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# MIDDLE OF THE KNIGHTS

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Northeastern Middle School: Where Every Student Is Inspired to Learn and Empowered to Excel

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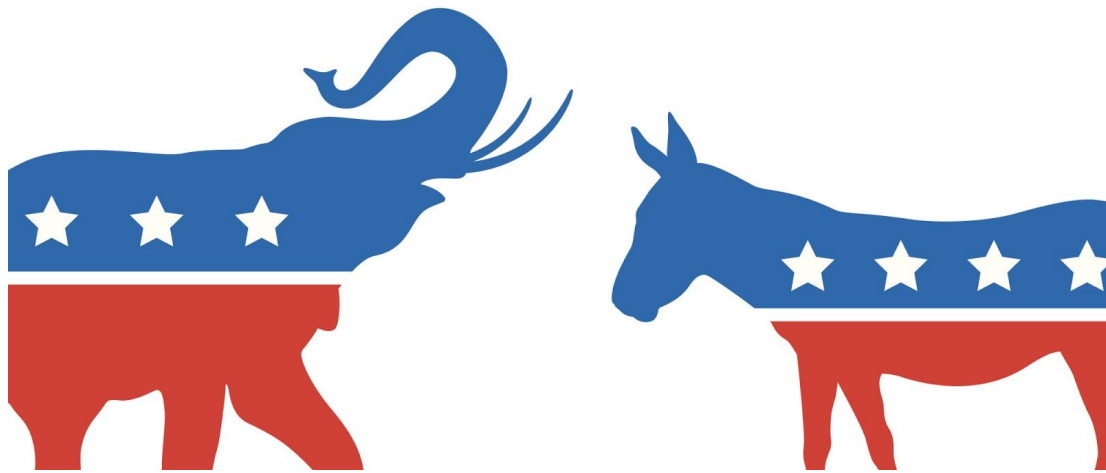
## The Upcoming Election Motivates Students to Think Politically

By: Ali Scott

The students of this generation are heavily involved in lots of decisions, one being the presidential election. Until the age of 18, students are unable to vote. This, however, gives them an opportunity to learn about the U.S. Government and will help them make better informed decisions when they are of age to vote.

This election is important because our country is in a time where violence is spreading in all the states and we need a leader who can help improve the conditions of the United States. Nathan Bales, an eighth grade student, feels that this election is important because it could decide the fate of our country. He also added, "We haven't had very good leaders these last few years and I think that it is time for change."

Many students are also very keen to getting political information from sources such as television or social media. Kaylynn Smith, also an eighth grade student, says that she gets the election information while being on Facebook or when watching T.V. with her family. Thane Baker, in seventh grade, said that he gets a lot of the election information from the news on T.V. and from seventh grade teacher Mrs. Robertson, who is teaching about the election in Geography class.



Mr. Bevins, the eighth grade U.S History teacher, is teaching his students about 2016's presidential election. When asking him about why students should be politically involved he said, "I think that it is important for students to be involved because even though they can't actually vote, they can influence those that do." He also thinks this election is important because, "Any decisions we make this year on both the national and local levels will have serious ramifications for years to come."

Mrs. Robertson is using her 7th grade Geography class to focus on political issues. She has been teaching the students what makes up the political parties, candidates for the presidency, and fact-checking. Mrs. Robertson thinks, "There is a lot of misinformation spread out there." She hopes to teach the students how to differentiate between fact and fiction.

Ms. McKinley is the eighth grade English teacher and is teaching a unit about being politically involved. When I asked her why she thinks students should be involved in the election she said, "Students are at a point in their lives where they are starting to think for themselves and form strong opinions." By the end of the unit, Ms. McKinley hopes to help students understand more than just sound bites in the media and make them better critical thinkers when being politically active.

Adults may underestimate how much students are involved when it comes to politics. Every day students are becoming independent and gaining more opinions. With the way students are maturing, students of this generation will grow up to help lead our country for years to come.

# Get Informed: Where the Candidates Stand on Gun Control, Immigration, Social Issues, and Women's Rights

Research Done By: Thane Baker

## Donald Trump



### Gun Control:

"The right of self-defense doesn't stop at the end of your driveway. That's why I have a concealed carry permit and why tens of millions of Americans do too. That permit should be valid in all 50 states."

### Immigration Policy:

"I will build a great wall — and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me — and I'll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words."

"We must have strong borders and not let illegal immigrants enter the United States. As has been stated continuously in the press, people are pouring across our borders unabated. Public reports routinely state great amounts of crime are being committed by illegal immigrants."

### Social Issues:

"Well civil unions, look. First of all, I live in New York. I know many, many gay people. Tremendous people. And to be honest with you, as far as civil unions are concerned, I haven't totally formed my opinion. But there can be no discrimination against gays. I'm against gay marriage; I took a lot of heat for that."

Trump said he would "strongly consider" appointing judges to overturn same-sex marriage decision.

### Women's rights:

"The primary responsibility of the federal government is to protect the rights of its citizens. Life is the most fundamental right. The federal government should not diminish this right by denying its' protection. I am opposed to abortion except for rape, incest and life of the mother. I oppose the use of government funds to pay for abortions."

## Hillary Clinton



### Gun Control:

"I know we are a smart enough nation to figure out how you protect responsible gun owners' rights and get guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them."

"I understand and respect the tradition of gun ownership. It goes back to the founding of our country. But I also believe that there can be and must be reasonable regulation. Because I support the second amendment doesn't mean that I want people who shouldn't have guns to be able to threaten you, kill you or members of your family."

### Immigration Policy:

"We need comprehensive immigration reform with a path to full and equal citizenship. If Congress won't act, I'll defend President Obama's executive actions—and I'll go even further to keep families together. I'll end family detention, close private immigrant detention centers, and help more eligible people become naturalized."

### Social Issues:

"LGBT Americans are our colleagues, our teachers, our soldiers, our friends and our loved ones, and they are full and equal citizens and deserve the rights of citizenship. That includes marriage...that's why I support marriage for lesbian and gay couples. I support it personally and as a matter of policy and law."

### Women's rights:

"There cannot be true democracy unless women's voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their country."

# Welcome Back Mrs. Cole

By: Tiffany Roberts

We want to welcome one of our Northeastern Knights back. Mrs. Cole was on maternity leave for the last 9 weeks.

Mrs. Cole is the 8th grade math and personal finance teacher. Mrs. Cole went to Ball State University. She has two children: a boy and a girl. Her new baby's name is Annalise Cynthia Freyja Cole. Annalise weighed 7.86 pounds when she was born and she was 20 inches tall. Mrs. Cole says that the baby is doing awesome.

Mrs. Cole teaches math and personal finance because she "always wanted to be a teacher and comes from a family of teachers." Her mom was a teacher, and her grandpa was a teacher and she has always loved math.

According to Mrs. Cole, "It's important that the kids have some fundamental ideas about how the real world works." That's why she teaches math and personal finance.

In personal finance, students did a career project which is where they pick the career that they want to be or think that they want to be when they grow up. Then they do research about it and answer questions about that career.

When I asked Abby Truitt what she is looking forward to with Mrs. Cole being back she said, "I hope she can make things fun for me in math."

When I asked Shelby Bryant what she is looking forward with Mrs. Cole being back she said, "I am looking forward for drama because she made it really fun for us last year."

When I asked Ali Scott what students do in drama club she said "During regular practices, we would do cool improv games and other group activities. However, when it came time to practice for the performance, we got on the stage and worked on memorizing and expressing our parts."

When I asked Ali Scott what she does in Algebra she said, "In Algebra we get notes from Mrs. Cole's web page, go over the notes, and then start on our homework."

We are so glad to spend the rest of the year with Mrs. Cole.

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# Halloween Makes Students Excited About Scary Movies

By: Ethan Hazelett

At Northeastern Middle School students are watching many scary movies because Halloween just passed.

I made a survey for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to do during SRT if they wanted. I had 88 responses. The survey was about what scary movies people liked and why they like them.

Once the students were finished with the survey, I found that 70% middle schoolers said that they liked scary movies.

The most popular scary movies for the Northeastern students who answered the survey were...

#1 *Jaws*

#2 *The Conjuring*

#3 *The Cabin in the Woods*

#4 *Ouija*

#5 *Unfriended*

The least popular movies watched at Northeastern Middle School were *Prom Night*, *The Forest*, and *31*.

Many students responded to my survey and said that they like scary movies because they scare you out of nowhere and they're thrilling. One student said, "I like scary movies because they make everyone scream." I also like scary movies because they make people scream and it makes the movie even scarier.

Another student said, "I like being scared so bad that I jump." Being scared out of nowhere is fun because you don't expect it.

Just because Halloween ended doesn't mean you shouldn't watch scary movies.

# Fitness Fun Gets a Visit from Publications Class

By: Publications Class

Publications class got the recent pleasure of visiting Mrs. Moreland's "Fitness Fun" class. We were there because students in that class spent time inventing their own games and they needed more people to join in the fun. We got to test-play "Scatterball," a game created by 7th grade students Jill Berger and Jakaia Lotz.



Scatterball is a fast-paced game, where in order to stay in the game, you must stay on your feet. It's kind of like a mix of dodgeball and freeze tag.

Ms. McKinley's favorite part of the game was the process students went through to create the game. We test-played the game with the original rules created by Jill and Jakaia and then students were asked for suggestions of how to make the game better. With each round of the game, it got more fun and more intense. The last round of the game with the new and redefined rules was definitely the best.

Jill and Jakaia said that their favorite part of the game was letting other students play Scatterball with their class.

"It was fun and exciting to get to visit Fitness Fun and play Scatterball," said 7th grade student Ethan Hazelett. His favorite part of the visit was getting to compete against his other friends in the class.



# Sing-along with Northeastern's Choir

By: Kodee Pennington

Mrs. Wogoman's choir class may be a good class to take if you love to sing.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students can do choir as an elective. They can sign up for it at the end of the year and then the beginning of the year after that, it will start.

At the last NMS choir concert, some of the songs that they sang were "Step One," "In The Arms Of An Oak Tree," (Mrs. Wogoman's personal favorite) and "Shut de Do." Some of the soloist that Mrs. Wogoman chose were Alexis Vicena, Elizabeth Younts, and Justice Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Wogoman has been a choir teacher for 12 years. Her favorite part about teaching is getting to know students and helping them strive for their best.

Their next concert is on December 15th at 6:30 pm. It's their Christmas concert. The NMS choir will be singing along with the high school choir for the last piece. The NMS choir will also be performing an original song that they all helped write for the Veterans Day Program.

I asked Mrs. Wogoman why she thinks choir is important in schools and she said, "Singing and learning new music has been proven to accelerate brain function. Having music in schools helps encourage students to ignite their creative side."

The NMS choir sang The Star Spangled Banner at the high school football game this year. They are going to participate in the Veterans Day Program this year also. In December they are going to go to nursing homes and singing to the residents.

Elizabeth Younts said that she likes choir because, "You can sing without being embarrassed or feel small because you are singing with a group of people and not by yourself." I also asked her what her favorite part about choir was and she said that her favorite part was that "Mrs. Wogoman makes everything fun and it's just overall a really fun class."



