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August 2019

Welcome Back to NPS

Welcome Back!

I hope you have enjoyed the summer! While we have not been busy with construction of a new and renovated elementary building like the last few summers, there has been other work going on in and around the district facilities. This includes roof work at the middle school and high school, parking lot replacement at the high school and site work at the Newaygo Elementary playground to improve the drainage. While none of this may be as exciting as building and opening new areas of the elementary school, this work is important, none-the-less. In addition to preparation and improvements of facilities and grounds, many of our staff members and students work on preparation and improvement of their skills. Teachers spend time reading and/or participating in professional development to enhance their craft and many of our students attend camps and/or participate in reading challenges to improve their academic or athletic skills in preparation for the upcoming year. The point here is this; LEARNING NEVER STOPS. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, student or not a student, learning is a year-round venture. I hope you have been able to find time with family and friends this summer as we gear up for 2019-2020. While we are starting a new school year, we can recognize that this new start is really a continuation of life-long learning for all of us. Here's to a fruitful and successful 2019-2020 for everyone!

With Pride and Respect,
Dr. Peggy A, Mathis

Orientation & Registrations

K-4	Newaygo Elementary	Open House - August 21	5:30 - 6:30 p.m
5-6	Newaygo Middle School	Registration - August 13	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
7-8	Newaygo Middle School	Registration - August 14	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
New Students	Newaygo High School	Registration - August 12	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Freshmen & Parents	Newaygo High School	Orientation - August 12	6 :30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
10-12	Newaygo High School	Registration - August 13	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m./1:00-3:00 p.m.
		Registration - August 14	9:00 a.m. - Noon

Newaygo Elementary: 231.652.2100 Newaygo Middle School: 231.652.1285 Newaygo High School: 231.652.1646

Feel free to contact individual buildings for more details.
First Day of School: Monday, August 26, 2019



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Part I: New Staff to NPS for 2019-20 School Year

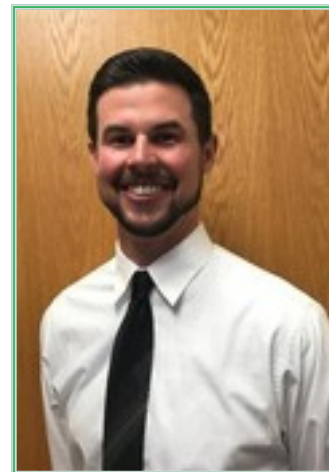
Corinne Gerke is joining the Newaygo Middle School team in the Fall of 2019. The school board approved her hiring at the July 15, 2019 meeting. Most recently, Corinne taught in the Muskegon Orchard View school system and prior to that, she taught in alternative and adult education programs here at Newaygo. We look forward to her joining our staff!



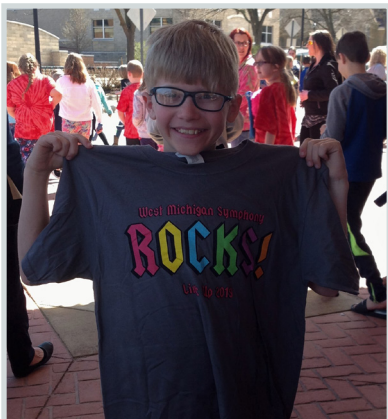
Taylor Hills has spent the last few years teaching and working in Chicago. A Newaygo High School graduate, she is excited to return home and help our young people. The board approved her hiring at the July 15, 2019 meeting, and she will be teaching English at the high school. Welcome Back to NHS Taylor!



Craig Thompson is the new Assistant Principal at Newaygo High School. The school board approved his hiring at the May 20, 2019 meeting. Most recently, Craig was a teacher at Shelby High School and before that taught at Alpena High School. We look forward to him joining our staff in August as Ms. Rodriguez retired in June 2019.



Look for more New Staff Highlights in the next newsletter!



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

On Wednesday, April 24, the fourth grade students of Newaygo Elementary traveled to the Muskegon Frauenthal to perform with students from all over West Michigan. The students played two songs on their recorders and sang three songs along with the orchestra, one in Latin! The West Michigan Symphony performed multiple pieces, many of which were interactive so that students could practice beat, rhythm, musical phrasing, and learn about the instruments of the orchestra. It was a fantastic experience for our students, most of whom have never seen a live orchestral performance. At the end of the concert, the drum line from Mona Shores High School gave us an exciting performance. The orchestra even shot T-shirts from a large sling shot. Dawson VanDoorne (pictured left) was fortunate enough to catch one! We are thankful that this trip was made possible by a transportation grant from Michigan Youth Arts.



NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019- 20 School Calendar

August 19,20,21	Professional Development
August 26	First Day of School for Students
August 30-Sept. 2	No School - Labor Day Weekend
October 7	Late Start
October 7	Parent - Teacher Conferences - Grades 5-12 - 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
October 10	Parent - Teacher Conferences - Grades 5-12 - 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
October 14	Late Start
October 21	Late Start
October 25	End of First Marking Period
October 28	Late Start
November 4	Late Start
November 7	Parent - Teacher Conferences - Grades K-4 - 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
November 11	Late Start
November 11	Parent - Teacher Conferences - Grades K-4 - 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
November 15	No School - Deer Day
November 18	Late Start
November 25	Late Start
November 27	Half-Day of School - Begin Thanksgiving Break
November 28-29	No School - Thanksgiving Weekend
December 20	Half-Day of School - Begin Christmas Break
December 23-January 3	No School - Christmas Break
January 6	School Resumes
January 6	Late Start
January 13	Late Start
January 17	Half-Day of School - End of First Semester - Teacher Records in p.m.
January 20	Late Start
January 27	Late Start
February 3	Late Start
February 10	Late Start
February 17	Late Start
February 21-24	No School - Winter Break
March 2	Late Start
March 9	Late Start
March 16	Late Start
March 16	Parent - Teacher Conferences - Grades K - 4 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 17	Grades 5 -8 Lion Pride Night 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. & P-T Conferences 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 17	Grades 9-12 P-T Conferences 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Lion Pride Night 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 19	Parent Teacher Conferences - Grades K-12 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 20	End of Third Marking Period
March 23	Late Start
April 3- April 10	No School - Spring Break
April 13	Late Start
April 20	Late Start
May 22	Half - Day of School
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
June 3	Half - Day of School - Teacher Records in p.m.
June 4	Half - Day of School - Last Day of School

Late Start - School will begin one hour later than normal and morning bus routes will run one hour later in the morning on these days.
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 (first on February 21 and then on February 24), and/or the end of the school year.

Mark Your Calendar



Newaygo Public Schools will host a
Color Splash FUNDrum by Get Active Fundraising
on September 8th, 2019

Newaygo Public Schools will host the inaugural community wide Color Splash FUNDrum by Get Active Fundraising on September 8th, 2019, at 2p.m. to raise money for the Emma L. Graham Scholarship Fund. The Color Splash FUNDrum is an untimed 5K fun run for all ages and fitness abilities. Walk, jog, or run to the finish line! Along the route, participants pass through vibrant color zones, making it a “colorful experience.” This event is fun for all ages and a great way to make running fun and exciting! Additionally, during the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. “Rather than sell goods, we want to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative that aims to encourage a life-long healthy way of living,” says Gena Dietz. Participants that register by 8/26/19 will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet.

You can sign up for the run by visiting
secure.getactivefundraising.com and searching for your event or by
completing a paper registration form.

Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. This is a great way to promote for any business and support your community. Please contact the event organizer for more information.

At A Glance

WHAT: Color Splash FUNDrum by Get Active Fundraising for Emma L. Graham Scholarship Fund

WHEN: September 8th, 2019 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Newaygo Middle School 850 E. 76th St. Newaygo, MI 49337

REGISTER: secure.getactivefundraising.com

CONTACT: Gena Dietz – 231-652-1646

A Special Thank You

Newaygo Public Schools has supported me throughout my 3-year journey with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Thanks to all of the NPS staff, teachers, administrators, coaches, athletic teams, friends and families. You have all helped me stay positive and gain the courage to overcome cancer. I am now a cancer survivor! I couldn't have done it without the support given to me from everyone at Newaygo Public Schools and the community.

I appreciate all of you and look forward to an amazing senior year at Newaygo High School!

With Lion Pride,
Trevir Kral



2019-20 Administration

Peggy Mathis, Superintendent	652-6984
Kristin Melvin, Business Manager	652-6984
Brad Reyburn, H.S.Principal	652-1646
Craig Thompson, Assistant H.S. Principal	652-1646
Steve Bush, M.S. Principal	652-1285
Jim Grugett, Assistant M.S. Principal	652-1285
Adam DeShano, Asst. Elementary Principal.....	652-2100
Candy Wells, Elementary Principal	652-2100
Bud Gould, Dir. Building & Grounds	652-9313
Chris Cronk, Dir. Transportation	652-1112
Mary Anne Charette, Dir. Food Service	652-9286
Scott Van Essen, Director Athletics	652-1646
Walter Aslakson, Technology Director	652-1646

Required Notifications

Transporation

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 kindergarteners 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 filing 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.

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.

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 statue, 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 hand-books, 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.

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.

Vision/Hearing Screening

The Newaygo County Health Department is required by law to provide hearing and vision screening to pre-school and school-aged children. Technicians are in our schools providing this service at certain grades throughout your child’s school experience. If you do not wish to have your child screened for vision and hearing, please notify your school office.

Pest Management

Advisory To Parents / Guardians

State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that Newaygo Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application. Advance notification of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school, which is located at:

- o Newaygo High School, 200 East St., Newaygo, MI 49337
- o Newaygo Middle School, 850 E. 76th St., Newaygo, MI 49337
- o Velma Matson Upper Elementary School, 29 E. Post St., Newaygo, MI 49337
- o Vera Wilsie Elementary School, 140 Main St., Newaygo, MI 49337

The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

Posting in a public, common area of the school, other than an entrance.
We will post in the main office of the building.

Posting information on the school web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete the Advanced Notification form and return it to our office.

Questions may be directed to: Dr. Peggy Mathis, Superintendent, Newaygo Public Schools at (231) 652-6984 or at pmathis@newaygo.net

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

Request for Advance Notification by First Class Mail Form can be found on the District's website. www.newaygo.net or one can be picked up at the Administration Office, 360 S. Mill St., Newaygo, MI 49337.

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.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Newaygo Public Schools has evaluated its facilities, services, policies, and practices as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations. Individuals with disabilities, and other interested parties, are invited to participate in an ongoing assessment by contacting the Superintendent at the Administration Office, 360 S. Mill St., Newaygo, MI 49337. Other inquiries about the Americans with Disabilities Act may be made to: U.S. Department of Justice, Washington D.C. 20530.

Minimizing Food Allergy Exposure

Newaygo Public Schools understands that food allergies can be life threatening. Recognizing that the risk of accidental exposure to foods can be reduced in the school setting, we are committed to working with students, parents/guardians, and physicians to minimize risks and provide a safe, educational environment food-allergic students.

Accordingly, the superintendent shall direct the person in charge of the food service programs to act affirmatively and work closely with the parents/guardians to assure that the dietary needs of food-allergic students are taken into consideration in menu planning for the district's food service programs.

Policy on Bullying

Bullying is a form of harassment. For the purposes of this policy, "bullying" is defined as: "The repeated intimidation, or emotional abuse of others by the infliction of harm of any kind to the person or property of others whether real or threatened, as transmitted verbally, in writing, or electronically transmitted (often referred to as "cyber bullying") either in or outside of school. It may include, but not be limited to, actions such as verbal, written, or electronically transmitted taunts, name-calling and put-downs, including ethnically-based or gender based put-downs, extortion or attempted extortion of money or possessions, and systematic exclusion from peer groups within school." Such conduct is disruptive of the educational process and, therefore, bullying is not acceptable behavior in this District, and is prohibited.

Students who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any school function, in connection to or with any District sponsored activity or event, while enroute to or from school, or outside of school hours if the bullying is likely to carry some connection to, or have an effect upon, the school environment, are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion. As may be required by law, law enforcement officials shall be notified of bullying incidents.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations and programs that will increase awareness of the problem of bullying, and train teachers and other staff to intervene effectively if bullying is witnessed in their presence or brought to their attention.

In designing administrative regulations and anti-bullying programs or strategies, the Superintendent should consult with the greater school community, including students.

This policy shall not be interpreted to prohibit a reasoned and civil exchange of opinions, or debate that is protected by state or federal law.

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.

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 a 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.

Smoke-Free Policy

In the interest of providing a safe and healthy environment for students, employees and visitors, and in accordance with the Michigan Clean Indoor Act, P.A. 198 1986, Smoking is Prohibited in all school district facilities. Additionally, there will be no use of tobacco products on district grounds anywhere or at anytime. The use of tobacco products by any persons in violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. The Tobacco Free Schools law make the violation of this policy a misdemeanor with a fine of \$50.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement
For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, State or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement: In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

High School News



Newaygo Junior Hudson Harkness (pictured above with U.S. Representative, Bill Huizenga) recently attended the Washington Journalism and Media Conference held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He was nominated to attend the conference by his yearbook teacher Mrs. Alexis Mercer. Hudson was accepted to this prestigious week-long conference for students pursuing journalism based on his resume and media examples. Hudson is working towards a career in sports journalism and broadcasting.

During the conference, Hudson networked with students from all over world. He learned from many different speakers who have successful careers in journalism, including Susan Goldberg, Editor for National Geographic; Shermichael Singleton, Republic Consultant for CNN; Scott Jackson, Post and Pre Game Host Washington Redskins, among many others! The week included practice scenarios, pitching stories and giving an elevator pitch. This included researching and collaborating with others. Hudson was also responsible for writing a blog of his experience each day.

NHS Sporty News

2019 MHSAA First Official Days of Practice for High School Sports

Boys and Girls Cross Country	August 12	Coach Alexis Mercer, amick@newaygo.net
Football	August 12	Coach Scott Van Essen, svanessen@newaygo.net
Boys Soccer	August 12	Coach Jason Long, jlong@newaygo.net
Volleyball	August 14	Coach Kristin Melvin, kmelvin@newaygo.net

Joe Berger Youth Football Camp

The 7th Annual Joe Berger Youth Football Camp was held at Newaygo High School on July 16th. Two-hundred kids, kindergarten through eighth grade, from several different school districts were active during the camp.

Thank you to the following individuals for helping with the success of the camp:

Joe Berger (NHS Alum and 13 Year NFL Veteran), Newaygo Public Schools, Coach Van Essen, Coach Moore, Coach Goodin, Coach Dornbos, Coach Gracik, Officer Rood, Mary Ann Charette, Military Recruiters, the NHS JV and Varsity Football Players and numerous volunteers.

Thanks also to these sponsors: Scott Swinehart, Edward Jones; Caleb Conklin, Newaygo Fitness; and Jim Corey, Jimmy's Roadhouse. Kevin Harkness, Joe Berger Camp Coordinator



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NPS is always accepting applications for Substitute Cooks.

Interested candidates should contact Mary Anne Charette, Food Service Director at 231 652-9286.



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P.O. Box 820, 360 Mill Street, Newaygo, MI 49337

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that Newaygo Public Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2019-2020.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household to **fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E- Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at (231) 652-9286 or mcharette@newaygo.net.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Charette

Food Service Director



INSTRUCTIONS for Completing the Household Information Report

A household member is any child or adult living with you.

IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES BENEFITS FROM THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP), FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP), OR FDPIR PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A: Enter the total number of individuals living in your household, including all children in the box provided.

Part B: List the case number for any household member (including adults) receiving FAP, FIP, or FDPIR benefits

Part C: List the First and Last name, Birth Date, School that the child is attending, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part D: Skip this part

Part E: Sign the form. Print your name and Date.

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DOES NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP), FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP), OR FDPIR PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A: List the total number of individuals living in your household, including all children.

Part B: Skip this part.

Part C: List the First and Last name, Birth Date, School that the child is attending, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part D: Enter all gross income for each type of income that applies. If you have no income for any 1 or more of the categories, Circle NONE if no income. Add lines 1-6 and enter the Total Monthly Household Income.

Part E: Sign the form. Print your name and Date.

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Household Information Report

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To determine eligibility for various additional state and federal program benefits that your school may qualify for, please complete, sign and return this report to Newaygo Public Schools.

These sections must be completed by the head of household or designee.

PART A. SIZE OF FAMILY - Enter the total number of individuals living in your household, including all adults and children

PART B. CURRENT BENEFITS - Complete below if applicable

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: Case Number:

PART C. STUDENT INFORMATION – Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Last Name	First Name	Birth Date XX-XX-XXXX	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

If you need additional lines, attach a second sheet to this report or attach a copy of this report clearly marked as a **Page 2**.

PART D. TOTAL MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME – Report income for all members of household excluding Foster Children. If you have reported a case number above, you do not need to fill in this section. Simply sign and date form.

Type of Income	Income	Circle if None
1. Gross Monthly Earnings: Wages, Salary, Commissions	\$	None
2. Monthly Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	\$	None
3. Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	\$	None
4. Monthly Dividends or Interest on Savings	\$	None
5. Monthly Worker’s Compensation, Unemployment, Strike Benefits	\$	None
6. Other Monthly Income (SSI, VA, Disability, Farm, other)	\$	None
Total Monthly Household Income (Add lines 1-6)	\$	

PART E. SIGNATURE - I certify (promise) that all information on this report is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal/state funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Date)

(Address)

(City)

(Zip)

(Home Phone)

(Work Phone)

(Email Address)

By providing your email address you may be contacted via email by the district.

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