

# The Excalibur

The Online Nazareth RHS Student Newspaper



## Nazareth Gives Back!

By: Jean Lafleur

What is community service? Community service is the act in which people do voluntary work in order to lend a helping hand to others in their community. From a Catholic standpoint, community service is what Christ would want us to do because Jesus served others too. Community service also flows out of the Xaverian virtue of compassion since we are to be compassionate to others as Christ has been compassionate to us. During this school year, Nazareth Regional High School has participated in several activities to benefit those who needed support, both those in our community and those in other communities as well.

On September 11, 2018, staff and students from Nazareth Regional High School went to visit the USS Intrepid. While we were there, we provided assistance in as many ways as we could. We helped by packaging oatmeal that would be given to those in need. While we were working, we also had some fun by listening and even dancing to some of the music that was playing. Overall it was a great experience!

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**Black History Month Presentation: 2/28/19**



### - Upcoming 2019 Events -

2/18-22 President's Week -  
School Closed

2/25 - Classes Resume

3/1 PSAT 10

3/3-7 XBSS Junior Retreat

3/6 Ash Wednesday

3/8 Career Day

3/14 Underclassmen Awards

3/28 Science Fair

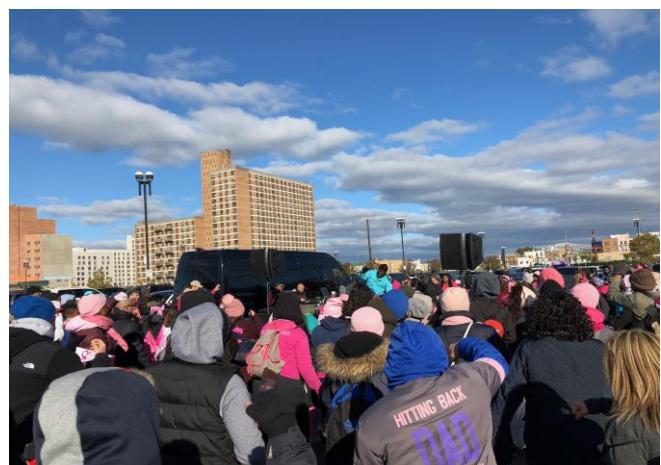
3/28 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends

## Nazareth Gives Back (cont.)



During the month of October, Nazareth Regional High School staff and students participated in bringing awareness and funding for the fight against breast cancer. We got involved by selling wrist bands, holding a bake sale, and putting up posters for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

On October 21, 2018, Nazareth staff and students also participated in the “Making Strides of Brooklyn” breast cancer walk. This event took place at the Coney Island Boardwalk MCU Park. Our school and dozens of other people from other schools and communities came out to support the walk. Although the weather was cold, it felt great to be able to participate in such an amazing event.



## International Day

By: Raynard Raeburn

On November 8th, 2018, Nazareth Regional High School celebrated many of the cultures in the world with a special event called "International Day!" This event lasted from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and every minute was jam packed with fun activities.

First, the event started with ethnic music filling the gymnasium. The types of music ranged from Kompa and Reggae to Soca and Latin music.

Then students and teachers lined up waiting to be served by the generous parents of our

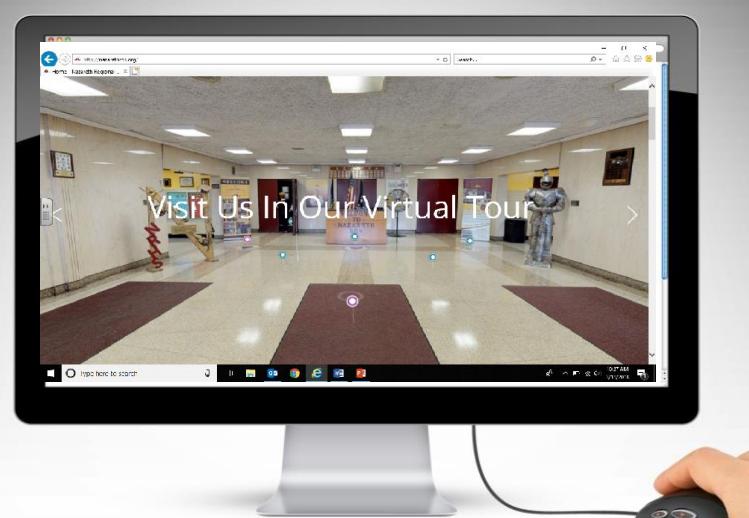
students. Just from the line up of the food, I was drooling. There was rice and peas, ackee and saltfish, curry goat, fish, lasagna, and barbecue chicken. There were even little cupcakes, cookies, and Caribbean pastries like currant roll which is raisins wrapped in sweet bread. My plate was filled with all kinds of food like saltfish, rice and peas, and lasagna.

While everyone sat down, we were treated to a performance by our Nazareth dance line and marching band. The exhilarating dance line danced to soca songs and afro beats. The marvelous

marching band came in with their riveting beats as well making their own afro beats. After the dance team's hip-moving soca dance, the performance to cap off this amazing event was presented by the choir, whose melodic voices were mesmerizing.

Afterwards, everyone "hung out" and talked with their friends while enjoying rhythmic music.

All the students, parents and teachers that came together made International Day 2018 an extravagant event!



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<http://www.nazarethrhs.org>

# The New York Giants Season Review

By: Basilio Myke

At the end of the 2018 NFL season, our New York Giants had a dismal record of 5-11, finishing with a three game losing streak. This season was a huge disappointment for New Yorkers. Many fans expected the Giants to have a high powered offense but that did not come to fruition. What happened?

I noticed two main issues with the blue men. The first issue is Eli Manning. Despite bringing two championships to New York and being one of the greatest quarterbacks in Giants' history, it finally might be time to say goodbye. He's been underperforming this whole year with his 18 touchdowns and 8 interceptions after 13 games. At the age of 37, he lacks the ability to escape the pressure and constantly take sacks.

Manning's sack problem is due to the offensive line, which is the second main issue. They fail each game to protect Eli Manning consistently. They allowed him to get sacked 41 times in 12 games.

The main positive of the NYG season is the breakout season of Saquon Barkley. After 13 games, he had already rushed for over 1,000 yards and 9 rushing touchdowns. It's almost impossible for one defender to take him down. Barkley is breaking many rookie records this year for the G Men. Now it's time to see what they can do next season.



## Music 2018: A Recap

By: Winnie Pierre-Louis

Music in 2018 was super successful. From Drake's "Scorpion" to Eminem's "Kamikaze" to Post Malone's "Beerbongs & Bentleys," many artists did not disappoint their fans in 2018.

Among so many different successful albums, the best selling album of 2018 was "The Greatest Showman" (the Motion Picture Cast Recording). "The Greatest Showman" is from the movie of the same name. The song peaked at #1 on the Billboards and it became the longest running number one soundtrack since the 1960s. It is one of just seven soundtracks to earn at least 30 weeks in the top 10 in the past 50 years.

Despite some stiff competition, "The Greatest Showman" was crowned "The Best Selling Album of 2018."



## Volleyball: An Inside Look

By: Johanne Pluviose

There are many possible downfalls and tribulations when you are on a team with people who do not know each other that well. The volleyball team has all ages from seniors to freshmen. Most people on the outside looking in think we are a hard working team that has it "together" but that is not always the case.

Typically the only time we win games is if we have a good practice the day before. Although we have captains that are trying to keep everyone on an even keel, sometimes we fall apart. This is when we "flip the switch" and realize we are a family no matter how many mistakes we make.

Playing volleyball is not easy. We have to work for friendship as well as trust, and that is what wins games.

When we made it to the championship game last year, it was the happiest but also the most nerve wracking experience, one that really tested our patience. I have come to see that we have improved so much over the years, especially with Ms. Sanfilippo as our coach!



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