



Holiday Art Pop-Up



The Art Department presented an art pop-up in the Woodside room just before winter break. Student art was displayed and students voted for the best pieces.

Pictured above: 1st Place Piece by Jasmine Knight. Pictured to the right: 2nd Place Piece by Sky Williams.

Written by Steffanie Powell, Editor, and Michael Sigler

Woodside recently hosted a pop-up art show. A select few were chosen to display their art. The art was not just paintings: pencil and pens, digital art, and sculptures were also featured.

All different grades levels and art styles were included and displayed. Artists submitted their pieces and the teachers chose the pieces they believed best represented Woodside. They had the pieces exhibited for all grade levels to peruse.

Students had a chance to see and admire the works of art in the art pop-up. A major part of the show was having students vote for their top three art pieces. The first place winner was Jasmine Knight. Second place was Skye Williams; third place was Kaitlyn Mau. Trenton Hurley was an honorable mention due to him following closely behind in the final scores.

While they had the most votes, everyone who participated presented wonderful art.

It was not just the beautiful art that made the show wonderful, but also the people there. The teachers and helpers who set up this pop-up made the event very welcoming and exciting to observe.

All art teachers tried their best to create a show as realistic as possible. Including an interactive piece. There was a blackboard to pin small drawings made by spectators that fit in with the theme. The theme that was “make a wish for yourself and your family.” The students said they chose this theme because it tied in with the holidays.

The Pop-Up Art Show was created by the art teachers and the art gallery assistants. Without everyone’s combined help, this would have not have been possible. The art will continue to be displayed on the Woodside social media pages.

For upcoming art events, check out Woodside’s Twitter account:

<https://twitter.com/NNPSWoodside>

If you got a chance to visit the pop-up and want to share your review, email a letter to the editor at steffanie.powell@nnschools.org

Any other comments, concerns, or issues about Woodside High School are also welcome.

The Swim Team

Written by Anessa Emile, Nia Williamson, & T'misha Turner

Rebakah Seigneurie and Riley Cheuvront are both seniors who are competing on Woodside's swim team. Both swimmers have experience with competitive swimming; Rebekah was even a lifeguard for a few summers. Scores are a huge impact for them. It allows them to go to regionals, if they

get a certain amount of time. Riley's best and improved score is 25 seconds for a 50 freestyle swim. Rebekah had a time of 26.7 (which she is extremely proud of). Swimming in college is not a priority for either of the two swimmers, but nonetheless, they enjoy swimming with a passion.

Rebekah's favorite part of swimming is the support system she gets from her teammates. The hardest part about swimming is practicing, trying to better herself, and striving for better scores than her previous meet.

Riley loves the water, and his favorite part of swim team is being in the water moving freely. He thinks the hardest part of swimming is that is an all body exercise; no body part is being unused which can be strenuous.



Follow this link to view a video that accompanies the newspaper: <https://youtu.be/NZJ7EVv1hmw>

Wrestling

Written by Ryen Gordon and Amani Hamiel

We interviewed, Kaitlyn Nowell, who is on the Woodside wrestling team. When asked how she feels being a young woman in a sport that dominated by young men, she responded, "It is a little challenging, but it is always fun in the end." Kaitlyn is able to wrestle against both boys and girls. She picked up wrestling when she was only a freshman. However, she does not plan on wrestling in college. She does not have any rituals that she does for good luck, but she does hug her mother before every match. We wish her the best of luck!

The next person that we interviewed was Donte Collins. Donte has been wrestling for an impeccable eight years.

The last person interviewed was Wilberto Sanchez. Will played football for Woodside earlier this year and decided to give wrestling a try. Will is fairly new to wrestling due to the fact that he has only been playing for one and a half months. Will does not plan on taking his wrestling career to the collegiate level. Will's record is 0 to 1. We asked if he had any game day rituals or anything he did for good luck, and he responded with, "Yes, I circle the mat, then go to the middle, and pray in front of everybody."



Lunch Bunch

Written by Amani Hamiel, Makayla Kendrick, & Emily Moody

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, we got the pleasure to sit in a "Balancing Life" discussion sponsored by the Guidance Department. The topic "Balancing Life" taught us how to manage time better as well as proper self-care. We did an activity where we sorted our priorities from most important to least important. We also ranked different scenarios a teen would go through in a week. The activity allowed us to be able to pay closer attention to our weaker areas regarding organization, school, work, rest, and play.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020, where we will be talking about relationships, and it will be held during all 3 lunches. You have to sign up, because lunch is provided and you can do that through the main guidance office, front office, or your guidance counselor. The last meeting will be covering anxiety around SOL time to provide students with tips to succeed and overcoming testing anxiety.

The guidance department is relaying the messages for the meeting through the morning announcements and word of mouth. They are urging students to apply to be a part of the School Counseling Advisory Group. These applications can be found in the main guidance office, or through your guidance counselor.

Woodside Creative Writing wants YOU to submit to our spring edition of the print literary magazine, *Shadows from the Wood*.

Email Mrs. Weyland-Rodenbo or bring pieces by B-121.

Email: amber.weyland@nn.k12.va.us

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Kaitlyn Nowell is the only girl on the Woodside Wrestling Team.

Donte has won 7 matches and has only lost 2. Donte does plan on wrestling in college, but he is unsure of which college he would like to wrestle for. Donte was asked if he had any rituals or anything he does for luck before a match. He responded with, "Yeah, I kiss my heart."



Pictured below are doors teachers decorated for the holiday season as part of a door competition.



Remember:
attendance
matters!

HOLIDAY ARTS HAPPENING

Woodside's Arts and Communications Magnet came together to put on their annual production of the Holiday Arts Happening (HAH).

Written by Makayla Kendrick, Keyami Collins, Zoey Gill, & Fatoumata Diallo

The Holiday Arts Happening (HAH) is a Woodside High School production that showcases all magnets. This event occurs every year before the winter break. The show is held at night, while another show is put on during Flex Friday for free. The show includes performances from the dance magnet, the concert and jazz band, chorus, orchestra, drama department, and the creative magnet.

All of the performers were amazing and the show was truly entertaining. Once everyone was seated, a video made by the communications magnet played as the opening performance. The video was a lip sync cover of "This Christmas" by Chris Brown, set in City Center at Hollydazzle. Following this was the dance magnet with a beautiful excerpt from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. From the creative writing magnet, Aubrey Draughn and Katrina Nguyen performed original poems. Ren Klett, a double magnet student, performed an original holiday song on their guitar.

Then the Orchestra performed *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, followed by the drama magnet's live performance of a Charlie Brown Christmas. The performance was both hilarious and heartwarming. Soon after, the jazz band began to play "Let it Snow", as a chorus student sang along. The atmosphere was warm and inviting, and every performance kept the audience on the edge of their seat.

The students and staff always look forward to the performance each year, because it is guaranteed to be entertaining. Most students recommend the show for everyone to attend HAH to get a taste of what each magnet has to offer.

