

# TAKENOTE

A MONTHLY REVIEW

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## A SERVANT'S HEART HUMBLY LEADS BY EXAMPLE

MARK AND LORI BIDWELL SERVE  
UP ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE  
PUMPKIN SHOW!



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I invite our families to set aside some time to take a look back with us in this edition of our monthly newsletter. This is an opportunity for us to glance back over the past month at the great things happening at New Hope from ELC-12th grade. God's hand is at work in the lives of our staff, students, and families in every area of our school. Each month, this newsletter will recognize, highlight, and celebrate how all these things connect to the 6 Pillars of New Hope Christian Academy.

Enjoy this look back! Thank you for your continued partnership. Go Statesman!

Jamie King, Head of School

"Baptism has been a Christian symbol since the time of Jesus (Matthew 3:1-6). It involves applying water to Christians to symbolize their death to the old way of life (Romans 6:3-4) and their new life God provides (Galatians 3:26-27). Baptism, a sacramental "means of grace," seals one's intention to follow God (Acts 2:37-41, 8:35-39, 10:44-48)."

NAZARENE.ORG/QUESTIONS



Watch student baptisms here:


<https://www.facebook.com/HeritageNazarene/videos/241877126673942/>

On Sunday, September 30, six of our New Hope Christian Academy students publicly declared their faith in Jesus by being baptized at Heritage Nazarene Church. Each of them acknowledged that they have accepted Christ and desire to follow Him every day. Siannah Bryant, Abigail Grove, Emma Wellman, Lucy Radcliff, and Maddilynn Harrison were all baptized by Pastor David Tripp. Elaina and Michael Culp, Jr. were baptized by their father, Michael Culp, Sr., who is a district-licensed minister in the church of the Nazarene.

Witnessing these baptisms was a great reminder of the eternal impact we can have here at NHCA. Whether our students do not yet know Christ, have recently accepted Him, or have been serving Him for several years, there is growth and development happening at each level. Our teachers capitalize daily on opportunities to tell students about God's goodness and faithfulness, both personally and throughout history. As we celebrate these baptisms, they also serve as a reminder about what a privilege it is to work in ministry and leave an eternal legacy!

October is a wonderful month that brings about the changing color of the leaves, crisp autumn air and of course, the Pumpkin Show, but for the elementary music classes at NHCA, it marks the beginning of preparing for the Christmas performance in December. This year, the Kindergarten through Fourth Grade music students will be performing the Christmas musical *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*. This musical takes place at the final dress rehearsal for the Christmas pageant. The costumes finally arrive and they notice when they pull them “out of the box” that they are all wrong. Working together, the children come up with some unique, comical, and heartfelt ways to share the Christmas message with their friends and family. After all, if God can use a donkey to speak to Balaam, and a burning bush to speak to Moses . . . He can surely use cowboys, pirates, and cheerleaders to tell His love story.

Each song introduces the students to a new Spiritual Focus each week, as well as new scriptures and musical concepts. The Spiritual Focus statements that have been discussed in class so far are:

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- 1 Honor God in all you do.
  - 2 I can trust God in every situation.
  - 3 We will follow God.
  - 4 We do not fear because God is here!

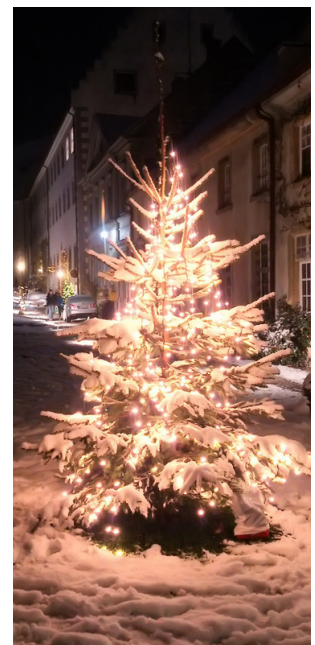
Through these principles, the students have learned that to honor God is to bring Him respect, glory and praise, and that we can honor God by doing our best as we prepare for our performance. The students have also learned that just as Jesus' birth gave the shepherds a reason not to fear, knowing Jesus is Lord gives us a reason not to fear. We can trust in Him, and in Him we have peace! His Spirit is always with us and gives us the strength and peace we need to be a superhero of the faith!


The students have been learning so much in music class, not only spiritually, but musically as well. For each song, there is a musical focus on steady beat, rhythm and pitch, as well as many other concepts. Although students are working hard to learn the lyrics to each song, as well as the choreography, we are having loads of fun through each energetic, fun song. Please mark your calendars for our Christmas performance on Thursday, December 20th. You won't want to miss *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas* . . . you'll be truly blessed by these wonderful music students!

# HIS MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC


Dec. 20 at 7:00pm

**"AN OUT OF THE  
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SONGS FROM  
YOUR FAVORITE  
AND EVER-  
POPULAR  
CHRISTMAS  
MOVIES!**



When Richelle Ritchey asked me to write a segment for New Hope's monthly review in the "Eternal Legacy" section, I admit that I was a bit amused. On the one hand, I understand why she asked; I am a new member of the school board, and leaving a legacy is exactly the sort of thing that the school board ought to be helping New Hope to do. On the other hand, it is a bit daunting of a task; to sum up in one page or so how to leave a lasting impact for eternity. Thanks, Richelle, for starting out with the easy questions.  *you're welcome*

While I was brainstorming how to respond to this, two quotes kept popping into my head. The first was from a pithy motivational post from Facebook, the second was from our current Secretary of Defense, General James Mattis. The reason that two quotes, from such disparate sources, kept cropping up was that they dealt with the same issue. More importantly, they both deal with the question posed to me: how to build a legacy.

 Motivational quotes on social media are a dime a dozen, but when your spouse posts one, it is probably a good idea to pay attention. The quote itself is unsurprising, if you know her: **"People with good intentions make promises, but people with good character keep them."** My wife strives to say what she'll do and do what she says. It's a simple philosophy, but a good one. As a society, we are awash in good intentions. Good character is harder to come by. We tend to be unsurprised by promises, but the act of keeping one faithfully can be an unfortunately rare thing.

General Mattis, who knows a little bit about leadership and keeping promises, says that we should **"Think like men of action, act like men of thought."** The obvious takeaway from this is that action without thought is foolish. This is true, but the inverse is no less true; thought without action is foolish as well. It is not enough just to develop our thoughts- our "good intentions"- we need to do what is required to make our intentions real.


New Hope is very blessed to have people with good hearts, and who are focused on the right things, in leadership positions. We do not lack for good intentions. The importance of this cannot be overstated, for this is the foundation of any legacy we build. If our foundation is bad, whatever we build will crumble. But having a foundation is not enough, we must build something atop it. That means making promises and keeping them, too. That means not only acting thoughtfully, but deliberately thinking in terms of the actions that must follow.

## SO, HOW DO WE BUILD A LEGACY?

*We follow through. Execute.*

I'd like to thank the New Hope community for the opportunity to serve on your school board. I believe that if we want to build a legacy, it will require your help and your ideas. I'd like to encourage those of you in the New Hope community to give your input on how you believe that the school and the Board can better execute our duties on your behalf. You can do so by talking to me, one of the other school board members or an administrator, or by attending one of our school board meetings, which are open to the NH community.

*written by Mike Holbrook*



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*"Leaving an Eternal Legacy," written by Shellie Scribner*

I am thankful and humbled to serve on the school board. It is a new experience and I am anxious to see how God may use me in this role. I want to provide value that will build on the great work done before me and ease the work that will continue well after me. When I think about leaving an eternal legacy, I think of my children, all of our children, at New Hope and the reasons I/we chose to send them here. There are many, but it is the Christian worldview that is reinforced daily, as well as the attention and love that our teachers give unconditionally. Our children are our legacy.

*Our children are our legacy.*

MORE THAN ACADEMICS,  
ATHLETICS,  
OR WORK SUCCESS.

*It is preparing our children to bloom wherever they are planted for God.*

The world we are preparing our kids to enter is changing rapidly. It is not the world our parents grew up in. I think of how much the world has changed even since I was in school. It has been said that the majority of the jobs our kids will someday take do not even exist yet. The legacy I envision is more than their academic, athletic, or work success. It is preparing our children to bloom wherever they are planted for God.



Several talented staff members and students joined forces to lead a very unique worship time in chapel this month. Ms. McGinnis, Mrs. Culp, and Mr. Radcliff created a full worship band with their musical talents while Aidan Hamilton, Bethany Spriggs, Mara Geddis, and Aubrey Christensen joined on vocals. The purpose for this combined worship was to grow and encourage our worship leader students.

This experience not only created a different atmosphere for worship, but it paved the way for students and teachers to combine musical talents in the future. We were able to witness authentic worship from some of our staff and students that we had not seen before. The Holy Spirit was truly moving during this time together.



If you are interested in attending a chapel service in the future, please feel free to join us.



*written by Jamie King*

In July of 2017, The VanArsdalen Family answered the call to make disciples of all nations and moved to the Dominican Republic as full-time missionaries working for an organization called Makarios. The VanArsdalens have been local residents of Circleville for their entire life. Ryan and Courtney and their three girls, Ava, Adele, and Elyse now live in the small community of Cangrejo. Ryan serves as the principal of the school, and Courtney works in student sponsorship and is apart of the Executive Leadership Team for the organization.

Makarios is dedicated to cultivating a cycle of hope and opportunity and breaking the cycle of poverty in the Dominican Republic through Christ-centered education, community programs, and relationships that empower. There are three main ministries of Makarios: The Makarios School, Makarios Group Ministry, and Makarios Family Empowerment.

New Hope strongly believes in cultivating and teaching our students about authentic community within the Body of Christ both locally and internationally. The Pillar of “Fellowship of the Mat” involves the experience of doing life with people. New Hope sees Makarios as an extension of the local Body of Christ and has become part of their “Mat”. Back in January of 2018, Mr. King and his wife made their first trip to the Dominican Republic to begin the relationship with the staff of Makarios and explore ways to walk along beside them in Kingdom work. In October of this year, Mr. King and his wife went back to the Dominican Republic, this time also taking two of their children with them to continue those relationships within the





the communities and to better understand the reality of the needs and ways in which New Hope can serve with Makarios.

The trip was full of new experiences for their girls and opportunities for them to gain an understanding of what life outside of the USA is like. New Hope has been focusing on DENYING SELF during the first quarter of discipleship groups, and the girls were able to apply that knowledge during their time in the Dominican Republic, as they gave up many of the comforts of home, familiar language, familiar people, and many cultural differences. During the trip, elementary students at New Hope were able to have a live video chat during chapel with the VanArsdalen family to talk about the experiences of their family as they have denied themselves.



## Moving Forward

AS WE MOVE FORWARD, PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN WITH US AS WE CONNECT WITH THE MAKARIOS COMMUNITY.

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# FALL SPORTS END VICTORIOUS

written by Brian Roseberry



The Varsity Soccer team was the #5 seed in the OCSAA State Tournament. The team's season came to an end with a 3-0 loss to #4 seed DePaul Cristo Rey. Sophomore goalkeeper Jeremiah Taylor recorded 17 saves for the Statesmen. The young squad, which has no seniors and only one junior, has a bright future ahead.

The Statesmen completed their season with a record of 4-9 and will look to be very competitive for many years to come.



After battling through a hard-fought league championship match as part of the Middle School Soccer team on Friday evening, eighth graders Andrew Swank and Benton Ludens ran in the COAL League Cross Country Championship on Saturday morning.

Andrew led the entire way and posted a time of 12:22 in the two-mile race to bring home the title. His result was the best Middle School time of the day. Benton finished in second place with a time of 13:07 with the next closest time being 14:59. NHCA Athletic Director Brian Roseberry was surprised, "I knew these young men would do well just based on their work ethic, but they absolutely blew me away. To turn around and do that well after playing a full soccer match the night before is amazing," Roseberry added, "These outstanding young men give me hope that we can get a NHCA Cross Country team together next fall."



## C.O.A.L. Championships

The MS Volleyball team faced Grace Christian Academy and triumphed in two sets!

The MS Soccer squad lost their first match of the season to GCS 4-2 to finish runners-up.



## Varsity Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team has been making history all season long in just their fifth year of existence. The Lady Statesmen won the school's first ever OCSAA Southeast Regional Championship on Thursday evening with a three-set victory over Liberty Christian Academy: 25-16, 25-8, and 25-10. Junior Alyssa Conrad led the team with 15 service points followed by freshman Carley Stone with 14. Senior Kassi Wolfe, playing in the last home match of her career, added 6.

Head Coach Mandi was proud of the historic run her team is on, "Tonight we made history as we brought home New Hope's first ever Regional Championship trophy for volleyball. We were so appreciative of the fans who came out to show their support. As we continue on to the Final Four we hope to stay focused and stay healthy to finish playing at our very best." This will also be the Lady Statesmen's first trip to the OCSAA Final Four.


## OCSAA Final Four

The Varsity Volleyball team is headed to the OCSAA Final Four! The Lady Statesmen will take on the Northeast Regional Champions, Faith Christian School, on *Friday, November 2 at 7pm at Ohio Christian University.*



WE ARE STATESMEN

# WHAT HAS DISCIPLESHIP CLASS MEANT TO YOU?



Hello All,

I just wanted to take a minute and let you know that what you're doing is making an impact on young minds.

This week when I got home from work, Lydia told me that Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Kamer washed her feet. I am not sure all the symbolism was understood, but it brought about a great conversation about serving each other and why it was so special that Christ did that for his disciples. That same night, I saw a picture in Lydia's binder and asked her about it. She told me that it was of her denying herself and giving someone else her favorite toy. Later at bedtime, the previous conversation was revisited and Lydia asked me if I ever deny myself. Trying to think of an understandable example, I said that when mommy gets up and makes her eggs first even though she is hungry too, I deny myself and feed her first.

Anyway, I share all of that to just encourage you. Yes it takes extra planning and preparation above and beyond academics, but it is sinking in and will hopefully make an eternal difference!

Thank You and keep up the good God work!

Julie Carpenter (first grade parent)

"I really enjoy discipleship. It has been a great encourager this year. I love getting to grow with the girls in my group and being able to open up about stuff. It really helps me end my week."

"In these nine weeks of discipleship class I have learned a ton about denying myself! I learned a lot from the song video we listened to (Clear the Stage) and the other video about being in a plane with God! I have denied myself by deleting all my social medias on my phone and trying to read the Bible more! These classes have helped me be able to talk about struggles I have and they are easier to talk about in a small group of people I know. This class has been my favorite class of this nine weeks. Please continue these classes in the last 3 nine week semesters!

*6th grade student*

"Discipleship has been very good for me so far and I really enjoy it. It helps me to open up about very deep things to people I can trust. It helps relieve stress and it makes me grow in my walk with Christ. I like that one of my teachers is my group leader and she helps me feel comfortable to say whatever is on my heart. I love discipleship and look forward to it."

*9th grade student*

"Connecting with the girls in the junior class as well as my own. This is beneficial because usually I don't get to spend time with them, let alone on a spiritual level. This helps us to grow closer to each other and uplift each other up in Christ. Also, I love my group leader and she brings our small community even closer!

*12th grade student*

"I have really enjoyed this time. I have found that I can open up more when the group is smaller, and I enjoy having the accountability aspect of these groups."

"I thought that this first quarter was really intriguing and strengthened my relationship with my peers and Christ. I also liked learning about the idea of denying yourself. I personally liked this because it showed me that my relationship with Christ isn't mine alone. I now realize that I can go to others in times of good or bad because strength comes in numbers."

*10th grade student*

"Discipleship has meant to me that anyone around me can help believe in the Lord more and help me have more faith; and I can help them in return. These people can help me to stay accountable and I can keep them accountable."

*7th grade student*

"I really enjoy discipleship class so far. I've seen two of my friends accept Christ, and have learned a lot about denying myself. I have been more aware of other people's needs lately, and have spent a lot of time with Christ."

*7th grade student*

# How is God moving in your life?

## STUDENT TESTIMONIES

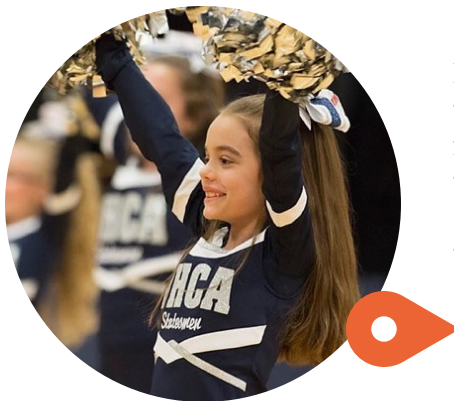


Having just moved to this school last year, I feel so close to the people around me. I joined the basketball team last year and not only did I gain some of the best friendships but also a wonderful team that has taught me so much. I'm looking forward to this season and can't wait to see our team grow. Also, I feel the same way about the students and staff here at New Hope. Throughout small groups, discipleship, bible class, chapel, and all my classes, I've grown closer to others. Right now, God is drawing me closer to those around me and giving me the opportunity to grow closer to Him through every encounter here at New Hope as well as my youth group.

*Avary Perry*  
12th grade student

When I was younger, I had some struggles that I didn't necessarily understand entirely. My mom and dad separated when I was around 3 or 4, and I faced some health complications that really scared me at the time. I tried to go through every issue I could on my own. Sure, I always knew who God was, but somewhere in my heart He was telling me that it wasn't enough. I really didn't know if I had been saved. I knew God, I believed I followed Him, but I wasn't really to the phase of living through Him and using myself to do His will. Frequently being unsure of my faith led to being confused on who I was, and who I needed to be: a child of God. Even if I was going to countless church services and hearing so many other people's testimonies, I didn't understand what I was supposed to do. When I was 11, I went to my first Tragedy into Triumph, and that was the night I decided I wanted to devote myself to Christ. Now I had the assurance of being saved, but yet again, I put living through Him to the side and continued life on my own. I never gave up on trying to walk with Jesus, but it wasn't necessarily a main priority. I lived under the same principle that Christian life was supposed to be happily-ever-after. Some time later, after going to a chapel that really spoke to me, I decided to make following Him my first priority, which leads me to now. I learned that I wasn't the only one feeling this way about my faith, and that it was never too late to turn my life around for God.

*Efthimia Tsitroulis*  
8th grade student



Hello, my name is Kassi Wolfe and I am a Senior at New Hope Christian Academy. New Hope is the only school I've ever known, as I've been a student there since my Kindergarten year.

My school is different from other schools because it provides a safe learning environment where I can live out my faith and give a voice to the things I believe in. I love my school because I am encouraged to grow in my relationship with the Lord by keeping Him in the center of all that I do. At New Hope, we have been taught the motto, "I am a Statesmen. I will let God give me wisdom and integrity today, so that I can be my best and make a difference in the world." My school has helped me grow into a strong leader, has helped me develop into a hard worker and independent thinker, and has taught me how to be respectful of others and their opinions.

Some of the activities I'm involved in at my school include being a part of the Student Council all four of my high school years, as well as being a member of the Student Advisory Committee. I have been on the Homecoming Court for three consecutive years. I have participated in the band, choir and art programs. I'm on the Lady Statesmen Varsity Volleyball Team where I have been the libero of my team for the past two years. I also play for the Lady Statesmen Varsity Basketball team, where we've made it to the OCSAA State Final Four Championship for the past four years and where we were back-to-back State Champions in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.

As far as my future plans, I'm in the process of choosing a college to possibly study either Art Therapy or Occupational Therapy. As I journey forward, I will use my leadership skills to build strong relationships, which will help me succeed at every level, from college to the workforce and beyond. This will earn me respect and a platform to change the world and to positively impact many lives. For my eighth grade Bible class, we were to choose a person weekly to write about that we considered to be a world changer. I remember writing about these people, as they inspired me to want to change the world too. My goal is to be that same kind of inspiration and to leave my mark on the world.

Students were invited to the Rotary Club to present their experiences and opportunities through their time at NHCA.



Hello everyone, I am Braydon Briggs, a junior at New Hope Christian Academy.

I have attended New Hope for about 7 years now and I have never once genuinely thought about leaving. I feel like I am part of a family here, the small classes make learning convenient, and most importantly I am given the opportunity daily to further progress my relationship in Christ.

As an asset to New Hope, I am given many opportunities at leadership. Currently I am the high school student council treasurer. In this position I financially coordinate events for our high school.

In my life I think efficiency is key; therefore, I have already begun setting up my desirable future. I'd eventually like to become an officer with the Columbus Division of Police. My passions are leading, serving, and protecting all of those around me. I discovered my passions through experience and opportunities at New Hope Christian Academy.





# Many thanks

New Hope Families,

I first want to thank those of you who have been attending our meetings and/ or helping out with the different events we have done. We have had a great turnout at our meetings and hope you get a chance to joins us! Our NHCA Staff Appreciation Luncheon turned out very well and the staff appreciated it. Thanks to all of you who provided food and tableware.

PTF has began starting to provide some consumable items such as paint, paper and other items to the school. We have first started with providing each Early Learning Center (ELC) classroom and the Latchkey program with some of the supplies that they requested from us. We also provided the K-12th grade Teachers with a little care package.

Penny Wars was a big success this year, and we were excited to have the ELC a part of it. We raised almost over \$3,000. The students and staff took a lot of time and effort into creating their themes and decorating their doors and buckets. Thanks to those who took the time to count money and judge the buckets.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming events and meetings. May you have a blessed weekend.

Jason Parker  
PTF PRESIDENT





## Pickaway County Soil & Water

On Monday, October 15, Mrs. Kamer's third grade students took their classroom away from behind their desk and took a field trip outside to the playground -obviously, not new to this area, but they were on a mission to do much more than play. Students were instructed to dig up soil (one of the only times they have full permission to "play" in the dirt!) This hands-on activity allowed students to observe the dirt's properties.

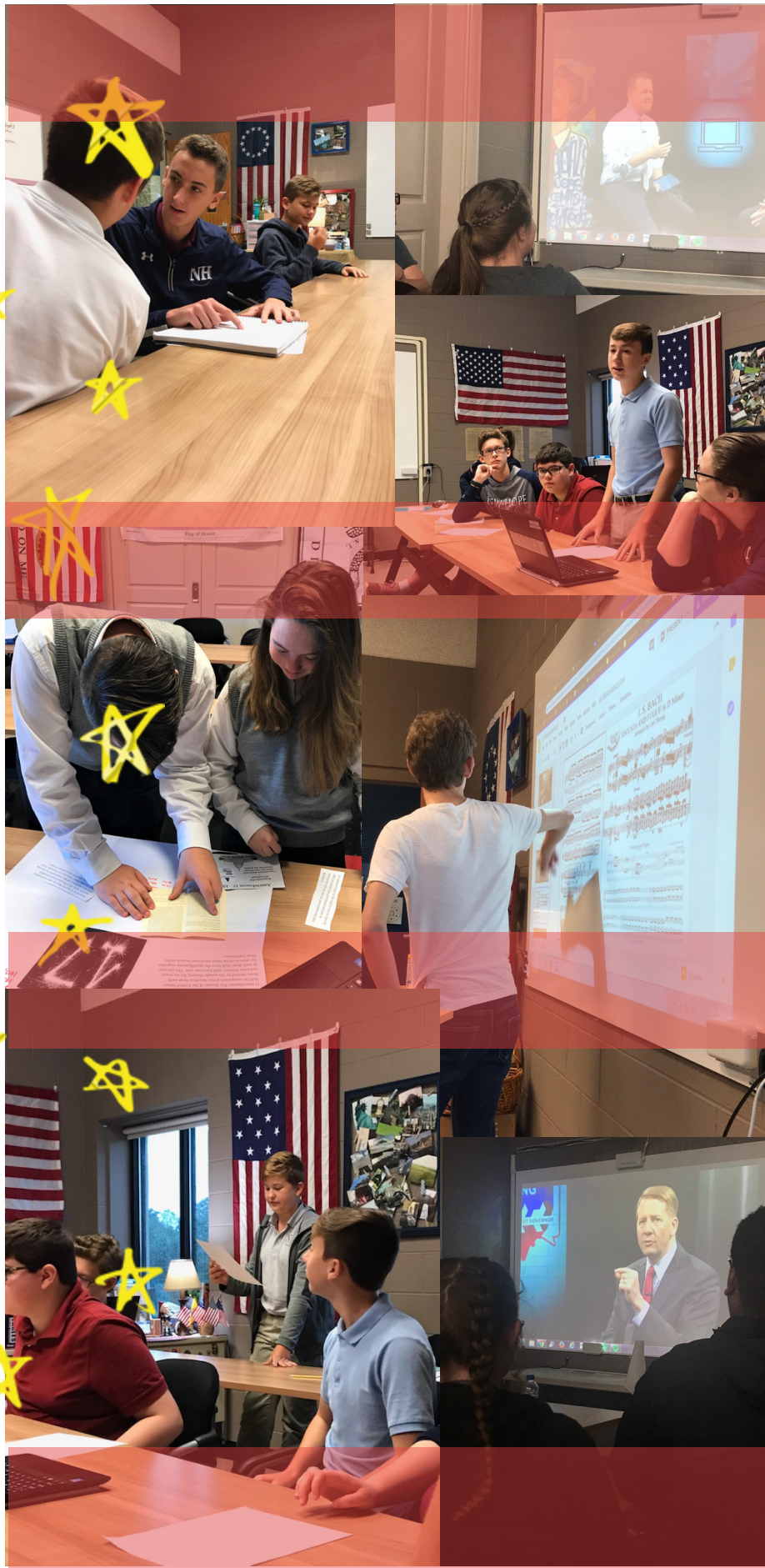
On Friday, Pickaway County Soil and Water came to visit the class to conduct an open question and answer workshop and allowed the kids an opportunity to learn how the foods that we eat can be traced right back to the soil.

# HISTORY BEYOND THE TEXTBOOK

*written by Rebecca McGinnis*

Debates, interviews, articles, political cartoons and speeches reveal more about history than mere textbooks. By analyzing these primary sources, students are introduced to a more rigorous form of learning about social studies. This has been the emphasis of high school social studies this year at New Hope Christian Academy. The analysis of primary documents and sources encourages students to engage with the material in a new way by drawing personal and cross-curricular connections. Studying the historical context and words of historical figures promotes a deeper level of understanding that when added to textbooks and curriculum, sparks a new love for history and learning.

9th grade World History used primary sources to prepare for an Enlightenment Era debate. They also researched the music and arts development through this era by listening to clips of music and observing pieces of art. 10th grade U.S. History and 11th grade American Government spent significant time reading and analyzing our founding documents: Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. As the American Government class begins to study the branches of governments, they will read and discuss several presidential speeches, supreme court cases, legislation and political debates.



# PROUD LITTLE PUMPKINS IN THE ELC

*written by Jeanne Ames & Kelly Diles*



Our Bumblebees class took a field trip to Dill's Greenhouse and took the opportunity to connect what they have learned in the classroom about animals and actually go see some of those animals up close on the farm. Likewise, they of course got to see more PUMPKINS (big pumpkins, small pumpkins, medium pumpkins, tall pumpkins, short pumpkins...you get the idea!), which they have already learned so much about!

In class, they learned hands-on about parts of a pumpkin by cutting open the pumpkin and exploring the pulp, "brain", and seeds. They examined the pumpkin using their five senses and talked about their observations. During this investigation, teachers asked if a pumpkin was a fruit or vegetable, and most said it's a vegetable. This was a great time to explain that it's actually a fruit because it grows from a flower and has seeds on the inside. Here's a little rhyme to help them remember: "Seeds on the inside, it's a fruit. Veggies are the stem, leaf, or root."

Hands-on most always means fun, and in preschool often also means messy! The bumblebee students took a day to turn their classroom into their "laboratory" for a creative science experiment to make a pumpkin volcano erupt! (As seen in our last Little Tykes "Create Together" issue). Another day, they turned their classroom into an art studio, using pumpkin catapults to fling paint onto their canvas creating a beautiful Jackson Pollock preschool original.

