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May 2016

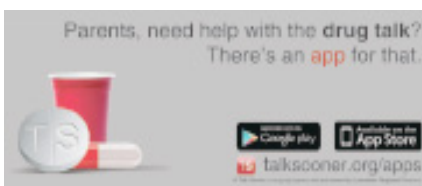


Thanks to the PBIS Team and high school staff, all NHS students were sent off on Spring Break in an "Egg"cellent way. Twelve lucky students, holding a golden egg, won a \$10.00 Wesco Card. Spring is in the air! Lion Pride is flowing!

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School Bond Election - May 3, 2016

After examining several options and gathering input from stakeholders, a plan was developed to pursue a new/renovated elementary school and to address building entrances, security systems, and mechanical systems at the middle school and high school. As a result, NPS will ask the community to vote on a bonding proposal on May 3, 2016.

For more information go to <http://www.newaygo.net/community/facilities/> or contact Superintendent Peg Mathis at 231-652-4933.

2016 – 2017 Schools of Choice Process

Newaygo County Choice Application

Students that are requesting release from Big Jackson, Grant, Fremont, Hesperia or White Cloud schools to attend Newaygo Public Schools for the 2016 – 2017 School Year need to complete a Schools of Choice application and turn it into the student's resident Superintendents office by June 1, 2016.

NOTE: A current active school of choice student with Newaygo Public Schools that was released from Big Jackson, Grant, Fremont, Hesperia or White Cloud DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY. Their current form will be used for the 2016-2017 school year.

105c Schools of Choice Application

Students that are requesting release from Morley Stanwood, Tri County or any other school district not in Newaygo County are considered a 105c school of choice applicant. Turn the application into the Newaygo Public Schools Superintendents office by August 31, 2016.

NOTE: A current active 105c school of choice student with Newaygo Public Schools that was released from Tri County, Morley Stanwood, others outside of our NCResa area DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY. Their current form will be used for the 2016-2017 school year.

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NHS News!

Middle school and High school band students attended the TrueNorth Scholarship Competition on March 29th.

Left to right.

Megan Grant, David Yoder, Jackson Nelson, Michelle Richardson, Sophia Frisbie, Madison Berwald, Natalie Luka, Quinn Hefferan-Nordlund, Galadrea Marvin, and Jessa Mandeville.

Sophia Frisbie (8th) and Natalie Luka (8th) both won \$100 music scholarships.

Galadrea Marvin (11th) won 2nd place overall and a \$200 music Scholarship!

Congratulations to all the students who participated!



January/ February Citizens of the Month
Breanna Newton, Lesley Rivera-Zamarron and Shirley Rivera



January/February Students of the Month
Sarah Behnke and Shea Russell

Lions Learn About College Life

Some NHS Freshmen visited Alma College! They toured numerous campus buildings and enjoyed lunch at a dorm cafeteria!



Freshmen visit Calvin and Alma Colleges!
Some freshmen visited the Calvin Aquatic Center



Dana Duchemin and Mitchell Karris met Coach Izzo while on MSU campus!



Some of the Sophomores visited Baker and Muskegon Community College! Some of their adventures included visiting the Culinary Arts Program



Class of 2016

Top Ten

Baccalaureate service for the Newaygo High School Class of 2016 will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 6:00 PM, at Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ, 432 Quarterline St, Newaygo. Commencement will be on Thursday, May 26, at the Newaygo Athletic Field at 7:30 P.M. weather permitting.



Adam Holeman, Valedictorian

Adam is the son of Mark and Jann Holeman. Throughout high school, Adam has been active in both the community and the school. He has volunteered at Love In the Name of Christ, the Special Olympics, and his church's youth group. He has been in Newaygo's basketball program for four years, along with a year of cross country and soccer. He was president of the Newaygo Chapter of the National Honor Society, student body

treasurer, and an active member of the College Ambassadors. In the fall, he will be attending Cornerstone University to study business and finance.

Conner Mathis, Salutatorian

Conner is the son of Mark and Peg Mathis. He has been a member of the cross country team throughout high school. He has participated in student council for three years and most recently was the student body president. He has been involved in other extracurricular activities including National Honor Society and College Ambassadors. Conner plans to attend Grand Valley State University and pursue a degree in engineering or business.



Honor Students



Kendra Rounds

Kendra is the daughter of Eric and Kim Rounds. Throughout her high school career, she has participated in many extracurricular activities such as marching band, basketball, cross country, and track. Kendra has also been the secretary of both her class and the National Honor Society. She is very involved in her church and its youth group. In her spare time, Kendra enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and hiking. In the fall,

Kendra hopes to attend Cornerstone University to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Paige Niederer

Paige is the daughter of Ron and Laura Armstrong and Tom and Karol Niederer. She has spent the past two years dual-enrolled at Newaygo High School and Muskegon Community College and has earned 20 credits through M.C.C. She is a member of the National Honor Society. In her spare time, she is an avid equestrian who spends time riding and working with horses. This fall she will be attending Alexandria School of Scientific Therapeutics to earn a license in massage therapy for people and horses. She will also be dual-enrolled at Michigan State University to major in business management and minor in entrepreneurship.





Arianna Gonzalez-Tirado

Arianna is the daughter of Idania Empie and Brad Empie. She is currently a member of the National Honor Society, Student Leadership Team and Anti-Bullying Committee at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center. She participates in the graphic communications program at the NCCTC. Arianna has also done volunteer tutoring with E.S.L. students at the Vera Wilsie Elementary School. In her free time, she loves to listen to music, read, draw, and go on outdoor expeditions. In the fall, Arianna will be attending Ferris State

University to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in graphic media management. Arianna hopes to one day own her own screen printing shop.

Natosha Cross

Natosha is the daughter of Dave Cross and Jennifer Schiller. In her spare time, she has become very active in her school and community. Tosha has been an officer for the student council and also the president of her FFA chapter. She also has participated in her two favorite sports – softball and volleyball. Her days off are spent volunteering for her church’s preschool and traveling for FFA events. In the fall, Tosha will be attending Ferris State University to study social work.



Breanna Trevino

Breanna is the daughter of Will and Erica Trevino. In high school, she has been a member of the color guard and National Honor Society, and the Student Leadership Team at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center. This fall, Breanna will be attending Grand Valley State University’s Honors College to pursue a degree in diagnostic medical sonog-

raphy and eventually become an ultrasound technician.

Douglas Fleese

Doug is the son of Doug and Joleen Fleese. Doug has been a valued member of the National Honor Society in his junior and senior years. He has also been on the high school baseball team. In his off time, he enjoys hunting and fishing. In the fall, Doug will be attending Grand Valley State University for a Bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.



Amanda Schultz

Amanda is the daughter of Randy and Lori Schultz. She is actively involved in her school and community. In her junior and senior years, Amanda has participated in the National Honor Society. She has been a member of the yearbook staff as well. She highly enjoys tutoring other students during school hours. In her spare time, she has volunteered with Newaygo County Child Abuse Council and the Department of Health and Human Services. She has been on a competitive dance team for nine

years and is an instructor for younger students. In the fall, Amanda plans to attend Hope College to pursue a career in the neonatal field of medicine.

Chloé Nelson

Chloé is the daughter of Cory and Megan Nelson. She is a four year athlete and loves being a part of sports teams. Chloé has been involved with community theatre and her high school’s art program. The past three years she has volunteered at the Special Olympics and is now interning at the Neway Center. Both experiences have shown her that she wants to work with children. Chloé will be attending Grand Valley State University to major in child psychology.



Middle School

Project Citizen Pays It Forward

The Project Citizen 5th grade students collected 3 boxes full of new coloring books and crayons for the children living in Genesee County ISD. The GISD Early Childhood team created learning kits to distribute to the children dealing with the Flint water tragedy. Our contribution was delivered to the Neway Center. From there it was to be delivered to the GISD by Newaygo County RESA employees. Thank you to the middle school students that donated coloring books and crayons to help Project Citizen students Pay It Forward!



December/January Students of the Month

5th Grade: Grace Painter & Nicholas Rodriguez
6th Grade: Kaitlyn Rusnell & Wyatt McFarlin
7th Grade: Anna Brummel & Wyatt Mortenson
8th Grade: Cierra Hewartson & Landon Nelson



February/March Students of Month

5th Grade: Sofia Briggs & Daniel Ritter
6th Grade: Erin DeCan & Gabriel Shillman
7th Grade: Lilly Neff & Ryan Hether
8th Grade: Hannah Ritter & Alex Ceja

Art Department

Newaygo Artists Earn “Youth Arts Month” Honors

March was national “Youth Arts Month” . To celebrate, the Newaygo County Council for the Arts chose the following students’ artwork to be honored at the Dogwood Center for Performing Arts. The top award-winning students attended a special ceremony, and some students received special recognition by their artwork being shown during the Grand Rapids Symphony. Please congratulate the following students if you see them!

Middle School: Greenlee DeJohn, Iris Herrera, Cara Lutz, Jasmine Scytco, Olivia Sinkler, Selena Cruz, Emmerson Goodin

Velma Matson Students: Carlee Emelander, Natalie Roszell, Alexa Renae Schmidt, Naomi Jean Schillman, Anayaslin Alvarez- Ceja, Emma Soules, Johnathan Bischoff, Brooklyn Garter, Faith Cooper, Hallie Woods, Jacob Eager, Gypsy Fausset, Maria Riddering.

Vera Wilsie Students: Hope Pietrzak, Sapphire Stark



The Newaygo Art department would like to thank everyone who attended the dance this past March. We had our biggest turn- out and longest Conga line dance ever! All proceeds will benefit the art department to help purchase things like new paintbrushes, drawing tools and helping send middle school students to Art Prize



Kindergartener's, Aurora and Trenton, enjoy using primary colors on their Piet Mondrian paintings!



5th grader, Cheyenne Gradert, creates shadows and light on her cake, after looking at examples by modern artist, Wayne Thiebaud.





Reading is Groovy

Put Vera Wilsie down for another epic Reading Month! This year's Reading theme is Groovy! We rocked the school with special guests, celebrity readers, a groovy book fair, and a whole lot of reading! Each appearance and presentation instilled the importance of literacy, the fun everyone can have with it, and the need to read!



Maison Peterman, Miabella Vanrooyen, Chris Modzelewski, and Alexandria Johnson took the Vera Wilsie bus for a groovy ride!



A celebrity appearance from our Superintendent Dr. Mathis awed the crowd as she read one of her favorite books to the class!

Retired principal Steve Barber showed off his guitar skills and spoke to the kids about the importance of reading.



Positive Behavior at the Forefront!
Newaygo Public Schools has recently hired Matt Painter to work with all students to improve the overall behavior in the elementary buildings. Mr. Painter has a background in social work which was utilized at Bethany Christian Services for the past 17 years. In this picture Mr. Painter shows off his juggling skills to students as he teaches them about being respectful, responsible, and safe. We look forward to the great things he will provide all of our students in the future!




On Wednesday, April 13, the Vera Wilsie students participated in a refresher of expected ROARS behavior. They were reminded what it means to Respect Others, Act Responsibly, and safely in the different areas of the school including the cafeteria and on the playground. The students are continually encouraged to exemplify behavior that shows how a Newaygo Lion ROARS with Pride!



Reading is Groovy at the Velma Matson!
This year, during reading month, the Velma Matson enjoyed lots of groovy reading activities. Each Tuesday students received a letter from the “Groovy Reader” talking about how important it is to read every day! Along with the letter every student received a special reading gift. Students were encouraged to read and take AR tests, to get their name placed in the weekly drawing for more reading prizes. Tuesdays were also extra “Groovy”, as many chose to wear their Tie-Dyed clothing to show just how groovy they were about reading. Thank you to the PTO for purchasing the reading prizes and T-Shirts for our staff to wear.

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As the end of the year is quickly approaching, I asked several exchange students their impressions of NHS.

Nele Herzet from Germany eloquently reiterated: "My favorite thing about going to Newaygo High School is the people who make it unique. It's the student who greets everyone in the hallway with a high-five, Mr. Youmans readings of "Today's Funnies", which is the only thing that makes me smile on a Monday morning, or Mrs. Shoemaker, who is a helping hand whenever you need it, and on top of that remembers everyone's name. The basketball player is the best friend of the guy who writes poems and there are the people who slip a kind message under the bathroom's door because they think you are crying, but actually you just have a running nose. All these people and all these little

things make Newaygo High School what it is; not a school like portrayed in American teenage movies, full of judging people, but a school full of people who try their best to accept everyone just the way they are."

Ester Meijer from Sweden gave good grades to teachers.

"Something special to me, is how many great, understanding and passionate teachers are working at this school. It really makes the classes easier and more fun!"

As did Alessio Stortini from Italy:

"Since I've been attending NHS, I've noticed teachers are trying to make you leave this place with something more than book notations. They are more than willing to help if something is not clear.

Students are nice and socialize a lot."

And Lara Curley from Australia reports: "I have loved attending NHS for many reasons, one being the people. There are many different groups of people that have made me feel very welcome. I love the different choices of sports and activities. I love how nice the teachers are. They have made a huge impact on my time here. They've helped me adjust to the new curriculum and different lifestyle. Thank you to everyone at NHS who has welcomed me with open arms!"

If you are interested in a great opportunity, by hosting an awesome student like one of these, contact the HS office.



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
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Steve Bush	Velma Matson Upper Elem.	652-2100
Adam DeShano	Vera Wilsie Elem. Principal	652-6371
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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 website. 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

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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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.



Special Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2016.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
Approved the Resolution to call Newaygo Public Schools Bond Election.

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 15, 2016.

Academic Highlight – Achievement Data, Presented by Dr. Peggy Mathis.
The Board of Education hired Tina Fleegeer - High School Cook, Stephanie Barrette - Middle School Behavior Intervention Specialist, Matt Painter - Elementary School Behavior Intervention Specialist, Jessica Heller - 8th

grade Girls Volleyball Coach.

The Board was updated on the finances of the District.

The Board entered in a closed session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent Evaluation.

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2016.

Academic Highlight - Art Department - Presented by Mrs. Jennifer Hurtle and Ms. Peggy Maat, art teachers.
Letters of resignation were received from Jutta Cotner - 2nd Grade Teacher retiring, Susan Gross - High School Teacher, retiring, Jeff Hether - JV Baseball Coach, & Mark Whittle

- Cross Country Coach.

The Board of Education hired Kristin Miedema - High School Academic Interventionist, Kurt VanEssen - Middle School Academic Interventionist, Sarah Fader - JV Softball Coach, & Kurt VanEssen - JV Baseball Coach. The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:
Approved the Superintendent's Evaluation, Approved the 2015-16 Amended Budget. The Board was updated on the finances of the district.
The Board of Education considered the following New Business Items:
High School Senior trip to Chicago.

Newaygo High School Alumni Association Celebrates 112 years

The Newaygo High School Alumni Banquet has become a time for classmates from the past to get together and reminisce about those wonderful days gone by. We will be honoring the classes of 1956, 1966, 1976 and the graduating class of 2016.

The banquet will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 in the Newaygo High School cafetorium. A time for visiting and reminiscing will begin at 5:30 with dinner following at 6:30. The cost of the dinner is \$11.00 per person. Be sure to arrive early to visit the high school library. Thanks to donations from alumni we will have many photos and memorabilia on display. As always, we need your help to identify photos from days gone by.

One highlight of the evening is the introduction of the 2016 graduates that will be receiving the Beverly Shue scholarship. Through our generous alumni we have been able to help further the education of many of our Newaygo High School grads.

Please come celebrate with your fellow graduates of Newaygo High School. Make a few calls and be sure your classmates will be here with you. If you have not received an invitation please call Marilyn Anderson Melvin 652-7268. Please RSVP before May 10th.

Newaygo Middle School

join the fun!

June 5th, 2016
Race Starts @ 2:00pm
Newaygo Middle School
850 E. 76th St.
Newaygo, MI 49337

a color run for all

There is no time limit and you can run, jog, or walk at your own pace!
Bring the whole family!



our great new fundraising event

This year, we will be hosting our own school color run! This is an exciting new program that will help create awareness for healthy living, raise funds, and is sure to be a blast!

Register Online!

NewaygoColorRun.eventbrite.com

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NEWAYGO MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB LAUNCHES NEW HEALTH-BASED FUND RAISING EFFORT

Students to get fit, then douse themselves in color!

The students of Newaygo Public Schools will walk, jog, and run their way toward a healthier life while raising funds for the Emma L. Graham Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to one Newaygo High School graduate each year. The school is introducing a program called My School Color Run. The My School Color Run program aims to go beyond traditional fund raising. Rather than sell goods, this program aims to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative that aims to instill a life-long healthy way of living.

“We’re extremely excited about the launch of the My School Color Run Program at our school”, says Gena Dietz. “We’re looking forward to involving our entire student body and faculty in a fun and healthy program. We want to engage the entire community and encourage local businesses and individual community members to get involved.”

Middle School students have the opportunity to “train” for the 5k event by joining the NMS Running Club. Any student in grades 5th through 8th can join! The Running Club has various routes for the various abilities. Students do not need to be professional runners to join since the Running Club works on building endurance and distance a little each week. Middle school students can get a permission slip from Mrs. Dietz (room D110) or from the office.

The color run will be held on June 5th, 2016 at Newaygo Middle School and will be open to the public. This is an untimed fun run. Racers will pass through several color stations throughout the course and end with a color toss. Interested participants can register for the run by visiting NewaygoColorRun.eventbrite.com or by completing a paper registration form prior to May 22. Anyone interested in more information or a copy of the paper registration form can contact Mrs. Dietz.

Phone: 652-1285

Email: gdietz@newaygo.net

2015-2016 School Calendar

May 30

June 9

June 10

No School - Memorial Day

Half-Day Students; Records Day in p.m.

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.