



Boys Varsity Basketball
to Play at the
Deltaplex Arena
Saturday, February 27th.

8th Annual
Partner Fun Bowl
Bowling for Baseball!
Traditional/Non Traditional
games with a partner.

WHERE: Fremont Lanes
WHEN: March 5th, 2016
bowling starts at 6:30 pm-
please arrive early.
Cost \$30.00 per team-all
proceeds to
Newaygo High
School Baseball
Program.



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Receive Accurate Information about Newaygo Public Schools Potential Facility Changes

Make plans to attend one of the 8 Forums/Meetings to get the facts.

Thursday, February 4 Community Forum at Vera Wilsie Elementary School 6:30p
Wednesday, February 10 Community Forum at Velma Matson Upper Elem. School 6:30p
Thursday, February 11 Community Forum at Newaygo High School 6:30p

Superintendent Mathis will present the information at the following meetings.

Monday, February 8 Newaygo City Meeting 7:00p
Tuesday, February 9 Garfield Township Meeting 7:00p
Tuesday, February 16 Brooks Township Meeting 7:00p
Monday, March 14 Croton Township Meeting 7:00p
Tuesday, March 15 Everett Township Meeting 7:00p

School Bond Election - Tuesday, May 3, 2016
Questions? Contact Peg Mathis,
Newaygo Public Schools Superintendent, at 231-652-4933



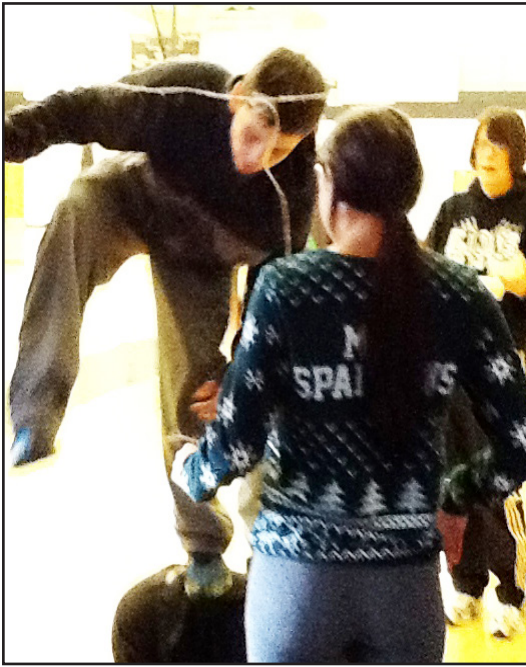
On December 9, the Newaygo High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted several new members. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The senior members (pictured in the back row) conducted the ceremony for the new inductees. Congratulations to all of these students!

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NHS News!



On Tuesday, November 17, NHS celebrated Lion Pride Day. Students and Staff at Newaygo High School welcomed Dr. Marcia McEvoy, a Licensed Psychologist, to speak on the topic of preventing peer mistreatment and bullying. When students were not in their session with Dr. McEvoy, they signed up for sessions such as baking, raking, and hiking. In addition, students could view videos, partake in board and card games or relax with yoga. Team building activities, soap making, holiday card design, reading and homework time were also sessions that students could participate in. Some NHS students even spent the morning volunteering at True North. They emptied pallets of the emPower project supplies from the first floor storage and carried them upstairs to these tables where emPower bags will be assembled. This was a day that enriched the minds and spirits of both students and staff at Newaygo High School.

Lion Pride was flowing!





**NHS October Students of the month:
Vivian Proctor & Jake Elko**



**NHS October Citizens of the Month:
Fabiola Rivera & Mackenzie Williams.**



Newaygo High School Students spent the morning of November 17 at True North. They emptied pallets of the emPower project supplies from the first floor storage and carried them upstairs to these tables where emPower bags will be assembled. It was hard work and all students stepped up to the challenge. In addition, they learned about the far reach of True North which serves most Michigan counties.

GO LIONS!



Middle School



Students for Newaygo Middle School represented the newly formed E.T. Club during parent teacher conferences. They shared valuable information on the formation of a cyber cafe in the NMS Library. The goals of the project were both presented verbally and also shared on a tri-fold board and Google slide show completely created by the students

in the club with guidance from Mrs. Harkness, E.T. Coordinator. The club would like to thank the parents and staff for contributing to their efforts with donations that will be used to reach our goal of \$26,000. If you are interested in learning more about our goals or how you can sponsor, please stop by the NMS office for a Sponsorship Form. A special thank you to Mrs. Toth for providing pizza for the members on Monday night!



Middle School Students of the Month



September/October

5th grade: Barbara Toth & Nick Ruehmeier

6th grade: Mackenzie Hurtle & Glenn Toth

7th grade: Amelia Goltz & Oliver Geroux

8th grade: Keelin Hall & Carson Bush



November

5th Grade: Carlee Bruggema & Grant Harkness

6th Grade: Emmerson Goodin (not pictured) & Michael Murray

7th Grade: Olivia Lacy & Hudson Harkness

8th Grade: Sofia Frisbie, Leanna Funk & David Gonzalez

Newaygo Public Schools

NEWAYGO MIDDLE SCHOOL E.T. CLUB



Student Entrepreneurship and Technology (E.T.) members visited several local businesses to gather support and sponsorship for the Newaygo Middle School E.T. Cyber Cafe project. The students learned business skills by discussing the academic need and how the project will meet the academic needs of our students, project goals, and budget to several business owners and managers. The students collected several new sponsors and will continue to work toward the goal of \$26,000.



They are almost half way there! The Fremont Area Community Foundation plans to fund has granted \$5,000 toward our goal contingent on achieving the rest. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for sponsoring and supporting the E.T. Cyber Project.

Fremont Area Community Foundation
 Richard and Judith Chesley
 Larry and Joyce Lethorn
 State Representative Jon Bumstead
 G-M Wood Products, Inc.
 Latitudes & Steelheads-Max, Abby & Josephine Zamarripa
 White Cloud Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation
 Magna Mirrors
 Mike and Karen Mortensen
 Newaygo Auto Mall
 Postma Monument, Inc.
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Love, Inc. of Newaygo appreciated the amount of food the Newaygo Middle School collected and donated! Thank you for your efforts in feeding families during the holidays! Representatives from Project Citizen, Student Government and National Honor Society delivered the on Monday, November 16th. We weighed the food collected by each grade level while at Love, Inc. The results!

- 8th Grade 52 pounds
- 7th Grade 45 pounds
- 6th Grade 112 pounds
- 5th Grade 482 pounds

Way to go! 5th Grade was given a treat this week for being the grade level collecting the most in weight! All of you should be very proud of giving back to the community! Thanks to Newaygo Transportation and Maintenance, Plumb's, Newaygo Support Staff and Teachers, Love Inc., Students and Parents for making this event successful! A special thanks to Mrs. Laurie Pratt for organizing the treats for the grade level winners! We appreciate all of your help!





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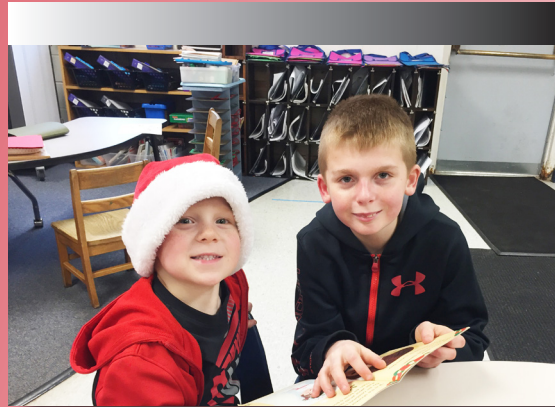
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Newaygo Middle School 5th grade students participated in the 8th Annual Project Citizen Christmas Book Giving. The students learned how to pay it forward by wrapping new Scholastic books, delivered them to the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders and then spent time reading to the kids! The Project Citizen Program would like to give a huge thanks to the Newaygo PTO for purchasing over 400 books for this event!



Twenty-five Project Citizen students helped True North prepare for the Children's Christmas! They carried boxes, organized them by age and also sorted and inventoried toys into different age categories! True

North was very thankful for the help from our Project Citizen students! The students paid it forward to both a local organization and families in our county! Merry Christmas from Project Citizen!



VERA WILSIE & VELMA MATSON

Grateful to Read

The students at the Vera Wilsie and the Velma Matson participated in “Grateful To Read,” a canned food collection with the Newaygo Area District Library. The students brought in canned food items for 2 weeks in November. We used grocery carts from Plumbs so the students could place their donations into the carts. Children could also drop off canned goods when they visited the Newaygo Library. The total amount of food collected between the schools and the library was 522 pounds of food! The food was then donated to Love Inc. and was distributed to needy families in Newaygo County just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday. As a way of saying thank you, the Newaygo Library gave each student in the Vera Wilsie and the Velma Matson a free book.

We are all thankful to live in such a giving community!



In December, students from the Vera Wilsie and Velma Matson were busy as elves making ornaments for the Christmas tree downtown. The students made gingerbread garland, candy shaped ornaments, bells, cheerio rings, and ornaments for the birds that had bird seed on them. The Christmas tree looks great thanks to Beaver Tree Service for helping our students get their ornaments to the top of the tree. After decorating the tree, students were able to get their picture with Santa! When the students arrived back in their classrooms, they enjoyed a cookie form the PTO and many had hot chocolate. On Friday, the students and their families were able to enjoy a festive evening as the children waited with anticipation for the lighting of the tree. Then it was time for a horse drawn buggy ride through downtown. You could see the excitement on the children's faces as they saw their friends, teachers and classmates all enjoying the evening. We would like to give a big thank you to the City of Newaygo for making this event possible.



2015-2016 School Calendar

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.

2015-16 Administration

Peggy Mathis	Superintendent	652-6984
Cindy Blamer	Business Manager	652-6984
Jackie Knight	H.S. Principal	652-1646
Sarah Rodriguez	Assistant H.S. Principal	652-1646
Brad Reybum	M.S. Principal	652-1285
Steve Bush	Velma Matson Upper Elem.	652-2100
Adam DeShano	Vera Wilsie Elem. Principal	652-6371
Bud Gould	Dir. Buildings & Grounds	652-9313
Chris Cronk	Dir. Transportation	652-1112
Mary Anne Charette	Dir. Food Services	652-9286
Adam DeShano	Dir. Athletics	652-1646
Walter Aslakson	Technology Director	652-1646

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 web-site. www.newaygo.net

*Menu subject to changes due to conditions beyond our control.
The National School Lunch Program prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.

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

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Regular Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2015.
Mrs. Holeman was appointed acting secretary.
Academic Highlight – Achievement Data, Dr. Mathis presented to the board NWEA fall testing data grades 1-8.
Letters of resignation were received by Joe Jaimes – Bus Driver, J. Craig McKinlay – Bus Driver, Debbra Wright – Bus Aide, and Tanya Maring – Bus Driver.
The Board of Education hired Jeffrey Hether – JV Baseball Coach, Rita Fritch – Cook at Velma Matson Upper Elementary, Dawnell Goodin – Cook at Vera Wilsie Elementary.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
Approved the Cross County Team’s Over-night trip request.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
Little Champs Day Care Lease; MCC Lease.
The Board was update on Title I, II, and III and the finances of the District.

Regular Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2015.
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Academic Highlight – Project

180, Presented by Ms. Knight and Ms. Rodriguez.
The Board of Education hired JoEllen Mausolf, Part-time Aide - Middle School, Julie Long - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Amy Yule - Bus Driver, Sarah Murphy - Bus Driver, James Smith - Bus Driver, Christina Fleeger - Bus Driver, Chelsea Webb - Drama Club Advisor, E. Luke Francis, Varsity Softball Coach.
Letters of resignation were received by Edward Parker and Bethanie duChemin – 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
Approved the lease between Little Champs Day Care and NPS;
Approved the lease between MCC and NPS.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
Washington D.C. Trip – High School Students.
The Board was updated on: Student Achievement Data; Finances of the District; Homeless / Special Populations.

Regular Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2015.
Presentation – Superintendent Mathis presented to the Board

and audience facts on proposed K-4 building at the current Velma Matson Upper Elementary site.
Audience Participation – Community Members present gave the Board and Administration both positive and negative feedback on new K-4 building proposal.
Letters of resignation were received by E. Luke Francis – JV Softball Coach and Sara Lindley – 5th grade teacher.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
Approved the reinstatement of a High School Student; Approved the reinstatement of a High School Student; Approved the conditional reinstatement of a High School Student; Adopted the Resolution for Allocation for NCASB Funds; Approved the Resolution to confirm Renewals of Tax Collection Agreements.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
School Improvement Bond Proposal.
The Board was updated on the finances of the district
Special Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016.
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

Approved the Resolution to Certify Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds.
Special Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016.
Approved the expulsion of two High School Students.
Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2016.
The Board held their Organizational Meeting and took the following actions:
Elected 2015-16 Officers as follows:
President – Mr. Bret Brummel, Vice-President – Mr. Vince Grodus, Secretary – Ms. Jackie Malsom, Treasurer – Mr. Jim Badgero, Trustee – Mr. Reid Sherwood.
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2016.
The Board of Education took the following action regarding Old Business Items:
Approved the High School Students trip to Washington D.C. January 17-22, 2017.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:
2015-2016 Amended Budget.
The Board was updated on the finances of the District.

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.

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Jann Holeman, Trustee
Melissa Swinehart, Trustee



NPS welcomed two new first grade teachers at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.



Jen Thomasma came to us after teaching elementary students in Hesperia Public Schools. A graduate of Grand Valley State University, Ms. Thomasma has classroom teaching experience in North Carolina.



Torrie Volcek completed her degree at Western Michigan University and most recently worked in a Great Start Readiness program in Jenison, Michigan.



Congratulations to Ms. Lindley who retired from NPS as a Middle School teacher (5th grade) on January 22, 2016. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to NPS students and families. We wish you the best!



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