

At NCCS High School we believe on capitalizing on “teachable moments”. The historic presidential race that is taking place in our country is certainly one such moment. In order to make our students more politically astute and to acquaint them with the voting process, a mock debate and a mock election were held in the high school.

On Thursday, October 16, the day after the last presidential debate between John McCain and Barak Obama, NCCS students performed a mock debate in the high school auditorium during lunch periods. Barak Obama was played by Tegan Spinner, Joe Biden was played by Cody Jackson, John McCain was played by Gareth Watson and Dan Ormsby, Sarah Palin was played by Ivory Racine, and the moderator was played by Reilly Kavanaugh. Each student did their best to answer the moderators questions they way they feel their candidate would have answered. High School counselor Erin Crompt was particularly impressed with the event. “The students did a great job impersonating the candidates. For example, Ivory Racine used the word “maverick”, just the way Sarah Palin does. Teegan Spinner said “These are the facts”, just the way Barak Obama does.”

On Friday, October 17, the entire faculty and student body were invited to participate in a mock election. Through the efforts of former teacher Harry McManus and current teacher Katherine Dermody, polling booths were procured from the town of Champlain. Students and faculty were encouraged to stop by the library and vote during their free periods. The final tally of votes showed Bark Obama defeating John McCain by a score of 390-103 (Mr. Greeno, the high school physical education teacher, received one write in vote). The results were announced at the pep rally later that day.