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Norwalk Student Education Foundation

NSEF is an independent community organization dedicated to provide resources to enhance educational experiences and opportunities for students in the Norwalk Community schools. The foundation was formed in 2010 as a school foundation in order to receive charitable, tax-deductible donations to supplement and enhance educational opportunities for students in Norwalk.

Since our founding in 2010, NSEF has provided students, organizations and teachers with support and resources that allow Norwalk Schools to reach beyond budget limitations. NSEF provides scholarships to outstanding graduates; awards education enrichment grants twice per year for programs and projects to enhance student learning; provides workshops to strengthen talents of students and allow them to develop new skills; supports academics, special needs, athletics, the arts, and existing educational organizations in the district. NSEF is committed to providing long-term support to the school district by bringing grass-roots based support for education in Norwalk schools. Each year our investment and earning power grows thanks to contributions from members of the Norwalk community and family members of Norwalk students. As a result of that growth, we have greater ability to fund the scholarships and grants. We encourage you to consider investing with NSEF. If we all work together, we can truly have a significant impact on our students.

Teacher Grants

Congratulations to two deserving Norwalk teachers who were the most recent recipients of grant awards from NSEF.



Hilary Lucas, Middle School Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, received a check to purchase an i-Pad for use with Lanschool software.



Tricia Kurtt, 8-12th GT Teacher and 10-12th Instructional Coach, will be using her grant money to purchase a video camera and green screen kit to be used in her Genius Room.

NSEF Newsletter

Homecoming 2014

The 2014-2015 school year at Norwalk has been one packed with unprecedented amounts of spirit and community. From the trending hashtag, “BeAWarrior”, created by the school’s new and prized principal, Mr. Basinger, to the mass view count on junior Brandon Bair’s short film, appropriately titled, “#BeAWarrior”, the year opened with huge amounts of excitement. The energy seemed to snowball grandly into what I consider to be Norwalk’s best homecoming yet.

The festivities began Sunday, September 21st, with street and car painting. Students displayed their creativity and teamwork to create a masterpiece on concrete. Next, students uncovered their inner interior designers by decorating the halls and portraying fun themes.

Tuesday, the boys went head to head in the Rock Solid Volleyball tournament. The sole purpose of the tournament is to host a friendly volleyball match between the men of each grade, however, it’s apparent that what the boys enjoy most is blatantly disregarding the school dress code.

Wednesday, the girls got rough and tough in the annual Powderpuff Football tournament. Note that when I say “rough and tough”, I’m talking about broken fingers, torn ligaments, and crippling turf burn. The pep rally was held on Thursday, leading to a Warrior victory Friday night.

The very peak of homecoming was the Saturday night carnival, directed by our incredibly talented and tenacious student council. In former years, a formal dance was held the Saturday of homecoming; however, to boost attendance, the student council decided to go a different route (and succeeded tremendously). The carnival included a dunk tank, fruit ninja, pie throwing, messy twister, and an array of other activities. Succeeding the carnival was a street dance party featuring funky tunes selected by D Jelly (that’s me!).

The Sunday following homecoming week was reserved for reflection, not just reflection on the legendary TPing job of the seniors or the immaculate performance by the men’s drill team, but reflection on the incredible opportunity to attend a school so dedicated to its students.

On behalf of the student body I would like to thank the teachers, the administrators, the deans, the chaperones, the alumni, student council, SIC, the band, the athletes, the “Crazies”, the students, and all others who helped create a homecoming that will not be forgotten.

Elly Hofmaier, NSEF Student Board Member



Senior PowderPuff Team



A group of Seniors pose in front of their winning street art.



Senior Rock Solid Team



Senior Talia Zook films the “I Believe” cheer.

Watch the whole video at www.brandonbairmedia.com

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Tax Deductible Investments in NSEF

Annual Corporate Giving

It is the time of the year when many corporations support employees in charitable giving to eligible non-profit organizations. Please think about designating your funds to NSEF to support Norwalk students and teachers.

Tax Deductible Gifts

As the end of the year approaches, please remember NSEF as you are considering charitable gifts as a tax deduction for 2014. Gifts may be "unrestricted", which allows the Board of Directors to direct the use of the funds where the need is greatest. Gifts may also be "restricted", which means the gifts are directed by you to provide for a specific scholarship or designated use.

Thanks to all of the donors who already support NSEF. Norwalk students are direct recipients of the benefits of your donations.

Visit the NSEF website to see what your gifts have done!

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Facebook and Twitter

You can now stay up to date with NSEF's latest activities through our Facebook and Twitter accounts! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkSEF> and follow @_NSEF on Twitter to see what NSEF is doing to better students' experiences at Norwalk.

Future Events/Dates

Spring Teacher Grant deadline: March 13, 2015

Spring 2015- Ford's Drive One for UR School

Help us earn up to \$6000 for NSEF grants and student scholarships

June 12, 2015- 2nd Annual Couple Golf Event

Plan to join us at Warrior Run for a fun evening of golf!