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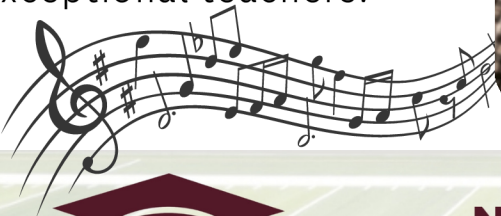
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# Picker-Up!

## NEWSLETTER

### Golden Apple Award

Congratulations to our very own Mr. Heid, who has received the prestigious Golden Apple Award! Nominated by student Bryson Berkowitz, Mr. Heid is the first recipient of this award for 2025. We take great pride in our exceptional teachers!



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT ROAD TO GOLD

**-JANUARY-**  
Self Efficacy & Self Knowledge



Ezekiel Beardsley  
Kindergarten



Natalie Redrup  
Kindergarten



Lincoln Butler  
1st



Maisie Petruzzi  
1st



Adalyn Szymanowski  
2nd



Ander Chastain  
2nd



Liam Dziubkowski  
3rd



Kinsley Welch  
3rd



Jonah Miller  
4th



Khloie Bilski  
4th



Annaleigh Bennett  
5th



Parker Zielinski  
5th



Stephen Heubel  
6th



Marisbelle Morales  
6th



Nathaniel Evans  
7th



Sophia Taylor  
7th



Kresson Britt  
8th



Emmalani Leedham  
8th



Alex Figueroa  
9th



Layton Ricketts  
10th



Althea Lander  
11th



Zen Weatherley  
12th

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR ROAD TO GOLD STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!





## NE eSports

Congratulations to Ian Williams and Tina Williams for receiving a grant from the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools. This funding will provide valuable support for our eSports Program.



## Tilly

Congratulations to Tilly, our beloved daughter puppy of Therapy Dog Jesse, for her impressive placement at the recent Erie AKC show! Additionally, a round of applause for Jesse, who will join the HOPE team to offer support to children and families affected by the California fires.

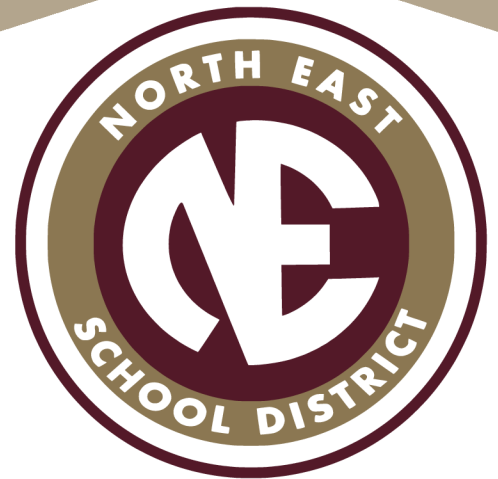


## School Director Recognition

January is recognized as School Director Recognition Month. Serving as a board member is a voluntary and unpaid role. We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the collective sixty-one (61) years of dedicated service from our current members. Their efforts play a vital role in ensuring our students continue to excel. Thank you from all of our children, parents, administration, teachers, and support staff!



Congratulations to Chloe Nagle on her nomination as the January C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader for the North East School District.



North East Elementary students are enjoying the snow this week by creating a beautiful winter scene!

**GO PICKERS! GO PICKERS! GO PICKERS!**



## PJAS

"The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Competition took place this past Saturday at Penn State Behrend. PJAS is a club that provides students with the chance to conduct independent scientific experiments and create a slideshow to present their results to a panel of judges. Students who achieve first place awards at the regional level can qualify for the state competition, which will be held at the Penn State main campus in May. The dedication and effort that students invest in their projects is truly impressive."

A heartfelt thank you to the Advisors: Noel Mraz, Ian Williams, Ranen Solymosi, and Lauren Freeman as well as Grisel Rater, Paul Becker, and Emalie Nagle for their invaluable support.



## Congratulations to our NEHS Yearbook Team

Congratulations to our NE high school yearbook team! The 2024 yearbook has achieved a GOLD award from the Pennsylvania School Press Association. A big shout-out to our talented students and yearbook advisors, Nicole Fitch and Adam Denevic.

Additionally, the following students have earned the opportunity to compete at the PA Journalism State Competition on April 1st. Great job, NE students!



**Isabella Pike**  
Photography



**Sparrow Magill**  
Caption Writing



**Madison Donnell**  
Copy Writing



**Maisy Post**  
Copy Writing



**Emily Boboshko**  
Sports Writing



**Emma Scully**  
Spread Design



# YEARBOOK



## North East Band Members attend District Band 2025



Sharon Rowe, Ryan Gifford, Audrey Kunzler,  
Tayla VanTassel, Megan Bailey and Ella Canella

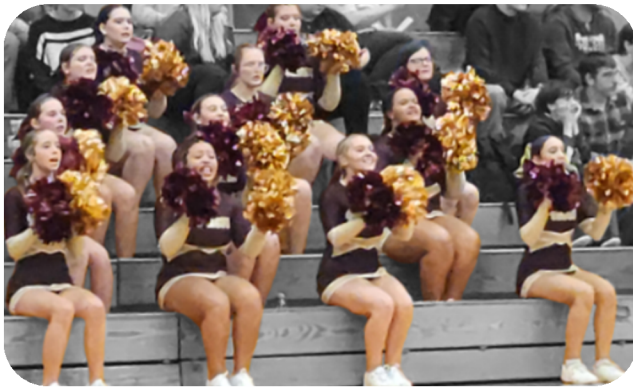
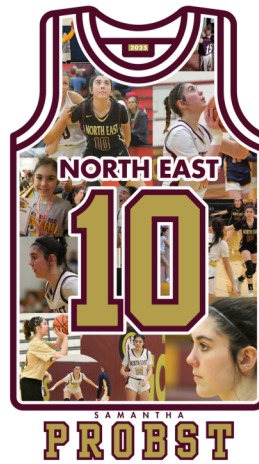
On Thursday, January 23rd, six members of the North East High School Band program made their way to St. Mary's High School for the PMEA District 2 Band event. They joined a talented ensemble of 150 musicians representing 34 schools from seven counties in Northwestern PA. The students showcased their skills in a fantastic concert on Saturday, January 25th, conducted by Dr. Hannah Morrison from West Chester University. Congratulations to everyone who participated! – Stephan Degrosky





## North East Girls Basketball Senior Night

Congratulations to seniors Samantha Probst and Maisy Post for being honored during Senior Night at the girls' basketball game against Iroquois High School. Well done!



## Go Erie - Fall Athlete Player of the Year Nominees

The nominees for the Northwestern Pennsylvania Fall Player of the Year have been announced on Go Erie. We are thrilled to share that three senior athletes from NEHS have been nominated for boys' soccer, along with one junior athlete recognized for golf. We take great pride in our North East Pickers!

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Reece Kordes  
Soccer



Joel Morey  
Soccer



Will Vanderweele  
Soccer



Leyton Hassenplug  
Golf

A Sincere Thank You to Everyone Who Shared Their Photos & Contributed Updates From the District!