

# The New Boys' Dorm

## The New Year

It is nice to hear the boys' voices in the dorm again – it is awfully quiet without them around! Many of the boys returned with Nerf guns and have been using the halls, nooks, and stairways to play hide and seek with each other. So to say it is no longer quiet is an understatement.

With the new year, I thought it would be a great addition to start a newsletter for the New Boys' Dorm parents. The boys call home and give you the news, but you may not know of the day to day or weekly routine of the boys. This week, I thought I would give a general idea of the daily routine and what the boys do in the dorm. I plan on sending this out every other week, so please send feedback if you like.



A look at some of the people in the New Boys' Dorm.

## The Daily Routine of the NBD

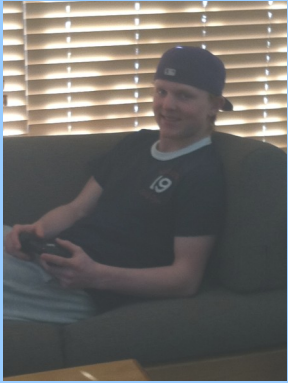
Overall, the boys have been helpful and courteous in the dorm. They see it as their home away from home and they treat each other with respect. As the Residential Head, I try to buy or make some "home-like" necessities: brownies, cakes, Top-Ramen, Mac and Cheese, etc... Although it is only a small gesture, the boys enjoy it.

Every other week, usually on a Thursday night, we meet as a house family to discuss up coming anomalies (ex. White Glove), pertinent dorm issues (wash your own dishes, take your laundry out of the dryer, put shoes on the shoe rack, etc...), and any concerns the boys may have. The meetings have been a great way to communicate with each other and to review basic dorm needs.



The nightly pastime in the NBD is video games. From 6:30 to 7:15 pm and 9:50 to 10:15 pm you can find many of the boys playing a game. L to R: Jack Griffin ('13) and George DeGrandis ('13) are in deep thought. Next, Seth Zegelstein ('13) not in such deep thought. Finally, Jake Carson ('13) in solo deep thought.

# Student Profile

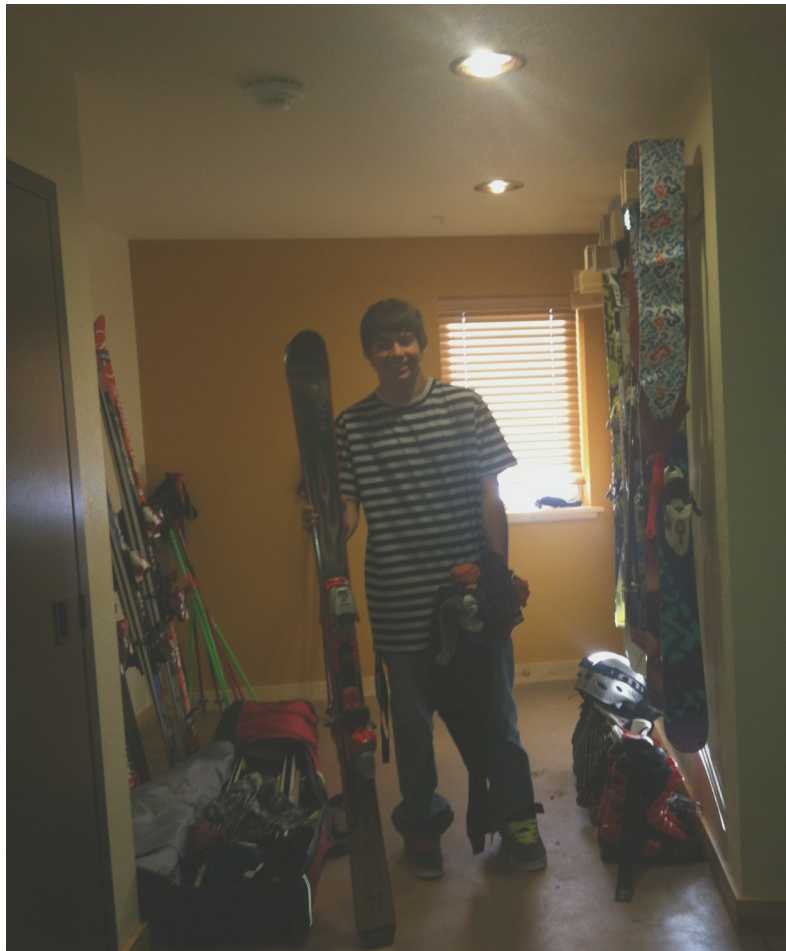


**Name** Jamie Bender ('13)

**From** Ellicott City, MD

Jamie was recently selected by his coaches to receive the Steamboat Pilates Scholarship for his hard work and determination throughout dryland training.

**Congratulations Jamie!**



John Schaible ('13) is getting ready for a Saturday ski day with friends. John is in the newly finished ski room in the NBD. The room already has twenty-five skis in it.

## A Few Changes In the Dorm

There have been two main changes with residents in the dorm. Paul Wethmar has become a Prefect and moved over to the younger boys' dorm, Kakela, to be a presence and role model. Logan Epperson also went over as a junior to add an older presence. Both boys will be missed in the NBD, but we know they are providing an important service for the whole community. The other change is the addition of Jared Olson as the Resident Intern. Jared has been substitute teaching Geography while Jim Linville continues his recovery. Jared will share an on duty rotation with Adam Hirt, so the boys will be able to get to know Jared even better as the year progresses.

## Final Tidbits

The dorm functions in a similar way to most families except there are ten teenagers living under the one roof. Each resident has a specific dorm job that is completed each night after study hall. The jobs rotate every two weeks, so no one job becomes a burden. Jobs consist of taking out the trash and recycling, cleaning the bathrooms, cleaning the kitchen, sweeping the hallways, lounge, and stairways, etc... I have devised a specific system for mopping since we have the radiant heated concrete floors and wood floor hallways. The boys can earn credits by doing an additional mopping job. The nice thing I have noticed about the New Boys' Dorm residents is that they will initiate doing a job if they see a need. For example, Seth has asked for the mop and bucket because the floor in the lounge is sticky and he wants to mop, or Jack noticed on Sunday that the trash and recycling cans were full, so he brought both out to the dumpsters. The boys take initiative and it helps out everyone.

***Finally, we would like to welcome a new member to the LWS community and New Boys' Dorm —Troy Hubert ('13). Troy arrived on Saturday and will be attending classes on Monday. Troy is from Denver, and he will be a GIS participant.***