NAYRS NEWS

November 10, 2014

Welcome… to NAYRS News, our newsletter written to keep you in the know about the happenings at the Youth Center! In this edition, you can find everything you need to know about upcoming events & dances, along with info on our Members of the Month, Fifa champion and more!

There's still time to sign up for the 4 vs. 4 Fall Soccer Tournament!

The 6th Annual 4 vs. 4 Soccer Tournament will take place Wednesday, November 12th from 2:45-5:00. The tournament will be held at Drummond Field, and there will be two divisions – one for boys and one for girls. The winning teams will get to design their own championship t-shirts. You can have 4-5 players on your roster. The tournament costs $3 for members and $5 for nonmembers. Contact Josh to sign up your team! Some past winners are pictured below!

The Front Office presents: World Cup

Written by: Jason Kenneally

The Front Office is a new group at the Youth Center this fall. This group of 8 meets Monday afternoons, and plans and runs one event or tournament at the Youth Center each month. The champion of each tournament gets a free spot in a trip to Skyzone at the end of the school year! Upcoming Front Office tournaments for the school year are World Cup, Knock Out, Ping Pong, 3 vs 3 Basketball, Kan Jam, Newcome Knockout, and a Kid's Choice event! Sign up your team of 2 to play in the World Cup Tournament this Thursday, November 13th at 2:45. The cost is $3 for members and $5 for nonmembers!

Members of the Month

October's Members of the Month are 7th graders Conor and Sara Curtin! Conor and Sara exemplify young volunteerism at the Youth Center – we can always count on these two to join our community services groups and to help out whenever they can! Great job Conor and Sara!

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Ben Jackson: Fifa Champion

Interviewed by: Segev Moritz

Segev: Congrats Ben on winning the Fifa Soccer tournament. May I ask you some questions for NAYRS News?

Ben: Yes.

S: Did you have any competitors you had to worry about?

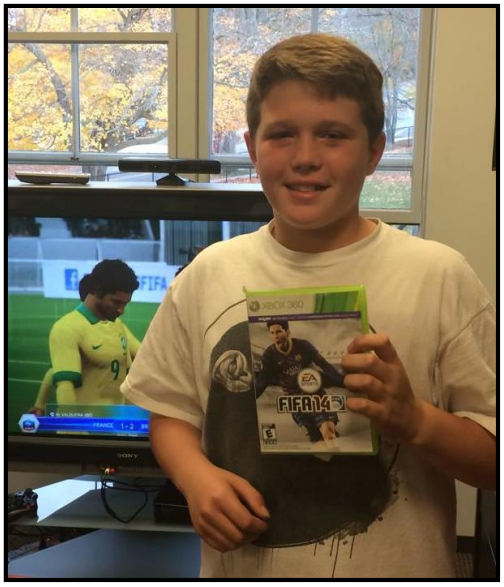
B: Joey Watson who competed with me in the finals.

S: Do you feel it was pure luck or skill and experience that helped you win?

B: Skill and experience.

S: What were any mistakes you made that could have cost you your win, and what did you do well in that helped you win?

B: I didn't make any mistakes. I passed a lot. Passing is the key to possession, possession is the key to goals, and goals are the key to winning.



Fall Field Trips

Thanks for joining us on our field trips this fall! We went on a variety of fun outings – apple picking at Smolak's Farm, horseback riding at Bobby's Ranch, the Big E Fair in Springfield, Indoor Surfing at SkyVenture, and low & high ropes and zip line at the North Andover Ropes Course! Stay tuned for more fun field trips in the winter!

Brooks Skating

Public Skating at the Dansforth Gymnasium at Brooks School is open Sundays from 6:45-8:40pm beginning Sunday, November 2nd through February 22nd. $3 per person. No skate rentals available! Gather the family and friends and head down to Brooks on Sunday nights!

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A Day at the Youth Center

Written by: Dominic Naggar

So you look forward to school ending for almost seven hours. You finally get out and--then what? Your babysitter is boring and you want to get away from younger siblings. What do you do? Well, here's my choice!

"Why aren't you around?" I asked my friends John and Segev.

"We told you, like, six times!" Segev seemed to be getting aggravated. "We're *going* to the Youth Center!"

"What's that?"

John rolled his eyes. "Only the best place EVER! You should sign up. Memberships are only $90!"

"What do you do there?" I asked.

"Come with us," Segev said. "It's Friday, so the Grand Stand's open. Come check it out. You can go your first time without a membership to try it out."

We took the twenty minute walk from NAMS to the Youth Center. Not a big walker? There's a bus, too!

The Youth Center is located at the rotary next to the church and the Commons. I asked John what that old red building next to the Y.C was.

"It's the ice-cream place, Cow's Rock," he explained.

"There's an ice-cream place *next door?*"

"Yeah," Segev said. We strolled across the parking lot and past two tetherball games to the Youth Center. It was a white building with a red barn next to it. Kids grades 6 to 8 strolled around eating fried dough, pretzels and popcorn, slush and ice-cream. Inside was the front desk and, next to that, a sort of hole in the wall with a grey garage door. A woman in a blue staff shirt stood behind the wall taking money and handing out all the snacks I'd seen outside except for ice-cream. I marveled at the prices- a buck for a soft pretzel? Awesome!

Glass windows looked out into a massive indoor basketball court, where kids and staff sprang around shooting hoops. "You think this is cool? Wait 'till you see upstairs," John said, elbowing me. They led me towards a staircase to the left of the front desk, but before it was a ping-pong table, two foosball machines, a pool table, and, just to brag, the staff had slapped a TV on the wall. We went up the stairs where all the walls were mosaiced with pictures of the church spire, Cow's Rock, and the old shacks across the street that I heard had been turned into really nice shops.

When I saw the upstairs my jaw dropped. To my left was a game room, the walls lined with computers and flat screen TV's. The screens flickered pictures of Minecraft, Fifa, and other games. To the right was the lounge. The walls were glass like the one downstairs, peering down into the gym. There were two grey couches and three spinning seats (WHA-HOO!) that kids sat in watching the flat screen TV.

Behind the lounge was a homework area. John and Seg said that, normally Monday through Thursday, it was stocked with kids doing homework, but now a group of students and a few staff were playing board games, talking, laughing, and watching TV. At the end of the hall was a room with windows showing the gym, an outdoor basketball court, Drummond Park and the fields that followed it. The floor was mostly hardwood, and kids played a game of ping-pong while others sat on mats and played on a Wii (*another* flat screen TV!)

"So," Segev said, "you going to sign up for the Youth Center now?"

I grinned and pulled out my cell phone. "Calling my dad to ask right now."

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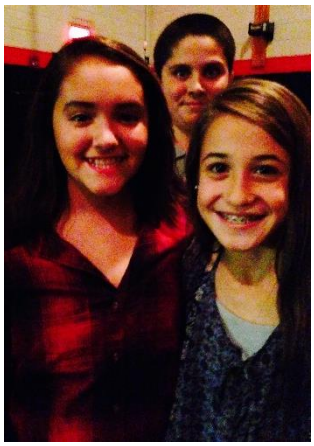
Teenco Dances

Photographs by: John Guarini

The 6th Grade Teenco Dance on November 7th was another hit! Check out a few pictures and the schedule below!



Dance Schedule

6th Grade
December 5th
7:00-9:30
$7/members, $10/nonmembers

7th & 8th Grade
November 21st
December 12th
7:30-10:30
$7/members, $12/nonmembers

Big Screen Saturday

One Saturday each month we show a movie on our giant projection screen in the gym – the movie choice is up to our members! Our next Big Screen Saturday is November 22nd. This month's choices are X Men: Days of Future Past, The Fault in Our Stars, and Maleficent. Cast your vote at the front desk, or on our Instagram or Facebook beginning Monday, November 17th and join us on the 22nd at 5:00!

Important November Dates

11/11: Closed for Veteran's Day
11/19: Early Release, YC opens at 1:30
11/24: Winter Programs Announced!
11/26: Half Day, YC opens at 11:30
11/27 – 11/29: Closed for Thanksgiving

Joke Box

What happens when you feed gunpowder to a chicken?

An eggsplosion!

OUR PROGRAMS

Monday: Youth Leadership Committee, Jacked with Jeff, Front Office
Tuesday: Step Up, Skate Lessons
Wednesday: Teenco, NAYRS News, Street Hockey
Thursday: Jacked with Jeff, Flag Football, Green Team

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