



Girls Basketball Division 2 State Runner-Up



Back row: Grace Painter, Anna Brummel, Lily Ruehmeier, Jaylee Long, Lily Swinehart, Emmerson Goodin

Front row: Jaxi Long, Kayla Fisk

Coaches: Dan Maki, Jason Long, and Head Coach Nate Thomasma

While many might have considered them the underdogs in their magical tournament run, they were always confident that they could compete.

CONGRATULATIONS!

COVID CHALLENGES NPS STUDENTS, STAFF, & FAMILIES

It has been a long road. Over a year ago, our world changed forever with the onset of a virus. Like everyone, we have been through so much here at NPS and in the process learned a great deal. Superintendent Dr. Peg Mathis was scheduled to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year but plans changed when the pandemic hit and Dr. Mathis stayed on for the 2020-2021 school year. In the midst of everything happening, the NPS hard copy newsletter was put on pause. We have tried to keep everyone updated through our webpage and social media channels. It made sense, however, to publish one newsletter for this end of the year timeframe and hopefully the district can move forward with more regular, periodic newsletters for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our kids and staff members have persevered and learned to adapt. Mask wearing, hand sanitizing, social distancing, and multiple stops and starts with athletics and school attendance continued to test our will. We are grateful for the continued support from our community.



Welcome to NPS Superintendent, Jeff Wright

Mr. Jeff Wright has been selected as the new Superintendent at Newaygo Public Schools. Mr. Wright has experience as a teacher and a principal at both the elementary and high school levels. Most recently, Jeff was the Superintendent at Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools. He plans to begin at NPS on June 1, 2021.

Class of 2021 Top Ten

Newaygo High School Principal, Brad Reyburn, is pleased to announce the top ten for the graduating class of 2021: Anna Brummel (Valedictorian), Kendall Mathis (Salutatorian), Lillian Ruehmeier, Jaylee Long, Olivia Lacy, Alexis Feutz, Makenna Young, Wyatt Mortensen, Madison Salacina, and Ashton Stephens.



Anna Brummel: Valedictorian

Anna is the daughter of Bret and Allison Brummel. She is actively involved in her school and community. She has participated in athletics throughout high school including cross country, basketball, and soccer. Anna is also a member of the National Honor Society. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering at her church and supporting other extracurricular events. In the fall, Anna Brummel will attend Central Michigan University to major in finance.

Kendall Mathis: Salutatorian

Kendall is the daughter of Mark and Peg Mathis. She has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track throughout high school. In addition to athletics, Kendall has also been a part of the Ski Club, College Ambassadors, and Vice President of the National Honor Society. In her spare time, she has volunteered in her church's program for children and has worked many hours waitressing. In the fall, Kendall plans to attend Grand Canyon University to pursue a degree in mathematics for secondary education. Kendall Mathis would like to one day become a high school math teacher and athletic coach.



Lillian Ruehmeier

Lily is the daughter of Nick and Jodie Ruehmeier. Throughout high school, she has been involved with her community and school. Lillian has been involved in volleyball, basketball, soccer and track. She was also the vice president of the student body and secretary of the National Honor Society. In the fall, Lillian Ruehmeier will be attending the University of Michigan to study Spanish and international studies.



Jaylee Long

Jaylee is the daughter of Jason and Julie Long. Throughout high school, she has participated in two sports, basketball and soccer. She is a member of the National Honor Society. In her spare time, she has helped with girl's youth basketball. In the fall, Jaylee Long will be attending Cornerstone University to play basketball and study Elementary Education.



Olivia Lacy

Olivia is the daughter of Brenda Lacy and Brant Kutzli. Olivia has participated in the Newaygo Marching Band, and had the honor of being Section Leader of the Color guard. She is involved in Student Council as vice president, National Honor Society as president, PBIS squad, and College Ambassadors. Outside of school, she enjoys fishing on the river and spending time with her family. This fall, Olivia Lacy will be attending Ferris State University to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology.

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Alexis Feutz

Alexis is the daughter of Chris and Angie Dejong and Corey Feutz. She is actively involved in her school. She is a three-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, wrestling, and softball, along with being part of the student council, National Honor Society, and College Ambassadors. She works hard to encourage others. In the fall, Alexis Feutz will attend the University of California San Diego to study Biochemistry.

Makenna Young

Makenna is the daughter of Jerry and Jill Young. Makenna has been involved in Track and Field and has been a member of College Ambassadors and the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Makenna is a competitive Irish dancer. Dance has allowed her to volunteer at multiple nonprofit organizations. In the fall, Makenna will attend Concordia University of Chicago. She will major in Biochemistry on a premedical track and minor in Spanish. Makenna Young will also be a pole vaulter on Concordia's Track and Field team.



Wyatt Mortensen

Wyatt is the son of Mike and Karen Mortensen. During his high school career, he has been active in both athletics, academics, and the community. Wyatt participated in basketball and soccer all four years receiving all-conference honors in both. He was a member of the National Honor Society. In his spare time, he helped with Special Olympics, officiated youth sports games, and volunteered for several community organizations. In the fall, Wyatt Mortensen will be attending a four-year university to pursue a degree in biochemistry and pre-med.



Madison Salacina

Madison is the daughter of John and Christina Salacina. Throughout high school, Madison has participated in drama club. She is also a part of the NCRESA's Future Educators. She is an officer for the Student Council and is a member of the National Honor Society. In the fall, Madison Salacina will be attending Grand Valley State University to study Education.



Ashton Stephens

Ashton is the son of Mike and Jennifer Stephens. He has been consistently involved in his school and community. Throughout high school, Ashton has participated in basketball, soccer, football and baseball. He has also been a member of the National Honor Society. Ashton Stephen's future plans include attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study Exercise Science.

How Did Teaching and Learning Occur in 2020-2021?

July/August, 2020 - A large committee works to develop the NPS *Return to Learn Plan*. We had to decide on numerous things including but not limited to:

- How to teach kids in-person during a pandemic.
- How to teach kids virtually during a pandemic.
- Determine the staff needed to implement both learning modalities.
- Implement a daily self-screen protocol.
- Procure adequate soap, disinfectant, gloves, & other PPE.
- Implement face covering procedures.
- Redesign breakfast and lunch periods in all buildings to accommodate social distancing.
- Advance relationships with the local health department for increased communication and evaluation of procedures, COVID cases, etc.
- Teach and reteach students how to behave with a mask and social distancing.
- Develop contact-tracing protocols and procedures.
- Create adjusted bus routes and bus rider guidelines with masks & social distancing.

One thing was certain: A large number of staff and parents wanted our students to attend in person in 2020-2021. Trying to teach and learn remotely during March, April, May, & June, 2020, was incredibly difficult. We also experienced very limited success with students who do not attend school in-person every day.

Aug. 31 - First Day of School for Students. Parents had the option to choose in-person or Newaygo Virtual and were asked to commit for 9 weeks.

End of 1st Marking Period - 1st transition point

Student/parents could switch from Newaygo Virtual to In-Person and vice versa.

Nov. 15-Dec. 8, 2020 Governor Whitmer shut down all high schools. NPS moves to remote learning for grades 9-12

Nov. 25-Dec. 8, 2020 NPS closes & moves to remote learning for all grades K-8 due to staffing shortages.

End of 1st Semester - 2nd and final transition point

Student/parents could switch from Newaygo Virtual to In-Person and vice versa.

March, 2021 - MDHHS requires testing of student-athletes (13 years & older) on a weekly basis.

January-June, 2021 - NPS students remain in their chosen learning modality - in-person or virtual and NPS employees work to provide the best education possible while students and staff are periodically quarantined.

How Did We Organize School and Deliver Instruction?

We did not want to purchase a 'canned' program for Virtual Learning. We felt it was best to serve NPS kids with NPS teachers; particularly at the K-8 levels.

Newaygo Elementary School

1 teacher at each grade level taught Newaygo Virtual.

This included:

K - Ms. Hernandez

1st - Mrs. Umlor

2nd - Mrs. Voshel

3rd - Mrs. Schultz

4th - Mr. Wittenberger

The rest of the NES staff taught in-person classes only.

Newaygo Middle School and

Newaygo High School

Most teachers taught:

4 in-person classes and at least

1 Newaygo Virtual class

The Numbers

School	% of students who attended in-person	% of students who attended Newaygo Virtual
Newaygo Elementary	85.5	14.5
Newaygo Middle	77.6	22.4
Newaygo High	84.0	16.0

We plan to have all students attending in-person in the Fall of 2021 and beyond.

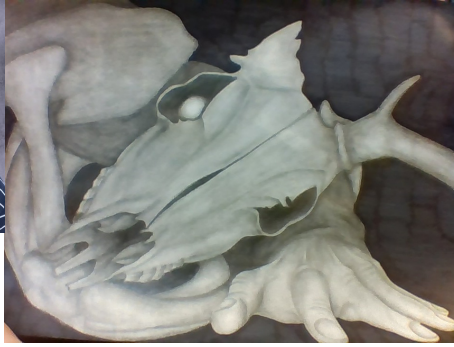
CSAA Honors for Artwork and Talent Review League's Art Show Was Virtual This Year



Ashley Bowknecht
12th grade
All-Conference
Artwork



Daisy Belanger
11th grade
All-Conference
Artwork



Christian McNeese
11th grade
All-Conference
Talent Review



Grace Painter
10th grade
All-Conference
Artwork
Honorable Mention



Greenlee DeJohn
10th grade
All-Conference
Talent Review

NPS Employees Retire

These staff members retired at the end of 2019-2020, but were not yet formally recognized in a district newsletter.



Deb Iwema
Middle School



Liz Moore
High School



Cheri Spoelma
High School



Scott Youmans
High School

More Recent Retirements



Chris Cronk
Transportation
Retired in
Dec., 2020



Lyn Shoemaker
High School
Retired in
Sept., 2020



Rita Seabrook
Middle School
Retiring in
June, 2021



Steve Bush
Middle School
Retiring in
June, 2021



Scott Van Essen
High School
Retiring in
June, 2021

New Employees at NPS in 2020-2021



Mr. Michael Boerman
High School Social Studies



Ms. Venessa Bulk
Middle School Science



Mr. Kyle McAlister
High School Science



Ms. Jessie Walters
Elementary Special Education



Ms. Anna Weston
High School Special Education



Ms. Shelbey Younts
Elementary Special Education



Mr. Dustin DeBeau
High School Academic Support



Ms. Stephanie Corrigan
High School Secretary



Ms. Megan Funk
Middle School Academic Support



Ms. Nicole Schoonmaker
Bus Driver



Mr. Brandon Schultz
Transportation Supervisor

High School Students Assist 8th Graders

Finding Ways to Help Students Transition to the High School For Next Year

In late April, seven high school students spent time in Ms. Bush's 8th grade classes helping to answer questions that 8th grade students have about high school. The panel of high school students consisted of (left to right): Isabella Welch, Glenn Toth, Jayden Joseph, Davyn Knight, Alyssa Wolford, Nikko Verhoy and Jaxi Long.



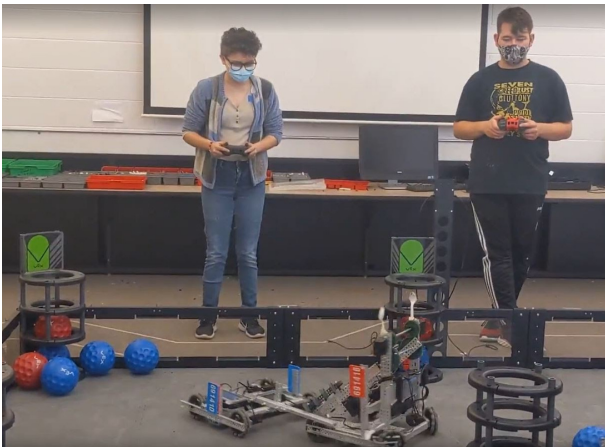
Robotics at Newaygo High School

Program In 2nd Year Under Direction of Mr. Luke Francis

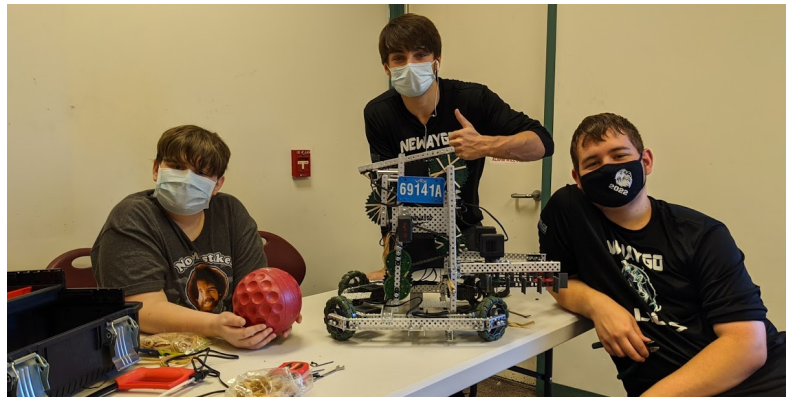
NHS Robotics just finished our second year of VEX Robotics competitions and our first year of VRAD (Virtual REC Aerial Drones). Justin Boverhof led the way in VRAD and ended the season **ranked fourth in the world**. He also has the highest single match score in the world for VRAD. Our team consisted of Justin Boverhof, Alexandria Bruwer, Oliver Abbott, Brianna Grugett, Jacob Youmans, Cameron Greene, Ryan Anderson, Yushan Xie, Jayden Joseph, Matthew Hurrle, Caden Smith, and Antonio Nakvos-Clubb.

These competitors had to design and build a robot that could collect, score, and de-score the blue and red balls seen in the picture. Their designs had to be able to withstand the rigors of the playing field where bots collide, and sometimes break. In between matches team members have a precious few minutes of Pit time to repair their bots and get back into the arena.

Much of our success this year was due to the leadership and dedication of Justin, Alexandria, and Oliver. They spent numerous hours throughout the year designing, building, redesigning their bots as well as learning to code in Python for an added advantage. Parents & community supporters, Kari and Mark Boverhof, deserve a big shout-out for their support of the program as well.



Alexandria Bruwer and Justin Boverhof



Cameron Greene, Jayden Joseph, Justin Boverhof

Computer Science Classes Newaygo High School

Newaygo High School added a multi-year Robotics and Coding curriculum to our elective offerings this year. Through an ongoing grant from Amazon, we will be able to continue to offer Intro to Computer Science (2 semesters), AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Computer Science Java.

In our first year, we had 40 students enrolled in the CS program. Several of these students finished both semesters of Intro to CS and one student, Justin Boverhof, is prepared for the AP exam for Computer Science Principles. Students enrolled in these classes learn to code using the coding languages Python and later Java. We complement that skill set with engineering projects that allow students to build robots designed to achieve specific goals. Throughout this process, we learn to fail, fail fast, fail better. We prototype, test, and improve our concepts/designs. At the end of the day, these classes give NHS students opportunities to engage in hands-on projects while gaining the in-demand skills of the contemporary economy.

Computer Coding at Newaygo Elementary School

Youngest Students Learn Valuable Problem-Solving Skills

In Revamped Elementary Technology Class with Mrs. Jill Young

This year in the technology labs in grades K-5, we've had a lot of fun! We've learned about digital citizenship and online safety, how to search the internet meaningfully, improve keyboarding skills, use Google productivity apps, and have done some coding! The level at which these have been taught vary and are built upon each year.

This year, with a generous grant from Great Lakes Energy, our Kindergarten through 2nd grade were able to experiment with Coding Critters! They had a lot of fun using non-electronic Coding Critters as an introduction and then moved into the electronic Coding Critters after a couple of weeks. In 5th grade the students used Edison Bots. These are simply programmed and easy to code and use! Scratch is a coding site that we use in the lower grades and the Edison Bots conveniently have a Scratch program where kids can make Edison do whatever they code it to do! They've had a lot of fun with them! Two 3D printers were also donated to the 5th grade lab. We finished out the year trying out the 3D printers!



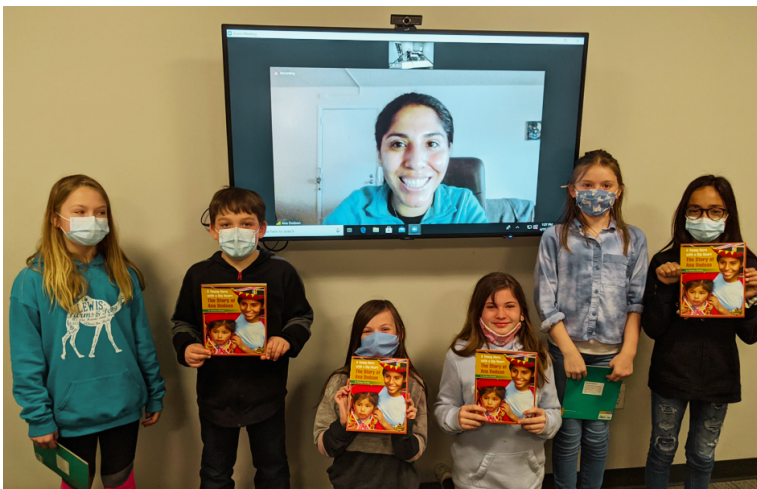
Montgomery Beach and Payton Spaulding



Selena Rivas and Sophia Hewitt

4th Grade Students Meet a Hero

What happens when you read a story that moves you?
You write to the main character of the story and meet her!



What a thrill to not only get letters back from Ms. Dodson, but students go to meet her via Zoom!

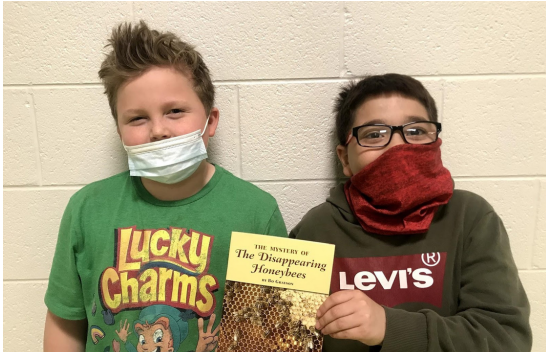
Pictured (l to r): Penny DeVries, Zayne Biegalle, Alex Lowe, Kyria Cox, Teagan Allyn, Nevaeh Pineda.

Mrs. Bush's 4th Grade reading group read a story called *A Young Hero with a Big Heart; The Story of Ana Dodson*. Ana was adopted from an orphanage in Peru and was raised by a family in Colorado. Ana got to go back to visit the orphanage when she was 11 years old. She started raising money and sending it to Peru for improvements on the orphanage through an organization she started called Peruvian Hearts. Our kids were inspired that an 11 year-old could make a difference like this! They wrote her letters and came up with ideas that they could do in our school and community to make a difference. She is 29 now, married and going to school to be a psychologist. She was happy to meet the kids, thank them for their letters and answer questions they had. Talk about motivation to read and write!

Help the Honeybees

Written by 4th grade students Jovanny Alvarez, Luckie Dorwin and Aubri Koning

Did you know that honeybees are disappearing? We read it in a book. Bees are disappearing from their hives and not returning. Scientists think it could be a parasite or chemicals from bug spray. Without bees a lot of our food will not grow. Apples, cherries, broccoli, garlic and pears need honeybees to grow. Alfalfa needs bees to grow too. Cows eat alfalfa. Without this as food, dairy cows won't make milk. Babies need milk! Below are ideas for you to do to save the bees. Bees are important, help us! Gracias!



Luckie Dorwin and Jovanny Alvarez

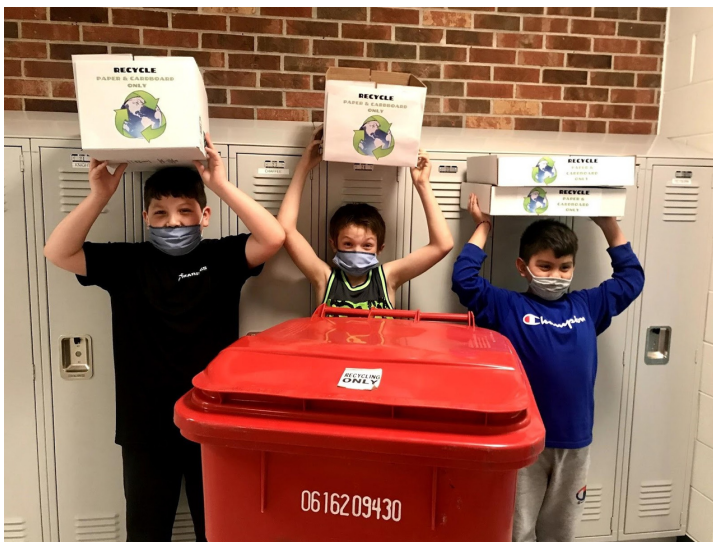
Here are some things you can do to help:

- Don't hurt honeybees. Look, but don't touch.
- Don't pull weeds such as dandelions from your family's garden because honeybees use them for food.
- Plant purple, blue, and yellow flowers because honeybees like those colors.
- Spread the word. Let others know to protect the bees!



Did You Know That Our School Recycles Paper and Cardboard?

Written by Remington Wright, Jesus Rios, Weengushk Lemson, Kloe Henry, & Mrs. Melissa Hreha



Weengushk Lemson, Remington Wright, Jesus Rios



We read a book about a man who makes recycled paper out of elephant dung! Seriously! This inspired us to make sure all classrooms were recycling paper at our school. We passed out bins for classrooms to collect scrap paper. Now we are making our school Earth Friendly. When you are done reading this, RECYCLE IT!

Second Grade Students Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day

Mrs. Voshel Gets Creative With Newaygo Virtual Students



Mrs. Voshel, the Newaygo Virtual teacher for 2nd grade found a creative way to celebrate special people. At the left is a picture of her students in their Google Meet (and Mrs. Voshel's crazy socks) celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on March 21.



Rock your socks is a way for people to raise awareness of the uniqueness of those individuals with an extra chromosome.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Advisor: Mrs. Lisa Piccard

2020-2021 Officers

Olivia Lacy, President

Kendall Mathis, Vice President

Lillian Ruehmeier, Secretary

Yushan Xie, Treasurer

Makenna Young, Historian



Existing Members of the NHS National Honor Society included:

Top - Anna Brummel, Emma Reyburn, Hudson Harkness, Oliver Geroux, Haleigh Schmitt, Arianna Hunt, Forest Saur-Parker

Middle - Wyatt Mortensen, Jaylee Long, Rachel Karrip, Jennafer LaVette, Brianna Gruett, Madison Salacina, Ashton Stephens

Bottom - Makenna Young, Yushan Xie, Olivia Lacy, Kendall Mathis, Alexis Feutz, Matthew Richardson, Lillian Ruehmeier

On March 17, 2021, the existing members of the Newaygo High School National Honor Society conducted a ceremony to induct new members. The officers spoke about the 4 pillars which include scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Congratulations to all of our students who make academics a priority!



Newly Inducted Members of the NHS National Honor Society include:

Top - Clara Riddering, Mackenzie Hurrle, Madison Longcore, Emmerson Goodin, Jaxi Long, Saige Berwald

Middle - Sorcka Tazelaar, Kylie Ross, Lily Swinehart, Josselyn Newfer, Sidney Lay, Jillian Braman

Bottom - Ryder Kirk, Justin Boverhof, Glenn Toth, Jayden Joseph, Parker Christensen, Dakota Bazzett

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Advisor: Ms. Jaime Harkness



Back - Alyssa Boone, Johan Walker, Seraph Bridges, Henry Wood, Blake Larsen, Jacob Wilder, Ethan Reyburn, Lillian Holmes, Leah Ruehmeier, Blake Kerr

3rd Row - Maddie Couch, Lane Nelson, Kenny Miller, Hunter Yearsovich, Gracie Bazzett, Kija Westbrook, Chloe Bush, Keely Verhoy, Brock Wismar,

Caleb Wolven, Luella Hilden, Karla Nelson, Morgan Pope, Parker Wade

2nd Row from bottom - Collin Geroux, Hannah Gould, Lauren Einig, Hunter DeCan, Josephine Couch, Chloe Clark,

Jonathan Bischoff, Jasper Baker, Isaac Hunt,

Front - Olivia Hathaway, Amaya Lathrop, Rachel Larsen, Lola Lopez, Ava Sasse, Sebastian McCastle, Morgan Sharp, Emma Soules,

Not Pictured - Amarice Marvin, Siena Avendano

5th Grade Science Learning and Fun!



Matthew Campbell, Trey Miller

Wow! This experiment was super cool!

- Lillian C.

Surprisingly the explosion was huge!

- Jesse S.

I didn't expect the bag to explode that much.

- Scott

It exploded way too big.

- Christian

I loved it.

- Baylee

The vinegar and baking soda reacted and created a huge explosion.

It popped the bag because of the gas being trapped.

- Lillith R.



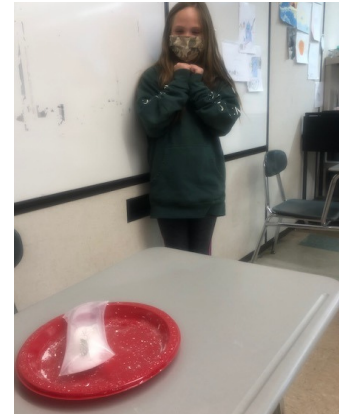
Ellason Foster, Jazlynn Alvarez



Ayanna Labelle, Jasmine McLeod



Ivan Hunt, Tucker Wasmiller



Natalie Bischoff

March is Reading Month

Theme - Elephants, Lions, and Books, Oh My!

Our 2nd grade students had a 'wild' time during March is Reading Month. Fun dress up days, special treats and reading interesting facts and books about animals were some of the highlights.



Mrs. Crane's 2nd grade students show their giant coffee filter flowers.



Alex Funderberg



Mila Mayle

These students are trying to camouflage themselves!

Donated pumpkins for each student in the 4th grade at NES at Halloween!



4th grade students Kyia Cox, Rachel Wierenga, and Lane Phillips display their painted pumpkins.

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. McVicker for donating the pumpkins!



Mrs. Franks 4th grade students on Halloween.

LOCAL SPANISH STUDENTS SCORE WELL

**NPS Spanish Teachers Include Ms. Alexis Mercer (NHS),
Ms. Gena Dietz (NHS) and Ms. Brittany Christensen (NMS)**

Congratulations to several Spanish students from Newaygo High School who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2021 National Spanish Examinations. Students from Newaygo High School earned a total of five honors. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 55,000 students participating in 2021."

The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.



Achievers in Spanish (l to r):

Jazmin Ramos Alvarez, Mayte Ceja-Montano, Lynnea Briones, Grace Painter, and Olivia Sinkler

YOUTH ATHLETIC CAMPS

Each summer, NPS Varsity Coaches try to offer a variety of youth camps.

If interested, see our webpage under the "Athletic Camps" tab.



Class of 2021 Decision Day

Mr. Wemmer, NHS College Advisor, Makes the Day Special for Seniors

Decision Day started as an event to facilitate the announcements of college choices by high school seniors. Here at Newaygo, we celebrated all of our seniors on May 1. Activities included an obstacle course, games, special senior gifts, and a hot dog lunch prepared by Principal Brad Reyburn. Each senior received an envelope with letters written to them by educators, friends, and/or loved ones.

Mr. Wemmer completed his 2nd year of a 2-year stint as Newaygo's College Advisor and was responsible for the organization of the event. The College Advisor position is made possible by a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation. Thank you Mr. Wemmer!



Frank Beyer, Bryant Emelander & Jacob Youmans



Forest Saur-Parker and Isaac Finkbeiner



Midya Giffen at the craft table.

Spring Production: "Superheroes" written by Ian McWethy

Performances were on May 8, 2021 Under the Direction of Ms. Jennifer Hurrle



Cast members

Student Director: Addyson Gorby
Stage Manager: Ashlie Wright
Props and Costumes: Addyson Gorby and Amelia Cavasos
Backstage: Brenden Melven, Mya Hamilton, Ashlie Wright, Margaret King.
Lights and Sound: Matthew Hurrle, Ben Ho
Ticket Master: McKade Hurrle
Actors: Addyson Gorby, Forest Saur-Parker, Alexandria Bruwer, Camilas Cornero, Olivia Sinkler, Katrina Booth, Emily Tindall, Molly Hurrle

President Gerald R. Ford Student Writing Challenge

Newaygo High School Finalists

Each year, this student writing contest has a theme that reflects part of Gerald R. Ford's life. This year's topic was resiliency. Out of over 1,500 entries and after three rounds of scoring in a blind judging process, NHS landed two students in the top twelve! They include the following:

Clara Riddering was awarded \$750 for her entry titled, "Alarms"

Lily Swinehart was awarded \$250 for her entry titled, "Senses"



Clara Riddering



Lily Swinehart

Edward T. Grodus Honors Banquet

In December, 2020, Mr. Ed Grodus passed away. Mr. Grodus loved Newaygo Public Schools and served as the High School principal for 27 years. His passion for education resulted in the annual Edward T. Grodus Honors Banquet. Scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2020 last spring despite the fact that we could not have an 'in-person' Grodus banquet. In May, 2021, a scaled down version of the banquet was held for the Class of 2021. Here's hoping the Grodus Banquet will be back in all of its glory in 2022!

2021 Senior Awards and Scholarships

Valedictorian & Salutatorian & Top Ten Awards

Newaygo Education Association Awards

Ed & Millie Grodus Scholarship
Doris Schaefer Scholarship

Anna Brummel (Val), Kendall Mathis (Sal), Lillian Ruehmeier, Jaylee Long, Olivia Lacy, Alexis Feutz, Makenna Young, Wyatt Mortensen, Madison Salacina, Ashton Stephens
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Jaylee Long
Ashton Stephens

Gerber Foundation Scholarships

Gerber Foundation Merit Scholarship Ariana Hunt, Amaya Nelson, Ethan Riley, Haley Stefans, David Yoder
Dan Gerber Medallion Scholarship Alexis Feutz, Hudson Harkness, Kendall, Mathis, Lillian Ruehmeier, Makenna Young

Fremont Area Community Foundation Scholarships

Kenneth & Pauline Bull Scholarship Madison Salacina
Coville Scholarship Ariana Hunt
Emma L. Graham Scholarship Ryan Anderson
Jeff Cronk Scholarship Midya Giffen
Doris Adama Memorial Makenna Young
Berger Family Scholarship Hudson Harkness
Jack and Mary Butterick Sydney Maat
Charles William Davidson Scholarship Rachel Karrip
Dodge Scholarship Marissa Cross
Raymond & Dorothy Frankowski Scholarship Haleigh Schmitt
Robert & Elsie Geeting Scholarship Rachel Karrip
Larry & Adele Hansen Scholarship Marissa Cross
Mighty Lube Systematic Lubrication and OPCO Lubrication Midya Giffen
Richard D. Maurer Scholarship David Yoder
Newaygo County Career/Tech. Scholarship Ryan Anderson, Amelia Goltz, Beverly Kerr, Olivia Lacy, Madison Salacina
Don & Deborah Powers Scholarship Madison Salacina
Lou & Angie Spletzer Memorial Scholarship Amelia Goltz
Vanderwier Family Scholarship Lilly Neff
Huntington Bank Hudson Harkness
Jack and Mary Butterick Rachel Karrip
Janene Hogancamp Graphic Arts Beverly Kerr
NCCA Gail Johnston Jennafer LaVette
VanWylen Educational Yushan Xie
NPS Educational Advancement Superintendent Scholarship Brianna Grugett
NPS Educational Advancement Scholarship Alexis Feutz, Amelia Goltz, Brianna Grugett, Olivia Lacy, Jennafer LaVette, Jaylee Long, Lillian Ruehmeier, Madison Salacina, Makenna Young, Yushan Xie

Other Scholarships

Bev Shue Alumni Scholarship Ashley Bouwknecht, Rachel Karrip, Haleigh Schmitt
Bonnie Thomas Memorial Scholarship Jennafer LaVette
Don Terrill Memorial Scholarship Alexis Feutz
G. Abbott Scholarship Cecelia Musa
Helen Sanders Memorial Scholarship Alexis Feutz
Independent Bank Athletic Scholarship Jaylee Long, Hayden Mackenna
Janet Olson Educational Scholarship Jaylee Long, Kendall Mathis, Madison Salacina
Jerry Valleau Memorial Scholarship Madison Salacina
Judith Kelley Bukovac Scholarship Rachel Karrip
Matson Scholarship Lillian Ruehmeier
Kowalski Scholarship Jaylee Long, Kendall Mathis
Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ Rachel Karrip, Olivia Lacy
Mary Jane Pendergast Memorial Scholarship Wyatt Mortensen
Newaygo County Law Enforcement Scholarship Olivia Lacy
Newaygo High School PBIS Scholarship Olivia Lacy, Makenna Young
Olive Robey Memorial Scholarship Jaylee Long
Paul Mercer Memorial Scholarship Jaylee Long
Ray & Jean Bentley Scholarship Haleigh Schmitt
Student Council Leadership Scholarship Hudson Harkness, Olivia Lacy



Mr. Grodus speaks at the banquet in 2019



Millie Grodus is pictured with her grandson, NHS Alumnus & FSU Student, David Grodus, at the 2021 ETG Banquet.

Annual "Lions United" Day at NHS

A Day of Giving Back To The Community by NHS Students & Staff and Celebrating All Students

This idea was born a few years ago when students went to the principal at that time and asked for some relief from the stresses of school. Multiple days were planned where students could relax and interact with peers and teachers in a non-traditional settings by playing games, and doing community service, etc. From there, the day has morphed into a one-day event where students work around the campus and town performing community service for part of the day. Another part of the day includes an athletic activity using the Special Olympics Unified Sports idea, where students of all ability levels are on teams competing in an organized competition. The rest of the student body then cheers on the teams. Each year, a theme is chosen and is celebrated as well and this year's theme was *One Day*. Ultimately the goal is to build a community of learners who appreciate and value each other as well as teach our students that giving back to the community is important.



Preparing to plant flowers



Helping a homeowner beautify their property.



Some of the students sporting their "One Day" theme shirts.



H.S. Teacher, Mrs. duChemin gets in on the action!.

Interested in Playing a Sport Next Year?

Contact Coaches now to start a workout plan or get involved in summer programs/camps.

Athletic Director - Grades 6-12 - Mike Allison - mallison@newaygo.net
Football - Grades 9-12 - Mike Allison - mallison@newaygo.net
Boys Soccer - Grades 9-12 - Jason Long - jlong@newaygo.net
Cross Country - Grades 9-12 - Alexis Mercer - amick@newaygo.net
Cross Country - Grades 6-8 - Erica Boyd - eboyd@newaygo.net
Boys Basketball - Grades 7-12 - Jason Long - jlong@newaygo.net
Girls Basketball - Grades 7-12 - Nate Thomasma - nthomasma@newaygo.net
Wrestling - Grades 6-12 - Ray Coucke - raycoucke14@gmail.com
Track & Field - High School - Joe Barrette - jbarrette@newaygo.net
Track & Field - Middle School - Alexis Mercer - amick@newaygo.net
Girls Soccer - Grades 9-12 - Matt Painter - mpainter@newaygo.net
Baseball - Grades 9-12 - Jason Long - jlong@newaygo.net
Softball - Grades 9-12 - Becky Scott - bscott@gmcompanies.com

CHAMPIONS ARE BUILT IN THE OFF-SEASON!

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NEWAYGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2021-2022 School Calendar
Revised Calendar as of May 24, 2021

August 24, 25, 26	Professional Development
August 30	First Day of School for Students
September 3-6	No School – Labor Day Weekend
October 4	Late Start
October 4	P-T Conferences–Grades 5-12 5-8 p.m.
October 7	P-T Conferences–Grades 5-12 5-8 p.m.
October 11	Late Start
October 18	Late Start
October 25	Late Start
November 1	Late Start
November 8	Late Start
November 8	P-T Conferences–Grades K-4 5-8 p.m.
November 11	P-T Conferences–Grades K-4 5-8 p.m.
November 12	Half-Day of School
November 15	No School – Deer Day
November 22	Late Start
November 24	Half-Day of School – Begin Thanksgiving Break
November 25-26	No School – Thanksgiving Weekend
November 29	Late Start
December 21	Half-Day of School – End of First Semester – Teacher Records in p.m.
December 22	No School – Begin Christmas Break
January 3	School resumes
January 3	Late Start
January 10	Late Start
January 17	Late Start
January 24	Late Start
January 31	Late Start
February 7	Late Start
February 14	Late Start
February 18-21	No School – Winter Break
February 28	Late Start
February 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences–Grades 5-12 5-8 p.m
March 3	Parent-Teacher Conferences–Grades 5-12 5-8 p.m
March 7	Late Start
March 14	Late Start
March 21	Late Start
March 21	Parent-Teacher conferences–Grades K-4 5-8 p.m
March 24	Parent-Teacher conferences–Grades K-4 5-8 p.m
March 25	Half-Day of School
March 28	Late Start
April 1-8	No School – Spring Break
April 15	No School – Good Friday
May 27	Half-Day of School
May 30	No School – Memorial Day
June 7	Half-Day of School – Teacher Records in p.m.
June 8	Half-Day of School – Teacher Records in p.m. – Last Day of School

Late Start - School will begin one hour later than normal and morning bus routes will run one hour later in the morning on these days.

Student Registration Dates

Will be held in August at all buildings before school begins. Watch the website for dates & details. Letters with registration information will be mailed home in early August as well.

First Day of Practice for H.S. Fall Sports

August 9, 2021

Alternate Days of Instruction – If additional days of instruction are needed to comply with State requirements of minimal number of hours of instruction (1,098) they will be added at Winter Break (February 18 and February 21), and/or the end of the school year.