

The Science Department is delighted to present the December Marauder of the Month. This month we recognize a student who demonstrates curiosity in the classroom, compassion with teammates and opponents alike, as well as with middle-schoolers, and courage in representing the NMHS community as a student leader.

This Marauder is a thoughtful individual who has shown solid growth in character over the past three years. Mr. Skarsten shares that they have an aptitude for asking supportive questions regarding the topics that are being investigated in a manner that is both humorous and courteous. Ms. Disher and Ms. Lyons concur with these thoughts and have been fairly impressed with the cooking & baking skills the student has put forth. Mr. Kendrick adds that the student has demonstrated a curiosity toward class material, asking probing, insightful follow up questions. He is a willing participant in class discussions, readings, activities, AND, in fact - he volunteers to do all these things rather than waiting to be called on. He has shown attention to detail and a real interest in personal finance, stock markets, and global priority setting.

Ms. Gilman and Mr. Parker have seen incredible growth in this student since they last graced the halls of the middle school, and happily invited the student back to provide support to the current cohort of middle school Marauders. Ms. Gilman says, "He is responsible, a self-starter, and willing to work with any student with whom he is paired. He maintains a sense of humor, dignity, and confidentiality. He has grown immeasurably since middle school and has an unrivaled character," and Mr. Parker adds that this student "brings a positive and helping attitude to class each day. He has worked patiently with students who need extra support, helped around the classroom, and spent a lot of time being a positive role model during class time, and at recess."

This student is a voracious athlete, tearing up the pitch and the ice. Through the fall they made a habit of checking in ahead of time during the soccer season to make sure they were up to date with work, especially during the particularly busy part of the season. Lastly, Mr. Powers shares that this Marauder's leadership within two varsity teams was recognized by the coaches as the student was invited to attend the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association Youth Leadership Conference. Over 270 student athletes from across the state were brought together to discuss issues in their schools, bring ideas back to their schools to encourage improvement in their athletic programs, and attend workshops featuring inspirational speakers that focused on being a leader. This student was a fine representative for NMHS and Paine Mountain.

The Science Department is pleased to recognize Cooper Hurley as the December Marauder of the Month. Go Coop!