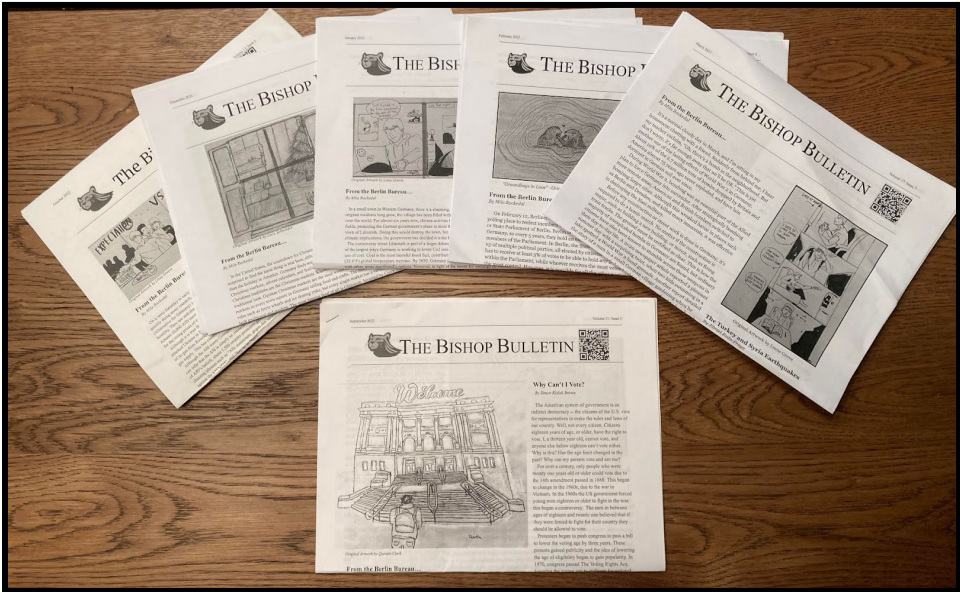




The Bishop Bulletin



Above: A collection of this year’s various Bulletin issues.

A Word From the Bishop Bulletin Staff...

By Khalil Garcia-Lloréns and Ms. Kilsey’s Publications Class

At the end of the 8th grade year, there are many emotions to sift through. Anticipation for the summer prevails, as well as relief that middle school will soon conclude. I also find myself wistful.

I am thankful for my experience at Nathan Bishop. I have had a great time here. It has been in these halls that I have evolved socially, mentally, and physically. I will remember this school and what it has done for me.

Being part of the Bulletin has been its own wonderful experience. And there is no one else better to tell of it than the Bulletin staff!

“The Bishop Bulletin has provided an excellent opportunity to keep in touch with Providence, and has allowed me to share my Berlin experience.” - Mila Rockedal

“The Bishop Bulletin has improved my writing skills and strengthened my friendships.” - Jibreel Reda Frayn

“The Bishop Bulletin has saved me from a long year of boring electives.” - Theodore Anderson

“Publications class and the Bishop Bulletin have both taught me how to enjoy writing.” - Elie Brody

“The Bishop Bulletin has widened my experience in writing about different topics.” - Lucy Schneider

“The Bulletin has taught me time management!” - Chloe Rourke

“The Bishop Bulletin has taught me skills for writing and reporting.” - Kelsey Corrigan

“The Bishop Bulletin has been a good experience.” - Jannibel Taveras-Disla

“Publications class has been very enjoyable and has expanded my creativity and work ethic.” - Simon Kislak Brown

“The Bulletin has improved my writing skills and made me think about interesting things to inform my school on.” - Aidan Romero

As editor, and on the behalf of the staff, I would like to thank everybody who has read our publication during this school year!

A Graduation Gone Wrong

By Jibreel Reda Frayn

On Tuesday, June 13th, the annual Nathan Bishop 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held. Such events have been a tradition for a long time. However, in 1991, the Nathan Bishop eighth grade graduation would have implications different than ones before and after.

The disputed events that would go on in our 1991 graduation would eventually make their way to be heard in the grandest stage in the country; the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington D.C. The case in question was called Lee v. Weisman.

As part of a formal graduation ceremony, Principal Lee of Nathan Bishop invited a rabbi to speak. The rabbi gave a speech, which included prayers, in front of the 8th grade graduates. The daughter of petitioner Weisman was an 8th grade student at the time. In an attempt to change the policies allowing principals to invite members of the clergy to graduations, Weisman sued the school, reasoning that it violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which separates church and state.

In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of the petitioner, stating that the speech created "a state-sponsored and state-directed religious exercise in a public school." The policy was changed, no longer allowing religious benedictions at public school ceremonies in Providence.

It is hard to believe such a case could come out of a Nathan Bishop graduation. This event remains one of the more significant in Providence Public Schools History, as it changed the policy of the school district regarding religious figures having any presence in ceremonies.



Above: The court which decided Lee v. Weisman.
Photo Credit: Oyez

June Field Trips

By Simon Kislak Brown

On May 25th, the school went on three different field trips. The 6th grade students went to the Boston Museum of Science, the 7th grade visited Battleship Cove, and the 8th grade enjoyed a trip to Newport where they visited the Breakers Mansion and the beautiful Brenton Point State Park. This event brought pride to our school and offered a joyful day for all involved.

The 6th grade enjoyed a trip to the Boston Museum of Science. They hit traffic on the road to Boston, and though they missed the movie, Laith Reda Frayn says it was worth it. There was much to enjoy on this trip as the youngest of the school had much to explore in the educational museum.

The 7th grade was able to learn about Naval history with a trip to Battleship Cove. Battleship Cove is a maritime museum located in Fall River, Massachusetts. The 7th graders saw the largest collection of preserved Naval vessels in the world, including the USS Massachusetts Battleship.



Above: The Breakers Mansion in Newport.
Photo Credit: Newport Mansions

The 8th grade had a wonderful trip to Newport where they visited the ostentatious Breakers Mansion, and the beautiful Brenton Point State park. The 350 million dollar mansion was a sight to be seen, with the 8th grade having the pleasure to appreciate the beautiful interior and the massive waterfront backyard. After the visit to the Breakers, the 8th graders went to Brenton Point where they were met by a Del’s Lemonade truck. The graduating class ate lunch, played sports and had fun at the seaside state park.

The field trips were great fun for everyone and have instilled a sense of pride in our school as we near the end of our academic year. Thank you to the teachers and administration who organized these excursions out of the school!

Art Night

By Simon Kislak Brown

Art is very beneficial to middle school students. It can develop emotional and interpersonal skills, it can provide entertainment and enjoyment, and can teach students how to handle constructive criticism. It also expands our worldviews through artistic interpretation.

On May 25th, Nathan Bishop celebrated our artistic talents. Art Night displayed many beautiful art pieces by our school's students. These pieces included sculptures, illustrations, and oil pastel drawings.

Art night highlighted the many varied talents at our school. Thank you, Ms. DeSousa, for organizing this wonderful event!

Second Session of Mock Trial

By Theodore Anderson

The second session of the Mock Trial concluded on June 1st, 2023. The appeal took place at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Providence. The case was heard by the honorable Judges Lara Montecalvo of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and Jack McConnell of Federal District of appeals as well as U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha.



Photo Credit: The Providence Journal

This hearing followed the appeal of Ross v. Clearmont High School. Laila Lange, Christina Igbinsosa, and Theo Anderson represented the school and Alexander Fubara, Aidan Romero, and Jibreel Reda Frayn represented Kendall Ross. The respective councils demonstrated their knowledge of the case and showed impressive composure as they answered the difficult questions posed by the panel of Judges. Both arguments were convincing; however, after an impressive rebuttal by Jibreel Reda Frayn, the panel came to a decision and found for the petitioner, Kendall Ross.

We would like to thank the organizers and legal mentors from Discovering Justice who made this event possible, the support of teachers, staff and parents who attended the appeal and Mr. Pride for running the program at Nathan Bishop.

Door Decorating Contest

By Aidan Romero



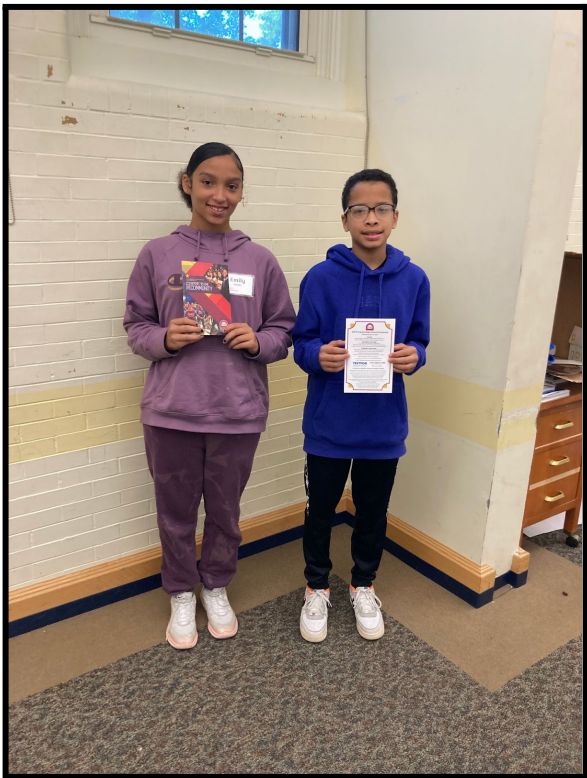
Above: Mr. Taylor’s Winning Door

The door decorating contest was a fun activity that advisory classes participated in during drug awareness month at NBMS. It spanned from mid-May to May 26th. The door decorating contest was made to discourage children from using drugs, and was a fun competition. The winners were Ms. Belmont, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Howard. Congrats to these classes on their creativity during this contest!

PPAC Scholarship Winners

By Khalil Garcia-Lloréns

This year, 6th grade students in our school applied for an ARTS Scholarship with the Providence Performing Arts Center. This scholarship allows students to enroll in any PPAC Summer Camp of their choice for free, in order to further their budding artistic talent. The scholarship also allocates up to \$600 to winners!



Above: Emily Jones and Ernesto Hernandez showcase PPAC ARTS Scholarship promotional material.

In addition, the winners, Tyrone Dickey, Emily Jones, and Ernesto Hernandez, earned a certificate from PPAC. Congratulations to these three students for their scholarship!



Above: An ARTS Scholarship Certificate for a Nathan Bishop Winner

Track Season Sports Report

By Kelsey Corrigan

On May 26th, 2023, Nathan Bishop competed in the 2023 Providence Track Championships. Students had been training, practicing, and awaiting this for weeks; ever since the first of four practice meets. Congratulations to the girls team, who through their hard work and athleticism won the Providence Track Championships for 2023! Some extraordinary athletes who helped us achieve this great feat are Francesca Barimah, who excelled in sprinting, Lucie Weber, who won the javelin throw, and Fiona Hughes and Kate Howlett, who did exceedingly well at the long distance events. The boys team also did well, earning second place across all public middle school track teams in Providence. Alexander Fubara, Camden Venezia, and Emmanuel Adalakun were some students on the boys team who did well this season. Thank you to all who participated in our success this season!

School Year Sports Recap

By Elie Brody

The 2022-2023 school year was a year to remember for our athletes and sports teams here at Nathan Bishop. We began with soccer and cross country and wrapped up with track and field. Soccer and cross country started in the fall and was just as successful as they were last year. In similar fashion to the 2021-2022 season, the girls soccer team won the city championship going undefeated. Unfortunately, the boys soccer team was not able to repeat as city champions, losing in the semifinals to Del Sesto 2-1. Fall sports soon transitioned to the start of basketball season. From the beginning, our Lady Cougars absolutely dominated the competition. Led by the 8th grade girls, the Cougars were able to complete a perfect season, capping it off with a city championship trophy. Unfortunately, the boys were not as successful. Although they pushed hard to make the finals, our Boy Cougars fell short on their goal, failing to qualify for the playoffs.



Above: The Nathan Bishop Boys Basketball Team competes in a game during the Winter.

The Lady Cougars were impressive in track and field with the girls winning each event, coming in first place. The boys came in second. All in all, our Cougars were very successful this year in track and field. The 2022-2023 year brought a lot of success in sports to Nathan Bishop. In fact, the girls won every single championship this year and in total our school won 5 of the 8 finals. Congratulations to everyone who participated in sports this year. We 8th graders pass the torch to upcoming grades and wish you all the best in coming sports seasons!



Above: The Bishop Girls Basketball team celebrate their victory over Nathanael Greene Middle School

Nathan Bishop Cougars – By Linus Greeve

