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CAREERS: Area Fire Departments Partnering with Triton for Future

By Benjamin Hutchinson
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With application rates hitting record highs in 2026, firefighting has shed its "old" image to become a high-tech career.

The record-breaking application rates of 2026 are driven by major changes in the job. Today's recruits are as likely to hold highly skilled certifications as they are in fire science. "This shift to technical expertise has transformed the fire service into a sophisticated profession. Modern departments are no longer just waiting for fires; they are more suited to complex situations, according to *Fire Service, Firefighters & Departments*, an online resource for future firefighters.

"In a 2022 report, there were 1,041,200 career and volunteer firefighters in the U.S. with a 2% increase in career firefighters from the preceding year," according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Former state police officer Shaun Beevers has seen a changing perception about on how people see firefighters.

"Look, the days of firefighting being just a "blue-collar trade" are pretty much over," said Beevers. "It's turned into this high-demand, tech-heavy career that's actually seeing a steady bump in jobs year-over-year.

Beevers explained that the job is more complex, more data-driven, and serves more people.

"This story is all about why everyone is sudden-



Triton Class of 2025 graduate Nick Serino poses beside the Salisbury Fire Department's ladder truck during his internship program. Fire programs continue to grow and become more technical as more students show interest (Cassidy photo).

ly trying to get into the academy," said Beevers. "It's not just about the adrenaline; it's the fact that these roles now cover 70% of the population and handle everything from complex medical calls to massive natural disasters."

Triton Career Counselor Mrs. Karyn Cassidy explained that Triton has formed partnerships with all three of its sending towns' fire departments — Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury — "to provide a direct pipeline for students to pursue firefighting."

"In my experience, students who have access to [See FIREFIGHTING on page 2](#)

Triton on Vacation

Where Vikings are Heading on Holiday

By Chloe Belson
Staff Writer

School vacation is one of the most exciting times of the year. It gives students and staff a chance to step away from classes, homework, and testing. Instead, focus on rest, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Whether people stay close to home or travel far away, school vacation often becomes the best time to make some memories.

During school vacation periods, travel plans can vary widely. Some families choose quick trips to nearby towns, while others take longer trips across states or even countries. These breaks often reflect many personal preferences while some people look for relaxation others want adventure or new experiences. Because of this, school vacation travel can look very different from one person to another.

To better understand where people in our school like to go during vacation time, we surveyed 62 students and staff members about their favorite places to visit. One destination stood out clearly as both the most visited and most favored Maine

Maine is especially popular during school vacations because it offers something for almost everyone. Families often travel there for its beaches, coastal towns, and peaceful environment. Others enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, camping, and boating. The combination of nature and relaxation makes it a top choice when people finally have time off from school or work. It's easy to see why so many people in our school choose Maine as their go to vacation destination.

Junior Ava Brown said she vacationed in the Bahamas. While this destination is relatively close to home, she explained short vacations are still nice to enjoy with family and friends. When asked where she would go if she could choose anywhere in the world,

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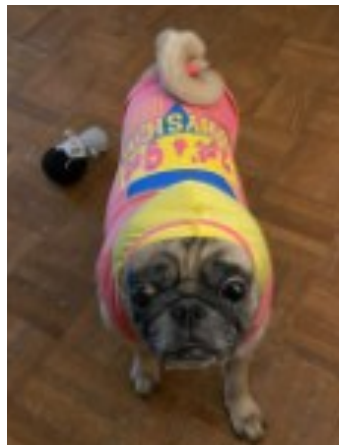
SPRING FASHION SHOW: Pets Edition

By Ava Brown
Staff Write

Students and staff at Triton High School showed off their creative style by submitting photos of the pets dressed up in their best fashions.

From funny hats to big sunglasses, the collection of pictures brought plenty of laughs and excitement to those who participated. The idea was to give the school community a chance to show off their pets' personalities and bring people together for some laughs.

Here is a selection of those who sent in great photos.



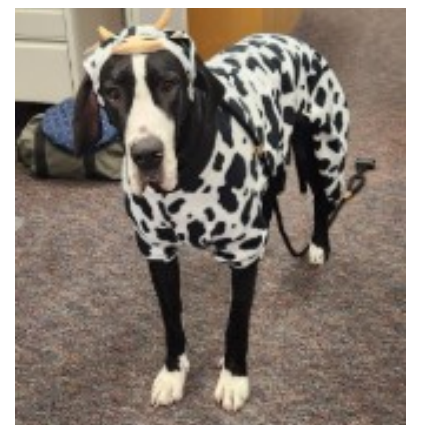
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Owner: CJ Weisenstein
Pet's name: Mio



Owner: Julia Thornton
Pet's name: Mabel



Owner: Ben Hutchinson
Pet's name: Emery



Owner: Lavinia Munhoz
Pet's name: Gabe



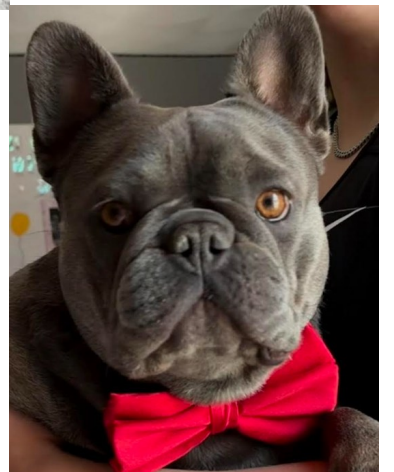
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Pet's name: Gronk



Owner: Rebecca Bibeau
Pet's name: Ted-Ted



Owner: Kiley Jones
Pet's name: Zoe



Owner Devyn Alantzas
Pet's name: Harlie

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Still Hanging On

Some Ski Areas Still Open

By Gracelyn O'Neill
Staff Writer

As the ski season comes to an end for the north east, skiers from all over New England will be mourning over the fantastic winter of '25-'26. With record breaking snow fall this year and tons of bluebird days, this past winter was one for the books. While most medium/small mountains have already closed, there are a few mountains still pushing for a few more days of snow.

Snow preservation is a complex and extremely difficult challenge but mountains on the larger side have managed to pull it off; but this year Black Mountain in New Hampshire is looking to stay open till late May as well. As expected, Killington, Sunday River, Sugarloaf, and Jay Peak are also looking to extend the ski season until the end of May.

Triton math teacher, Mr. Girouard, a life-long snowboarder, shared about his last time on snow for the '26 season. "I haven't gone up since the first weekend of March but really when was the last time New England ski mountains were open til May other than places like Killington. Also, Camelback in Pennsylvania is open too so it's not just the far north, it's everywhere. We

had a great year for snow and hopefully next season looks the same."

My childhood best friend, Nola McPhee, a New Hampshire resident and avid skier says, "This season was absolutely amazing. I ski race for my high school, Holderness, and we were all over the place this season. I'm not ready to let winter go yet so I am planning on hiking and skiing Tuckermans Ravine with my friends and making a trip up to Vermont to ski Jay Peak as well."



The author, in 2019, ascending Mount Washington to ski the famed Tuckerman's Ravine (courtesy photo).

Abby Sutherland, a junior at Triton High School who skis and snowboards all over New England shared, "The snow was great and the blizzards really helped. There wasn't just snow in the mountains though, we had plenty at home too, which was very annoying."

With summer ahead and winter in the somewhat rearview, people all over New England are anticipating what this coming winter will bring. On top of that, the North East attracting as much, if not more snow than places out west resulted in western skiers upset and clearly showing their greed for snow; because you truly never know what you have till it's gone. Places like Vail get snow up until June and it's about time the North East gets their moment in the spotlight.

said she would love to go to Jamaica. Jamaica is known for its welcoming atmosphere and beaches many travelers are drawn to Jamaica for its culture and tropical climate. Overall, the interviews show vacation means different things to different people. While Maine remains most popular destination, students and staff also enjoy a wide range of travel experiences. Some prefer nearby trips, while others look forward to international travel during longer breaks.



Junior Ava Brown and senior Abigail Hogan pose during Carnival Cruise in February as part of vacation (Brown courtesy photo).

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Brown said she would travel to Hawaii, describing it as her dream vacation because of the warm weather and beaches.

We also spoke with Senior Chaylany Thy who talked about her vacation experiences. She shared that she visited Canada a country known for its wide landscapes, mountains, and lakes. Thy also spoke about her dream vacation saying she would love to visit South Korea. Korea has become increasingly popular to travel to especially for people who are interested in exploring cities like Seoul.

When we talked to Ms. Wagner who also shared her travel experiences she said she visited North Carolina, a state known for its beaches along the coast and mountains in the western region. When asked her dream vacation Wagner

What is clear is that school vacation is an important time for everyone. Whether someone is relaxing in Maine, visiting family in nearby towns, or dreaming about future trips to places like Hawaii or South Korea, these breaks give people the chance to rest, explore, and recharge before returning to school.

First Person Fashion on a Budget

By Ava Brown
Staff Writer

As a reporter for the Triton Voice, I decided to go to a couple of different discounted clothing stores and see what I can find. The goal is to at least find one wearable outfit at each of these stores and to have fun while doing it.

Store 1: Arrival

I walked into the Goodwill store with a small budget and high hopes. I first decided to go to the front where they have all of the tank tops and crop tops. After some digging, I found a gorgeous black body suit with a tie-up back for only \$6. It didn't have the brand, but it was a size small, so I took it with me and continued looking. I next found a vintage Abercrombie shirt, but it wasn't my size, so I left it behind and moved on to finding pants. I rummaged through the pants and found a pair of black Champion sweatpants for only \$10 to try on.

Trying Them On

I walked back to the fitting room and tried on outfit #1. The bodysuit was a perfect fit, and the open back was in style with the crisscross design. The sweatpants didn't fit, but they were very cute and were pretty new. I went back out to look for another pair of pants, and after a long search, I found a pair of cargo pants in the men's section, so I gave them a shot and tried them on. They fit and were cute

enough to call an outfit but were also good enough to wear separately.

Purchase

I decided only to purchase the top. The total came to only \$6, and I rounded up for their donation charity, making it \$7.

Store 2: Arrival

I next decided to go to T.J. Maxx because it has a lot of on-trend clothing, and we were looking for at a lower price. Right away, I saw two Von Dutch tank tops, each for \$14.99, marked down from \$25. I also found a couple of floral tube tops for \$6. They came in green, pink, blue, and brown. I decided to try the pink and moved on to looking for pants. I found a pair of Von Dutch shorts for \$15, but didn't go with the shirt, so I kept searching. Then I found the cutest pair of True Religion jeans with pink stitching for \$30 when their prices usually range from \$150-\$180!

Trying Them On

I tried on the floral tube top first, and it was perfect for the summer and right on trend. I also had seen another girl my age trying it on, too. I tried on the pants, and they were cute and perfect for the top. They were a little too big on me, but still so cute and trending.

Purchase

I bought both, and the total came out to \$37.49.

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Jr. Firefighter Programs are more likely to pursue firefighting as a career," said Cassidy, who is also the school's internship coordinator. "Through these programs, they receive mentoring and support, which inspires them to work their way up to fire chief."

As the job market faces major in 2026, the National Fire Protection Agency states that "the fire service has established itself as a resilient, high-tech career path that is essentially 'AI-proof.' While many desk-based roles face displacement from automation, firefighting requires a unique combination of physical presence, technical rescue skills, and high-level medical expertise that cannot be outsourced

This shift from the old ways into has made firefighting into a complex, and well-paid profession, which has then led to an increase interest from candidates to the profession.

With this in mind, Cassidy has made progress with Salisbury to start a junior firefighting program.

"I discovered SFD had written a grant and would offer the area's first summer Safety Academy, which is now offered each year. Now this year, we have our second SFD intern and another student interning for the first time with Newbury

Fire. This year's intern at NFD expressed to me how much he appreciates the guidance that he has received as he considers a possible firefighting career."

Triton senior Jason Navaroli now works with the Newbury Fire Department on an internship, and has had some great

experiences there including building to be a part of the community. "It's been great," said Navaroli. "The opportunity we get here is amazing, the guys are very welcoming, and the workspace is great. This has been something I've wanted to do for a while, so now getting the chance to do it has been really good for me. I think if people are unsure what to do and can handle some stressful situations, this would be great to try. "Firefighting is changing in a big way to make sure people can actually stay healthy until they retire. These days, departments are getting serious about things that used to be ignored, like preventing

cancer, protecting mental health, and staying fit for the long haul. Instead of just working people until they're worn out, the job is now built to be a sustainable, life-long career. In an uncertain economy, the shift toward taking care of workers is exactly why the firehouse is becoming the top spot for anyone who wants a steady, secure future.

Perspective: More than a Job

While writing this article, I asked my grandfather's best friend how it's been working as a firefighter for so long and his opinion on the job itself.

"It's one of the best jobs in the world," he said. "You get to do something you love while helping people and the community and getting paid for it."

Obviously, (there's) the paycheck, (and) you get to build an amazing family that you're around a lot. I do feel that first responders don't really get the appreciation, though it's not about what other people think. I know I'm doing great things and am part of a family that isn't my true own that treats everyone like we're blood related.

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Owner: Maddy Penniman



Owner: Maeve Hughes
Pet's name: Bailey



Owner: Julie Scarfo
Pet's name: Bear



Owner: Kai Maguire
Pet's name: Juicy



Owner: Jenifer
Pet's name: Ricky