

The Sword and Pen

NLHS Newspaper Committee

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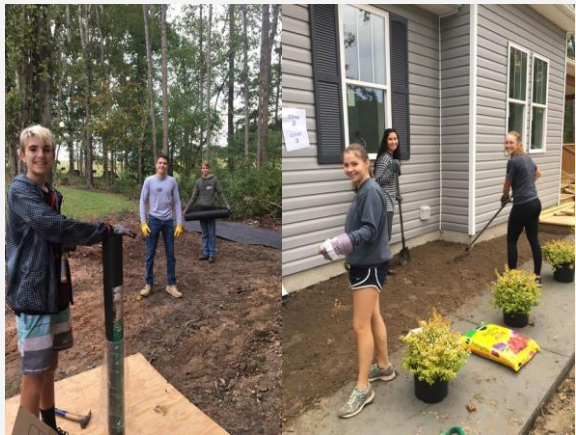
Knights In Shining Armor

By: Alisa Andrews and Allison File



Group Picture at a Lincoln home Landscape event on October 20th.

The NLHS official Habitat for Humanity Chapter is growing this year!! It is our second year after being founded for the first time at North Lincoln by McKenzie Jones. The club has over ninety members and has established four new committees. The committees will focus on advocacy, education, building, and most importantly fundraising. Our new committee chairmen are Grace Holbrooks, Nic Ruiz, Regan Lang, and Allison File! We are excited to be more involved in our local community and elementary schools. In the past month alone, members of our club have participated in three different Habitat Reader Programs and four landscape volunteer events. We have increased our participation in the Habitat Readers events to help advocate for both clean water and safe, affordable housing. We visit elementary schools to teach young students about Habitat for Humanity's mission and perform fun demonstrations of our affiliate's (Habitat for Humanity Guatemala) water filters. Our community build will take place this spring and NLHS will be partnering with other highschool chapters, including East Lincoln to fundraise and build a home for a family in need! This club is a great way to help provide affordable and safe housing, gain volunteer experience, and form bonds with both Habitat board members and families.



Volunteers at our landscape event on October 6th

Creative Castle

By: Grace Holbrooks & Lizbeth Woodby

As always, if you have artwork, poetry, or photography that you'd like to see in the Sword & Pen, email us!

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Photography



"These pictures are some of the best, most memorable events of high school that are coming to an end for us quickly, but won't be forgotten."
-Anna Labar, 12th grade

Artwork

Editor's Piece

By: Faith Guia

The November Deadline

Seniors, if you are interested in going to college, I know you are feeling the weight of Early Decision and Early Action Deadlines. Although it's stressful, do not worry. If you miss this first deadline, it's okay because there is another one! To ease the stresses of applying, I've created a list of tips and tricks for an easier application process!

- 1) Check out the Common App of CFNC! There are many colleges on the app, see if you are interested in any. With the Common App and CFNC, you can apply to multiple schools with the same college essay and the same information, saving you time!
- 2) For writing your essay, pick a topic, take your time and make it personal. Have friends, family, or even a teacher look over it to make sure it's perfect!
- 3) If it's optional, just do it. Some colleges don't require you to write an interest statement or personal essay, but it can't hurt you. Writing one shows the school you care, put in some effort!
- 4) Apply for FAFSA! FAFSA stands for Free Application for the Federal Student Aid. This determines your financial aid eligibility and can grant you scholarships!
- 5) For most schools, the SAT or ACT is required. Don't stress about these scores, many schools superscore the tests, so submit your two best scores!

Helpful Links to start your application:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

<https://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>

Link for FAFSA:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

To sign up to take the SAT/ ACT:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

Sports

By: Bella Reid and Mattie Lancaster

Football

11/02 vs. Bandys

Cross Country

11/03 State Championship

Swim



Olivia Correa on her first build site!



Regan Lang and Dietra McNair at a Habitat Reader event at G.E. Massey Elementary School.

Mystery Person of the Month

By: Rebecca Del Rossi
Last Month's: Kalyssa Kolb



1. What do you enjoy doing the most?
2. Choose three words to describe yourself
3. When is your birthday?
4. How many siblings do you have?

Freshman Girl:

1. Sleeping
2. Funny, kind, blonde
3. April 8th
4. 1

Sophomore Boy:

1. Playing video games
2. Annoying, funny, loud
3. November 25
4. 1

Junior Girl:

1. Drawing
2. Funny, wears glasses, singer (worship band)
3. January 7th
4. 2

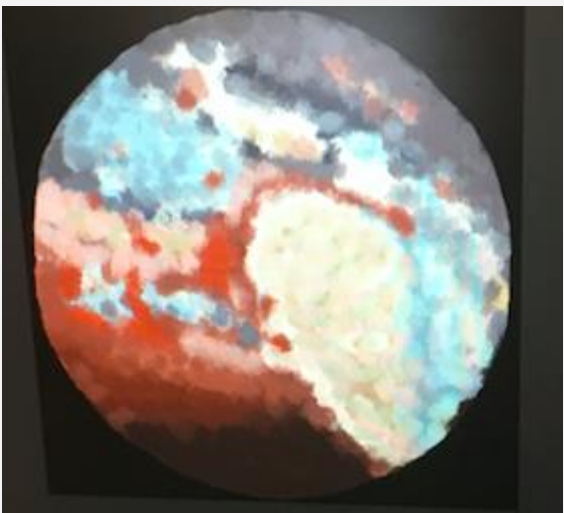
Senior Boy:

1. Playing video games
2. Short, funny, smart
3. May 10th
4. 1

Upcoming Events!

By: Faith Guia

November 5th:



“This is a digital spot recreation of Pluto’s heart-shaped region. The actual half-heart silhouette is produced by a nitrogen basin on Pluto’s surface”

Anonymous

Poetry

She is like the Sun.
A warmth that you couldn’t deny.
To be in her presence
Is to have joy sink bones deep,
Into your fingertips,
Into your soul.
Without her, you know,
Life would be colder.

Anonymous

November Polls

“Freshmen Review”

By: Hannah Castro

This month, I asked North Lincoln’s freshman a few questions about how they felt about our school. Here are their responses...

How would you rate your high school experience (1-10) so far?

I asked 47 North Lincoln Freshmen how their freshman year was going so far on a scale of 1 - 10. Out of the 33 students, 44% rated it a 1-5, and 56% rated it a 6-10.



Aly Wadkovsky rated her freshman year so far a 5 out of 10. She said, “The workload is not so good, and the classes are much longer, I don’t really like that.”

Meghan Dymes, who rated her year a 7 out of 10, said, “I love sports and getting to interact with upperclassmen. The break is great too! I just don’t like the amount of homework.”

What’s the biggest difference between this year and last?

We all know high school is a lot different from middle school. So let’s see what differences the freshman class noticed the most.

Anna Draper said, “The people are different.”

Meghan Dymes said, “Homework. There’s a lot more homework.” Something I’m sure many other Freshman can agree with.

What are your favorite/least favorite parts of high school so far?

Here are the freshman classes biggest

11/1 First Practice
11/28 Meet vs. East Gaston

Wrestling

11/16 North Gaston Quad
11/18 Tournament @ South Caldwell
11/21-22 Tri County Tournament @ Ashbrook
11/30 vs. Kings Mountain

Basketball

11/12 Girls Scrimmage @ Cherryville
11/15 Scrimmage @ Fred T. Foard
11/16 Boys Scrimmage @ West Iredell
11/19 @ Highland Tech
11/27 vs. Hibriten
11/30 @ Bessemer City

Knights Football

As the regular season comes to an end the Knights football team is going 6-0 in conference games and 8-2 overall. They have beat undefeated West Lincoln, East Lincoln, Lincolnton, and many others. Friday, November 2nd is the first chance the Knights have had in many years to hold conference champs and continue their undefeated conference season. In honor of an amazing season we went and asked some students, players, and coaches what their favorite part of the season was. We asked some of the players to share their favorite parts so far in the season as well as what they’re looking forward to for the remainder of the season:

“My favorite part of football games is getting hype at the front with my best friends.” -Taylor Doss

“I love getting to tailgate with the boys.” -Mical Ulibarri

“I love hearing the student section chant my name every time I go to kick.” -Ian Fiore

“It’s the best time of the season because we’re playing for the conference championship.” -Elijah Landers

“We got a new coach and it’s like we switched cultures, he gave us a whole new atmosphere.” -Wyatt Painter

We even talked to coach Paul Regan who is “very excited for the players. It has been a long time coming and I’m proud of the hard work the guys have put in. I’m excited to see what the future holds.”

Knight’s Kingdom

By: Grace Holbrooks, Faith Guia, & Rebecca Del Rossi

Volunteer Opportunities

All of these are great opportunities to help out the community and also help those who need volunteer hours for a club!

- Sally’s YMCA - Denver - (704) 716 - 7300
- Denver Baptist Church - Denver - (704) 403 - 3030
- Lakewood Care Center (Retirement Home) - Denver - (704) 483 - 7000
- Habitat for Humanity Restore - Denver - (704) 466 - 4300
- Mooresville Soup Kitchen - Mooresville - (704) 660 - 9010
- The Corner Table - Newton - (828) 464 - 0355
- Cornelius Animal Shelter - Cornelius - (704) 237 - 3602

<p>Report Cards Sent home!</p> <p>November 12th:</p> <p>Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL.</p> <p>November 15th:</p> <p>Senior Cap & Gown orders in cafeteria.</p> <p>November 21st-23rd:</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday, NO SCHOOL.</p> <p>November 25th:</p> <p>NLHS Band at Christmas Parade.</p>	<p>likes and dislikes based upon what they've seen at NLHS so far.</p> <p>Drake Sturgill says his least favorite part of High School is the daily homework. This same comment was made by several other students.</p> <p>Based on the responses I got from this question, I'd say that the Freshman class really appreciates break time, as well as the freedom we have. However, homework is definitely not popular.</p>	<p><u>Job Opportunities</u></p> <p>Go and get an application at any one of these places if you are looking for a job!!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Burger King - Denver● Arbys - Denver & Lincolnton● Chick - Fil - A - Denver● Wendy's - Denver & Lincolnton● Pie 5 Pizza - Lincolnton● Homingstead (senior care)- Lincolnton
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Scroll below for the continuing story of Charlie in *The Bard’s Tale* by Hannah McGuire.....

The Bard’s Tale

by: Hannah McGuire

How often do students get the chance to just sit down and read a story? Now, all you have to do is look at each month’s issue of The Sword and Pen to get a few hundred words about a normal high school senior...except she has a hidden talent. Read to find out more!

Charlie hated school. Though he was a straight A student and was one of the top in his grade, he was often yelled at by his teachers for falling asleep in class. Despite the fact that he effortlessly made good grades, he seemed to anger the teachers ny not paying attention and he often was forced to stay for detentions after school.

Charlie dressed quickly and plunked down the stairs. His sister, Mae, was sitting at the counter with a mirror and makeup brush in hand, getting ready for school. Mae was about a head shorter than Charlie, even though they were just over a year apart. While the two both had dark hair, that is where the similarities ended. Her curly hair was full of life and her tan skin was naturally smooth and fresh. Whereas Charlie looked half dead and older than his 16 years, Mae could have passed for 12 for she radiated energy.

“Hey, Charlie,” she greeted him, sweeping the brush across her cheek to leave a subtle pink glow behind. She looked up and into his blue eyes with her brown ones and tilted her head. “Did you have the dream again?”

He sighed. “I do almost every night, Mae. What did you expect?”

“Sorry,” she replied, turning back to her reflection. Charlie instantly felt bad about being short with her, but he couldn’t help his irritability. Walking over to the coffee machine, he withdrew the pot and poured it into a clean mug sitting on the counter. Mae didn’t like coffee, but she made it every morning for him and their mother. The steaming black liquid made Charlie feel even guiltier.

“No, I’m sorry Mae. I’m just tired.”

She looked up and smiled at him, half of her mouth covered in a peachy lipstick. He laughed at her silliness as he drank the first sip of his coffee.

Their mother came down the stairs as the two of them finished getting ready. She glanced at the clock on the oven. 6:30. “Alright, kids, the bus will be here any minute. I love you guys so much.” She hugged Mae and kissed her on the cheek, then did the same to Charlie. “I’ve got a meeting at eight, so I have to run to the gym now. Charlie, I’ll be home late again, so I left a frozen lasagna in the freezer for you guys if you will make it for dinner. If you need me, my phone’s on.” With that, she raced out the door.

“I wish mom wasn’t always so busy,” Mae sighed as their mom slammed the door closed.

“Me, too. But she has to be.” Charlie thought of before their mom needed two jobs and late hours at work. He thought of the days when she helped them with homework and played the piano and read them bedtime stories. Back before his and Mae’s father left.

“I know.” Mae stared longing out the window, where red lights began to flash. “Look, the bus is here.”