



CHOOSE YOUR PLAYER

THE SPORT NEARLY EVERYONE HAS PLAYED, BUT ONLY A FEW JOIN THE TEAM

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Carter Triplett swiftly ducks underneath the swing of a punch. Then he jumps, gaining the advantage over his opponent while dodging a kick. After landing, he shifts his weight forward to brace for the rest of the fight. Cracking his knuckles, Triplett re-adjusts his fingers on his controller. The game is just getting started.

Triplett is a junior on NHS' esports team, a competitive group of video game players, but his game isn't the only one getting started either. In esports, a competitive gaming club centered around many popular online games, many of his teammates work together to win. Battling for seven different titles including Valorant, Tetris, Chess, Overwatch 2, Rocket League, Super Smash Bros, and Fortnite, the team prepares by practicing after school Monday through Thursday.

Esports coach Adam Zoibi explains that this club

allows for students to be a part of something at NHS, as the club is open to everyone. Esports attracts prospective members through their unique introduction to the club through students competitively gaming in the school hallway, while hosting the Coffee Mill.

"Many of our members were not involved with school at all until our program took off," Zoibi said. "They are now coming every day to have fun practicing with their peers."

"The best thing about esports is seeing kids find their place as Millers."

-English teacher Adam Zoibi



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ALEX GRISBY, SOPHOMORE

"I love how you get to meet people, make friends, and be a part of a team."

TYLER ROHN, SENIOR

"Esports is not as big of a commitment as people think it is; I am an active Scout, I have a job, I play soccer, and I am still able to come to esports and hang out."



MADILYN COLUNGA, JUNIOR

"Esports competitions are fun...they are not scary."



COHEN BULLOCK, FRESHMAN

"Come to esports, you get free pizza!"



CARTER TRIPLETT, JUNIOR

"Anyone can play. The more people the better!"

