

## High School Students Travel to Washington DC



March 14-18 a group of seniors and juniors, parents Val Dosch and Jill Hulvey and staff members Mr. Youmans and Mrs. Westgate from Newaygo High School traveled to Washington DC. While there, students were very busy and saw many iconic places around the city. This included Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, Iwo Jima Memorial, the FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, US Capitol, Library of Congress, National Archives, WWII Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Museum of

American History. Students also had time to ride scooters and enjoyed lunch at the many food trucks around the National Mall. The students were praised by our tour guide, hotel chaperone and bus drivers for their good behavior and

positive representation of Newaygo High School! Many thanks to the school board, Mr. Reyburn, Ms. Rodriguez and many others for their support during this trip. It was a fun and memorable experience. Lion Pride!




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**Newaygo Public Schools on May 19th, 2019**

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**The run will be held at Newaygo Middle School at 2pm**

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Mark the Date: The 2019 Edward T. Grodus Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 in the high school gym!



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# *Newaygo High School Class of 2019 Top Ten*

Newaygo High School Principal, Brad Reyburn, is pleased to announce the top ten for the graduating class of 2019. Baccalaureate service for the Newaygo High School Class of 2019 will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 6:00 PM, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Newaygo. Commencement will be on Thursday, May 23, at the Newaygo Athletic Field at 7:00 P.M., weather permitting.



## Valedictorian Connor Swinehart

Connor is the son of Joseph and Melissa Swinehart. He is actively involved at Newaygo High School and in the community. He was class president for 3 years and is currently a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Connor has participated in three sports: football, basketball and baseball. In his time away from the classroom or the court, he has helped out by volunteering for numerous youth camps, homeless shelters and community clean ups. In the fall, Connor will be attending the University of Michigan to study Biomedical Engineering.

## Salutatorian Mara Johnson

Mara is the daughter of Mark and Nancy Johnson. She has been the president of both her high school's chapter of the National Honor Society and student body, and is very involved in school events. During high school, she participated in Drama Club for several years and was on the varsity wrestling team. Mara volunteers on a weekly basis at the Newaygo County Animal Shelter in White Cloud and has volunteered at many events within the high school. In the fall, Mara will be attending Michigan State University for Political Science and Pre-Med, with the goal of joining the Peace Corps.



## Jordan Sanderson

Jordan is the daughter of Angel Franks. She will tell you that since Career Week in elementary school, she has planned to be a dentist. Her mindset was to excel in her studies to make her dream happen. She has taken honors classes all four years in high school, maintaining straight A's all four years. Jordan is currently working at a local dentist office in Newaygo where she was honored to help give free dental care for Veterans on Veterans Day. Jordan aspires to be a general dentist and will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue a Pre-Dental Degree.

## Daniella duChemin

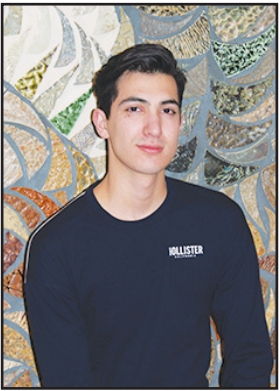
Daniella is the daughter of Duane and Sheri duChemin. Throughout high school, Daniella has been a three-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She has been named team captain for each team she has been a part of. Daniella has also been a part of the PBIS Squad, a College Ambassador, a member of the National Honor Society, and Senior Class President for the Class of 2019. In her spare time, Daniella volunteers at her church, Special Olympics and Newaygo Youth Sports Camps. In the fall, Daniella plans to attend Central Michigan University to become a Physician Assistant.





**Ryan Brummel**  
Ryan is the son of Bret and Allison Brummel. Throughout high school, Ryan has participated in 4 years of Cross Country, Track and Basketball. He held the position of Vice President in student council for three years and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been very involved in school and the community, and in his spare time, he has enjoyed announcing youth football and officiating youth basketball. In the fall, Ryan plans to attend Grand

Valley State University and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.



**Gonzalo Alvarez-Ochoa**  
Gonzalo is the son of Alberto and Irene Alvarez. He has been involved in Chess Club and Track. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society and has been invited to the E.T.G. Honors Banquet every year of high school. Gonzalo has canvassed for candidates running for office and helped with Field Day and Special Olympics. In his spare time, he works at Biggby Coffee as a Shift Leader. Gonzalo plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to Major

in Computer Science and Business. Gonzalo's goal is to become the CEO of a tech company and open up a coffee shop.



**Jasper Sanderson**  
Jasper is the son of Angel Franks. Throughout his high school career, he has been involved in soccer, basketball and track. Jasper has also been a member of the National Honor Society, in which he demonstrated noble character by helping around the community and school. In the fall, Jasper will be attending Central Michigan University to study Spanish and Architecture.

**Rosa Burkholder**  
Rosa is the youngest daughter of Tom and Sheri Burkholder. Throughout her high school career, Rosa has participated in the drama club and has been on the quiz bowl team. She has been a member of the PBIS Squad and the National Honor Society for the past two years, and volunteers for her church on the weekends. In the fall, Rosa will be attending Ferris State University to study Pre-Med, before applying for medical school.



**Sage Beerman**  
Sage is the daughter of Sara Barton and Cory Gribowski. Throughout high school, she has participated in volleyball, basketball, softball and quiz bowl. Sage was a member of the College Ambassadors, National Honor Society and served as an FFA Chapter officer. Outside of school, Sage volunteers for the Special Olympics and Bellwether Harbor and is also a member of a group called Osteocholars. In the fall, Sage plans on attending Michigan State University as a Pre-Med student to eventually become a surgeon.



**Sara Behnke**  
Sara is the daughter of David and Sharon Behnke. She is very involved in her community and at school. She has been a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the PBIS Squad. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and pets. After high school, Sarah will be attending Muskegon Community College to study Pre-Med in hopes to become a Dermatologist.





# January / February

## Students of the Month:

Yudith Herrera & Ashley Wittenberger



## Citizens of the Month:

Aly Karp, Lexi Hall, Steven Foster  
& Mara Johnson



The 2018-19 Newaygo High School Alumni Basketball Game was hosted by the Newaygo High School Basketball Program and the Newaygo Athletic Boosters on December 1st. Thank you to all volunteers that helped with this event as well as the Newaygo alumni who participated in the game! Donations from this event support the high school basketball program and athletic boosters.

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**Middle School Spring Concert - Wednesday, May 22nd - 7pm - HS Cafetorium**



WE LOVE OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS!!

I caught up with Emilie Hansen from Denmark, to find out how her exchange program here was going. Emilie is staying with Dan and Jewel Brink who also hosted Jay from Thailand two years ago.

Emilie is an avid runner, participated on the cross country team and is a member of FCA. She hopes to join the soccer team or do track and field in the Spring. Emilie also loves snowboarding, skateboarding and snow days!

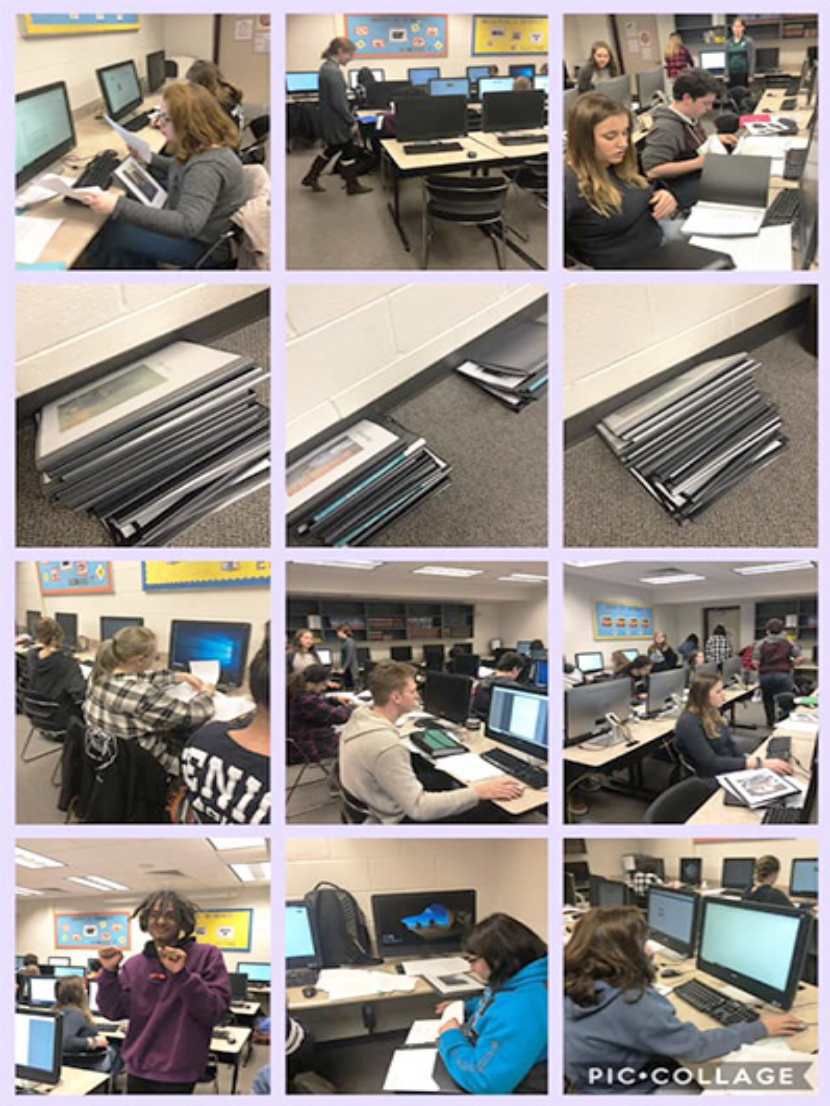
Here is her impression of NHS:

"I'm cherishing this amazing opportunity to be a part of NHS this year. NHS is a great school to be a part of. From the very first day I felt welcomed. If you have ever tried to change schools, you will know that the first day is never fun. The first day in a new school is just something that you have to get over with, and use up all your energy to smile and make a good first impression. My first day of NHS was not like that. From the moment I stepped in to the school, I felt welcomed. Every single student and teacher I talked to was helpful and there was a positive vibe. That pretty much sums up Newaygo High School. It's a safe, positive and encouraging place to be, and I am very thankful to be a Newaygo lion!"



We are presently placing students for the coming school year.  
Contact me for more information.

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# Mrs. Moore's Rite of Passage: The Senior Wall



*Save the Date & Reserve your Spot!*

## Senior Visit Day

Newaygo High School  
Tuesday, May 7th, 2019

Senior Visit Day will include the following:

- Placement Testing (if the student needs it)
- Meet with an MCC Counselor to select Fall 2019 classes
- Complete Mandatory New Student Orientation
- Register for Fall 2019 classes
- Get picture taken for Student ID
- And Eat Lunch!!!

You don't want to miss this event!!!

**Muskegon Community College**

Please contact your College Advisor/Counselor to Reserve your Spot!!!

College Decision Day: Friday, May 10th

Talent Show: Wednesday, May 15th

Senior Walk: Thursday, May 16th

Baccalaureate: Sunday, May 19th

Senior Trip: Monday, May 20th

Graduation: Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM



Madeline, Roman, Newaygo High School College Advisor and So Much More...

The Class of 2019 want to say thank-you for two amazing years!

-Honestly, without Ms. Roman I probably wouldn't be attending college. She inspired me to be the best I possibly can. She was a big help during my senior year, and I could never thank her enough.- Berenise Alvarez

Ms. Roman impacted my senior year by keeping me positive through difficult times.-Michael Battjes

-Ms.Roman has impacted my senior year by leading me on path to attending Ferris in the fall. She is amazing and great and I am really going to miss her. -Bret Bays

-I went in to this year knowing absolutely nothing about college. I am so grateful that Ms.Roman has helped me through everything. Although I'm sure that she is very stressed all the time, she is very patient with me and I learned a lot from her. I strive to have her kindness and willingness to help. Sometimes she's very aggressive, but I know that's because she is very passionate about her job. She loves to help us out and we all love her.-Adrian Briones

-Mrs. Roman has caused me to greatly consider an apprenticeship to continue my education in construction.-Cole Dorette

-She helped me because she believed in me when I didn't. She knew I could get into GVSU and she pushed me to do the application.-Makayla Etherton

-Ms. Roman has always been super invested in her work and making sure that we're on the right track. She has always helped push me in the right direction, but also making sure she's not overstepping. Ms. Roman is a truly remarkable college advisor because she knows her stuff and she knows how to make things interesting and not boring.

She has made my senior year less stressful than I ultimately thought it was going to be.-Alexis Hall

-Ms. Roman has made my senior year the best it can possibly be. I wouldn't trade her for any other college adviser in the world.-Jaiden Hawkins

-She's been my motivation throughout my entire senior experience. I feel blessed to have a college adviser who genuinely cares about her students because I wouldn't be as successful in my senior year as I am right now without her. Her enthusiasm about college has made me enthusiastic about college and I am truly grateful.-Trinity Johnson

-She's preparing me for future interviews.-Wylie Johnson



-Ms. Roman is so motivational with her great enthusiasm and positive energy. She truly cares about her students and it shows. She has personally helped me so much with the college application process, and I couldn't have done it without her. She is so down to earth and just a really chill person to be around. I will miss her great-

ly.-Michael Lafontsee

-Ms. Roman hasn't changed any of my choices or goals. However, that is not what an advisor should do. An advisor should help your dreams prosper and grow, and this is what Ms. Roman loves doing and this is what makes her the best senior/College advisor.-Duncan Lawrence

-Everytime I randomly go in her office with a question or to tell her something, she is always so positive and seems happy to see me.-Bailey Mclouth

-Ms. Roman has impacted my senior year and future aspirations, by helping me and encouraging me to turn in the work that was assigned for my future. She is a really cheerful and encouraging person.-Arianna Miguel

-Ms. Roman, throughout this year has been incredible with anything from talking about band with me to helping me with scholarships. She is genuinely one of the kindest people I can say I have worked with, in this school system. I truly hope that she has an amazing life because she deserves it so badly, and she is an amazing human being.-Alexis Phipps

-Ms. Roman has helped me with my apprenticeship for a horse farrier. She has helped me apply for the school.-Hannah Richardson

-She was a great help to me and I enjoyed her being in class and helping us with everything and I feel excited to be able to move on from high school because of the help she gave me.-Jacob Rodriguez

-Ms. Roman has helped me through all the stress of preparing for Mock Interviews. She was so helpful to me. I bet she was so happy when I turned in my FASFA in on time!-Colleen Roossinck

-Ms. Roman has gotten me through all the rough

patches senior year has to offer. With the FAFSA, applying to colleges, scholarships and overall just making me feel ready and prepared for my next step in the real world. Whenever I'm with Ms. Roman, I feel in control of my future. She works hard everyday to make sure we're on top and ahead of neighboring schools. Without her, my senior year would be very stressful, but in fact it has been the exact opposite. That's why I am glad we were lucky enough to have such a caring and hard working college advisor.-Jasper Sanderson

-Ms. Roman has uplifted the spirits of everyone in the senior class, and made college applications a breeze. She has helped everyone here even if they aren't going to college, and we all appreciate it.-Hunter Stuck

-Ms. Roman has made me more confident and helped me make a decision by not being just a college advisor, but a friend.-Kade Bhuyan

-She has supported me with my decision of not going to college and right to the workforce.-Camden Bitson

-Thank you for helping me figure out what I should do when I move back to California. I'm so glad that I got to have you as my college advisor. You're an amazing person and I wish you the best!-Brandon Cooper

-Ms. Roman has impacted my senior year by making sure that I am more than prepared for college. She has explained to us what to expect when we get to college and how the environment will be. Holding the FAFSA nights were very helpful in completing the FAFSA correctly and on time. Ms. Roman would have one-on-one's in her office to make sure that each kids needs were met. I can't thank Ms. Roman enough for everything that she has done for us seniors.-Samantha Dosch

-She gave me a lot of advice even though I am an exchange student. She gave me direction and empathized with me. Thanks

Ms. Roman for all the help, I appreciate it a lot.-Dang Le







-Ms. Roman has made the process of getting into college exciting and has worked very hard to help us achieve our goals.-Gabe Limberg  
-Ms. Roman has and will always be the reason I will leave high school stress free. As fresh out of college, she has been amazing.

She made the best for all of us students at NHS to know the importance of college. She supports every student and supported me through choosing colleges and choosing the right one for me. She goes above and beyond for me, staying late after school hours helping me with applications, scholarships and essays. We are all very lucky to have her and I wish her the best as she will be leaving NHS as well and pursuing her dream on getting her masters. Ms. Roman is my "My Red Headed Hero".-Brayden Mumper

-Ms. Roman helps and guides us to move forward. She gives motivation to move on.-

Natthabhum Ngampayungpong

-Ms. Roman has showed me how much to care about my career and how important it is to go to college! She has helped me not stress out about things that we are working and told me to take it easy and we will get it done.-Rebecca Perkins

-Ms. Roman has helped me apply to a college and also receive an invitation to said college.-Ryley Rakowski

-She showed how important deadlines are in life.-Zachary Rodriguez

-She has impacted it by teaching me that there is more to us than we thought.-Kayla Shelton

-Ms. Roman definitely knows how light up a room, especially a group of grumpy tired seniors. I really appreciate how much she cares about us and doesn't give up on us even on the hardest days. She has made my senior year a whole lot easier and fun.-Jacqueline Torres

-Ms Roman has been amazing towards our students. While life is a hard and scary place for us, she makes it seem easy and fun, and it has really helped me to get excited for my future. We as students can not thank her enough for her hard work.-Alec Berwald

-Ms. Roman has impacted my future entirely. She has not only impacted mine, but she has also impacted all of Newaygo with her kindness and that is one thing that everyone values her for. She is an amazing human being. She had helped all of the senior class be able to make it to every college that they had planned on making it to. She has pushed us all to strive to be better human beings and to succeed and pursue the things that we want in life. This is how Ms. Roman impacted not only senior year but my whole future and others.-Christian Coronado

-I would be walking in slow and short anxiety filled circles. You helped me decide how to look at college from a different point of view. I don't think I would have made it to the school of my dreams without your guidance and direction. Thank you Ms. Roman-Darrian Corrigan

-Ms. Roman has had a very encouraging and happy attitude. She wants us to succeed and will do a lot to make us prepared and ready for life after high school. I know that she is there if I have any questions or help and that is very encouraging.-Orion Gordon

-Ms. Roman has made a huge impact on my senior year. Any questions regarding college, she is there to answer and help you understand. Ms. Roman has been an inspiration regarding what career path I will pursue and what college I will attend after graduation. I will always remember Ms. Roman for her help to find the perfect college with the greatest opportunity to succeed for me.-David Grodus

-She is delightful to be around. She always makes everyone feel special. She truly cares about every individual student.-Emilie Hansen

-Ms. Roman has made my senior year fun and colorful! I love when she shows us memes on her presentations and how passionate she is about her job. She always tells us how much she loves and appreciate us and it always makes my day. -Ida Mosegaard Rasmussen

-Ms. Roman has impacted my senior year by always being there whenever we had questions, she would usually stop whatever it was she was doing just to help us. Ms. Roman always has a positive attitude and she has shown that she really believes in each and every one of us, even if we didn't believe in ourselves.-Sarah Ryman

-Ms. Roman was always someone I could count on, never once did she turn me down when I needed help with writing an essay for college or filling out applications, etc. She was always

someone I felt comfortable with from the start, always encouraged me to be myself and always was acceptive of my traits and hobbies. She is by far, the best college advisor any school could have.-Brandon Sekach

-Ms. Roman has been a mentor to me. She has pointed me into the right direction, while she held my hand. Ms. Roman has been by my side, and many others, motivating me and getting me ready for what my future holds. She is the reason why I have my goals near my grasp, by letting me use her as a stepping stool. She has sacrificed many hours of her life for a better future for all of the current attending students in Newaygo High. Without her, my classmates and I would be lost individuals with no sense of navigation.-Gonzalo Alvarez-Ochoa

-Mrs. Roman has had an insurmountable impact on my senior year. She has helped me with college applications, scholarship essays, and everything in between. She is an exemplary college advisor.-Sage Beerman

-Ms. Roman has been a huge help in my college application process. She has helped me write essays, and has answered any questions I had. I would have had no idea what to do if it wasn't for her help.-Ryan Brummel

-Mrs. Roman has helped me become better prepared for college and helped this Lion become a future Spartan. I could not have achieved the goals that were put in front of me without her guidance, and I can not thank her enough for that.-Casey Deater

-Ms. Roman has helped me a lot these past two years, especially this year. She helped me understand that it's okay to not know what I want to do right away. When we did the one on one she talked about a bunch of cool stuff that she knew people had done that was similar to what I kind of want to do and actually wanted to talk about stuff related to it and help me with whatever she could. I know a lot more about college and financial stuff and she taught it in a much easier way so I could actually understand what she was teaching. She actually makes you want to listen to what she's saying with all her stories and happy attitude. She's really fun to hang out with and I enjoy seeing her everyday. I could probably go on and on about how great she is and how she's helped me and a lot of people. I'm really really glad she came to work here and could be my college advisor.-Molly Hurrle



-Ms. Roman is the most passionate and determined woman that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. She has encouraged me throughout both my junior and senior year and has been a huge part of all of my academic accomplishments. Newaygo County and the world in general is beyond blessed to have Ms. Roman because she has such a big heart and I am extremely thankful to have had her throughout my high school journey. She is the reason I am excited for college and am prepared to be a great student and alumni.-Daniella Duchemin

-Ms. Roman has been an extremely positive, supportive, loving, and strong personality that was introduced into my life this year. She is the main reason I'll be attending Northwood University in the Fall of 2021. Ms. Roman, is hands down, the absolute best, and 2-3 sentences couldn't ever justify her impact and how grateful I am for

her.-Makayla Kurtzhals  
-Ms. Roman has helped me through all of my applications, essays, scholarships, FAFSA, etc... She has been one of the biggest blessings in my senior year and has made the whole process of moving forward significantly easier.-Jessa Mandeville  
-She has greatly impacted my life by guiding me down my path and making sure that I have completely prepared for what comes next in my life. Her energy is truly inspiring as well.-Dylan Moore

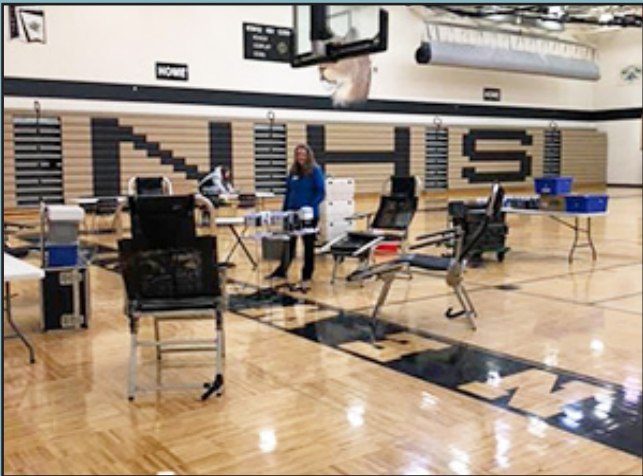
-Ms. Roman has inspired me to chase my dreams, and to chase them even when others have told me that they are ridiculous or not worth it. She encouraged me to apply to colleges and not be discouraged if I wasn't accepted. She's energetic, thoughtful, and really took our

opinion into consideration with everything she planned. Thank you Ms. Roman for everything you have done for the class of 2019!-Abby Murray  
-She has made me feel as if I can conquer anything because of the amount of confidence she's given me about my future. I'm so much more comfortable to moving on in life because of the insight she's given me.-Connor Swinehart

Remember Ms. Roman, Once a Lion....Always a Lion!



Hi, my name is Alera Welch and I am the student blood drive coordinator from Newaygo High School. We just finished our blood drive season here at the high school and it was a great success; Newaygo High School collected 91 units of blood. Our Newaygo community, students and staff have saved 273 lives this year. I have never been more proud to be a part of anything; we are saving friends, families, and loved ones. Freshman year was my first year running the blood drive by myself, and we have greatly improved since then. None of these blood drives would be possible without Mrs. Grodus, Brayden Mumper, Olivia Lacy, Alexis Fuetz, and many other student council members. We would like to thank everyone who comes out and donates, and we look forward to our continued partnership with MiBlood for the 2019 -2020 school year!



## Emma Graham Color Run May 19, 2019

The Emma Graham Color Run is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 at Newaygo Middle School. All proceeds go to the Emma Graham Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to one NHS senior each year. It is an untimed fun run, so bring the family! Register by May 5th to guarantee your t-shirt and to get a discounted rate!

The link to register: <https://secure.getactivefundraising.com/event/2019---Newaygo-Public-Schools---Newaygo-MI>



NHS PBIS Squad and the Newaygo County Youth Prevention Coalition

At the beginning of the year, Newaygo High School students were given the opportunity to apply to be a PBIS Squad member. The PBIS Squad is a group of students from each grade who were selected based on their willingness to contribute to the positive atmosphere at NHS. The Squad members meet at least twice a month to do things like hang hearts on each student's locker for Valentine's Day.



Squad members dressed up for PJ Day during Snowcoming Spirit Week.

New this year, the group has been working with Mrs. Buris from the NCRESA to be a part of Newaygo County's Youth Prevention Coalition. We are one of two districts in the county to participate, and the students have been working together to raise awareness about issues like prescription drug use and vaping. They created a slideshow and presented it to the student body during the Advisory classes to discuss the dangers of prescription drugs, how to recognize when a friend might need help, and how to get help. Most recently, the PBIS Squad worked hard to create an informational table at the NHS Lion Pride Night to give parents and students information about the dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes. The PBIS Squad/ Youth Prevention Coalition will continue to promote a positive environment while working with Mrs. Buris throughout the rest of the year.



PBIS Squad members made over 400 hearts to hang on every locker for Valentine's Day.



Newaygo High School Seniors prepared portfolios and participated in Mock Interviews on Tuesday, April 9th. Thank-you to the interviewers: Krystal Johnson, Karen Nichols, Cheryl Flannery, Amy Budde, Rachel Uganski and Mary Shaffer! Newaygo Seniors are ready for a bright future!



## Newaygo Middle School National Jr. Honor Society

### 1st Year Members, Inducted Fall 2018

7th Grade: Aubri Blenman, Lauren Bull, Elaine Chen, Gavin Culver, Madison Christensen, Lillyann Cook, Olivia DeJohn, Jaxon duChemin, Madelyn Garbrecht, Sophia Hathaway, Mia Janke, Elsha Jibson, Sydnee Kirk, Josiah Long, Mathew Miedema, Maria Riddering

8th Grade: Alexandria Bruwer, Bryce Decker, Addyson Gorby, Bryce Grugett, McKade Hurre, Lyda Lathrop, Emma Mortensen, Olivia Sinkler

### 2nd Year Members, Inducted Fall 2017

8th Grade: Sarah Andrews, Sofia Briggs, Grant Harkness, Iris Herrera, Connelly Hefferan Nordlund, Grace Painter, McCaiden Rienstra, Nicholas Ruehmeier, Emma Youmans, Libby Young



The Newaygo Middle School Celebration of Talents "Travel through the Decades" Talent Show was a huge success! Students in grades 5th through 8th grade displayed their talents during a community show at the end of March. Talents included singing, art, martial arts, gymnastics, dancing and playing musical instruments. Congrats performers, Emcees, and backstage crew!







After two rescheduled dates due to snow days, the middle school ROARS trip to Altitudes Trampoline Park finally took place! 208 students, grades 5-8 attended this event. ROARS stands for Respect Others Act Responsibly and Safely. Students had to meet criteria related to ROARS for the first semester. The PBIS committee helps to offset the cost of these trips through fundraisers, such as the read-a-thon and pop and Taki sales.



Project Citizen 5th-grade students and National Jr. Honor Society students worked together during spring clean up around Newaygo Middle School!



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Fifth Grade students in Mrs. Harkness' Social Studies Class painted pumpkins for a "Paint the World" pumpkin project to expand on learning map skills! Students and parents donated pumpkins for each student to paint the world including the seven continents and oceans as well as lines of latitude, longitude and the compass rose. Thank you to the many families that donated extra pumpkins to assure each child could participate in this learning experience!



Students in Mrs. Harkness' 5th Grade Social Studies Class completed projects about the Indigenous People/Native Americans of North and South America. They worked in small groups creating a replica of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest, Eastern Woodland, Plains, Southwest Pueblo, Mayas, Inca and the Aztec. Students



presented their projects in class sharing how the Native Americans used the environment to survive and described the geography, climate, dwellings and culture of the specific group.

To celebrate March is Reading Month, 4th grade students spent a day READING. The boys and girl brought some of their favorite books from home and shared them with their classmates. The students enjoyed



reading with a partner as they got comfy. They wrote about their favorite book. The boys and girls told their classmates about what their favorite book is and why. We also sorted their stories by genre. Many of the students focused on earning the most AR points for the month of March as well as earning 100 AR points for the end of the year.





The Newaygo Middle School National Jr. Honor Society collected approximately 70 prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Members of the Lions Club delivered the eyeglasses to Merida, Mexico at the end of February. This donation will help approximately 2,000 patients in need of prescription eyeglasses. Thank you to everyone that donated eyeglasses! Your donation will help a child read, help an adult succeed at their job, and help senior citizens maintain their independence. This project truly displayed "Lions helping lions, one pair at a time!"

Pictured: National Jr. Honor Society 8th Grade Members with Lions Club Members; Harry and Laura Johnson.



Mrs. Harkness and the Project Citizen 5th Grade Students

The Project Citizen 5th grade students honored Veterans and current military personnel by creating cards for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, sharing stories and taking pictures of family members who have served and/or serving our country, and creating a Wall of Honor in our school. The NMS Art Club collaborated with Project Citizen and created a large American Flag near the Wall of Honor with handprints of all the NMS students. Each hand includes a sentence describing what America means to them! Thank you to Mrs. Hurtle, Art Club Advisor, for displaying the amazing flag, Ronica Froese for delivering the cards to the Veteran's Home for Project Citizen, families for sending in your special pictures of family who have served and the NMS staff for having your students trace and cut handprints for the flag. We appreciate your Patriotism and taking the time to honor our Veterans!



The Project Citizen 5th grade students recently created cards for residents at the Newaygo Medical Facility and Brooks Retirement Communities. The cards were sent to the residents with hope to bring cheer to them during the long winter.

Project Citizen 5th-grade students added a special message "Autumn shows how beautiful it is to let things go!" to pumpkins and delivered them to all staff at Newaygo Middle School including teachers, office staff, maintenance, paraprofessionals and kitchen staff as a random act of kindness. Happy Autumn and thanks to all parents that donated pumpkins!





¡Qué divertido! At Title III Family Night, parents and students enjoyed a night of pizza, educational board games and lotería para los libros. Parents learned about Newaygo's Title III program and our National Geographic REACH curriculum. High school volunteers helped to make it a great night for everyone!



Literacy Night at NES

We had our first Family Literacy Night at Newaygo Elementary School to wrap up our “Stomp, Chomp & Read” themed reading month. Families got to hear a whole group dinosaur story and then attend stations with various literacy activities. The stations allowed everyone to enjoy a book in the reading cave, arrange a dinosaur poem, read a recipe and follow directions for a cookie snack, match dinosaur eggs, do a descriptive writing activity, dig up sight word fossils, sing dinosaur songs and do movement activities. If you missed out on this one, there are four more family nights coming, so be on the look-out for upcoming dates.







4th Graders at Newaygo Elementary have started learning how to write research papers and conduct research projects. Students have researched various topics like dinosaurs, animals, states, countries, and people. Throughout the school year students have already studied personal narratives, imaginative narratives, and opinion writing. Here is Emma Knight from Mrs. Morse's class working on her research poster of Canada. Some things that Emma included on her poster are Canada's flag, a timeline of important events, and fun places to visit like Banff National Park. Emma chose to study Canada because she has family that lives in Ontario, Canada!

## Some of the winning artwork from the Youth Arts Month!



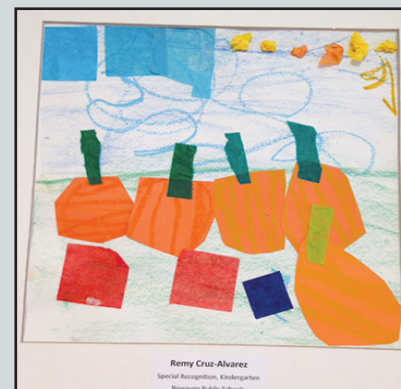
Peyton Randolph  
First place for 2nd grade



Michael Osborne  
First place for 5th grade



Lily Anderson  
Second place for 5th grade



Remy Cruz-Alvarez  
Special Recognition  
for kindergarten



Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the Newaygo County Council for the Arts Youth Art Competition! 750+ art submissions from K-6th grade across nine schools. Students were honored last March at the Dogwood Center.



Fourth and fifth grade winners (left to right) Michael Osborne, Ellen Nelson, Allen Chen, Hope Pietrzak, Lily Anderson, Collin Geroux, and Emma Knight (not pictured)



Second and third grade winners (left to right) Silas Karman, Jazmine McLeod, River Borkowski, Peyton Randolph, Elizabeth Labelle



First grader, Grace Arnold, proudly shows off her winning artwork



Kindergarten and first grade winners Kolten Vawter, Madeline Charles, Jaylinn Wiles, Remy Cruz-Alvarez (not pictured), and Khloe Henry (not pictured)





STOMP, CHOMP, & READ!  
Newwaygo Elementary

March was so exciting here at NES! Why? Because it was Reading Month! This year



First Grade AR Winners!  
Nazeer Humphries, Owen Karmen, Jarron Samuelson



Third Grade AR Winners!  
Brody Bickmann, Scott Barton, Noah Voshel, Collin Weirauch

students enjoyed the reading theme that centered around dinosaurs and it reminded them to Stomp, Chomp, & Read every day. Each Friday students received a letter from Read-a-saurus Rex that encouraged them to read throughout the month so that reading doesn't become extinct. Along with the letter, students received DINO-mite gifts. Students were also encouraged to increase their AR points by reading and taking quizzes. The top students in grades 1-4 were able to choose an inflatable dinosaur as a reading reward.



Second Grade AR Winners!  
Matthew Lewis, Ben Berenbrock, Gage Williams, Ava Blenman



Fourth Grade AR Winners!  
Taylor Randolph, Hope Pietrzak, Zackery Yearso-  
vich, Ella Soules, Caitlyn Marvin



Newwaygo Elementary Library Café

March is Reading Month was celebrated with a Library Café and Book Tasting Event! Newwaygo Elementary Librarians, Kelly Wilson and Melinda Yoder, partnered with the Newwaygo Area District Librarians, Carly Abbott and Sarah Welch, to bring our students a book tasting experience. Students were presented with tubs of books representing different genres. The book genres included science, humor, technology, history, arts, poetry and fiction picture books. Students rotated through the tables and “tasted” different books. As they tasted, students recorded a menu of new books that they would like to read the next time they visit the school or downtown libraries. Be sure to ask your child what new genre they will be reading next!



I Like to Move It, Move It!

CATCH Contest Winners

Congratulations to Brooklyn Brown and Ryder Kohler! You have each won four reserved seat tickets and a gas card to enjoy a West Michigan Whitecaps game.

Students were asked to draw a picture that showed them being active. Brooklyn drew a picture of her and her friends on the playground running and jumping. She later wrote about the same activities in a paper for her class. Ryder drew a picture of him and his mom playing in front of their house.

Way to stay active and promote your active lifestyles! Enjoy the game!



Many of the 4th grade students invited their parents into their classrooms for conferences. The boys and girls saved work examples in reading, writing, math, personal goals and word study to share with their families. The students were excited, and some nervous, as they talked about all the hard work they have done in 4th grade. The boys and girls talked about the procedures for writing, explaining how Thinking Maps is the best way to get your thoughts down on paper. The parents were interested while listening to their child talk about their favorite parts of reading groups. The students also



showed their parents the tests they have taken--the tests they have passed and the tests they still need to practice on. Student led conferences were a big hit in 4th grade! Thank you to all the parents and family members that attended conferences.



The Kindergarten Classes had the privilege of having Miss Lauren Freeland, Michigan Apple Queen Runner-up, visit their classrooms during March is Reading Month. She read a book to each classroom along with each student receiving a pencil, sticker, and an apple! Each classroom also received a book to keep in their classroom library. The students RE-ALLY enjoyed having Miss Freeland read to them! THANK YOU!



The Newaygo Elementary School Carnival was held on March 15, 2019. Students in art class created posters to advertise for the carnival. A winner was chosen from each grade level K-4 and they received a FREE wristband to the carnival! Congratulations on your fabulous art!

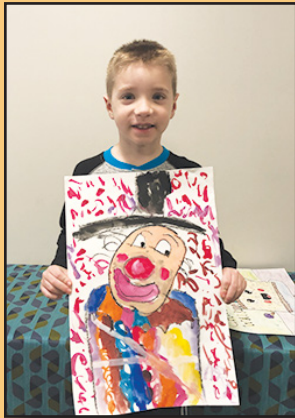
Kindergarten - Josh Thomasma

1st grade - Daisy Cook

2nd grade - Michelle Grandy-Dunkel

3rd grade - Ximena Magana

4th grade - Jennifer Ceja Montano



Thank you to everyone who attended the carnival - what an amazing turnout and fun filled event!

Thank you to NPS administration and staff, volunteers, parents and out community - especially to the businesses below who donated to the carnival! When you visit these businesses feel free to give them a thank you in person!

- Cronk's Ave Hardware
- Finish Line Auto Body
- Sandmold Systems
- GM Wood Products
- H & R Block
- Hometown Pharmacy
- Jimmy's Roadhouse
- Nestle Waters North America
- Newaygo Family Dental
- Croton American Legion Post 381 Auxillary
- VFW Post 4249
- Leppinks
- Wesco
- Gene's



Looking forward to another great carnival next year! Thank you again to all those that donated and helped!

Sincerely,  
Theresa Voshel & Jaci Wismar



## Girls Making a Difference!

A group of 4th graders is making a difference in Newaygo! They read a book about a boy who worked hard to save camels in his country. People threw plastic away and the camels were dying from eating this plastic. This was what inspired Cameron to take action.



Back row: Aurora Kleeves, Abbie Mathers, Jarely Hernandez  
Front Row: Bella Hanson, Alyssa Echtenaw and Elizabeth Crisler

The girls were inspired by his story and wanted to do something to help save wildlife in our beautiful town. They created a campaign to reduce litter and recycle popcans at our school carnival! Thank you everyone at the carnival who deposited their pop cans in the recycling bins.

Through their efforts \$49.00 were raised and given to Mr. Painter. The money will be used to purchase R.O.A.R.S. prizes. R.O.A.R.S. stand for Respect Others, Act Responsibly and Safely. They hope that people remember to not litter and keep recycling.



Mr. Painter accepts the \$49.00 from the girls' pop can recycling!



4th grade students were experimenting with toy cars for a science experiment. The students were learning about kinetic energy-energy that is transferred in the form of movement. Some of our students brought in cars in many different sizes. The boys and girls then worked together in pairs to experiment with items around the room to see what would happen when 2 cars collide. Some of the students made ramps, others made tunnels for their cars to run through, while others just pushed their cars together. It was fun watching the students share their findings with each other as they learned about kinetic energy.





#### Board Work Session, June 4, 2018

- The Board was updated on the building project progress by Dr. Mathis;
- The Board had a 1st Draft Policy Review on Sections 0000; Bylaws and 1000; Relations, of the current Board Policy.

#### Organizational & Regular Meeting, July 16, 2018

The Board Held an Organizational Meeting and took the following actions:

- Approved policies regarding Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Board Members, and Board Position Vacancies, as were approved in March 2008.
- Established the third Monday of each month at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the high school library as the dates/time/place for regular meetings, established the date for the Board's Work Session as Monday, June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library, and established July as the month for future organizational meetings.
- Designated banks and depository
- Designated the Times-Indicator as the school district's official newspaper,
- Designated the school district's attorney firms,
- Appointed assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and
- Approved the Legal Reference Note.

During the regular meeting the Board hired a High School Language Arts teacher and a Freshman Boys Basketball coach.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

- Approval of participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

There were no Major General Fund Expenditures. The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

- Student/Staff/Parent Handbooks for 2018-19;
- Resolution for School Calendar Options for 2018-19;
- Conflict of Interest.

#### Regular Meeting, August 20, 2018

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

- Resolution for School Calendar Options for 2018-19;
- Approval of participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

There were no Major General Fund Expenditures. The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

- Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly Representatives

#### Regular Meeting, September 17, 2018

The Board hired seven (7) Aides. Six (6) at the Newaygo Elementary School and one (1) at the Newaygo Middle School.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

- Approval of Audit FY Ending June 30, 2018;
- High School Student Guide for 2018-19;
- Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly Representatives;
- Board Representative for Newaygo County School Board.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

- Superintendent Evaluation

Dr. Mathis reminded the Board, in October it will be time to review another section of Board Policy. Principals updated the Board on their buildings.

#### Special Meeting, October 8, 2018

The Board of Education took the following action:

- Expelled a High School Student.

#### Regular Meeting, October 15, 2018

The Board hired a Middle School Spelling Bee Coordinator and a Bus Aide.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

- Approval of Audit FY Ending June 30, 2018;
- High School Student Guide for 2018-19;
- Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly Representatives;
- Board Representative for Newaygo County School Board.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

- Washington D.C. Trip – High School Government Students

Principals updated the Board on their buildings. The board went into a closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation.

#### Regular Meeting, November 19, 2018

Holly Bowman – Costa Rica Trip 2020-  
Gave the board an overview of the trip proposed

Costa Rica Trip in 2020 through EF Educational Tour, costs to students, tour guides and tentative itinerary.

Audience Participation –

Scott Faulkner – City of Newaygo, spoke to the Board about having 2-3 board members on the City's Housing Task Force and also discussed economic development updates in regards to the Vera Wilsie property and the possibility of the District and City working together to developing a strategy to develop the Vera Wilsie site that benefits the school system, City of Newaygo, and its residents.

Desirae Patterson – spoke to Board about her concerns with amount of time elementary students are given for lunch and recess.

Missy Clark – spoke to the board with concerns and questions in regards to training for staff in the event of emergency situations and how busing would be handled during this time.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:

- Approval of high school government students Washington D.C. trip in March, 2019.

The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:

- 1st Draft Policy Review Section 2000; Program Principals updated the Board on their buildings. The board went into a closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation.

#### Special Meeting, December 10, 2018

Audience Participation –

10 community members spoke the Board in support of keeping the display on top of the Newaygo Elementary School.

The Board went into closed session for the purpose of considering an attorney-client privileged written legal opinion.

The Board of Education took the following actions regarding:

- Passed a motion in response to the complaint, the Board has no desire to remove the display. Dr. Mathis was authorized to consider ways to potentially refine the display to better reflect the purpose of NPS district.

**NEWAYGO PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**



Regular Meeting, December 17, 2018  
Letters of resignation were received from a food service employee and two Middle School aides. The Board hired a part-time aide at Newaygo Elementary, E.T. Club Coordinator and Boys Varsity Head Track Coach.  
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:  
-Adopted resolution of Allocation of NCASB Funds;  
-Approved contract with City & Townships for Summer Tax Collection;  
-Approved relinquishment of Title III Immigrant Student Funds;  
-Approved Long-Term Suspension of High School student;  
-Approved Superintendent Evaluation  
The board went into a closed session for the purpose of meeting with attorney on Elementary school display.  
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:  
-1st Draft Policy Review, Sections 6000; Finance, 7000; Property, 8000; Operations, 9000; Relations

Organizational & Regular Meeting, January 21, 2019  
The Board held their Organizational Meeting and took the following actions:  
-Elected 2018-19 Officers as follows:  
President – Mr. Vince Grodus, Vice-President – Mr. Morgan Heinzman, Secretary – Ms. Melissa Swinehart, Treasurer – Mr. Bret Brummel.

During the Regular Meeting the Board was given formal recognition – January is Board Member Appreciation Month.  
Mrs. Erica Boyd, Mrs. Laurie Gracik and Mrs. Lynda Mercer and students presented to the board the be nice. Leadership Team and gave an overview of what they do.  
Officer Mitch Rood gave the board a school update.  
  
Mr. Jim Grugett & Principals updated the board on Positive Behavior Support (PBIS).  
Letters of resignation were received from a 7th grade volleyball coach, Varsity Baseball Coach and Assistant High School Principal.  
The Board hired a part-time Special Education Aide at Newaygo Elementary, a bus Driver, Varsity Baseball Coach and 7th grade Volleyball Coach.  
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:  
-Approved Amended 2018-19 Budget;  
-Appointed a Board Representative for the Newaygo County Board Association (NCASB);  
-Appointed two (2) Board Members as the District’s Representatives on the City of Newaygo Housing Task Force Committee.  
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:  
-Athletic Coach Evaluation Tool  
-Superintendent Evaluation Tool


Regular Meeting, February 26, 2019  
Letters of resignation were received from an Elementary School Aide, Retirement resignations from Middle school teacher and High School Counselor.  
The Board hired two part-time aides at Newaygo Elementary, a Bus Driver, Assistant Varsity Track Coach and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach.  
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:  
-Approved Athletic Coach Evaluation Tool;  
-Approved Superintendent Evaluation Tool;  
-Approved Bid Package for School Roof/Parking Lot Replacement;  
-Approved Michigan State Police Grant Funds.  
The Board of Education considered the following New Business items:  
-Senior Class Trip

Regular Meeting, March 18, 2019  
A letters of retirement resignation was received from an Elementary School Teacher and a letter of resignation from an Elementary School Aide. The Board hired a part-time special education bus aide.  
The Board of Education took the following actions regarding Old Business items:  
-Approved Senior Class Trip to Chicago;  
-Approved Wireless Network Project;  
-Approved NEOLA – 2nd Draft Board Policies;  
-Approved 2019-2020 School Calendar.

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NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REVISED 2018 - 2019 School Calendar

April 19	No School - Good Friday
April 22	Late Start
May 24	Half - Day of School
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
June 11	Last Day of School - Half - Day



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Newaygo Middle School E.T. Club Presents

# YOU'RE MY SUPERHERO MOTHER-SON DANCE DANCE



Grades K-8 Male  
Students  
from Any School are  
welcome!

**Saturday, May 11th**  
**Newaygo Middle School**  
**6 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**\$10 per mom and son**

**\$15 per mom with 2+ sons**

**Boys may bring mom or other special female guest**  
**Dress like a Superhero or wear your favorite**  
**Superhero shirt!**



- ★ Concessions hosted by the E.T. Cyber Cafe!
- ★ Fun items on Sale from the National Jr. Honor Society!
- ★ NEW DJ this year!! Wear your dancing shoes!
- ★ Photos packages available too! Cost \$5-\$15.

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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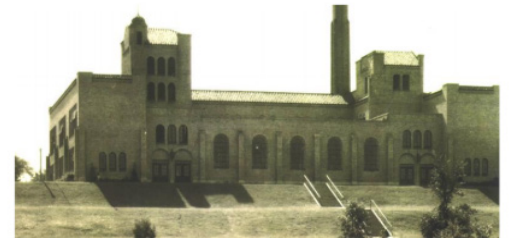
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## 115th Annual Newaygo High School Alumni Banquet



*Newaygo High School 1904 (115 yrs. Ago)*

The Annual Newaygo High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Newaygo High School. Reminiscing with old friends, looking at school photos and visiting the high school library and the many donated archives begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:30. The cost of the dinner is \$11.50 per person. This year we will honor the class of 1959, 1969, 1979 and the graduating class of 2019. The Beverly Shue scholarship fund remains successful due to your generosity and the 2019 scholarship recipients will be introduced at the banquet. All Newaygo High School Alumni are welcome to attend.



*Newaygo High School 1959 (60 yrs. Ago)*

\* Please make Reservations before May 6 and return to:

N.H.S. Alumni Association  
% Marilyn Melvin  
1361 W 68th St.  
Newaygo, MI 49337

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) graduated \_\_\_\_\_

I request \_\_\_\_\_ dinner reservations @ \$11.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donation to scholarship fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donation to alumni fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_