
To whom God's love commits me here
Ever this night be by my side
To light, to guard, to rule and guide*

Science and Discovery

Was Covid-19 originated in a lab?

By: Maximus Sturniolo

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When this whole pandemic started, many people said that it began from bats or some kind of animal from the Chinese wet markets in Wuhan. Some coronaviruses that infect animals can be spread to humans, but it is rare. The latest studies show that 14 of the first 41 earliest cases, including the first, had no connection to the animal market.

Various researchers and news medias have drawn up theories that one of two labs in Wuhan have been working on coronaviruses that accidentally let it escape or the lab was genetically engineering a Sars-CoV-2-like virus which then escaped. China opened their first BSL-4 lab in 2018, but is planning to build a national network of BSL-4 labs which examines diseases and viruses from wild animals. This explains the bats.

The Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), has been collecting large numbers of coronaviruses from bats ever since the Sars outbreak in 2002-2004. They also have been collecting more in 2016. The WIV is also only eight miles away from the animal market. Located in Wuhan is the Wuhan

Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (WCDPC). This lab is just 250 metres away from the human market. Bat coronaviruses in the past, have been kept at the Wuhan WCDPC lab. This



would make sense that scientists from these Wuhan labs are experimenting with these bats and let it escape.

Researchers from the Wuhan lab travelled to caves in Yunnan to find Horseshoe bats containing Sars-like coronaviruses. This bat is the closest living thing to Sars-CoV-2 yet found comes from Yunnan. Therefore, did the Covid-19 come from Yunnan or Wuhan? We do not yet know where the virus came from, but hopefully we will know very soon.

Comet NEOWISE

By Joe Askar

A comet visiting from our solar system is putting on a dazzling display. The comet is named NEOWISE, and has been making its once in a lifetime visit since July 3rd and will leave us on July

The comet cruised very close to the sun around July 3rd. This resulted in significant heat increase, making it easily visible to the naked eye. It is more visible because the outer ice layer of the comet has been melting off, creating a large tail of debris behind



the very far reaches of our solar system. The comet is named NEOWISE, and has been making its once in a lifetime visit since July 3rd. The comet is named NEOWISE, and has been making its once in a lifetime visit since July 3rd. The comet is named NEOWISE, and has been making its once in a lifetime visit since July 3rd.

For those hoping to see comet NEOWISE in person, here's what to do: Find a spot out in the wilderness where city lights are not present and with an unobstructed view of the sky. Just after sunset, look below the big dipper in the northwest sky. For the best view, bring some binoculars or a small telescope. NEOWISE is three miles in diameter, but don't be too scared because it is coming nowhere near earth. The comet comes to the inner solar system once every 6,766 years, so enjoy the display while you can!

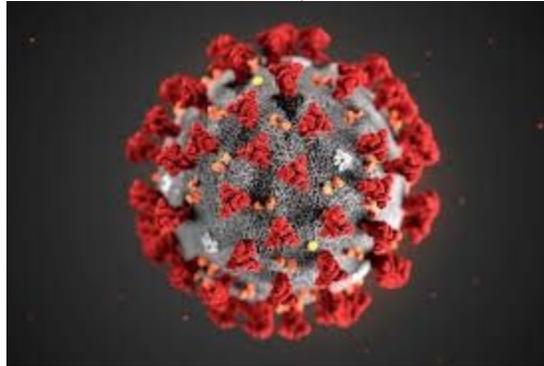
COVID-19 Symptoms

By Lila Drab

The coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, is highly contagious just like the flu virus. Although the viruses are different, they can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms to severe symptoms.

One difference is that a symptom of COVID-19 is loss of taste and smell, which is not a symptom for the flu. A long term effect known as Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) is also attributed to the coronavirus. Also, some patients that have COVID-19 have experienced episodes of delirium or hallucinations.

When you're first exposed to COVID-19, symptoms may occur 2-14 days after. If you



have the following symptoms you may have been exposed to covid-19: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, dizziness and rashes. sore throat, congestion or runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea may also occur.

If you do have the coronavirus, you may not have all those symptoms.

Some people have more or less. If you have any symptoms you should get tested, but even if you don't you should still get tested because a lot of people have the virus without showing any symptoms and can still spread the disease.

SpaceX Launch on May 30

by Andrew Ellman



SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs. SpaceX is a privately held company that teamed up with NASA.

SpaceX launched their first rocket in 2009 and another in 2010. A crew of 8,000 people

helped plan, design and build the rocket. The rocket launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on May 30. Suited up in SpaceX custom pressure suits, astronauts Behnken and Hurley started to make their way to the launchpad

at 12pm. At 3:22pm NASA gave the go ahead to take off.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 liftoff! Everyone was very nervous at this point because the prototype of this rocket had recently failed to launch and blew up due to the

rocket being still connected to the launch pad. Luckily everything went smoothly on the final rocket launch, and in 19 hours they arrived at the International Space Station. On June 2, 2020 the rocket

returned to the Earth in Florida's Port Canaveral. This sparked many ideas about trying to get to Mars and more space exploration.

July 4th Fireworks Create as Much Pollution as a 2,700-Acre Wildfire

by Andrew Ellman

Although fireworks displays are very popular in America, they are a source of major pollution. Air pollution from major fireworks displays can travel for miles. It can stay in the air for as long as five hours after the fireworks show is over and can cause bad air quality across counties, making the effects of air pollution more severe in areas that may have never encountered this as a problem.

Due to Covid-19, most firework displays were canceled this year. Therefore, many people decided to do their own fireworks which caused a lot more pollution than previous years. Air quality became contaminated with hazardous levels of metal particles, dangerous toxins, harmful chemicals and smoke in the air. Some of the toxins never fully decompose and hang around in the environment, poisoning all they come into contact with. The worst parts of pollution can be located in Los Angeles and other areas like Santa Ana. Since the air was so dry on the 4th, it

trapped the pollution, adding to the high levels of toxins. Breathing in this smoke pollution can lead to health effects such as heart attacks, decreased lung function,



coughing or difficulty breathing and may lead to premature death in people with heart or lung disease. Because of this, there should be more restrictions on fire.

Pop Culture Reviews

Warzone

By: Maximus Sturniolo

Video games have been around since the 1950s and back then were a popular activity. It wasn't until the 1970s when video games started to thrive.

Fan-favorite games like the Call of Duty series are what brought so many players to it's game. All types of different ages come to video games just because it's fun or because they want that competitive gameplay.

Warzone is a highly competitive game of 150 random people fighting it out to the death. You don't have to worry about playing people that are better than you because one of the game's features is skill-based matchmaking. What this means is that if you are a beginner, you will play people of your skill level. By playing with this, you will be able to improve on your skills as time goes by. Warzone has 4 different modes, Solos, duos, trios, and quads. The game also has some side gamemodes where they add different items to spice up the gameplay. Warzone also has a whopping 50 million players registered as of April 10th, 2020.

So you start out in a jet flying over the map to parachute down to your location of your choice. The main goal to have when you're playing Warzone is to have fun, but when you want, you can also be serious and want to win. Winning will be tough, but

there are two different play styles you can use. There is either the camping play style where you sit in a house all game or you can be very aggressive and try to run around looking for kills. You have to



be aware of your surroundings to know where the best loot is and to have a little information on where an enemy has landed. Weapons are ranked from grey which is the worst, green, purple, and legendary. The grey weapons mean the gun has less attachments than other colored guns. Once you have looted up, start to find contracts like scavengers to load up on cash and to buy items from the buy station. Those are the basics to play warzone.

I personally like Warzone because I get to play with all my friends and have a great time. I also like to win too.

Call Of Duty: 2020 information has just surfaced.

There has been much year's new *Call of Duty* title, that the title is likely to be Call



By: Joe Askar

speculation already regarding this and the latest news has revealed of Duty: *Black Ops Cold War*

Treyarch will be developing this new game, and teasers are starting to surface in the current game in the CoD franchise, Modern warfare/warzone. People have been guessing that the game will be set in the "black ops universe", but references have been made to the cold war which happened in the first black ops game, suggesting a reboot. A new software has been dropped onto the microsoft store. It is named the *Red Door*. The page asks players to type in a code to play. The description reads: "There is more than one truth. If you go looking for answers, be ready to question everything and accept that nothing will ever be the same. The Red Door awaits, do you dare step through it? When will we get an actual CoD 2020 reveal? Nobody knows. But what we do know is that the reveal will take place in the latest CoD game, Warzone sometime in july, august, or even september. Who knows what developer Treyarch has in store for us, but let's hope it's good.

Hamilton: The Musical

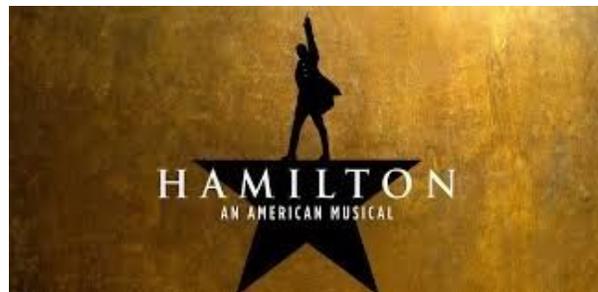
By: Olivia Cole

Alexander Hamilton was one of our founding fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution during the birth of our nation. He also was the first secretary of treasury under George Washington's presidency. Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote a historical fiction musical in 2015 about Alexander Hamilton.

The parts that make this musical historical fiction are added drama and hip-hop songs. My favorite parts of the musical are those songs because, despite their controversial language, they are explaining history in ways the world wouldn't expect, and many young folks are loving it. The soundtrack consists of 44 songs and is 2 hours and 23 minutes long. Some songs like, *Alexander Hamilton*, *The Schuyler Sisters*, *You'll Be Back*, and *What'd I Miss* are about different people and describe who they are. Other songs like *My Shot*, *The Story of Tonight*, *Right Hand Man*, *Helpless*, *Satisfied* and *Wait for It* are about how the people are feeling and how they are expressing their emotions through song. This is why I like the soundtrack so much.

Something different about the musical is the casting. In real life George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton were white men and were said to own slaves. In the musical Washington, Burr, Jefferson, and Madison are black men. The media has a

controversy because most of those men listed above, in reality owned slaves, and the actors are black men. In a tweet Miranda said "I took 6 years and fit as much as I could in a 2.5 hour musical. Did my best." This musical wasn't about slavery; it was about Alexander Hamilton and his rise from humble beginnings to greatness.



In my opinion I can't recall a part I didn't like. The overall musical was amazing and the original 2015 cast was phenomenal. The costumes and dedication to the ones making them was incredible. This is definitely a musical I would watch again.

I would recommend this musical. The rating is PG-13 and I believe this is a good age range to go by because most teens and pre-teens don't like learning history straight from the books. This is a fun, hip-hop musical that does tell history but in a very different way.

Pop Music Review: Miranda Lambert's Mama's Broken Heart

By Shayelynn Cook

"Mama's Broken Heart" by Miranda Lambert has been out for a while now, and it doesn't play on the radio much anymore. The song has relatable lyrics for most people. Lambert, the lead singer, sings about how she goes through the break-up of a relationship.

"I cut my bangs with some rusty kitchen scissors / screamed his name 'til the neighbors called the cops / I numb the pain at the expense of my liver / don't know what I did next , all I know [is] I couldn't stop." This verse speaks about when a girl/woman gets her heart broken, she feels she has to change herself because

she wasn't good enough and doesn't want to give attention to the pain. She might even resort to substance abuse.

The lyrics of "Mama's Broken Heart" touch many listeners' hearts. People often try to change themselves after a break-up. They feel their old self was not good enough.

I think the real message is that everyone *is* good enough, and you should never change yourself for someone else. Only change if you are doing it for you.

Too many people are changing themselves for others nowadays. Never let anyone bring you down.



Minecraft

By: Aria Green

Minecraft is a game that you mine, craft, eat, and you create! At night there are a lot of dangerous creatures. I will tell you what they are!

- Creepers: Creepers are very explosive and if you go near one a lot of things explode. Creepers can even explode your house too!
- Enderman: Enderman also roams in the shadows and if you look it in the eyes it will try and kill you! Enderman will also get killed by going in water.
- Zombies: Zombies go in the night as well. Zombies can break down your door. When there are too many mobs or creatures you can't go to sleep because there are monsters nearby.
- Skeletons: Skeletons also creep in the night. Skeletons have bows and arrows that you can get shot by.



- Spiders: Spiders can climb all over the place. Spiders wont hurt you when it's day but if you hit it you would get attacked.

If you would like to customize your character you go to the player on your screen and click "ADD NEW CHARACTER" and you can customize it.

Here's how it works: You "craft" by getting resources and then if you're on phone you swipe and if you're on computer or laptop you left and right click. Then you get your item and you use it to chop wood, mine, and you craft.

91 million are active right now. Did you know Minecraft Steve is 317 years old? Minecraft has been going on for a while now and Steve was there for every step of the way. Steve is actually 1.85 meters. Did you know Minecraft is 11 years old??

There are some restrictions for players. Only 7 years old and up can play, and for some versions, only 13 and up because kids might have nightmares of it. But, if you like scary things this is the game for you!

Rocket League

By Kyle Augustin

My favourite game is rocket league. Rocket league is a car soccer video game. The basic goal of the game is to score a goal on the other team's net. I like it because of the way it is played and the grind to become a grand champion.

There is a ranked system ranging from bronze, silver, gold platinum, diamond, champion, and grand champion. The higher in the ranks you go the harder it is to score goals and also save shots.

There is also a trading system in the game with so many items. One reason you want to trade is to make your car look cool. Another reason is because different cars have different hitboxes and turning circles.

An exciting part of the game is that you can also demolish players by going full speed. This is called going supersonic. If you ram into another players' car while going supersonic you will demolish them. Some players have learned to take

advantage of this mechanic and demolish the goalie while their teammate takes the shot on net or they demolish players who are trying to hit the ball. The



best players in the world can make it to the rocket league rival series (RLRS) and rocket league champion series (RLCS).

Rocket League is a very complex and challenging game. It is very popular among players of all ages.

Mojang Presents...

By Tommy Askar

Minecraft Dungeons is an Action-Adventure video game developed by Mojang

Studios and Double Eleven. It was published on May 26, 2020 by Xbox Game Studios. You can play it on Nintendo Switch, (The console I play it on) Playstation 4, Xbox 1, and



Windows. The game is \$19.99 for all consoles, but you can also buy a bundled version for \$29.99 that gives you extra to choose from. The first one is Default, the gamemode for new players that haven't yet played the game. Once you complete the game on Default Mode, you move on to Adventure Mode, which is a repeat of the game but with more difficult enemies and better rewards. When you complete the game on Adventure Mode, you move onto Apocalypse Mode. This is the third and final mode, and the hardest. This is the gamemode you can play to get the best items. When you finish all three modes, you have completed the game. They also made a DLC (Downloadable Content) for the

rewards at the beginning of the game.

The goal of the game is to defeat the main boss, The game that gives you an extra three levels to play.

There are a total of nine levels, so it will take at least a week to complete each mode. There are also some secret levels that you can find while playing certain levels. In the first couple of levels, there are easy enemies, such as the creeper, zombie, and skeleton. In the beginning you are given a sword and a bow, as you progress through the game, you will unlock better loot like a bow with exploding arrows or a sword with a stronger blade.

There are also enchantments and artifacts that you can find throughout the

Arch Villager. This battle is very hard. There are three categories

levels. After completing a level you get one enchantment point that you can use to get special power ups on your weapons such as flaming swords, and alot more. Artifacts are items that you have in your inventory that will help you throughout the game such as a pet llama and dog that will help you defeat the enemies.

That is my review on the game. I highly recommend this video game to anybody that likes Action-Adventure and Dungeon Crawler games. I was very excited when Mojang Studios announced that they were going to create the game in April.

Perspectives

Youtube

By: Aria Green

Hello! I'm Aria and I am going to give you some advice and information about Youtube!!!



What is Youtube?:

Youtube is an app that allows people to watch and make videos, well as learn from them. A lot of people use

it to watch videos such as try-not-to-laugh, unboxing toys, reading, and games. Youtube also has Youtube Kids so kids can watch appropriate videos for their age.

What do people use Youtube for? :

People might want to watch scary, funny, sad and many many more varieties. They use it also to make funny videos! You always want to find what you want to watch so click the search bar and type what you want to watch.

How do you make videos?:

You make Youtube videos by making a channel. You can name it anything from your name, an animal, or random letters. Then click/tap the camera button on your screen and click/tap "RECORD" or "LIVE". Now you can record anything you want. And if you want to take it a step further you can make an icon for your channel. An icon is a thing at the corner of your screen like in Gmail, Youtube, and many more apps!

What do you see on Youtube?:

Youtube has all kinds of videos. When you look around there is a recommended page. Click/tap it and it will show you what you should watch! You can see many many liked videos of mine such as gaming videos to drawing videos.

I hope you liked the information about Youtube!!

Pathway to the Future

By Noah Benjamin

P-Tech means Pathways in Technology Early College High School it is a career and college-based high school that specializes in hands-on learning one of its locations is in Dunkirk New York. P-Tech is an alternative school model created by IBM to prepare students for 21st-century jobs. It does this by mentorship, workplace visits, and paid internships making students actually feel what it's like to have a job.

The program puts students on a career pathway for many successful jobs. P-Tech has a large impact on education by having a set of goals

for their students. Those goals are "attendance, high school performance, high school graduation, college readiness, college performance, a college degree, internships, a job, and an ongoing college pursuit".

I think that P-Tech is a great school for anyone to go to especially if they want good training and academics. I think that it is a very good school and I am excited to be going there for high school.

In conclusion, P-Tech is a school that helps prepare students for the world in many different ways. They help prepare students for college and careers with many different pathways to choose from. This helps students be ready to go out into the workforce and be successful with their lives.



What You Might Not Know about Netflix

By Julia Askar

Today I will write about the

movie/TV/streaming app called netflix. Netflix is one of the most used streaming apps

along with Crackle, Hulu, and Amazon. Netflix has 152 million paid memberships in over 190 countries around the world. Netflix was founded in 1997 in Los Gatos, California. This is where the headquarters remain.

Netflix has something called "party chat" which allows you to watch your favorite shows with friends. Netflix is mostly used for entertainment. The cost is usually 8.99 per month. For entertainment, you can watch Disney movies, Nickelodeon, and Disney tv shows.



To use netflix, you first have to download the app, and set up your own account. This means creating your password and username, and linking your credit card for payments. Then, you have to start finding movies/shows you're interested in by using the search bar. The

movies/shows you might be interested in will appear in something called "Your recommended."

Here are some of the reasons I use netflix. Mostly, I watch tv shows but I also watch movies. If you are wondering what kind of movies I watch, they are Disney movies. For TV shows I usually watch Nickelodeon.

There are a lot of things to do during summer vacation. I spend some time at the pool, and some time snacking, but when I really want to relax I lay on my bed and watch my favorite shows on Netflix.

Watching Movies: Home v. Theater

By Tommy Askar

Watching movies at home is a completely different experience than watching a movie in theaters. Here are some of the differences between these two venues.

The experience while watching a movie in the theaters is most likely more fun, as it has amazing speakers, a huge screen, many people to enjoy the movie with, and a huge variety of snacks that you can buy (or smuggle in!) watching your it is a smaller TV, and there fewer snacks to many people.



overall cost and getting to the

probably more difficult than watching at home. All you have to do at home is turn on the TV, get some

and eat while movie. At home screen, like a are probably eat and not as

However, the the process of theater are

popcorn, and sit on the couch. For theater movies, it is not that simple. First of all, if you might live far away from the theater then you have to drive all the way. This is only a problem for some people. Some problems that everyone experiences are the prices. To start, You have to pay at least ten dollars to even get into the movie. And if you want some snacks to go with your movie, you have to pay six dollars for a single bag of popcorn, and more for the candy. It is way overpriced. My solution is to go to a dollar store and buy a bag of candy for one dollar and then sneak it in a backpack or something.

Another problem at the theaters is the safety and cleanliness. What I mean by safety is certain places can be more likely for people to get sick than other places, and the movie theater is one of places where you can very likely get a sickness (this happened to my sister Julia). The cleanliness of the building is another thing. All the spilled food could smell terrible and you wouldn't enjoy the movie. It could also be bad if other people there are very impolite, like burping or being loud.

Watching movies at home and going to the theater both have their advantages and disadvantages. If there is a really good movie that you want to see, you should watch it in theaters to get the full effect. Yet I personally prefer watching movies at home rather than in theaters because it is quieter and more safe. But if there is a good movie in theaters, then I would want to go see it.

Building VS Buying A Prebuilt

By Jaysen Kirk

So you're thinking about upgrading to a PC but you don't know which route to go: Do you want a Pre Built unit, or do you want to build your own customizable gaming rig? I think building a PC is much better as it's often cheaper and offers more customization. You also get to pick your own specs for the PC.

Let's say your budget is \$1000. You are most likely going to get better performance with a \$700 pc build then buying a \$1000 PC. That means you'll have \$300.00 dollars to spend elsewhere. Also, building a PC can be a lot fun and can offer learning in the technology field. After all, building technology is America's future.

Although many big PC brands have started coming out with budget gaming PCs, the specs still don't compare to if you built your own gaming PC. Also these PCs are meant to break down within a 2 to 3 year range during which many things become faulty. One example is the Digital Storm Lynx. This \$700 gaming pc is a pretty decent pre built, but many users claimed overheated cpu and gpu. There are also issues

with frame lags.

All in all building your own PC is much better than buying one. Not only is it cheaper, but also it can be more reliable in the long run. And most importantly, you can learn a new skill buy building a PC, which helps you out because technology is a huge part of the future.



New iPhone 12 Coming Soon

By Andrew Ellman

Apple was founded on April 1, 1976 in Cupertino, California. Apple is a hardware and software company best known for its series of personal computers. They sell a lot of products like ipads, iphones, ipods, mac books, apple watches, and an apple TV, but their best selling products are iphones. The Apple computers and now and this coming out with first iphone was 13 years later they bigger and better before.



company has been making phones for about 50 years September they are the new iphone 12. The released in 2007 and now are coming out with a iPhone, this one like never

The iphone 11 starts with 64GB and expands to 256GB and the iphone 12 starts with 128GB to 512GB. The iphone 11 starting price is 699\$ and the iphone 12 starting price is 749\$ The iphone 11 has up to 2 cameras and the iphone 12 has up to 4 cameras. The iphone 11 is 5.8 inches long and the iphone 12 is 6.1 inches long.

Both iphones came out in September just one year apart, they are both made by the Apple company, they both offer the same apps, and they both offer the same colors. The new iphone 12 coming out in September 2020 costs a lot more money than the iphone 11, but has more features like four cameras and more storage. If you are not into taking fancy photos or using up a lot of storage then the iphone 11 is for you.

Best of WNY Locations for Summer Recreation!

By Miss Sysol

In Western New York, we only have a few warm months during the year to enjoy the outdoors. Because of the pandemic there has been an increased interest in outdoor activities, which includes anything from biking, hiking, camping and exploring! Let's dive into some of the most popular locations in WNY, where people can perform these activities worry-free.

1. Lake Erie State Park: This park not only provides the best of the best views of Ms. Lake Erie and her Sunsets, but also features a disc golf course, pavilion and shelter rentals, camp/ cabin sites, and the Lake Erie State Park hiking trail.



At this park you can view rare migratory birds. This park is only open for a six-month May-October camping period.



2. Chautauqua Gorge State Forest: "A Hidden Gem in Chautauqua County", this state park accommodates for eight primitive tent sites that are first come, first serve. The Gorge hiking trail is also onsite. This trail leads to the gorge swimming hole surrounded by waterfalls. The park is open year-round. The state forest is known as a gem because of its secluded and spacious camping sites and beautiful waterfall revines.

3. Barcelona Lighthouse: Located in Westfield, this is the first natural gas lighthouse in America. It was built in 1829 and is still standing today! This forty-foot tower looks out over Lake Erie's deepest blue interior. From its eye in the sky, one can see any storm that may be shifting over from Canada. Barcelona beach is kid and pet friendly and filled with beach glass of all colors. Fishermen often come here to launch as well as kayakers who can launch their kayaks in the bay area. This park is open year-round.



4. Evangola State Park: This park is located in Irving on Old Lakeshore Rd. This state park offers spacious picnic areas, a concrete ramp and platform down by the beach to watch sunsets off of. The park features 80 campground sites, 6 camping yurts, sports facilities such as a tennis and basketball court, a banquet room and a nature center. A fun fact about this park is that it has the most migrated fall birds, and bats of the great lakes! This state park also offers a disc golf-course as well as limited permit hunting in specific areas, during the appropriate season. This park is only open for a 6-month May to

October camping period.

5. Point Gratiot: Close in proximity to Fredonia/Dunkirk Area, this park offers two vast beaches with beautiful seaglass, tall cliffs, and picnic shelters that overlook Lake Erie. This point also holds the 1826 Point Gratiot Lighthouse, with an active light that helps boaters find their way back to the Dunkirk shore. Although Point Gratiot does not have campsites, there are plenty of wide open spaces and trees to hang a hammock, or lay out on a blanket and have a picnic. The point does offer multiple pavilions for special occasions, playgrounds



for the younger kids, as well as bicycling and fishing trails. This park is only open for a 6-month seasonal period from May to October.

Critter Corner

Giraffes – Unique and Elegant Creatures

By: Lila Drab

Giraffes are the world's tallest mammal. They have towering legs and long necks. Giraffe's legs are taller than many humans, about 35 mph. Their tongues are them pluck tasty morsels from Giraffe weighs about 3,000 is about 18ft tall and an average Giraffes are brown and a tannish not the same, usually the giraffes similar pattern because it is a animal, helping other giraffes groups.



6 feet. They can run as fast as 35 mph. Their tongues are 21-inches long and it helps them pluck tasty morsels from branches. An average size male is about 18ft tall and an average size female is about 14ft tall. Giraffes are brown and a tannish yellow but their patterns are all different. Patterns that are close in area have a unique identifier for each giraffe to help them recognize who is in their family groups.

Giraffes are native to sub-Saharan regions. Species and habitats that include savannas, and open forests. Giraffes will move where they need to though, to find food.

Africa, especially the subspecies have similar habitats that include savannas, and open forests. Giraffes will move where they need to though, to find food.

They like to live in areas that are very hot. They also enjoy wide open places which allows them to see if there are predators nearby. Although giraffes are social animals, they don't form lasting relationships with partners or family members. That means the young ones will only stay with their moms. Their father's will not stick around as long as necessary to learn surviving skills.

The only significant predators of giraffes are lions, and they will look for the young and the weak giraffes first. Lions love to go after the giraffes when they are drinking water from a river or stream. Giraffes have awesome eyesight so if they see a predator, they are long gone before the predator can even get close to them. To defend themselves, they use their deadly kick to hurt the predator. They are also very fast so it's hard to catch them.

Giraffes eat hundreds of pounds of leaves each week and travel miles to find enough food. Giraffes eat the leaves and twigs of acacia, mimosa, and wild apricot trees and even some fruit. They can go a week or even months without drinking any water. They drink 7.5 liters of water a week. Giraffes are certainly a unique and interesting animal

The Octopus By Joseph

Do you know much about some amazing facts about

They can color change into tight spaces. The two eyes, eight arms, 2,400



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octopuses? If not, I will tell you these amazing creatures.

change, squirt ink, and squeeze octopus has a bulbous mantle, suckers, and a beak. It lives in the

Pacific, Atlantic, and Southern Ocean and can live in water up to 6,600 ft. They live in caves and use the discarded shells of its prey as a garden in front of its cave; they also surround their cave with kelp and often live with sea stars and sea anemones.

An octopus can grow from an inch and 1 oz to 32ft and 600lbs. It is a cephalopod, or a mollusk, which is part of the invertebrate family. It eats crustaceans, shellfish, birds, and sharks. It kills its prey by grabbing it and biting it then releases poison saliva making its muscles weaker than eating it . Its predators are Harbor Seals, Sea Otters, Pacific Sleeper Sharks and Sperm Whales. It can lay 500,000 eggs. I think the Octopus is the strangest creature on planet Earth.

Elephants: Facts and Worries

by Julia Askar.

Here are some facts about elephants. They live in the jungle or in the desert. I will describe their physical characteristics, habitat, living conditions, and diet. Also included are elephant predators such as poachers.

The main physical include height, weight and feet tall. Their length is 19-24 which are very valuable. grayish black or the same color weight when they are full grown

Elephants live in west they eat up to 300 pounds of groups. They eat together,

There are predators for tigers and hyenas. It takes kill one full grown elephant! tusks to try and protect loud noises to scare away their

Other than lions, tigers, the biggest danger to worst predator due to the fact

their ivory tusks even though there is an international ban on ivory poaching, making it illegal. Poachers are also their worst predator because tens of thousands of elephants are being killed every year.



characteristics of elephants appearance. Elephants grow to 11 feet. Their tusks are made of ivory, Elephants' color is usually a as their soil in their habitat. Their is 6-8 tons.

Africa. They eat plant matter and food per day. Elephants travel in sleep together, and travel together. the baby elephants such as lions, seven full grown female lions to Elephants use their trunks and themselves. They can also use predators.

and hyenas, human poachers are elephants. Poachers are their that they kill elephants only for

Up Close and Personal

Profile: Jill Spayer, Attorney and Board Member

By Lila Drab

Jill Spayer grew up in Cassadaga, NY. member here at NCCS. Some things she family and kayaking. She's good at listening mother was a school secretary and her thing she loves about NCCS is the sense of board members is to help make major operation. She joined the board in May 2018 believes in NCCS as an excellent alternative she says that she brainstorms with others in advice to anyone interested in being part of love the school.



She is an Attorney and a board enjoys are spending time with her to people and thinking creatively. Her father was an Electrical Worker. One family. Some things Jill does with other decisions regarding the school's and wanted to join because she to public schooling. At a Board meeting an effort to make the school better. Her the board: Be willing to work hard and

Sports

NBA Season at Risk

By Jaysen Kirk

The NBA is planning to restart in July. Orlando resort and have not left for 2 players with a luxury hotel room, courts they can play on and many can't leave to see their family as the outside contact the player could spread good at all as many NBA players are of the food.



Now 22 teams are in weeks. The NBA supplies the snacks free electronics, more. Unfortunately they NBA is in fear that with it. The food does not look posting pictures and videos

As Covid-19 rapidly grows where they are staying in Florida with thousands of new cases each day, it is not a fun experience at this hotel. Many players say they get bored because they are not allowed to go outside of this resort and you're not supposed to go into anyone else's room.

You might wonder, how could they be bored? Well, they can't see their family. Their homes back where they live are probably mansions because they make millions of dollars. They won't be able to swim in their pools or see their families and friends. In the bubble you stay in your room for hours and they go to the courts to practice with the team.

The NBA should restart on July 30th but a lot of people are doubting it due to the large number of people getting Covid in Florida and alot of people think someone is going to catch it inside the bubble and it will spread. Whatever happens, this will not be a normal year for the NBA.

News, Advice, Opinion

How NCCS Will Change When We Come Back To School

By Myah S. Benjamin

NCCS will look a lot different when we are able to start back to school. There will be a lot of areas we will have to figure out so that we will be able to be safe together.

There are some questions I have: how will we eat lunch together? Will we have plastic dividers around each of us at the tables? Or can we eat outside until winter starts? Hopefully, before winter break, we will be able to eat together. If not, we will have to find a way to socially distance for a long, long time.

How will the classrooms be set up? Every desk will have to be at least 6 feet apart in the classrooms. When we get up and move around the room, we will have to put on a mask and stand in line. We will have to practice social distance at 6 ft. when transporting from class to class. This may be challenging for students to arrive to class on time. **How will we be able to do any group projects for our classes?** If it's art class, we would have to cut the project into pieces and each of us would have to do a part without the others touching it.

When we are done we would have to put our pieces back together and make a project of it.

If it is in computers or something digital, we could send it to each other through email. If it is one of the other classes, we would have to figure something else out. Every time someone else works on a piece of a project, but if it is on a computer we would have to sanitize it. It will definitely be a lot more work.

How will we use our lockers? We will probably have to go one at a time or every other locker to remain at a safe distance of 6 ft. and definitely with our masks on when in the hallways..

I don't really know how we can actually do all of these things. I don't know if school will ever be the same again for the students and teachers. This is so very hard, but hopefully God will help us through all of this to stay safe, help us to breathe okay to wear our masks, and to hopefully make this coronavirus go away for good.



Ask Miss Carol



Ms. Carol is a professional sociologist and psychologist. Her *Monarch Chronicle* column is dedicated to helping kids with problems that hold them back from being, well, kids.

Dear Ms. Carol,

I am a very quiet girl, and it is very hard for me to read in front of others. Yet in school, we are called on to read. I am embarrassed when I have to, and feel bad if I refuse.

-- Jade

Your question about how to become a better reader is best suited for a reading specialist. That teacher can identify exactly what is giving you trouble and how to help you. What I noticed in your letter that I can help with, is how your difficulty reading is negatively affecting your self-esteem. First, know that all people have challenges in one form or another. It is especially hard to have difficulty in school because it is natural to compare our progress to our peers. Difficulty reading may make you feel less intelligent. That simply isn't true. Albert Einstein was dyslexic and certainly not less intelligent. Know that a teacher or reading specialist will be able to help you. You will learn. And, in the meantime, when you get frustrated and need a break, spend time with a hobby that you enjoy. Remind yourself of all the things you are good at.

Dear Ms. Carol,

I am destroying my friends in custom game lobbies, and I keep doing it, without mercy, because it makes me feel good. My Mp7 Class is insane. But I wonder if this is not normal.

--Stax Murlino

Congratulations on being awesome, Stax! It's not a bad thing to be good at something and proud of it. Games and sports are healthy activities to practice a skill and compete. You can also be the best at something and not be a terrible person or friend, and that is what you'll want to pay attention to. If your words or actions after winning are over the top and hurt your relationships, you'll want to tone it down. Unless of course you want to be the best gamer in the world with no friends.

Dear Ms. Carol

I have been having problems with not being able to open up to people. I don't know why, but I don't like it because I feel people really don't care, so why should I tell them anything about me. I feel like I'll get hurt again. I don't really have any friends anymore. I just let everything build up inside. But when I talk about my problems, I'm afraid it will make me feel worse. -- J. Cook

Miss Cook: You asked, "What's wrong?" Simply put, nothing. It sounds to me that at one time you put your trust in another person or persons only to have them hurt you badly. It is natural to then approach all your relationships with great caution. Remaining closed off from people prevents you from being hurt again. However, humans are social creatures and need a close relationship with at least one person: someone who listens and truly cares about your problems. Since you say you have no one, I would start with a professional counselor. How do you know a professional counselor cares? Well, they chose to make a career out of helping people. Counselors are trained to listen and provide healthy, helpful feedback. A counselor won't betray your trust or belittle you because of your feelings. S/he will teach you how to let things go so they don't build up inside you. And, when the time is right, they will give you advice on how to make friends. Keeping yourself isolated is detrimental to your well-being.

Eye-Opening Advice

By: Tommy Askar

If you are in fourth grade and nervous about going up to middle school, this article is perfect for you. This article consists of some of the best tips for kids moving up.

The biggest change in 45 minutes the bell will ring to pack up all of your books make it to your next class in consequence, such as lunch Ms. Mourer will give you a same everyday. It took me a schedule.



The difficulty of the student. If the student is hard will not be as difficult. If the does not work hard, their classes will be difficult. You get different amounts of homework for each class. The classes that give the most work are Math, ELA, and History, and the classes that give less work are Science, Art, and Spanish.

You have more freedom in lunch in middle school. Instead of only sitting with your class, you are allowed to sit wherever you want, as long as you are behaving. You will occasionally be told by the Lunch monitors to quiet down. If everybody finishes their lunch early, we put the tables up and have time to go outside.

At the beginning of the year, Ms. Mourer will give you a locker and a combination for you to memorize. In the morning, you go to your locker and get your books for the day. You will have a lot of books to haul around, so I recommend getting a binder. Once you have the binder, you can put all your books in the binder, and you will spend less time at your locker. So those were my best tips from my experience about middle school. I hope that you will take in this information and will have a good experience in middle school.

middle school is switching classes. Every and that means that you have 2 minutes and go to your next class. If you don't time, there will be some sort of detention. At the beginning of the year, schedule of your classes, which are the month to completely memorize the

classes in middle school depends on the working and studies for tests, the classes student does not put in any effort and

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The Beach

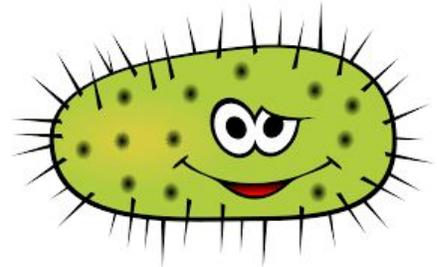
By Avery Green

*The beach is where you feel
the rocks and sand underneath your feet.
It's the fish you smell.
You can hear the waves crashing on the sand.
At the beach you can swim over and
under the water.
Sometimes you drink up the water by accident
(Yuck).
You might find clams and other water creatures
and sometimes really nice shells! The beach is for
family and friends*

A Creeping, Crawling, Tiny Thing Verminophobia - Fear of Germs

By: Olivia Cole

*You wash your hands, not once but twice.
Your hands, they say "This is paradise!"
You keep on scrubbing. Rub A Dub Dub!
But you then decide I'll just get in the tub.
Your brain then says "Ahhhh this is nice."
But you now have to make a sacrifice.
You get all dressed, just like a king.
To then see a creeping,
crawling tiny thing.*



JIMMY and the Longhorse

By: Joseph Sekuterski

Jimmy was an archaeologist digging into an ancient city out of clay. Three months had passed

and Jimmy was still digging. Then the ground started to shake. She heard a rumble. A bird named Avery told

Jimmy the long horse was coming. The long horse rose out of the ground with Jimmy on his head. Jimmy jumped off of the long horse and the long horse tried to crush Jimmy with its tail. It then started to thunder and lightning. The long horse threw Jimmy into a sand wave. Jimmy grabbed a sword and hopped onto a rock. The longhorse started a sandstorm and a tornado out of his rage. The long horse tried to crush Jimmy but missed and shattered the rock he was standing on.

Jimmy fell into the tornado and some sand hit her. The long horse tried to kill Jimmy by throwing sand at her but Jimmy threw the sword and it hit the long horse in its heart. The longhorse got electrocuted and blew up all the plants. Then they turned to people. Jimmy quit her job and went home as Avery followed. As they were walking they heard something following them when they turned around they saw nothing

then they continued to walk forward and saw a giant tree man in their way.

They ran and then flew away to the creepy house. The tree man was the longhorse's brother. He was mad that they killed the long horse. The tree man grabbed Avery by the neck. Jimmy kicked and punched the tree man and he dropped to the ground. Jimmy shouted "come on let's go" but the tree man tripped Jimmy by grabbing her foot. Jimmy fell down the stairs bleeding. Avery lit a stick on fire and threw it at the tree man and then the whole house started on fire. Avery grabbed Jimmy and escaped the flames (*to be continued!*)

The Boy and the Lost Home

By Ezra Estus

Once upon a time in frankfurt germany there was a little boy who never listened to his mother. One day he packed a bag and said "mother i'm going on a

walk. I will be back in a couple of hours." Before he left, his mother said "don't go past the witch mountain swamp," but before she could finish he was out the door.

The boy was off. He had walked for an hour and was tired so he sat down on a rock next to a sunflower meadow when a woman in a green and pink and a flower crown came up to him and asked "do you want to come to my house to get something to drink?" The boy thanked her and followed her to her house. While she was making the tea she put a powder in it. She gave it to him and he drank it. "I have to go now," said the boy. The boy went out the door and started to walk. Soon, however, he started to forget where he was. Little did he know he was in the witch mountain swamp and a witch had him under her spell. Five hours passed and he was still walking and walking and walking. He never found his way back home.



The Artist

By Avery Green

Once there was a boy named Jack. He had brown hair, blue eyes and loved to draw people in his free time of the day. He drew them short, tall, big, skinny and gave them to his family when he finished them. When he was growing up he always loved art and wanted to become an artist to show off his talent to the world. He also painted pictures of his family and gave it to them!

While he was walking to school with his friend Jimmy some bullies from his school jumped him and took his backpack and drawing pack. Jimmy and Jack ran after them chasing them back to Jack's home next to the pond. They started to grab belongings from his backpack and threw them into the pond. Jack saw his stuff in the pond his pencils, pens, papers, school work. He ran up to the people and tried to get his stuff back. Jimmy ran up and kicked the bullies. Jack grabbed his possessions and ran to Jimmy's house. When they got to his house Jack looked at his stuff and then he saw his drawing that he made for his family. He had covered it with plastic so it could not get wet. He was excited that it had survived.

Later that day he bought new supplies for school and for his artwork. When he was home he decided to make a book of his life and how everything happened in the story. When he was done he put it on his bed. A few years later he went to drawing school on how to make sculptures. After he graduated from college he went to be an artist at a shop to paint and make the items people want. He became a famous artist.

In a Pickle

By Gabe Chase

Once there was a man named Jorge and he was a photographer and he loved pickles. Sometimes he ate them whole and one day he had to go to the doctor and he had eaten too many pickles and had to get surgery because his stomach was too full of pickles.



After hours of surgery he swore to never eat pickles and decided to start eating more pickles and then he had to get another surgery and after that he did not eat anymore pickles for a long time then he ate pickles rarely and enjoyed them on burgers and other foods.

But then he turned into a pickle and he could transform anytime if he wanted to. But he stayed as a pickle, and it became a problem because he was drying up.

He managed to get into the pickle jar in time. But he was lonely as the only pickle. So he decided to become a shapeshifter and rule as king the fantastic citizens of the Food Kingdom.

The Blessings of Nature

By Myah S. Benjamin

Nature is a blessing
with trees and the flowers.
I could just sit here
for hours and hours
dragonflies and butterflies.

It's a beautiful site,
just like the stars
shining bright in the night.

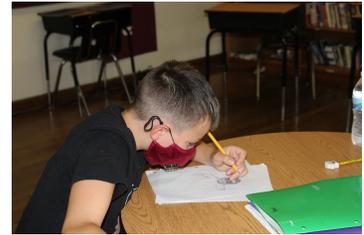
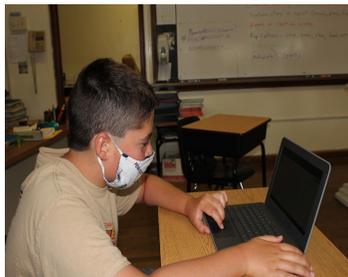


The Crossing Over (or Why I don't trust Cats!)

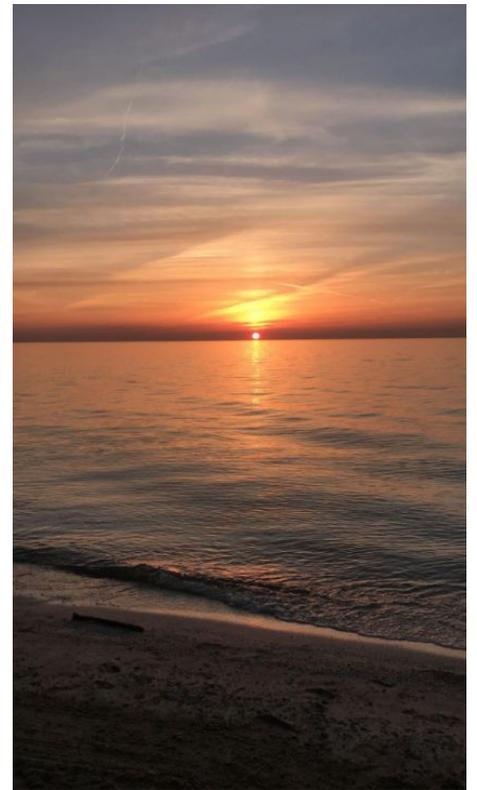
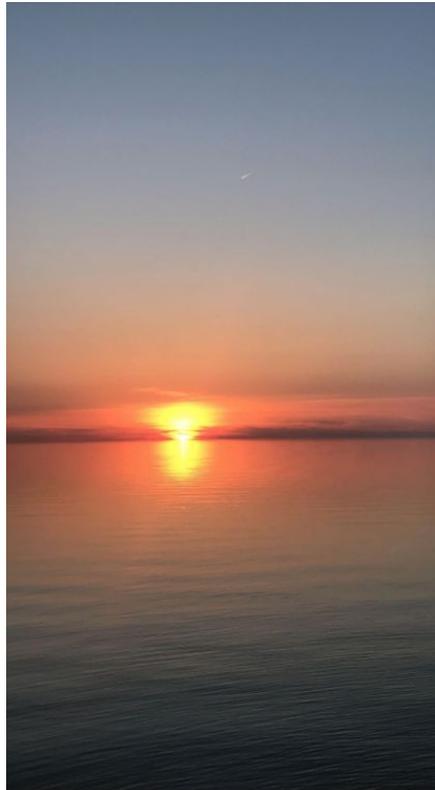
By Pedro Huardo

Under the nervous street light
The black cat steals across
Pausing at the edge
Of the darker side.
One eye flashes
And it's gone
Into the margins.
Black penetrates black:
The seed of a dream
Behind the slumbering houses.

I flutter within the void:
A little boy with little wings
And a mouse's tail.
Suddenly I feel knives
In the back of my neck.
I reel, collapse, plummet
Drowning within the sound
Of Purring.



Beauty amidst Tragedy: Let us not forget the beauty of our planet and our great lake as we persevere through these trying times.



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