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NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TALENTED AND GIFTED  
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**THE DYNAMICS STARTING 2018**



Welcome to NMPS TAG 2018-2019.

For our New Milford Public Schools students, our TAG program plans interactive, engaging, enriching activities and programming to promote the diverse and distinct talents exhibits by our student population.

This month's cover image features students engaged in Mock Trial. Mock trials have proven to be an effective learning tool for students of all grade levels. Mock Trial helps students understand the law, practice critical thinking, and gain greater confidence with public speaking by assuming the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a fictional criminal or civil trial. Students experience first-hand the difficulties that judges, lawyers and juries face in determining which facts are relevant and what legal arguments are effective. For additional information, please see the current events for 2018-2019 on [nmpstag.com](http://nmpstag.com)

With student input, our TAG program provides appropriately challenging learning opportunities to allow student opportunities to interact with each other in order to develop academic connections and interpersonal bonds. We look forward to meeting and working in collaboration with parents and stakeholders to share relevant TAG information, concise facts, informed data, and current policies. Contact Dr. Yvonne de St. Croix at [destcroix@newmilfordps.org](mailto:destcroix@newmilfordps.org) any time or visit [nmpstag.com](http://nmpstag.com). Thank you for supporting new Milford Public School's Talented and Gifted. We appreciate you!



*Students,  
want more great accelerations,  
extensions, and  
enrichments?  
Parents,  
want more information on TAG  
in CT?  
Teachers,  
need latests  
TAG resources?  
Visit [nmpstag.com](http://nmpstag.com)  
for curious ideas!*

## **2018-2019 RECENT EVENTS**

August 2018

NCTE Mock Book Awards - we will work on this around Sept.

If you are interested in running, this site is useful for now and in your future - also good to share with parents

Hungry for a way to help others? Maybe check out BoxLunch

September 2018

TAG 2018-2019 Brochure

2018 Mock Trial form

Cookbook Selection Option

Time for NMPS TAG Cookbook

Family Recipe Selection for NMPS SMS TAG Cookbook

Ingredient Cost Projection: Log for Contributed Recipe

If you are looking for ways to be an activist, this site might help

If you are looking for a way to have a card for the

Library of Congress and learn about presidents,

this is an informative podcast option

This is a super interesting site geared to grade K-5 about the U.S. Mint

Cookbook Title Survey 1

October 2018

Cookbook Title Survey 2

Recipe Calorie and Nutrition Calculator

Page layout and information for recipe calorie and nutrition calculator

Recipe category

Transitional survey

TAG room video

Virtual Robotics - SMS sign-up info

SNIS - Kodable

Invitation roster

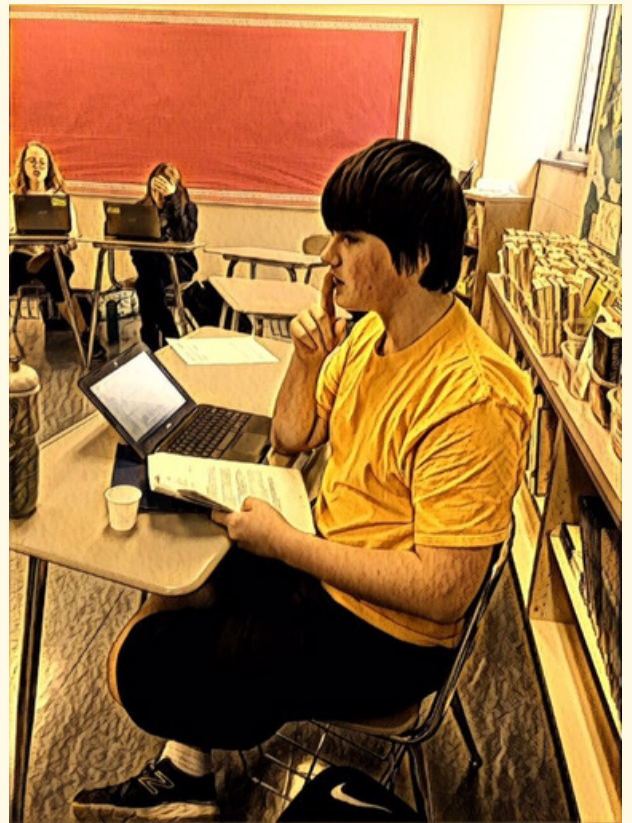
# Current Fall TAG Enrichments

## Mock Trial

SMS, students are participating in Mock Trial sponsored by Ms. Olmsted. Mock Trial will be held in Room 152 on Mondays from 2:15-3:45 beginning Monday beginning Sept. 17 through Dec. 17.

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No Mock Trial is scheduled for Mondays school is not in session. This enrichment is offered through NMPS talented and gifted program to students in grades 6-8. Students must be able to commit regularly attending this program over the course of its duration.



## Mystery Writing

We welcome your SMS child to participate in Talented and Gifted Mystery Writing Program sponsored by Ms. Samantha Gati-Tisi. Meetings will be held in Room 210 on October 31-December 19 from 2:15-3:45. No meetings are scheduled for days when school is not in session.

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This session will involve study of the poetry as a genre. Students will learn the art of creating poetic forms.

# Upcoming Enrichments and Events

## Author April Henry visit Dec. 7 with SMS

To provide direct enrichment support with teachers for students identified as TAG through the planning process, author April Henry has been invited to attend SMS. All 7th graders will also have the opportunity to attend her presentation.

April Henry is the New York Times-bestselling author of 21 mysteries and thrillers for teens and adults. Her books have been short-listed for the Edgar Award, Agatha Award, the Anthony Award, and the Oregon Book Award (winning once), and chosen twice for Booksense by the independent booksellers of America. They have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Dutch, German, Polish, French, and Turkish.

## A Taste of TAG Cookbook

SMS TAG created & published a cookbook based on family recipes. This program supported social-emotional student growth by cultivating understanding culture, heritage and community. SMS TAG students participated in cross-curricular extensions in this project including math, science, social studies, writing, & practical arts. Presentations Nov. 8 and 13.

## Minds in Motion Events – sponsored by CAG

Minds in Motion™ offers exciting, fast-paced, interactive workshops for every student with every interest. Adults can attend a keynote and thought-provoking, special-interest workshops, free of charge at every MiM™ event.

At Minds in Motion™ you'll also receive free literature, network with fellow parents, and learn about resources, after-school programs, camps, books, and other educational tools beneficial to your child. Space is limited, so be sure to register early for any event you choose.

The Connecticut Association for the Gifted's website is <http://www.ctgifted.org>.



2017-2018 Minds in Motion™ schedule:

February 23, 2019 - Shepaug Valley School

March 9, 2019 - Discovery Magnet School

March 16, 2019 - Middletown High School

March 23, 2019 - Bedford Middle School

April 6, 2019 - Litchfield High School

April 27, 2019 - Jonathan Law High School

October 19, 2019 - The Country School

## TAG Meeting Days and Times

**SNIS TAG meets during WIN time in Rm. 190 on days 1 and 5.**

**SMS TAG meets during TAG study hall in Rm. 251 on days 4 and 6.**