

Happy Holidays from the Newaygo Lions!



Above: Mrs. Franks 4th grade class during Newaygo Elementary's annual walk downtown to hang their ornaments on the big tree.

From Superintendent Mr. Jeff Wright

Dear Lion Families,

I have notified the Board of Education that I will be retiring on June 30th, 2023. I have enjoyed working in this community on behalf of the students of Newaygo. These young people have tremendous support from this community and from the faculty and staff who have the privilege of working with them over the course of their educational career.

One of our amazing educators recently shared the phrase, "I'm not retiring, I'm accepting a new role as a professional Grandpa". I am looking forward to this new profession and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community.

The Newaygo Board of Education will begin the search for the next superintendent.

I hope that you have the kind of holidays you desire.

Onward, Lions!

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Newaygo Elementary School



NES CELEBRATES THE END OF THEIR ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER WITH A DAY OF "AWESOMENESS"

After another successful school fundraiser to kick off the school year, NES students celebrated with a sunny day of bounce houses and games. Students had a blast hanging out with the high school volunteer helpers as well!



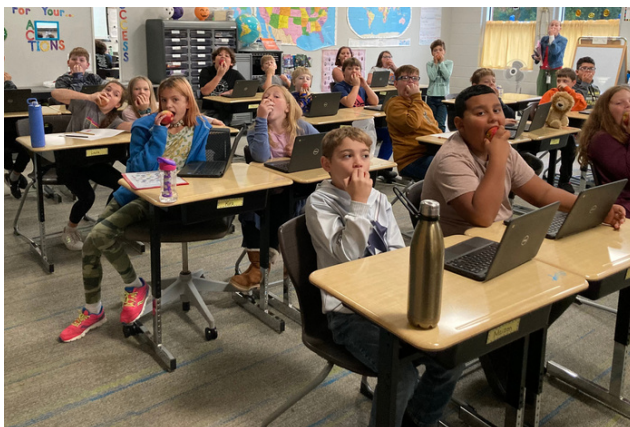
Mr. Cox Reads to 1st Graders

For his birthday, Mr. Cox shared his love of reading with Mrs. Crane's 1st grade class.



BIG APPLE Crunch Day

4th Graders (and staff) enjoyed a tasty bite of some delicious apples for the BIG APPLE Crunch Day. Thank you to Roossinck's in Fremont for growing and donating all the crunchy apples for our students!





2nd Graders Visit Heritage Farm



2nd grade students took a field trip to Heritage Farm in Fremont on Oct. 14. Students were able to learn about and watch the process of making apple cider, including what apple varieties Heritage Farm grows and uses. Students were amazed at the machine that chopped the apples and squeezed the juice out! They were able to taste the apple cider they made and eat a delicious homemade donut with it! 2nd graders were able to take a wagon ride to see and learn about elk, bison and Scottish Highlanders. Students learned lots of facts from our guides about these interesting creatures!



Mrs. Heller's Class

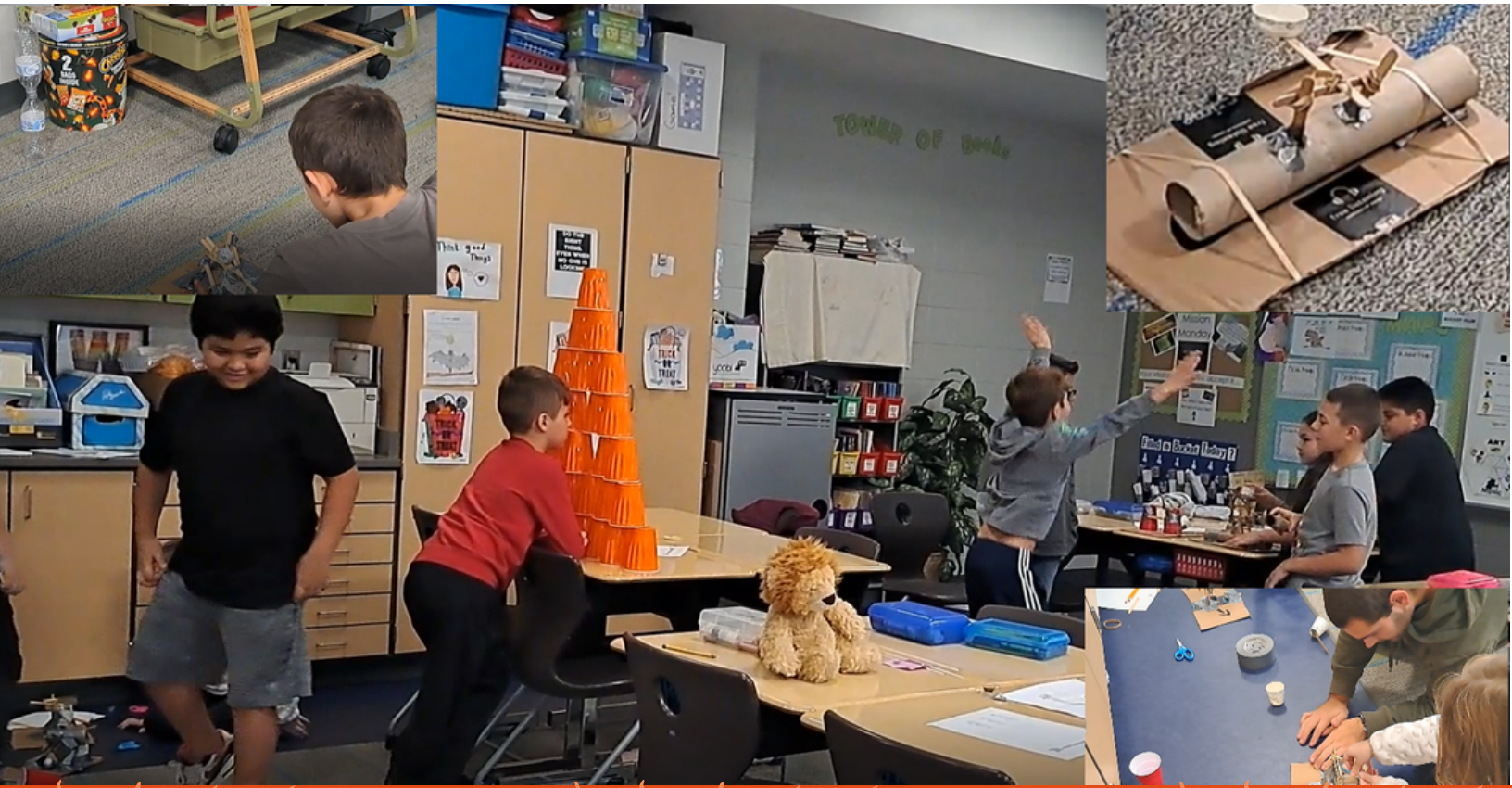


Mrs. Bremer's Class

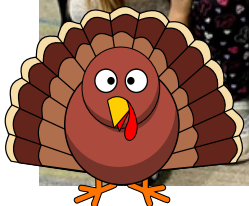


SCIENCE & ENGINEERING IN MR. WITTENBERGER'S CLASS

After successfully navigating their Class is Lava assignments, Mr. W's 4th Grade Class earned a fun science/engineering activity and created ball launchers. Students turned it into an Angry Birds style activity as they were challenged to make their launchers even better. The kids had a blast - pun intended!



Ms. Behnke's Class created Thanksgiving Turkeys with their donated pumpkins. Thank you for the pumpkins for our entire grade level, Kelly and Marty McVicker!



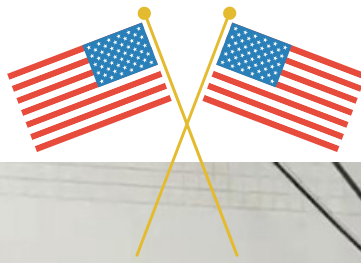
Newaygo Middle School



9/11 Day of Remembrance & Service

In collaboration with TrueNorth Community Services and the Volunteer Resource Center of Newaygo County, Mrs. Harkness 5th grade Social Studies classes learned about the events of 9/11. Students wore red, white and blue to show their patriotism, love for their country, honor the heroes and remember those who lost their lives on 9/11.

Pictured to the right: Students stand with Pete Ruland, Veteran and Agent for the Department of Treasury.



Veteran's Day Concert

Led by Music Teacher, Mrs. Horton, 5th grade students put on a spectacular concert to honor Veterans. Songs such as "America the Beautiful" and other favorites were performed and students read aloud messages to family members who are heroes to them because of their faithful duty to our country by serving in the military.

Pictured above: Students perform a flag routine as they sing "Grand Old Flag"

8th Grade "Discover Manufacturing" Trip

In October, 8th graders visited Riveridge Cider in Grant and G-M Wood Products in Newaygo. The tour started at Riveridge where students learned aspects of apple production and quality control. Students then toured G-M Wood Products where they were able to see employees and robotics manufacturing door frames. Both companies gave informational presentations of their manufacturing process and helped students see the variety of jobs available through their companies.



Photo on the Left, Back left to right: Camden Reyburn, Konner Bisel, Valeria Torres-Magana, Morgan Andrea, Gabrielle Arney, Carl Lord. Front left to right: Elia Miedema, Emma Escalante, Jolaun Owens

Paint the World Project



5th Grade students "Painted the World" on pumpkins in Mrs. Harkness' Social Studies class during the Continents and Oceans unit. Thanks to all 5th-grade parents for donating pumpkins for this project!

Pictured above Left to Right: Ellie Parish and Aiden Salsbury

National Junior Honor Society

The National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place on October 26th.

2nd Year 8th Grade Members:

Konner Bisel, David Castrejon, Laura Castrejon, Alyssa Echtenaw, Emma Escalante, Cade Gerke, Easton Harkness, Ruby Hughes, Ellen Nelson, Alexis Newfer, Hope Pietrzak, Camden Reyburn, Nathan Ruehmeier, Cooper Sipperly, Ella Soules, Zackery Yearsovich

New 8th Grade Members:

Caleb Acheson, Morgan Andres, Gabby Arney, Brayden Carlson, Gage Gerencer, Olivia Hether, Emma Hoersten, Tyson Holden, Olivia Jenerou, Elia Miedema, John Schultz, Gage Scott, Dalton Seidletz, Aiven Warmbein

New 7th Grade Members:

Natalie Bischoff, River Borkowski, Kylie Corrigan, Zaydrie Eaton, Lincoln Echtenaw, Aleigha Gross, Marline Guzman Gavina, Raven Harriman, Kaylee Hutchinson, Addison Johnson, Isaiah King-Smith, Mathias Kortman, Melissa Mendez, Jack Mercer, Elijah Ream, Levi Sparks, PJ Stephens, Noah Voshel, Miles Wormmeester, Brooklyn Zaleski



A very proud Assistant Principal McAlister gets a picture with students, Zaydrie Eaton and Aleigha Gross.

Camden Reyburn (Right) proudly holds up his Certificate of Membership into the National Jr. Honor Society



NJHS TrueNorth Children's Christmas



The National Jr. Honor Society 7th & 8th Grade Members volunteered at TrueNorth for the Toys for Tots Children's Christmas event.



Staff vs. 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Game

To raise money for their class trip to Mackinac Island, the 8th grade girls volleyball team challenged middle school staff to a volleyball game on November 23rd. Middle School students cheered in the stands as they watched their teachers and classmates compete. Congrats to the 8th grade girls for winning the game!



Middle School Fundraiser



Newaygo Middle School had huge success with this year's fundraiser to raise money for grade level activities, end of the year celebrations and the 8th grade Mackinac Island Trip. Thank you to all of the families who donated to make this year a success for our students!

Pictured to the left: Four students won a mini fridge stuffed with cash and one student received a \$250 Amazon gift card as part of a drawing for getting donations for the school.



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Newaygo High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is proud to announce the 2022/23 candidates to our chapter. New members are (front row - left to right) Emily Peterlein, Lauren Bull, Elizabeth Chaffee, Sophia Hathaway, Jarryn Schmitt, Jaxon duChemin, (middle row) Lynnea Briones, Madison Christensen, Maria Riddering, Jadon Ryman, Nicholas Ruehmeier, Josiah Long, (top row) Abygail Lauryssens, Elaine Chen, Jazmin Ramos-Alvarez, McKade Hurrle, Jasmine Scytko, Selah Acheson and Mia Janke.



To qualify as a member of our chapter, each student must have been in attendance at Newaygo for at least one semester, be a junior or senior student in good standing with a 3.4 gpa or higher, enrolled in at least two of the three core area honors courses and show qualities of the National Honor Society's four pillars, "Leadership, Service, Character and Scholarship". Each fall, students who exemplify these qualities are invited to submit a profile application to the faculty council for consideration. The council then recommends students for membership based upon submitted profiles.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Cont.

Senior members, pictured in their ceremonious robes, helped welcome new members to the chapter. They are (front row - left to right) Catherine Buchner, Alexandria Bruwer, Grace Painter, Sofia Briggs, Ben Gossard, (middle row) Olivia Sinkler, Emma Mortensen, Barbara Toth, McCaiden Rienstra, Connelly Hefferan Nordlund, Shanoah Nester, Grace Acton, (top row) Libby Young, Bryce Decker, Remington Wells, Grant Harkness, Lyda Lathrop, Dyllan Bazzett and Addyson Gorby. Not pictured - Iris Herrera and Emma Youmans.



Members of the National Honor Society thank Mrs. Davis for her unwavering dedication to our district and for the inspiring speech she delivered at the induction ceremony. Additionally, a big thank you to Mr. Wright, Mr. Reyburn, Mrs. Dietz and Mrs. Mercer for their help with the ceremony.

Newaygo High School



HOMECOMING 2022



Group photo (l to r): Colten Taylor, Gracie Knudsen, William Berenbrock, Gabriella Brooks, Xavier Stroud, Thalia Pineda, Lyda Lathrop, Grant Harkness, Barbara Toth, Deegan Hall, Liza Chaffee, Cole Hefner

Royalty crowned once again! In the annual tradition of Newaygo High School's Homecoming festivities, the students chose their representatives for Homecoming Court on the warm, clear night in October.



Jeeps circled the track with the candidates, bringing them to midfield in front of a massive crowd anticipating the crowning!

In the end it was sophomores Thalia Pineda and Xavier Stroud who donned the Princess and Prince crowns while seniors Lyda Lathrop and Grant Harkness radiated happiness as they were crowned Queen and King.



Newaygo High School Hosts 1st Annual Trunk or Treat Tailgate



NHS Student Council and community members put together our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat Tailgate at the final kickoff for our Newaygo Lions football season. Students brought in candy donations to help support the cause and we had sports teams, teachers, community members, and the Newaygo County Sherriff who all decorated their trunks to pass out candy. Many of our students and athletes played a large role in making this event a success!



Student Council holds food drive for Love Inc. to help local families in need.



Student Council is grateful to our school for their support in helping to collect items for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The donations were delivered and joyfully received by Love INC to help those within our community who are in need. Shout out to Mr. Goebel's class for donating the most items and winning the ice cream party.

Pictured: Emma Youmans, Johnny Bischoff, Chloe Clark, Amaya Lathrop, Keely Verhoy, Leah Ruehmeier, Seraph Bridges, Chloe Bush, Parker Wade, Grant Harkness, Lyda Lathrop

Random Act of Kindness



Every year Mrs. Boyd's 2nd-hour Fit for Life class does a 'Random Acts of Kindness' assignment to help spread kindness throughout the school, community, and beyond. This year her class is incorporating a kindness project called, "The Team Chase Challenge". Each girl was given one 'Kindness Ball' to give to someone when they do an act of kindness. When they scan the QR code they will be able to follow their ball on an interactive map to see how far their kindness travels. This is a great opportunity for the girls to not only do nice things for others but also to support a grieving mother that wants her son's legacy of kindness to others never to end. To learn more about this project you can visit teamchasefoundation.org for more information.



NHS Student Council prepared a Thankful Treat cart with hot cocoa, cider, and some other sweet treats for the High School staff to show how much our students appreciate them all.

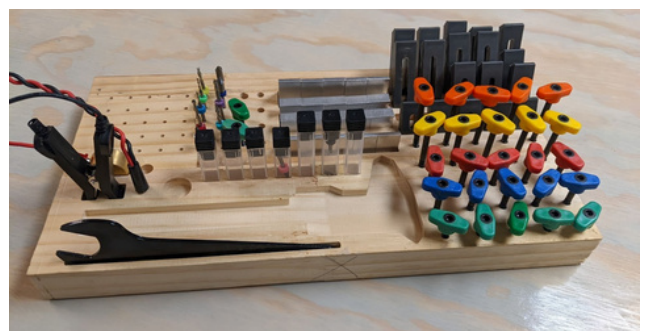
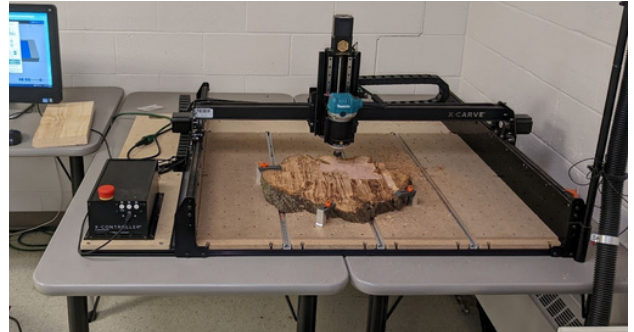
Pictured: Gracie Bazzett, Leah Ruehmeier, Emma Youmans, Chloe Bush, Parker Wade, Seraph Bridges, Grant Harkness, Lyda Lathrop, Liza Chaffee, and Sophia Hathaway.



Be Kind

New Engineering Science Class

Developed and taught by teachers, Mr. Francis and Mr. Goebel, students at NHS have a new course offering this year that is a unique combination of old-school shop classes with a 21st-century twist that allows students to fully engage with the design process used by Engineers, Architects, and Manufacturers. First semester, student groups designed tables for the lab and then built scale models of their tables. The scale model tables were sent over to Cronk Ace Hardware for judging and the winning design was used to build three full-scale, heavy-duty shop tables. During this process, students were learning shop safety, tools and uses, as well as learning how to make compound miter joint boxes in preparation for the big table build.



Our day-to-day routine involves the use of 3D Printers, a CNC machine, an Orturo laser engraver, power and hand tools, design software, along with learning the programming language Python which will be the foundation for the robotics portion of the course.

Currently, a number of our students are working with local businesses to help them find affordable, customized solutions designed and built by the students. Some projects in the works include customized cornhole boards, tables, Christmas ornaments, tap handles, wooden cup coasters, a cart corral, and more.

Government Class Trips



On November 4, Mrs. Westgate's Government classes went to Garfield Township Hall to experience the voting process after they researched the candidates and proposals on the ballot. The Deputy Clerk Ms. Blamer was there to talk about how voting works the day of the election, the absentee voting process and students were able to see a sample ballot. This was a great experience for students to learn about one of their most important civic duties! A big thank you to Garfield Township for welcoming us every year.



On November 21 & 22 Mrs. Westgate took her classes to the Newaygo County Courthouse as part of their Judicial Branch chapter. Judge Springstead welcomed all students in his courtroom to view the proceedings for the day, informed students of the judicial process and answered any questions students had. It was an amazing opportunity to see our local Judicial Branch in action! We would like to thank Judge Springstead for letting us sit in on his proceedings and Wendy Jarvis for helping make all the arrangements!

Art Class Travels to Chicago

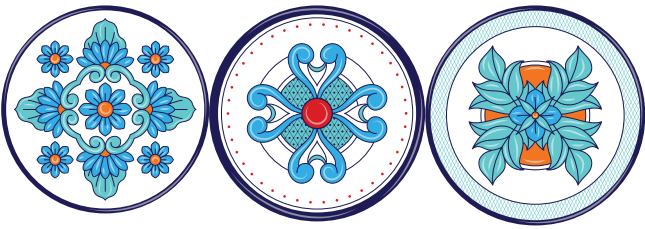


Students from Mrs. Hurrle's advanced art classes were invited to go to the Chicago Art Museum with other High Schools in Newaygo County. The trip was organized through TrueNorth's art committee. Students were able to explore downtown and view several large sculptures before entering the museum. Many students had never been out of Newaygo County or visited a city before. It was a memorable experience for everyone.



Sculpture & Ceramics

High School Sculpture and Ceramics students participated in TrueNorth's Empty bowls fundraiser for the local food pantry. Students used their imagination to design bowls that were given to participants that ate soup at the fundraiser.



High School Students Prepare for Life After High School



The senior class has been busy this fall preparing their post-secondary plans. They have listened and gathered information from various guest speakers who have stopped by to visit from colleges, trade schools, apprenticeship programs and different branches of the military. Seniors are also hard at work completing applications and scholarships. At the beginning of November, more than 250 applications were submitted to colleges, universities and trade schools. Over 700 scholarships have been applied for... and counting! Stay tuned as we will share more exciting news of their future plans!

A very excited Zoey Botma (pictured above) receives a college acceptance letter over her phone! Heading to Montcalm Community College for a degree as a Corrections Officer.

College & Career Night Out

On September 29th, students from Newaygo County schools were invited to Fremont High School to attend the annual "College and Career Night Out" hosted by the Fremont Area Community Foundation and "We Can" Newaygo County. There were informational sessions and a college and career fair where students could meet with representatives from colleges, universities, trade schools, career training programs and military branches. Students were also able to learn more about FAFSA, scholarships, Early College Newaygo County, the Promise Zone and the Newaygo County Career-Tech Center.



Student Athletic Leadership Summit

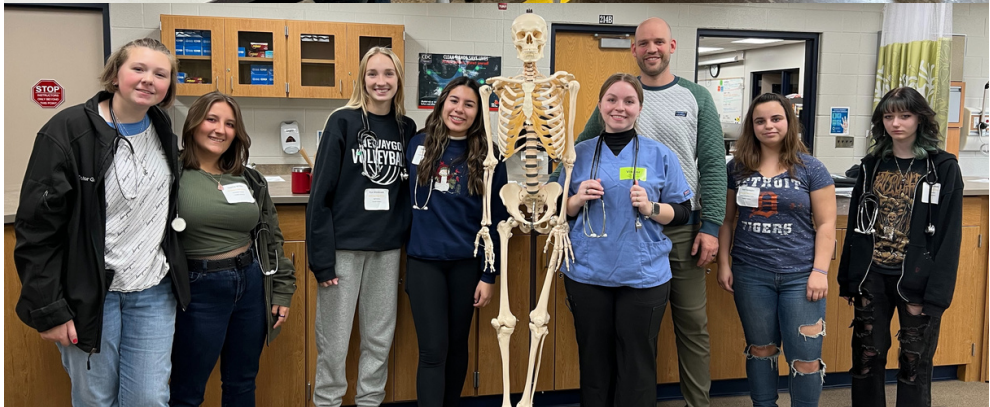
On November 14th, nine Newaygo Athletes attended the MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit in Grand Rapids. Workshop sessions focused on sportsmanship both on and off the court and featured hands-on activities including one session developed and instructed by members of the MHSAA Student Advisory Council. At the end of the day the delegation from each participating school met to develop a school sportsmanship campaign. Breakouts at each Summit provided a great opportunity for student sections to learn about appropriate student section behavior.



Sophomore Class Visits Career Tech Center

On Friday, December 2nd, the sophomore class visited the Newaygo County Career Tech Center. Sophomores were given the opportunity to choose two programs to visit and learn more about in preparation for scheduling their 2023/24 junior classes.

Fifteen different technical programs are offered for juniors and seniors at the Tech Center. Pictured are sophomores visiting the Automotive program and the Health Sciences program.



Newaygo Marching Band



On Saturday, November 5th, Newaygo Marching Band competed at the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) State Championship at Ford Field in Detroit. Newaygo placed 5th in the Flight 5 competition which is one of the most competitive flights in MCBA.



Newaygo High School Jazz Band entertains the crowds at Newaygo Christmas Walk





FALL ALL CONFERENCE PLAYERS

Football:

Grant Harkness-1st Team All Conference
Remy Wells- 1st Team All Conference
Dylan Bazzett-1st Team All Conference
Josiah Long- 1st Team All Conference
Isaiah Lopez- Honorable Mention

Volleyball:

Elsha Jibson- Honorable Mention

Soccer:

Alex Hall- 1st Team All Conference
Deegan Hall- 1st Team All Conference
Ezra Foster- Honorable Mention

Cross Country:

Remington Arney- 1st Team All Conference
Elizabeth Chaffee- Honorable Mention
Zoey Walerczyk- Honorable Mention

Golf

Addison Gorby- Honorable Mention



Remy Wells (top) and Grant Harkness (bottom) at the Homecoming football game.



Newwaygo Athletics



Cross Country team gets a picture under the fall foliage on a cool autumn day.



Remington Arney at the Michigan State University Cross Country Invite at Forest Akers East Golf Course.



The Varsity Volleyball Team shows off their Halloween costumes while preparing for district tournaments in October.



Newaygo Athletics

Pictured to the right: Newaygo Varsity Boys Soccer team and Brandy Taylor, their bus driver for their soccer events this season. The team showed their appreciation for Brandy by giving her a jersey. NPS truly has the best transportation team!



Deegan Hall-
Boys Varsity
Soccer



Addison Gorby
placed 14th out
of 40 athletes at
the CSAA
Championship
Golf Tournament.



Congratulations to the Newaygo Girls' Varsity Golf Team for finishing their first season! The girls worked hard and it showed! As a team, they took 155 strokes off of their scores! Way to go Lady Lions!





WINTER SPORTS

Athletic Director: Mike Fosburg

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mfosburg@newaygo.net

Girls Basketball: Head Coach, Nate Thomasma

231-652-1646 nthomasma@newaygo.net

JV Girls Basketball: Coach Zenn Timmer

Boys Basketball: Head Coach Jason Long

231-652-2100 jlong@newaygo.net

JV Boys Basketball: Coach Phil Ottinger

Freshman Boys Basketball: Coach Jacob Mayle

Varsity Wrestling: Coach Ray Coucke



Grace Painter, above, signs with Trinity to continue her soccer and academic career.



Lyda Lathrop, below, signs with Aquinas to continue her softball and academic career.

Newaygo Athletes Sign With Colleges to Continue Athletic Careers



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We are accepting registration for the 2022-23 school year

Register your child for preschool today!

BUILDING BRIDGES preschool
A NEWAYGO COUNTY STEA PROGRAM

FREE FULL DAY PROGRAM to those who qualify

Child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2022

Program locations:
Caton
Fremont
Grant
Hesperia
Newaygo
White Cloud

PARENT PAID Three and 4 Year Old Tuition Programs

Child must be 3 years old by September 1, 2022
Or
Child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2022

Program locations:
Fremont
Grant
Hesperia
Newaygo
White Cloud

To register call 231.652.1638 or email
BuildingBridgesPreschool@ncresa.org

No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age (within program guidelines), or disability.
Finding the help children need to succeed:
Children 0-5 with suspected delays/disabilities can be referred at any time.

Readiness Program

Remaining Dates for 22-23 School Year

December 20	Half Day for Students
December 21	No School - Begin Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 9	Late Start
January 13	Half Day for Students
January 16	No School - Teacher Work Day
January 23	Late Start
January 30	Late Start
February 6	Late Start
February 13	Late Start
February 17-20	No School - Winter Break
February 27	Late Start
March 6	Late Start
March 9	Grades 5-12 Lion Pride Night
March 13	Late Start
March 20	Late Start
March 20	Grades K-4 Parent Teacher Conferences
March 23	Grades K-4 Parent Teacher Conferences
March 27	Late Start
March 31-April 7	No School - Spring Break
May 26	Half-Day of School
May 29	No School - Memorial Day
June 6	Half-Day of School - Teacher Records in p.m.
June 7	Half-Day of School - Teacher Records in p.m. - Tentative Last Day of School

Alternate Days of Instruction:
If additional days of instruction are needed to comply with State requirements of minimal number of hours of instruction (1,098), they will be added at Winter Break (Feb. 17 and Feb. 20, and/or the end of the school year.)
Decision will be announced by
Feb. 3, 2023