





15. \_\_\_\_\_ third grade students participated in the school gardening program that is presented by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Center and master gardener David Thornburg.
16. The following middle schools won championships during the fall sports season: Golf, \_\_\_\_\_; Softball, \_\_\_\_\_; and Football, \_\_\_\_\_.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ held a Veterans Day program that featured 50 veterans, who are family members of students at the school. The veterans paraded through the building to loud cheers from students lined up in the hallways.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher \_\_\_\_\_ arranged to have a medevac helicopter visit the school. The helicopter came from Novant Health and landed on the football field. Students from the EMT (emergency medical technician) class were given tours from the flight crew and were able to learn about careers involving medevac (medical evacuation). The activity was part of the school's new Public Service Academy.
19. Students in the Principles of Business and Finance course at \_\_\_\_\_ participated in the W!se financial literacy program. All 47 students passed the post assessment, and their average score earned Highland recognition as a W!se Blue Star School.
20. The following \_\_\_\_\_ students were selected for the Mars Hill University Choral Choir: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ senior and soccer team member \_\_\_\_\_ scored the 100th goal of his career during the final game.
22. During the Academic Leadership Celebration on November 7, \_\_\_\_\_ recognized 108 students who were named to the A honor roll. Parents and family members attended the program to celebrate the students' academic achievements.
23. The fifth grade and arts teachers at \_\_\_\_\_ received a grant to attend the NCTIES technology in education conference. \_\_\_\_\_, media center specialist, and \_\_\_\_\_, technology assistant, were chosen to present at the conference.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ principal \_\_\_\_\_ received the "Friend of the Arts" award from the North Carolina Art Education Association during the Association's annual conference in Raleigh.
25. Two \_\_\_\_\_ students earned awards at the North Carolina Theatre Conference High School Play Festival for the school's production of "Stressed." \_\_\_\_\_ received the Barbizon Design and Production Award for Scenic Design and \_\_\_\_\_ received Excellence in Acting Award. \_\_\_\_\_ is the school's theater teacher.

26. A group of \_\_\_\_\_ students participated in a Junior Achievement program at \_\_\_\_\_. The activities were part of the two schools' Leadership Academy programs.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ seventh grade students are participating in the Global Read Aloud program with students in Denmark.
28. Students at \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed a visit by the Belmont Fire Department as part of the school's fire safety program. The students got an up-close look at a fire truck and enjoyed talking to the firefighters about their work. In addition, students enjoyed a book character parade that involved them dressing up as characters from their favorite books.
29. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ conducted school beautification day programs. Volunteers planted flowers and cleaned up the school grounds.
30. Through participation in the Operation Warmth program, First Presbyterian Church provided a new coat for each student at \_\_\_\_\_.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ honored veterans in the community during a musical performance and assembly on November 8. All grade levels performed songs for the veterans, and veterans representing all branches of the military spoke to the students. The musical program was a collaborative effort between music teacher \_\_\_\_\_ and art teacher \_\_\_\_\_, who created the visual effects.
32. \_\_\_\_\_ students collected candy to make 448 bags for the Guardian ad Litem program in Gaston County. The candy was distributed to children who are served by a Guardian ad Litem and children who attended the November adoption ceremony. In addition, bags were made for the senior citizens group with the Town of Stanley to take on their fall trip.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ earned a superior rating at the North Carolina Theatre Conference High School Play Festival for the school's production of "Strike 1929." In addition, the school won an award for Excellence in Overall Production Design, which includes set, costume, lighting, and sound. Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ received the Barbizon Design and Production Award for fight captain. She was responsible for assisting the fight choreographer in creating the stage combat sequences, ensuring the cast kept their movements consistent and safe and properly maintained the prop weapons. \_\_\_\_\_ is the school's theater teacher.
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ Stagestruck Players presented "A Cemetery Walk Through Time" at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Gastonia. Students gave tours through the cemetery and introduced tour participants to people from the past. The event served as a fundraiser for the school's theater arts program.