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Out with the old in with the GPS

by GIANA PELLA
reporter

Starting as of this current year, the Rhode Island Electronic Portfolio System will be changing to the Graduation Portfolio System hosted by Narragansett High School. The system was under construction through the summer and is currently up and running as of the beginning of September.

The portfolio system is one of three different choices for Rhode Island's graduation requirements. Each school is required to choose two, their choices including the electronic portfolio, senior project, or end of year exam. While the state has hosted this system in the past, recently the company has begun losing money causing NHS to take over.

Principle Dan Warner said, "The secretary of education decided to change

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Hurricane Earl who?

Threatening hurricane leaves 'gansett shores unharmed

by MATT PISTACCHIO
Editor

Hurricane Earl had affected all stretches of the East Coast, these including the campus of Narragansett High School that cool autumn day, Friday, September 3.

The media had surrounded Narragansett

beach in particular with camera crews from stations such as ABC 6 News and NBC 10, providing excitement to a hurricane whose expectations were raised with every passing forecast.

When the hurricane struck, its impact was a fraction of what the hype implied in the minds of Narragansett students

The majority of students were disappointed in Hurricane Earl's performance. "It was a big nothing," Ryan St. Laurent, junior, said.

The once hyped hurricane

was, in the mind of Steve Beauchamin, junior, a bust. "It was so overwhelmingly boring, I thought I was going to die [of boredom]," Beauchamin said.

The possible danger that the hurricane presented did alert some students, especially Pat Degnan, junior, an active lifeguard at Narragansett beach.

"As a lifeguard, I was very frightened for the safety of the civilians with the waves being predicted to be very aggressive. However, waves were not as big as expected and my fears

were luckily not realized," Degnan said.

Others were just surprised at the amount of attention the hurricane was getting across New England only to find a boring sprinkle at the end of it all.

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Give us our hallways back

by JASMINE HAZARD
editor

Summer is finally over and a new school year begins at Narragansett High School. Upon coming back to school there have a few changes that have been addressed.

Among those changes is the change of the hallways. Administrators believed that it was necessary to change the hallways to benefit underclassmen.

Freshman and sophomores now have the old senior and junior hall-

ways and the seniors and juniors have the old sophomore and freshman hallways.

Due to the overcrowding of the hallways freshman and sophomores have a harder time getting to the

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In need of spirit

by EMMA BUSH
reporter

This year spirit week is at a much later date and there is no student council advisor who can take up the duties.

At the end of last year, Mr. Schroeter, student council advisor, stepped down to become the advisor of the freshman class of 2014.

"I stepped down mainly because my eldest son is in the high school now and I wanted to be the freshman class advisor," said Schroeter.

After all, he has been at the job for about twelve

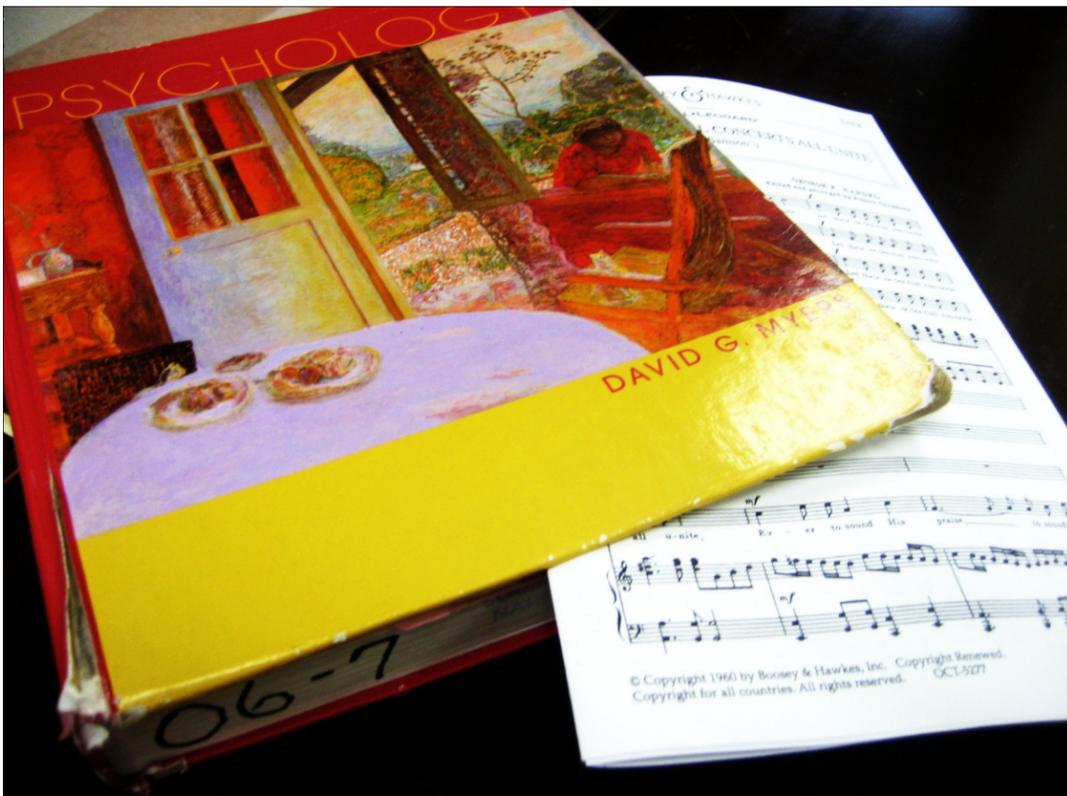
years and decided it was time for someone new to take up the position.

However, Mr. Schroeter is up for the challenge of juggling two positions. "If no one does it, I will. Or I will at least help," said Schroeter.

The applicants must apply for the job and Mr. Warner, principal, is looking for someone in the school to take up the position.

"I would rather not hire someone from outside of the school. It kind of defeats the purpose of the job," said Warner.

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Taking classes after school

by GABRIELLE RISICA
reporter

After school classes have both positives and negatives but are allowing and extra class block in many student's schedules.

As of the 2010-2011 school year, only AP Psychology, taught by Gina Giramma, and Honors Chorus, taught by Dan Healy, have been moved after school.

"For me, the after school classes are more convenient," Giramma, social studies, said. "I have three young kids at home and coming in later allows me to not rush them."

Teachers, who are a part of after school classes, do not have to come into school until 8:30am. The classes themselves run Monday through Thursday from 2-2:50.

In many cases, shorter classes work to teachers' advantages. For example,

the 50 minute classes allow Giramma to lecture one class and give a quiz the next.

"With the longer classes, I would have to fit a lecture and quiz into one sitting, the after school class is more efficient," Giramma said.

However, many students have after school conflict. Whether it's running around to get on a bus for sports, or being worn down from a long day, students aren't always A game.

Giramma said, also, I have to miss faculty meetings after school and can no longer be an Academic Decathlon advisor.

By moving the classes after school, administration hopes to allow kids more opportunities to take more classes.

Once the seventh period block is filled, there is a hole in the student's schedule. For upper classmen,

the block can be left open as a time to study or filled with another class.

"Of the 13 kids enrolled in my class," Giramma said, "4 of them have used this extra time to sign up for a class they couldn't take otherwise."

Although some students use this to their advantage, there are still those who would prefer the in school class time.

"Other commitments with mentors, sport and doctors appointments tend to get in the way of after school classes," Alex Menzies, senior, said.

Menzies said, "Maybe, if the schedule was changed in the future, fewer days of after school classes and longer classes on these days would be helpful."

Giramma said, the classes cannot be compared, the after school class isn't better more than it's just different.

¡Bienvenido!

Narragansett welcomes a Spanish exchange student

by DELANEY SAN MARTINO
reporter

Being a new kid is hard enough but being new and from another country is a whole different kind of scary.

This is what Rocío Casado, junior is doing this year. She came to Narragansett from her home in Madrid, Spain and is attending classes at Narragansett High School.

She has had the plan to come to America for the past two years. She applied to a exchange student company and a Rhode Island family, who was also associated with the exchange program, chose her.

Casado had many reasons for her trip to the United States. "If you want to learn a language you have to be around it and force yourself to speak it," she said.

She arrived August 19 to her host families home, who have a young child who does not yet attend the high school. She spends her weekends with her host family, doing homework, or hanging out with friends that she has made here.

"I like Narragansett, the high school is very different from my school in Spain," Casado said about her feelings so far.

"Spain and America are different in many ways. They have different values, for example here sports are highly valued

"If you want to learn a language you have to be around it and force yourself to speak it."
—Rocío Casado, junior

where in Spain they are not," she said.

"Another difference is in Spain we take naps," she said with a laugh, "school is a lot earlier here. In Spain school started at 9:00 a.m. and here it starts at 7:30, I could go to bed at 12:00 a.m. but here I have to go to bed at 10:00 p.m."

She stated that she likes the culture and it is different but at the same time similar.

This is not Casado's first time in America although her time in Rhode Island will be the longest she has stayed so far. Before this yearlong experience she has come to the United States twice.

She spent one month in Philadelphia and another month in Connecticut. Both of these experiences were through the exchange program.

Before she leaves, about a week after school ends, she hopes to gain a few accomplishments. "I want to do my best in Cross Country and swimming. I also want to try theatre and participate in the school dances. Spain does not offer school dances and I am excited to experience them," she said.

NHS enrolling freshmen into new academy program

by GABRIELLE RISICA
reporter

Along with the incoming freshmen, came the new idea of an academy at Narragansett High School.

This new academy will give teachers an opportunity to get together and help students, as well as share teaching practices.

Starting with research last year, NHS has been slowly building up to a climax; the academy.

Principal Daniel Warner said, We hope that the academy will extend to be for the freshmen and sophomores in years to come.

The freshmen and sopho-



After over a year of in depth research, the academy is finally a part of NHS for the freshmen class, and hopefully the sophomores in the coming years.

more years are critical for high scores on NECAPs and other standardized tests used on college applica-

tions.

The plan is to see how this year goes and eventually incorporate the sophomores

in the academy as well.

"I'm hoping the academy is in place for a while," Principal Warner said, "One third of students failed at least one class last year. These students are who struggle as seniors."

Principal Warner said, by instituting the academy at Narragansett, we are hoping to help these students by providing more support.

This idea of the academy is unique to small schools.

There is a disadvantage with scheduling, but instead students can be helped with the academy.

In all of Rhode Island, Narragansett is one of the only schools who have tried

to establish an academy for ninth and tenth grades.

So why did Narragansett instill this idea in the high school?

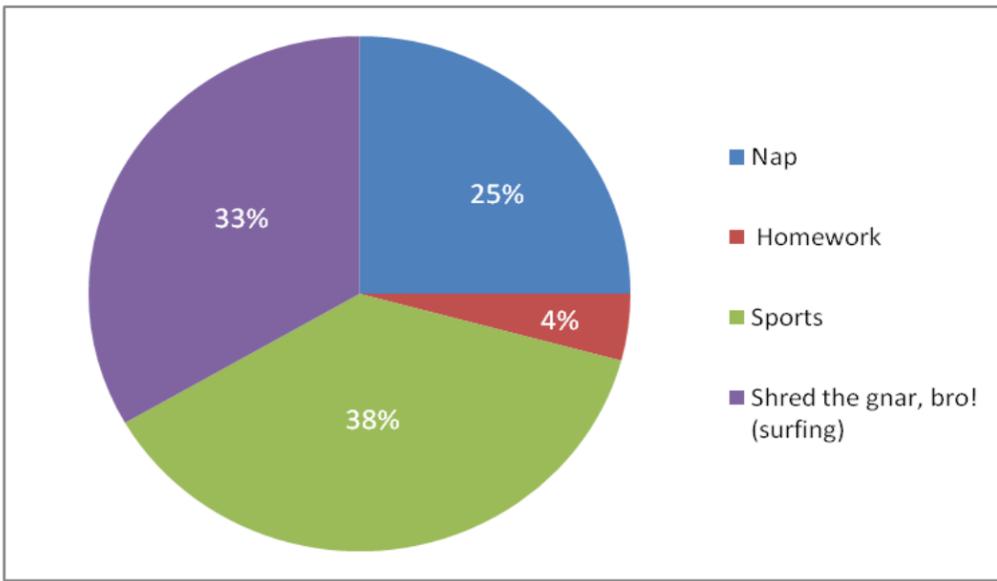
"Because we are the bomb!" Principal Warner said. "Any and all the ways to make students successful are worth a second glance. Narragansett raised the bar, we want to help kids get over it."

More options at the high school will allow students to participate in more classes they would not be able to be a part of otherwise.

This addition to Narragansett High School will make the small school feel bigger.

Monthly Survey: After School Special

What is your favorite thing to do after school?



Hallway

buses so administration changed their hallways so it would make it easier for them to catch the bus.

Although some students may not agree with this change it makes it easier for the freshman and sophomores to be by the buses instead of their old hallways where they had their lockers at the other side of the school then having to run to the bus.

"I'm really upset because I was looking forward to being in new hallways my

last two years of high school. Now I won't be able to experience the change," Sarah Sullivan, junior said.

Many seniors and juniors disagree with the change because they have two of the most crowded hallways in the school.

"I think that the hallway change is a bad idea. They should have left senior hallway. I was a sophomore already; I want to be in the original senior hallway not the hallway I had sophomore year," Sam Hicks, senior said.

There have been many questions to whether this hallway change is temporary or permanent. "The

change was made for the benefit of the underclassmen and not worrying about rushing to the lockers and being late for class." Mr. Smith, assistant principal said.

There seems to be no intention that the hallways will change back the way they used to be in recent years. The reason behind the change looks to be permanent and beneficial.

GPS

portfolio was down during the summer, this will not affect the seniors' deadline to submit them.

Principle Warner said, "The seniors will still be required to finish their portfolio by the scheduled deadline with the help of teachers – all they need to do is ask."

The site being down caused many students anxiety over the summer, who were trying to submit last minute common tasks. As the site was promised to be running during July, many students assumed they would have enough time to be able to submit tasks that they had finished late last year.

"I saw a lot of my friends getting stressed about RIEPS being down during

the summer, especially because we're all seniors now and every task counts," Jamie Swanberg, senior, said.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are all being affected by this change, especially those who are notorious for waiting until the last minute to submit their common tasks. The students only have one semester to submit a common task before the submission date is overdue.

"This change has not personally affected me since I am already close to having completed my portfolio, but I know that at the end of the year when it is due there will be a lot of seniors staying after trying to submit as many as they can," Swanberg said.

Earl

the hurricane, Thursday, September 2, some claiming that it would ruin their day.

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day.

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Others were even excited at its possibility. "I am excited, maybe we can miss school tomorrow," Janessa Andrews, junior, said.

The hurricane was projected to occur between the prime time hours of eight and nine o'clock, with winds and rain galore.

In response, the Narragansett Town Council, under the leadership of Katherine Sipala, superintendent, schools were announced to the homes of students to end at 11:30.

With a short day and a beginning of school scare to start off the year, one can only imagine what the rest of the year has in store for Lil' Rhody as change transitions into conflict.

Spirit Week

the job," said Warner.

The position is very important to the school, especially during spirit week when there is much planning to be done and spirit to be spread.

"The student council advisor spreads and inspires spirit in the school... We have a lot of school spirit so it is a very important position," said Warner.

Especially with spirit week in November, the role will be essential to keep the spirit alive in the students in the school.

"It is set by the football schedule. It is not something we can choose. This is



one of the latest dates it has ever been," said Schroeter.

There were five home football games and it was decided that the one that

would fit the best as the homecoming football game was on November 13th.

There will be no changes or additions to spirit week this year as long as the

weather holds out and it is still warm enough for the festivities.

"A lot is going on in fall. There will be SATs at that time," said Warner, hoping

that the school spirit will not dwindle because of this.

The job is open, but if no one takes it, the spirit of our school will be in good hands. Mr. Smith, vice principal; Mr. Warner, and Mr. Schroeter will take on the spirit week duties for this year.

Mr. Warner believes that it is still early for teachers to apply. They are still figuring out their schedules and settling into the new school year.

"I'm hoping after a few weeks, something is going to percolate," said Warner. So for now, the student council advisor position is open and in need of some spirit.

Moss grows on the north side of Minnesota

by MARK MURPHY
reporter

The Randy Moss era in New England is over, on Wednesday morning October 6, 2010 he was traded to the Minnesota Vikings along with a 7th round draft choice for the Vikings 3rd round draft choice.

This left many New Englanders perplexed and many fans of the game across the league asking that's all they got? Why would they trade him?

Well Randy Moss was in the last year of his four year \$27 million deal and the Patriots' plans moving forward didn't include him.

An obvious notice of this was when the Patriots drafted two tight ends in the NFL draft. And those two tight ends have showed a lot of productivity.

Aaron Hernandez is a tight end who can stretch the field and run with any safety in the NFL and is faster than any linebacker.

Rob Gronkowski is a big man standing at 6'7 265 lbs who is a big time goal-line target for Tom Brady.

Also it seems that the patriots running game is coming together with third year running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis aka the "Law Firm" who has had back to back good games running the ball and seems to have surpassed injured veteran Fed Taylor as the starter.

Randy probably saw the change in the offense happening, the young defense was clicking and developing, and the patriots were going back to their old approach where they won all there super bowls which is running the ball and throwing short passes to the receiver and tight ends.

Randy was looking out for Randy and there is nothing wrong with that, he stated "This isn't a game this is a business."

And he is completely correct because he wasn't a part of the Patriots' plans so he wished to go to a team that needed a deep ball receiver and that team just so happened to be his first team in the league: Minnesota.

Taking last chances

by DELANEY SAN MARTINO
editor

Almost everyone agrees that senior year used to be a time for fun and freedom.

We can all agree that some of the recent requirements for graduation have sucked the fun out of twelfth grade.

Although, that fun can still exist, maybe not as plentifully, but if the class is able to work hard they can enjoy this year and reach the light at the end of the tunnel.

As much as it frustrates the students at Narragansett High School these requirements are not going away.

Seniors should all just focus and get GPS requirements over with.

Most seniors feel the same way about this year, they only want to do it once.

With this last year of high school comes last chances.

Once this class leaves for college or work or whatever lies ahead of them after grade school there may not be as many opportunities as there are for them now.

Seniors, as long as all three of the other classes, have the chance to join all sorts of sports and clubs.

They have the chance to do a senior project on anything, the sky is the limit.

If you want to learn something, you can.

These chances and opportunities they are given may be much harder to take advantage of later in life.

There are countless events that take place all year.

If you are not interested in playing sports that does not mean you can't enjoy watching them.

Along with sporting events there are; dances, fundraisers, club dinners, theatre productions, etc. The list goes on and on.

There also lies new opportunities with the classes you can take.

If there is something you've always wanted to learn more about this is a good time.

You want to learn rock climbing?

You want to learn more about movies?

How to write in the school newspaper?

How to plant a tree? How to bake?

These class choices, along with many others, are available to you.

Some of us may have feared the upperclassmen.

Some of us may have just been pure lazy and didn't care enough to go for it.

This year is the year to take those chances because it's the last chance you will get to do your senior year of high school.

Regretting chances you didn't take is something that is hard to forget, don't find yourself asking 'what if?' or 'why didn't I?' or saying 'I should have.'

Some seniors are counting down the days until graduation and are just trying to get these last few months over with.

This can be found understandable by the school and is part of the reason why there are senior privileges.

This year presents seniors with the opportunity to have new freedoms if they are willing to work for them.

Although some seniors probably dreaded high school, that shouldn't discourage anyone from making these last months something they'll want to remember.

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WORD ON THE STREET

What was your summer job?



"I worked at a surf shop where I got to riiiiide a waaaaave"

- Corey Durkin, senior



"I helped out at a special education program in a preschool,"

- Jack Salomone, freshman



"I worked for the town recreational department in which I kept score at basketball games and even coached basketball to kids,"

- Brad Loomis, senior

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Only in your dreams

by GIANA PELLA
reporter

Agreed by critics and fans, *Inception* was one of the best movies of the summer. Filled with action and suspense, the movie delves deep into the minds of the characters, creating an alternate world in which the power of manipulation is key.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays Dom Cobb, an experienced extractor who travels deep into the minds of his enemies to steal important information. While this makes him valuable in the world of espionage, it separates him from his children and, indirectly, kills his wife.

Cobb is charged with murder and is forced away from his family. Right as he begins to lose hope, Cobb is given a window of opportunity to win it all back and return back to his family and back to his life.

In order to be allowed back home with his kids, Cobb accepts a job to go into the mind of the heir of a major corporation and implant the idea in his dream to have him shut

down the company. By taking up this job, he risks his own life and those of his team.

"I saw the movie over this summer, and I really liked it," Cam Vietri, junior, said. "Only thing I would change is making it shorter."

During the course of the movie, the plot spends some time delving into Cobb's mind and how he's handling the loss of his family. After a lifetime of traveling through dreams and reality, he begins to question the difference between the two. As a reminder of who he is, Cobb carries around a spinning top which cannot fall in a dream to help him decipher what is real and what is fiction.

"At first the movie was a little confusing, but after a while I started to understand the transitions between dream and reality," Vietri said.

Although the movie was a box office hit, many fans were upset at the ending of the movie. Rather than connecting all aspects of the movie together, more questions were asked than answered.

At the conclusion of the movie, Cobb's top begins to spin but before it is possible to know whether or not his reunion with his children is real, the screen cuts to blackness leaving more questions than in the beginning.

"I definitely agree that *Inception* was one of the best movies of the year," Mitchell Champlin, senior, said.

It's not hard to see that with the mixture of suspense, science fiction, and action, *Inception* would immediately rise to the top of the box office, grossing more than \$27 million in America and Canada only.

Christopher Nolan, writer and director, is becoming a rising director with other box office hits such as *The Dark Knight*, and *The Prestige* and is currently in the production of the new and upcoming Batman movie.

With an overwhelming reaction from fans and critics, *Inception* has quickly moved to the top of the box office list and became not only one of the best movies of the summer, but of all time.



Not so good in the neighborhood

By JASMINE HAZARD
Reporter

Applebee's is a well-known restaurant in the South County Commons which prides itself on quality food at a low cost. However, over the past few visits it seems that their vision has been less than achieved.

In years past I remembered chicken fingers overflowing the basket but now the quality has gone down and there is smaller portions of food.

I understand times are tough, the quality of the food might suffer, and the waitresses may be aggravated. However, the overall service is lacking. Being a waiter, part of the job is to act civilized towards the customers.

Some waiters tend to be rude and do not pay much attention to when the customer is ordering, which makes it easier to mess it up.

The customer is always right, but apparently that does not apply to Applebee's employees.

In past visits a wait of an hour is a regular occasion. This seems ridiculous for a restaurant that serves many people at a time.

Although some of these offenses are minor, the most aggravating is the cleanliness of the silverware. When going to a restaurant the utensils should be properly cleaned before served to people.

The prices of the dishes are raised to an absurd amount and is not worth the quantity of food that is given. Prices of the food dishes should be lowered so the amount of food you get is a reasonable price.

Also, their selection of food is not that great since the menu is so small and there is very little to choose from. With such a well known restaurant there should be more of a variety to choose from. Applebee's should consider putting more meals on the menu that vegetarians can eat.

Overall, Applebee's is not a recommended restaurant and there are better places to choose from.

What's your top 5 Favorite reality shows

Samantha Hicks



1. Jersey Shore



2. True Life



3. Teen Mom



4. T.O. Show



5. Daisy of Love



Coming to a theatre near you ...

October 1, 2010

- The Social Network
- Let Me In
- Case 39
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October 15, 2010

- Conviction
- Jackass 3D
- Red

October 22, 2010

- Paranormal Activity 2
- Hereafter
- The Company Men



NHS recreates movie magic with Saturday detention

by **MEAGAN MYCROFT**
editor

Narragansett is preparing to put into effect Saturday detentions for the Mariners who fail to arrive to school in a timely fashion.

Saturday detentions will be figured out at the end of each month by the administration.

Mr. Smith, vice principal, said he and fellow co-workers, Mr. Warner, principal, Mrs. MacNamara, Spanish teacher, and Mr. O'Brien, graduation by proficiency coordinator, spent some time this summer and decided that Saturday detention was a necessity for the 2010-2011 school year.

The new detention policy is that at the end of every month if you have five de-

tentions or more it is an automatic Saturday detention. If you fail to attend your Saturday detention you will get suspended and cannot come back to school unless you have a guardian with you. Regular detentions for tardiness depend on how late you are.

After school detentions due to tardiness is figured out by how tardy students arrive. If a student arrives up to fifteen minutes late it is a thirty minute detention after school. If a student arrives to school later than fifteen minutes it is an hour detention.

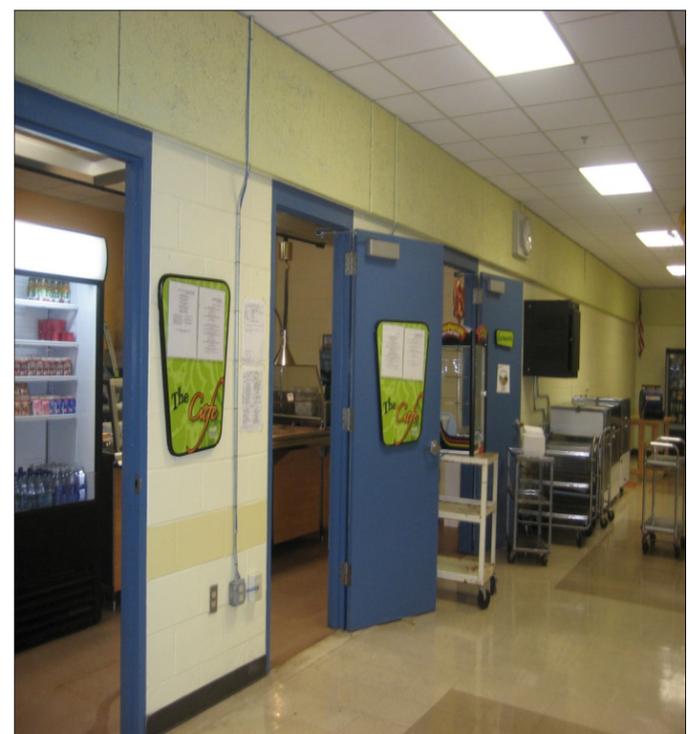
The goal of the new policy is to eliminate excessive detentions. "It's important to make sure the students aren't trying to make-up 50 detentions before prom, we're just trying to help the

students," Warner said.

For those students wondering who will be supervising these Saturday detentions, it is still undecided. The regular detentions after school will still be supervised by Mrs. McNamara.

Some students aren't willing to give up their Saturday for a detention. "I hate the new detention policy, all it does is waste my Saturday, I'd rather just have afterschool detention," Samantha Hicks, senior, said.

The first Saturday detention will happen at the end of the month. Hopefully, the new policy will help with the excessive detentions, or it will just make it worse from rebellious teens refusing to show up.



Who's coming to lunch?

by **SAMANTHA LEIGHTON**
editor

The question is not what's for lunch, but who is sharing the same lunch period.

Last year, the lunch pairing was changed up. It was freshmen and juniors one lunch period, and sophomores and seniors the next. For the past couple years, it has always been freshmen and sophomores, and juniors and seniors.

Due to numerous complaints from the senior class, the lunch period has been changed back to its original seating.

"I now like that the lunch periods are back to where they were two years ago. I enjoy being with a group of people that are around the same age as me," Amanda McGovern, senior.

Even though there have been complaints, a small percentage of the senior class have said that it doesn't matter who they share their lunch with.

"When it comes down to it, you're there to eat and it shouldn't matter who you share your lunch with," Samantha Hicks, senior.

Mr. Smith, vice principal, will supervise the possible 'social discrepancy' that may occur in this lunch change. He will be assisted by Mr. Fossa, resource.

Behavior can be an issue with different groups of people together. Some students even suppose that the closer the grades are, the less conflicts there will be during periods as rowdy as lunch.

"During lunch, I've noticed that it's a lot less rowdy than what it was like last year. I think this is because we're with people that are closer in age," McGovern said.

With more people leaving lunch early, one can only assume that the proximity of the two grades is causing this.

"A lot of people are leaving early, but the reason is unknown," McGovern said.

The school lunch change has caused different reactions from students, yet as school life drags on, the little reactions that students have to these everyday occurrences, interactions will shape the overall year.

Moving on up has never been so difficult

by **EMMA BUSH**
reporter

Many new things come with a new school year: new classes, new friends, and new teachers.

One new teacher in the high school is Ms. DiTusa, English.

She has not taught at the Narragansett high school since 1993-1995, these years were the first two of

her teaching career.

She loved her job at the middle school but she is happy to be back and working with a new, older level of students.

"I'm enjoying it. I love the higher level of discussion by older students," said DiTusa, English.

She is teaching four different classes; two 10th grade classes, an 11th grade class, a 12th grade contemporary litera-

ture class, and a 9th grade presentation skills class.

She is glad to get experience with all grade levels.

DiTusa switched to the high school in order to keep a full time job, since her job at the middle school would be cut to part-time.

"It was because of the smaller classes coming through, but it may have been a switch I would have made anyway," DiTusa

said.

Although Ms. DiTusa is unsure how long she will be at the high school, she enjoys the change.

She loves so much about both age levels, however.

"I do like it here. Change is good," said DiTusa. One of her favorite things about the school is the schedule.

After teaching English for over 15 years, DiTusa has a lot of knowledge to offer to

the high school.

"I am a firm believer in classics but contemporary literature is important also," DiTusa said.

With her knowledge of literature, learning, and students, Ms. DiTusa is a great addition to the high school with lots to offer to the curriculum.

DiTusa said she looks forward to continuing her stay in the Narragansett family.



Friday night lights makes a Mariner appearance

by SAMANTHA LEIGHTON
editor

With a portable light system shining down on Zepp Field, the Mariners defeated the Chariho Chargers 21-0 on the night of September 10th.

"This was a great win for us. Even though it didn't count because it's not a league game, it gives us momentum coming into the season," Brendan Farley, senior, said.

Tom Fitzpatrick, senior, Julien Nelson, senior, and Francis Castrovillari, junior, amounted for the scoring of the mariners.

There were many turnovers within the game, with the mariners usually being at the advantage.

Their first scoring drive found its beginning at the hands of a Castrovillari fumble recovery.

Despite finding a few lapses in the Mariner defense, which led to

Chariho Charger first downs, the Mariners continued their shutout as the team cruised to a double digit win.

The expectations were spread on the eve of the Friday night light game as excitement gathered in the hearts of the Mariners.

The audience provided their own element to the duration of the game. "The attendance was close to 1,000 people. The Booster Club made a lot of money and more students, teachers, and administrators attended than any other game," Coach Fossa said.

The Mariners had immense motives for hosting this Friday night game.

"I was approached by about 15-20 people saying how the lights were a success," Fossa said.

"By having the temporary lights, we are trying to get permanent lights. In order to do so, you have to spend

money to make money."

Fans as well as players were excited for the presence of a night game at NHS.

"I was definitely excited for the game because it was home, it was the first game, it was under the lights, and there were a lot of fans," Brad Loomis, senior, said.

Coupled with the excitement, there was also entertainment that was provided before the game.

"The band Steve Anthony and the Persuasion played in the baseball field before the game. There was also a tailgate party and a lot of families and friends came," Loomis said.

Although this game was not a league game, excitement and enthusiasm entered the fervor that is "fandom" and provided a much needed boost to both Mariner athletics and other Narragansett High School activities.

Narragansett swagger: Does it exist?

by MATT PISTACCHIO
editor

Dominance. It is an aspect that all sports teams strive for, and makes fans swell up in pride at the mere sight of their team.

Dominance is what transpired for the Friday Night Lights football game in which Narragansett's breed of forcing fumbles and injuring opposing players routed the Chariho Chargers, 21-0.

Can we, as fans, rely on this every game? Can we leave every game with unimaginable arrogance, chests thrust out, ready to raise our team above all others?

Certainly not the case last year...Narragansett had undergone a dramatic change last year, the absence of the 2009 senior class which raised each of our favored sports teams to dominance: the football team had a record of 8-4 overall in 2009 to 3-8 in 2010, this being the most noticeable backdrop.

Do we have our swagger back? Seems so...But how does it look in the eyes of the coaches?

Being a student athlete, I am constantly reminded of not letting a victory go to my head. Fallibility is always around the corner.

It takes vigilance and hard work to accomplish what we know as dominance, not increasingly annoying arrogance that we see in professional games.

The distinguishing characteristic between winners and losers seems to dwell on two major aspects: diligence and composure.

Diligence consists of the work and toil that it requires to surpass your opponents. The hardest worker usually keeps a zero to the right of his record instead of the left.

How do most penalties in games occur? Lack of composure. It is up to the captains and coaches to instill leadership among the chaos; to put the welfare of the team above conflicting emotion.

What is swag? It's why we yell, stomp, and growl. It's how walk, behave, and play. It's what goes on during and after the whistle. Do we have it? You decide.

Girls' soccer in full flux

by MEAGAN MYCROFT
editor

The Narragansett girls' soccer team has started the season undefeated, and has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

The girl's soccer team is 4-0, as far as September 17, and only plan to keep it up by using their young talent to their advantage.

The team had lost four key players due to graduation last year, but have acquired some young talent from the freshman and sophomore classes.

Players like Margaret Salomone, sophomore, Jacqueline Griffith, freshman, and Stephanie Marsh, freshman, have really helped the team out on the field this year.

Salomone, coming off a strong freshmen year, has stepped up her game to help the team keep up their winning record. Sal-

omone added the final two goals during the second half of their West Warwick match, to finish the game with a final score of 4-2.

This season's captains are Katie Riley, senior, Julia Sliwowski, senior, and Emily Wright, junior.

The experienced leaders on the field are, Elizabeth Castro, junior, and Jaclyn Iannucci, junior.

"The season is going great, we're really doing well as a team," Wright said.

Wright has made some huge contributions to the team this season.

During the West Warwick game Emily Wright notched two points to the score board during the first half.

The captains' excitement for the season and their admiration for the amount of talent their team wielded was very contagious among their under-



classmen, creating a very helpful brand of unity. "The team's new freshmen are meshing extremely well with the team, even better than last year," Riley said.

With the way this season

is turning out the girls could possibly bring Narragansett a championship.

Hopefully, the team will keep up the hard work and continue their winning record as each new game presents a new challenge.