October 15, 2025

# Knights' News

**REMINDER:** No latex balloons are allowed in the building!



Have a great weekend!

#### **Announcements**

October 16-17<sup>th</sup> MEA BREAK October 20<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party (Both gyms closed) October 31<sup>st</sup> End of quarter 1

### **Articles**

#### **Penguins**

Haleigh B. 11th grade

Penguins are fascinating flightless birds that are primarily found in the Southern Hemisphere, especially in Antarctica. They are well-known for their distinctive black and white plumage, which resembles a tuxedo, earning them the nickname "birds in tuxedos." Penguins have adapted remarkably to their cold environments, with a layer of insulating feathers and a thick layer of fat beneath their skin to keep them warm. One of the most interesting features of penguins is their excellent swimming ability. Unlike most birds, penguins use their wings as flippers to propel themselves through water, reaching speeds up to 15 miles per hour. This makes them agile hunters, feeding mainly on fish, squid, and krill. Their streamlined bodies and strong muscles help them dive deep and stay underwater for several minutes while hunting. Penguins are also highly social animals, often living in large colonies called rookeries. These colonies provide protection against predators and harsh weather. During breeding season, penguins exhibit unique behaviors, such as the Emperor penguin's remarkable incubation process where males keep the eggs warm on their feet under a flap of skin while females hunt for food. Overall, penguins are extraordinary creatures with specialized adaptations that enable them to thrive in some of the most extreme environments on Earth. Their charm and resilience continue to captivate scientists and nature lovers alike.

## **Everyone for Evan**

Makenzie Q. Grade 10

When our school found out that Mr. Hanson had been diagnosed with throat cancer, it affected many things around our school. He's always been the kind of person who shows up to almost every home game, cheers on the team, and knows how to make the students and players feel supported. So, when he needed help, our school knew it was our turn to be there for him. That's why we decided to host a fundraiser for him

during one of our home volleyball games. Everyone got involved in some way. The coaches and players helped organize the event, teachers volunteered to run tables, and the team dedicated the game to Mr. Hanson. We sold t-shirts before the game came so everyone had a chance to get one, it was amazing to look into the crowd to see everyone supporting his journey of recovery. Along with the game, we had a silent auction with baskets donated by players, parents, and local businesses. Some baskets had snacks, others had gift cards, blankets, and many other items. Even those who couldn't buy a basket still donated money throughout the raffle. By the end of the night, we had raised an impressive amount of money to go towards Mr. Hanson's medical bills. But more than that, we showed how our schools can come together and how strong we really are. The fundraiser wasn't just about the money, but about coming together for someone who has always been there for our school. Everyone who helped or even just showed up made a night we will remember. It proved that when one of us is struggling, our whole school community stands together.

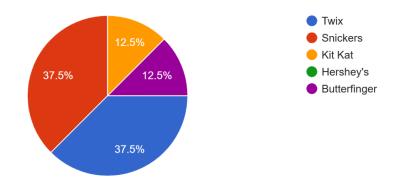
# **Whale Sharks**Sophia B. Grade 9

Whale sharks are the largest shark and are the largest fish alive. They travel long distances to get enough food to sustain their huge bodies. Their white spotted colorations make these gentle giants easy to distinguish. The maximum size for a whale shark is unknown, but the average length could be as large as 60 feet. Whale sharks can live up to 70 to 130 years, with some studies suggesting a life span of up to 150 years. They are endangered to human activities. They also have around 3000 teeth in their mouth, but their teeth don't play a big part in their eating habits. Whale sharks are not aggressive, and they are known as "gentle giants" because they are docile filter feeders that eat plankton and small fish and not humans. What makes whale sharks so special is their huge size, their distinctive pattern of pale spots and strips on their dark skin. If whale sharks stop moving, they would end up suffocating and dying because it's an "obligate ram ventilator" meaning it relies on forward motion to push oxygen-rich water over its gills for reception. Whale sharks spend nearly eight hours a day gulping around 10,000 gallons of ocean water. Whale sharks are a symbol of gentle strength, peacefulness, wisdom, and a deep connection with the ocean. They are also prayed by orcas, great white sharks, and tiger sharks especially when they are younger. When whale sharks open their mouths, it can get to about 1.5m wide, and they are listed as endangered on the IUCN red list.

#### Sports Update Elijah C. 9<sup>th</sup>

Boys' varsity football had a game on Friday October 10 against the Cass Lake "Panthers" at Cass Lake. They won with a score of 51-14! JV volleyball lost on Friday October 10 to Stephen Varsity volleyball won with the scores 25,23,25,22 and 25,22. Volleyball had a game Monday 13 and made it to 2 sets and lost with scores of 25-23 and 25-22. Varsity Volleyball had a game against Ada and lost in three set.

What is your favorite candy bar? 16 responses



## Week #7 Kids Thoughts

What are you being for Halloween?

Mae-Jessie from Toy Story Ricky- Stitch Maverick- Mario

