



LIONS

NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

August 2015



*Experience the
Lion Pride!*

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year

NPS Back to School Events

Vera Wilsie Elementary School Open House – September 1 – 5:30-6:30p

Velma Matson Upper Elementary School Open House – September 1 – 6:00-7:00p

Middle School Open House for 5th & 6th grades – August 25 – 6:00-8:00p

Middle School Open House for 7th & 8th grades – August 26 – 6:00-8:00p

High School Registration for Grades 9-12 – August 24, 25, 2015 (see schedule below)

August 24, 2015

First Letter of Students Last Name	A-B	Noon-1:00
	C-D	1:00 – 2:00
	E-G	2:00 – 3:00
	H-J	4:00 – 5:00
	K-L	5:00 – 6:00

August 25, 2015

First Letter of Students Last Name	M-N	Noon-1:00
	O-P	1:00 – 2:00
	Q-R	2:00 – 3:00
	S-T	4:00 – 5:00
	U-Z	5:00 – 6:00

High School Registration will also be on August 26 from 12:00 noon to 3:00p and 4:00 – 6:00p on a first come, first served basis.

High School Registration for New Students only will be on August 27 from 8:00a to 3:00p.

New students should call in advance to make an appointment. 231.652.1646

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Thank You Parents for Your Support of Technology at NPS

As you know, the 2014-2015 school year was the first for NPS with a 1:1 computer to student ratio. We are fortunate to have been able to have our community support this with the passage of the technology bond a few years ago. We are proud to report that as student devices (iPads and Chromebooks) were distributed throughout the school year, our students were adequately prepared for the responsibility and took great care in making sure there wasn't excessive damage to the iPads and Chromebooks. This is something that all of us can be proud of! Here at NPS, we feel like our students were appreciative of the opportunity and respectful of the added responsibility. We also acknowledge that a computer alone does not improve learning for students. It is a *tool* that can streamline many tasks and can be used by students to access resources for learning that wasn't possible before. We also acknowledge that our teachers are learning new things all of the time in terms of integrating technology into their classroom. Apps, websites, and technology devices are all changing at a very rapid rate. We believe we have made wise choices in the purchase of these devices and our students have stepped up to the challenge to make sure the computers are used appropriately. As a learning community, we will keep working to stay on top of changes and new opportunities. As a result, our students will leave NPS with many skills that can be useful in their future jobs and in life. Thank you parents and community members for your support!

NEWAYGO MIDDLE SCHOOL E.T. CYBER CAFE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Newaygo Middle School of Newaygo, Michigan is currently looking for corporate businesses, local businesses, universities, colleges, families and individuals to donate or sponsor the E.T. Cyber Cafe. We are working on raising funds to change the library from a "passive warehouse" to a more active community center, learning center, study center, technology center to meet the needs of our 21st century learners.

Advances in technology and the wealth of information available online can appear to make rooms filled with books obsolete, however libraries are still very important! The Entrepreneurship and Technology (E.T.) Club students will think critically, collaborate, plan and create a cyber cafe in the library to build a career-focused and college-going culture within our district. The E.T. Club students will gain exposure to a college-going culture, learn job skills to increase the likelihood that they're going to be able to be successful in an employment situation. The club will create a sense of community and transform the library into a user-friendly space with 21st century services to ensure the library stays viable. This project will immerse kids in business and technology skills that top colleges and employers are seeking, while maximizing the social and interactive nature of the physical library space and preserving the book experience. The E.T. Cyber Cafe will encourage the students to come to the library to read, work and use the technology.

Our fundraising goal for The E.T. Cyber Cafe is \$21,600. This includes electronics, reading apps, furniture, cafe equipment, college decor and basic start up businesses expenses. Your contribution will bring us one step closer to providing Newaygo Middle School students a 21st Century learning environment. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

Top Level Sponsor: \$5,000 Acknowledged as the official E.T. Cyber Cafe Sponsor on all E.T. Cyber Cafe signage, sponsor wall, and on printed promotional material.

Doctorate Sponsorship: \$2,000 Acknowledged as a sponsor on E.T. Cyber Cafe furniture, sponsor wall and on printed promotional material.

Master's Sponsorship: \$1,000 Acknowledged as a sponsor on an E.T. Cyber Cafe electronic, sponsor wall, and on printed promotional material.

Bachelor's Sponsorship: \$500 Acknowledged on sponsor wall and on printed promotional material.

Associate Sponsorship: \$250 Acknowledged on printed promotional material.

Please return your tax-deductible contribution to the Newaygo Middle School, 850 E. 76th St., POB 820, Newaygo, MI 49337 Attn: Jaime Harkness, E.T. Cyber Cafe Coordinator. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (231) 720.5032 or by email at jharkness@newaygo.net. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Jaime Harkness
E.T. Cyber Cafe Coordinator
Newaygo Middle School
The E.T. Cyber Cafe

Brad Reyburn
NMS Principal



SPONSORSHIP FORM 2015

Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Indicate business, family, or school name on one line for promotional print and sponsor wall:

Check the sponsorship opportunity you are interested in:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top Level Sponsor: \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Sponsorship: \$2,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Sponsorship: \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Sponsorship: \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Sponsorship: \$250 | |

Total Sponsorship Contribution: _____

Make checks payable to: Newaygo Public Schools Memo: E.T. Cyber Cafe

Please copy this sponsorship form and check for use as your tax-deductible contribution. Send form and payment to the Newaygo Middle School, 850 E. 76th St., POB 820, Newaygo, MI 49337 Attn: Jaime Harkness, E.T. Cyber Cafe Coordinator. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (231) 720.5032 or by email at jharkness@newaygo.net. Thank you, in advance, for your support.



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newsletter on
district website!
www.newaygo.net

Art Department Partners with Camp Newaygo

On Saturday, June 20th, Newaygo Public School's art students had a chance to show off their serving skills and positive attitudes to help earn money for NPS Art Department. Newaygo art students partnered with Camp Newaygo's Ridge Catering to help serve a gourmet meal for one of its "Dinners on the Ridge" series. The funds raised will help purchase items not covered by the art program's regular budget, such as sending students on field trips to Art Prize, and purchasing new paintbrushes and display boards. It was a lot of fun and a great learning experience for the students!



PROJECT CITIZEN PLANS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CHILD HUNGER 2015-16 School Year!

Attention 5th Grade Students! As part of Project Citizen, you will focus on ending child hunger this year!

Nearly 16 million kids in America today are at risk of hunger—that's enough to fill nearly 8,000 playgrounds. How can Project Citizen make a difference? It's easy. Just look for the red pushpin on specially marked packages of ConAgra Foods® brands and Kings Hawaiian® breads—at the grocery or in your pantry—save the labels and bring them to 5th grade in September!

The Project Citizen students will enter the 8 digit codes from each label. For every code entered by January 2016, ConAgra Foods will donate 10 cents, the cost for Feeding America to provide one meal through its network of local food banks.

Project Citizen will help end child hunger, but we need your help! Save the ConAgra Food labels and bring them to school next year! Project Citizen ConAgra Food label goal: 500 labels! Start collecting now and help feed America!

See you soon!
Mrs. Harkness
Project Citizen Coordinator



*Participating brands include: Banquet, Chef Boyardee, Hunts, Marie Callenders, King Hawaiian, Pam, Reddi Wip, Snack Pack, Hunt's Manwich, Wesson, Healthy Choice, Peter Pan, Rosarita, Van Camps, Wolf Brand Chili, Act II, Egg Beaters, Meuller's, Tennessee Pride, Lofthouse Cookies, Parkay, Libby's, Blue Bonnet

<http://www.childhungerendshere.com/hunger-statistics/>

Approval Date:

Approved for

STEP 1 List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper)

STEP 2 Do any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR? Circle one: Yes / No

STEP 3

A. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn income. Please include the TOTAL income earned by all Household Members listed in STEP 1 here.

Crit'd Income	Weekly	Bt-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$				

B. All Adult Household Members (including yourself)

List all Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any source, write "0". If you enter "0" or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)	How often?				Earnings from Work	Public Assistance/ Child Support/Alimony				How often?				Pensions/Retirement/ All Other Income	How often?						
	Weekly	Bt-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly		Weekly	Bt-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Weekly	Bt-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly								
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Total Household Members <small>(Children and Adults)</small>									
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Check if no SSN

Contact information and adult signature

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.*

Street Address (if available)	Apt #	City	State	Zip	Daytime Phone and Email (optional)
Printed name of adult completing the form					Today's date

OPTIONAL

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community.
Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one):

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more):

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Verification

For School Use Only

Date Selected for Verification:

Date Follow-up/Second Notice:

Date of Adverse Notice Sent:

Confirming Officials Signature:

Follow-up Official's Signature:

Response Due from Household:

Verification Official's Signature:

FAP/IFP/FDPIR/Foster Eligibility	Income		Verification Results		Reason for Eligibility Change	
Not confirmed	\$		Free to Reduced	Income		
Confirmed:		Weekly	Free to Paid	Household Size		
Department of Human Services		Every 2 weeks	Reduced to Free	Refused to Cooperate		
Notice of Eligibility		Twice a month	Reduced to Paid	Other _____		
		Monthly	No Change			
		Annual				

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Determining Official's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date Dropped/Withdrawn: _____

District News

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—name, address, and telephone listing—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

Publications Rights & Privacy

Parents of Newaygo Public Schools' students are hereby notified that the school often publishes, for public view, the names, pictures and/or video of Newaygo students. The purpose varies and may involve honor rolls, attendance lists, special awards, athletic rosters, etc. If, for any reason, you do not wish your child's name or photo to be published, please contact your child's school office immediately.

This notice is in compliance with the Rights and Privacy Act, P.L. 93.380.

Rights Regarding Student Records

All parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and all student 18 years of age or older have the right, pursuant to the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1979, to examine the Newaygo Public School office records, files and data relating directly to the student. They also have the right to challenge any of the contents of said records to insure their accuracy and fairness. The procedure for examining students' records simply requires a written or verbal enquire to the principal of the school. The principal shall, within 10 school days, provide the parent, guardian or adult student with access to the records. Unusual circumstances allow the principal to issue a notice extending the response time to not more than ten additional days. Should the parent, guardian or adult student wish to challenge the records, an appeal is made to the principal. If the principal decides that the material in question is accurate and fair, and the parent, guardian or adult student disagrees, the principal's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent's office, and eventually to the Board of Education. If it is rejected the individual must pursue his/her complaint with the Secretary of the Michigan Department of Education.

Destruction of Special Education Records

Personally identifiable special education records no longer needed for educational purposes will be destroyed after a student graduates from high school or reaches age twenty-seven, whichever comes first. Special education records required under state and federal law will be maintained on file without time limits. The aforementioned does not prohibit the periodic cleaning of files of material that are no longer needed, or are not relevant to the educational planning required under state and federal law; i.e., absence excuses, notes from parents, etc.

Medication Policy Reminder

Please remember that all medication needs to be brought to the school by a parent or guardian in its original container. In addition, a parent/guardian must complete a medication permission form before any medication may be given to a child at school.

No medication is to be sent with a child to school on the bus. Thank you.

Required Immunizations

Michigan law requires that all students must be immunized against communicable diseases in order to attend school. The State of Michigan Health Department and Newaygo County Health Department determine the requirements and exclusion date. Newaygo students who are not up-to-date on their immunizations will be excluded from school. Rules are that DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis) and TD and Polio boosters are required after 4 years of age. NO MATTER the number of doses given before 4 years of age. Two MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccines are required, being at least one month apart. There are also 3 doses of Hepatitis B required. Effective 2002-03 school year Varicella (chicken pox) immunization is required. Only one dose is required if received on or after 1st birthday but prior to the student's 13th birthday OR 2 doses are required one month apart if the child received the first dose after their 13th birthday. These diseases are very serious and life threatening. Keep your child up-to-date with immunizations.

Student Harassment

It is a violation of school policy, and often of law, for any student to harass or intimidate another student or staff member. If a student is the victim of any unwanted sexual conduct or communications or of derogatory communications or conduct concerning his/her gender, religion, race, ethnic group, or disability, the student should report such behavior to the office. All reports shall be kept confidential and shall be investigated as soon as possible.

Staff Harassment

It is a violation of school policy, and often of law, for any staff member to harass or intimidate another staff member or student. If a staff member is the victim of any unwanted sexual conduct or communications or of derogatory communications or conduct concerning his/her gender, religion, race, ethnic group, or disability, she/he should report such behavior to his/her supervisor. All reports shall be kept confidential and shall be investigated as soon as possible.

District News

As we begin a new school year, it will be helpful to review a few items concerning our school bus routes and policies. There will be single morning and afternoon bus routes. All students will ride the same bus to and from school. Students should arrive at their assigned bus stop each morning five minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time. Pick up times will be similar to last year.

Preschool parents, you must be at a bus stop before a child will be dropped off. It is not mandatory that parents of kindergartners be at the bus stop, but it is very helpful to the child and the drivers if the parent is visible. Please be sure your child wears the bus tag for the first couple of weeks of school to help with correct bus assignments.

Parents, when you make changes for child care or when a student changes residence, staff at the bus garage must be notified in writing. A separate written notice of the change should be given to the child's school. Children are assigned to buses based upon the child's address the school has on file. Children will be dropped off at the address that is on file.

We ask when you are filling out your transportation forms that you choose only one place for your child to be taken, either home or sitter, not both. Your child may be picked up at one location and dropped off at another, but your child needs to be dropped at the same place all week. If you are changing sitters and a permanent change needs to be made, please give us 48 hours notice of the change.

Students may ride their assigned bus to and from school, according to the school policy. Bus changes are not allowed on a daily basis. Any permanent change must be received in writing and approved by the transportation supervisor before it will be implemented.

It is important to note that Newaygo Public Schools transports more than 3,000 students each day. These policies are designed to protect our students.

Please review the bus rules with your child before the school year begins.

Pest Management

As part of our pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please submit a letter to : Dr. Peggy Mathis, Superintendent., Newaygo Public Schools, P.O. Box 820, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education meets on the third Monday of every month. Meetings are held in the Library of the Newaygo High School, 200 East St., Newaygo, MI 49337. Meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting Minutes are available on the district website. www.newaygo.net

Anyone with questions regarding any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education is invited to contact any member of the Board of Education or Superintendent Peggy Mathis at (231) 652-6984. Minutes of any meeting of the Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education are available for review in the school district's administration office, 360 S. Mill Street, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Board of Education

Bret Brummel, President	Vince Grodus, Vice-President
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Non-Discrimination Policy

Newaygo Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, disability, or any other protected characteristics in its education programs, activities, administrations or employment policies, as required in Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, Executive Order 11246, as amended, Section 799A and 845 of the Public Health Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Equal Pat Act.

Inquiries concerning the application of, or grievances for, any of these regulations should be addressed to Peggy Mathis, Newaygo Public Schools, 360 S. Mill Street, P.O. Box 820, Newaygo, MI 49337.



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NPS Drug Policy

In accordance with federal law, the Newaygo Public School Board of Education prohibits of use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs on school grounds, in school or school approved vehicles, or at any school-related event.

Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, any controlled substance as defined by state statute, or any substance that could be considered a “look-a-like” controlled substance.

Compliance with this policy is mandatory. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by state law, the district will also notify law enforcement officials.

If you are aware of a student who is victim to alcohol or drug abuse, please contact the child’s principal, counselor, or social worker immediately. At Newaygo Public Schools, we are concerned about our students and will readily facilitate the process of providing help through programs and services available in the community.

Memo to Parents Regarding Blood Borne Pathogens

Federal regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace are designed to protect employees of the District who are, or could be, exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment. Part of the Federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request the person who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and/or HIV. This information would then be provided to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment. The law does not require parents or guardian to grant permission for the examination of their child’s blood, but it does require the District to request that consent.

Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we want to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way if the situation does develop, you will understand the reason for our request and will have had an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation, we can prevent them from spreading. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s building principal.

Notice of Non-Discrimination and Grievance Procedures

for Titles II, VI, VII, IX, Section 504, Age Act and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Board of Education declares it to be the policy of this school district to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, creed, age, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the district, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this District. If any person believes that the Newaygo Public School District, or any part of the school organization has inadequately applies the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title II, VI or VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Act, (5) the Americans with Disability Act, he/she may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance.

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally on a verbal basis with the local coordinator (NPS Superintendent) who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. He/she may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1: A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) business days after the coordinator’s response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.

Step 3: If the complainant remains dissatisfied, he/she may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receipt of the Superintendent’s response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within forty (40) days of such appeal. A copy of the Board’s disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days.

Step 4: If, at this point, the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 600 Superior Avenue, Room 750, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Inquiries concerning non-discriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

District News



New Athletic Director

For the 2015-2016 school year, Mr. Adam DeShano, Principal of Vera Wilsie Elementary School, will also be the NHS Athletic Director. Mr. Nate Thomasma will assume full-time teaching duties. As our enrollment patterns change, we continue to make strategic changes in terms of staffing to ensure the financial health of the district. We thank Mr. Thomasma for his outstanding work as an A.D. and ask that you lend your support to Mr. DeShano as he accepts the added responsibilities.

NPS Athletics

For high school sports, the MHSAA establishes dates for the start of practice. They are as follows:

Boys & Girls Cross Country – August 12

Football – August 10

Soccer – August 12

Volleyball – August 12

All student-athletes must have a physical on file before they can practice. For middle school sports, youth sports, and coach contact information, please check the NPS website as information will be posted there as it becomes available.

Joe Berger Returns to NHS to Work With Student-Athletes

In June, Joe Berger, NHS & Michigan Tech Graduate, and current professional football player, took time out of his schedule to work with our youngest student-athletes. While billed as a football camp, there were many students (both male and female) in attendance. The goal of the camp was to have young people participate in healthy exercises, competition, and games which may or may have been football-related. Perhaps most importantly, Joe impressed upon the students the importance of hard work and faith as well as never giving up. Multiple students won prizes at the end of the two-day event.

THANK YOU JOE for giving back to your hometown.

We appreciate you!



NHS Graduate and Davenport University Softball Coach Kristen Miedema conducted a youth softball clinic in July. Thank you Coach Miedema for giving back!



Boys Youth Basketball Camp. Conducted by HS Coaches & Players.



6th, 7th, 8th Graders Volleyball Camp



Girls Basketball Camps. Conducted by HS Basketball Coaches and Players.

6th, 7th, 8th Graders at basketball camp.

Youth Volleyball Camps.
Thanks to *Inside Out Volleyball* Staff and HS Players and Coaches for teaching!

3rd, 4th, 5th Graders Volleyball Camp



3rd, 4th, & 5th graders at basketball camp



**NEWAYGO FOOTBALL
SIGN UP FOR GOLF SCRAMBLE 2015
Saturday August 29th New Date**

@ VILLAGE GREEN GOLF Club

4 person Team: \$50/player includes cart/lunch and hole events

Hole Sponsorship: \$100/hole includes sign

We moved it so we would actually be in football season with all the excitement of those Friday nights under the lights !!!!! Good fun, food, and really nice people, don't miss it. All that plus it is a great fund raiser for our football team. Be there and on the field Thursday and Friday nights this fall.

Saturday, August 29th Shotgun start is at 8:30 am

TEAM SIGN UP \$50/person cash or check made out to: NPS Football

Get your four person team together and be ready to come out for a great morning of fun. All skill levels welcome.

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Hole Sponsorship is a great way to show your support for this program and has been supported by local businesses, families and individuals.

HOLE SPONSORSHIP Fee is \$100 per hole cash or check made out to NPS Football

A sign will be made (or we already have it) with your name/company name on it and will be placed on one of the holes.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Please let us know ASAP if you will have a TEAM or will be SPONSORING a Hole.

You can pay the day of the event.

Contact Info is: Cindy Blamer email: cblamer@newaygo.net, cell: 231-519-2258 or work 231 652-3799

2015-2016 School Calendar



August 28	New Teacher Workday
August 31	First Day for Staff– Professional Development
September 1, 2, 3	Professional Development Days/Work Day
September 8	First Day of School for Students
November 6	End of First Marking Period
November 9	Half-Day Students; Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00 & 5:00-8:00p
November 12	K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.
November 25, 26, 27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1	No School- Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 22	Half-Day Students; End of 1st Semester—Records Day in p.m.
January 25	No School for Students; Records & Professional Development
February 18	Half-Day Students; Begin Mid-Winter Break
February 19	No School - Mid-Winter Break
February 22*	No School - Mid-Winter Break
March 14	No School for Students; Teacher P.D. in a.m., Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00p
March 15	NPS Lion Pride Night 5:00-8:00p
March 24	End of Third Marking Period
March 25	No School - Good Friday
April 1	No School - Spring Break
April 4-8	No School - Spring Break
May 30	No School - Memorial Day
June 9	Half-Day Students; Records Day in p.m.
June 10	Half-Day Students; Records Day in p.m. 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 on dates indicated and/or the end of the school year.



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Lunch Prices for 2015-16 School Year

Velma Matson/Vera Wilsie Elementary	\$1.55
High School/Middle School	\$1.80
Adult Meals	\$2.80
Reduced Meals	\$.40

Monthly Lunch Menus can be found on the NPS website. www.newaygo.net

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Mary Anne Charette, Food Service Director (231) 652-9286

Lunch Menu for Tuesday, September 8

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**First Day of School for Students
September 8, 2015**

School Day Times for 2015-16

Vera Wilsie (Grades K-1) 8:20a – 3:25p
Velma Matson (Grades 2-4) 8:15a – 3:20p
Middle School (Grade 5) 8:07a – 3:12p
Middle School (Grades 6-8) 8:12a – 3:12p
High School (Grades 9-12) 8:05a – 3:02p

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