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FROM THE EDITORS

Our school building will be closed December 23 -January 1st for winter break. Students are still able to do school work on their computers during that time if they would like to. See you in 2020!

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NDA ACTIVE DAY

Join us for Bowling fun!

Thursday, Dec. 19th from 10:30-12:00.

Park Lanes in Heath

The cost is \$2.50 per game. (includes shoe rental)

FIND US ON OUR NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!

Find us on our school website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Share our social media pages with your friends, family and colleagues. Give us a like, a tweet, a share, or write a review to our page. We are constantly posting resources, events and opportunities for our students and families.

Student Columns

Ways to Study and Be Ready for AIR Testing

By Vanessa Miller

There are many ways that you can study and be ready for AIR testing! Here is a list of ways you can be ready:

Do a relaxing activity the night before

Go to bed early the night before

Eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test

Make sure you know what types of questions you will be answering

Go into Newark Digital for test practice (ask your teacher when you can go in)

Go on the Newark Digital website for test practice (<https://www.newarkcityschools.org/TestPrep.aspx>)

Read each question carefully

Skip a question if it takes you too long to figure out. Answer the questions you know first and then come back to the skipped questions

Try to answer every question by making the most intelligent choice you can

Double-check your answers

Now you are ready to ace your AIR test!!

Darkness

By Kylie Fultz

People aren't afraid of the dark; they're afraid of what hides in the dark.

People are afraid of the things that this black blanket covers...the secrets it hides, the lies it tells, and the danger it holds.

In the dark everything changes. The dark makes innocent things seem to shape shift, to form into things they are not.

The dark is where your demons come out. They jump out of your head and fill your body with fear and insecurities. They make you question your reality.

The dark can make the thoughtless think, it can make the fearless fear, and make the proudest feel shameful.

The dark is a thing of questions. For some, the dark is a place of emotions, and for others? It's the only place to let their emotions go.

Student Columns

NDA Welcomes Guest Speaker Warren Weber

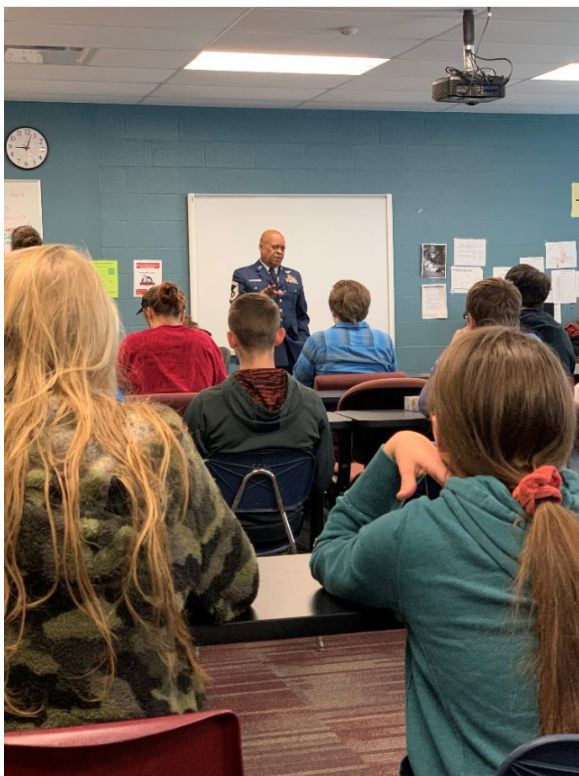
By Jade Borgersen-Burge

On November 11th, Veteran's Day, NDA had yet another guest speaker, Warren Weber. Weber was very encouraging towards the students of NDA, telling them that it is great they have chosen to attend school at NDA.

Warren Weber is a retired veteran, who has had many jobs including Aircraft Mechanic, Flight Engineer, Mediator, and Drug and Alcohol Counselor. Weber has lived in Newark for over 20 years. Not only has he lived in Ohio, but Texas, Idaho, and North Dakota as well. He told stories of the places he has been and where he has moved. He has also spent many years in Vietnam alone, and Holland, Belgium, and Germany with his family.

Weber told a story of how a friend of his told him he should run for the NCS school board. Weber did so and won, and is currently the Board President. Weber has three children and twelve grandchildren. Two of his children are NCS graduates and one of his grandchildren is a NCS graduate. Weber told us his highest achievement while in the Air Force was getting promoted to Senior, the level just below the highest rank, Chief.

Weber became a drug and alcohol counselor because there were a lot of people coming back from Vietnam addicted to drugs, and he was told that was where he was needed. Being in the Air Force made him a stronger and more confident person. The students of NDA thanked him for his service, and one student even asked to shake his hand.



Student Columns

Interview with Tanner Salyers By Nevaeh Scott

Mr. Salyers is a new high school history and government teacher at Newark Digital this year. I asked Mr. Salyers a series of six questions to find out about his career as a history teacher and to get to know him better.

The first question that I asked Mr. Salyers was “What is your main goal as a teacher?” Mr. Salyers stated that he wants to share his love for government and with his students. He hopes that he can help students discover their own love for government.

The next question that I asked Mr. Salyers was “What is your favorite part about being a teacher?” Mr. Salyers said his favorite part about being a teacher is “watching students light up when they finally understand a concept.”

The third question that I asked Mr. Salyers was “Why did you choose to become a history teacher?” Mr. Salyers responded by saying he “wanted a career where he can talk about something he was passionate about.” Mr. Salyers also said he wanted to make a difference in students’ lives, so he chose to be a history teacher.

The fourth question I asked Mr. Salyers was “Why did you decide to join city council in Mt. Vernon?” Mr. Salyers said that “Mt. Vernon was growing and changing” and he wanted to make sure the changes were helping the younger generations.

The fifth question that I asked Mr. Salyers was “What is your favorite event that happened in history?” Instead of picking a certain event Mr. Salyers thought it would be easier to give a topic, so students could get to know him better. Mr. Salyers said that “middle east history and cultures” were his favorite topic in history. He also likes politics and says that it’s a passion of his.

The last question that I asked Mr. Salyers was “If you could be any mythological creature what would you be a why?” Mr. Salyers responded by saying he would be a “merman” because he could swim in the ocean and be able to breathe underwater. Mr. Salyers also thinks it would be really cool to discover the treasures of the ocean.



Student Columns

The Maze Runner Book Review

By Dakota Shaw

The maze runner is a wonderful novel about survival, adventure, and what could happen if there was a virus similar to a zombie take over. The novel starts with Thomas, our main character, waking up in a chamber, only remembering his name. This makes Thomas an easily likeable protagonist, as the reader is learning about the world at the same time he is. Thomas converses with the other boys, most of them ranging from thirteen to nineteen years old. Thomas makes quick friends with a boy named Chuck, who shows Thomas the ropes. Thomas learns that the boys call themselves Gladers. The Glade is a huge open area, surrounded by a maze, that is riddled with horrifying slugish creatures, promptly named Grievers. The maze is shut off every night, to keep the boys safe.

I could not recommend this book more, it has been a favorite for years. This series is filled with many interesting characters. Here are some of my favorites:

Thomas- As stated in the beginning, this character has so much to offer. He plays an outcast at the beginning, and slowly develops his character. Since the reader is learning the story at the same time as Thomas, he becomes a type of outlet, or a window into this world.

Chuck- Similar to Thomas, he grows on the reader fast. He is one of the best characters in the novel, and is greatly portrayed in the film. He feels like a kid one used to be friends with, which makes it easy to get attached to him.

Newt- When the reader is first introduced into Newt, he seems to have a lot more to his character than the others. He takes everything seriously, but is also a good friend. He helps Thomas learn about the glade and the maze. Overall, Newt is my favorite Glader.

Gally- Now anyone who has read *The Maze Runner* will understand what is so special about Gally. Gally is a very antagonized character from Thomas' prospective, but the more the reader learns about him, the worse she will feel for him. He is a character that people love for being bad, but by the end of the first novel, the reader will have a hard time not sympathizing with him.

The Maze Runner is an amazing novel that will have you crying, laughing, and relating to most of the characters. By the end of the novel, you'll know, everything is going to change.





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Happy December! Wow, we will soon be through the first semester of the school year! We appreciate all the hard work you have put in and the progress you are making. By January 10, 2020 you should be finished with the first 18 lessons of a 36 lesson class. Remember we are here to support you!

As you know, the month of December is taken up with Fall AIR Testing. While there is no tutoring at NDA during this month, we do have a full schedule of tutoring opportunity at the Newark Public Library. Be sure to check out the details on our webpage (or call and we can fill you in).

The weather is changing and likely will not be warm for a few months. We do have clothing available in our clothes closet. Check with our school social worker if you are in need of something.

Our winter break is from Monday, December 23 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020. School resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2020. This time can be used to catch up or get a head in your work. Our NDA staff would be glad to help you devise a plan and set some goals. Doing a little each day the school is closed for winter break can add up to a lot!

Stay safe on-line and everywhere,

John Lutz – Coordinator of Alternative Education