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## Volleyball

Heads up, North Saanich volleyball season is starting up! Everyone will, at some time be doing a volleyball unit in gym. But don't forget there are the volleyball teams for grades 6,7 and 8 girls as well as boys teams. After school we have home games in the gym starting in February. So listen for the announcements if you want to show your support and come on down to one of the games. Have a good volleyball season NSMS.

Written by Mataya C

Grade 8

## Intramurals

If you love to watch soccer then come on down to the intramurals in the gym at lunch time. Anyone is able to watch, the bleachers are out for you. Just a reminder that there is no food or drinks allowed in the gym. If you are interested in playing in the intramurals then stay tuned and read the announcements in the next month or two. There will be a change in the the intramurals sport , you can sign up when the next rotation comes around.

By Mataya C.

## An Interview with Mr. Mark

I recently interviewed our vice principal Mr. Mark. I asked him what he was most proud of and what lots of people didn't know about him, he said "I was a Frisbee world champion." He also said that he loved middle school because of all of the choices. The subject he likes most is P.E. His first job was as a paper boy at age 13. His favourite thing to do in the summer is canoeing on the organ coast. Did you know that his favourite middle school teacher was his grade seven teacher Mr. Colbran. Mr. Mark says that he was strict but nice, Hmm. His most embarrassing teaching moment was in his first year of teaching, he sat on a chair and slipped off right away, falling on his butt. If he wasn't a teacher he would have been a lawyer, I think he would make a great lawyer. His favourite movie is Hoosiers, which is a basketball movie.

By Kai

## McDonald as an Olympic partner?

Most people know McDonald is a major fast food chain around the world. What not everyone knows is that they do more than serve burgers. Like many corporations McDonald sponsors a lot of events, such as the 2014 winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

McDonald became an official Olympic partner in 1976 but its involvement with the Olympics predates that. At the 1968 winter games in Grenoble France, McDonald airlifted hamburgers to the U.S athletes, after they had expressed homesickness for the burgers. They have since decided to remain partners until the 2020 Olympics. McDonald says they don't support the games just for publicity, they do it for the pride they can take in the athletes. McDonald has been an Olympic partner for 38 years. They say they like to give the fans the ability to make personal connections to the athletes.

Emma Duncan



### *Colour Poem*

*Purple looks like a dancing silhouette, swaying gracefully to the beat.*

*Green feels like kindness, helping others to their feet.*

*Blue smells salty, like a breeze from the sea.*

*Yellows sounds like birds, chirping happily from the trees.*

*Gray feels like a pebble, cold and smooth in your hand.*

*White feels like the beach, relaxing in the sand.*

*Black sounds like the eerie silence of a moonless night.*

*Pink looks like sunrise, bringing new light.*

*Turquoise feels trapped, struggling to get free.*

*Orange looks like a tiger, not wanting to be seen.*

*Red feels like a steady beating, to match the pace of your heart.*

*Gold feels like victory, knowing you've done so much since the start.*

## Interviews with the Rock Fest Bands

On February 20<sup>th</sup> two very cool and awesome bands local bands are coming to NSMS! The two bands are Fallbrigade and Towers and Trees. The bands will be performing in the NSMS gym. Doors open at 6:30pm, the bands will play from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be cool door prizes!

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> we interviewed the lead singers from both bands. We went to Starbucks to interview Esther and Caleb Scott, the brother and sister lead singers of Fallbrigade. After that we had an over-the-phone interview with Adrian of Towers and Trees.

### *Fallbrigade Interview*

Nicole & Jade: What's your inspiration?

Caleb: My inspiration, is life, because of all the ups and downs that help you write songs.

Esther: I also think our love of music inspires us, and we want to inspire other people with our songs.

N & J: What's your favourite type of pizza?

E: Well, I like pepperoni.

C: Have you ever had Boston Pizza's Pirogi Pizza? Well, it's really good because it tastes like pirogi's, but still a bit spicy.

N & J: How did you come up with the name?

C: Well we thought of the name from the lyrics of our song "Remember You". At first we thought we were going to call it "Fallen Kings" but it sounded weird, then we thought of "Fall Regain", but that made no sense. So we finally agreed on "Fallbrigade".

N & J: Who writes most of the songs?

E: We both write the songs.

C: Yeah, one of us starts writing a song, and then the other finishes!

N & J: Have you ever lived anywhere other than Vancouver Island.

E: We were born in Vancouver, then we moved to Costa Rica, then we moved to Columbia, then to Victoria, then Scotland, then Victoria, then I moved to California, and then back to Victoria.

N & J: Are you going to bring the toy piano?

C & E: YES!!

### *Towers and Trees Interview*

N & J: What's your inspiration?

Adrian: Moments of movement, like a sense of escape, and getting on with other happy things inspires me.

N & J: How did you come up with the band name?

A: Okanogan had very few towers and trees. So when I moved back to the coast I wanted the name to sound like home.

N & J: Who writes most of the songs?

A: I write all of the songs.

N & J: Have you ever had an embarrassing moment on stage?

A: Yes, on our last song in our PPP, I started jumping up and down to get the crowd all pumped up and some lady had her purse on the stage. I tripped on her purse and fell into the crowd and harpooned some guy in the head with my guitar. After making sure he was okay I got back on stage just as the song was ending. Now I was actually supposed to jump into the crowd. As I went to jump again I didn't see the metal projector coming down to end the show. So as I jumped I hit my head on the projector.

Nicole Glover & Jade Stewart

# The Peculiar

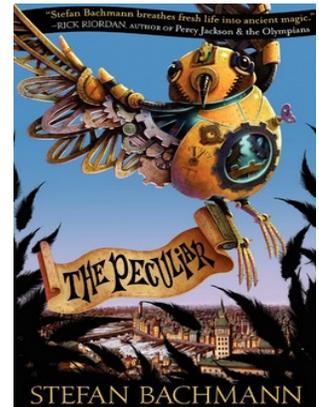
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Bartholomew has lived in the dark streets of Bath his whole life, along with his mother and sister Hettie. However Bartholomew and Hettie are not normal children. They are Peculiars, the offspring of a human and a fairy. Peculiars are scorned in the world of old England and try their best to stay out of sight. Then one day, Bartholomew see's something he's not supposed to see, and his world is changed forever.

I enjoyed this book because it made me feel like I was really part of that world. The writing was intriguing and in the end it drove me to read the second book, The Whatnot. I loved this series, but the storyline had a few parts that needed some work. I would rate this book a solid 8 out of 10.

This book would be a great read for people who love a good fantasy/adventure story but with a creepy twist.



Reviewed by Aimee