

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report

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Superintendent of Schools



Newfane to enhance safety with Raptor Visitor Management System

The District Safety Committee evaluated the Raptor visitor management system, and has unanimously recommended we adopt this program to enhance safety. Through this system, all guests entering our buildings will:

- Present government issued ID such as a driver's license;
- Be screened on the national sex offender database registry;
- Have the date and time of their visit recorded;
- Wear a printed visitor ID badge.
- **Note: employees will enter our buildings as they have in the past using their District ID/access card.**



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Roll-out of the program

- Communications to families will begin on February 1, 2024.
- A copy of the letter and an FAQ will be posted on our website in February.
- Training for administrators and those working the visitor management system (i.e. main office staff) will be trained on our March 8, 2024 Superintendent Conference Day.
- Reminder communications will be sent to families prior to spring break.
- Our new protocols will be implemented following the spring break on April 9, 2024.



Ontario Shores Credit Union branch inside Newfane Senior High School opening soon!

Updates:

- Student intern candidates participated in interviews earlier this month;
- Student teller training and shadowing at Ontario Shores Credit union is underway;
- The branch office (located within Newfane Senior High School's Library) has been prepared with a teller desk, technology (check scanner, computer, security camera, etc.);
- Signs are being selected;
- Branch will be open Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 PM.

Anticipated opening in February! More details to come!



Newfane Teachers Honored as New York State Master Teachers

Rachelle Hathaway and Abigail Cimato were honored during a reception on January 10 at Buffalo State University. As Master Teachers, Rachelle and Abigail will have access to a wealth of professional development, and so will all of our PreK-12 teachers of science, technology/engineering and mathematics. Congratulations, Rachelle and Abigail!



Student Voice and Stakeholder Feedback Sought in Website Refresh

As we refresh our website and move toward an integrated platform that includes parent communication, mass notification, and the ability to push content to social media platforms, stakeholder feedback has been sought:

- District Technology Committee reviewed and compared web providers, and selected ParentSquare as the finalist.
- ParentSquare offers a variety of design choices and the Technology Committee narrowed the selection down to two website design templates.
- On Friday, our Director of Curriculum & Technology, Mr. Young, worked with Mrs. Tabone's Digital Art class on the final template design.
- An example of the final template design - **chosen by our students** - is below. To view it on a device, go to: <https://example6.smartsites.parentsquare.com/>



ParentSquare



Coach Nagel recognized by Buffalo Bills

On December 31, Coach Nagel was recognized as a Buffalo Bills Coach of the Week on the field during halftime of the Bills versus Patriots game. (Notice Coach Nagel's awesome Newfane Panthers hat!!!) 😊



Newfane Participates in Tech Wars at Niagara County Community College

The annual Tech Wars were held at NCCC on January 10. Technology teacher Henri Kursten took a group of students to the competition and we are so proud of Brendon Hodkin who earned 2nd place in the “King of the Hill” robotics competition!

Below are all of our students who participated in events:

Brendon Hodkin - 2nd Place in King of the Hill Robotic Contest, also competed in 3D Printed CO2 “Outlaw” Car Race

Abbey Szumla - Competed in Architectural Design Contest

Dominic Makuch - Competed in 3D Printed CO2 “Outlaw” Car Race and On-Site 3D Drawing Contest

Cameron Hallman - Competed in 3D Printed CO2 “Outlaw” Car Race and On-Site 3D Drawing Contest

Zoey Johnson - Competed in On-Site 3D Drawing Contest



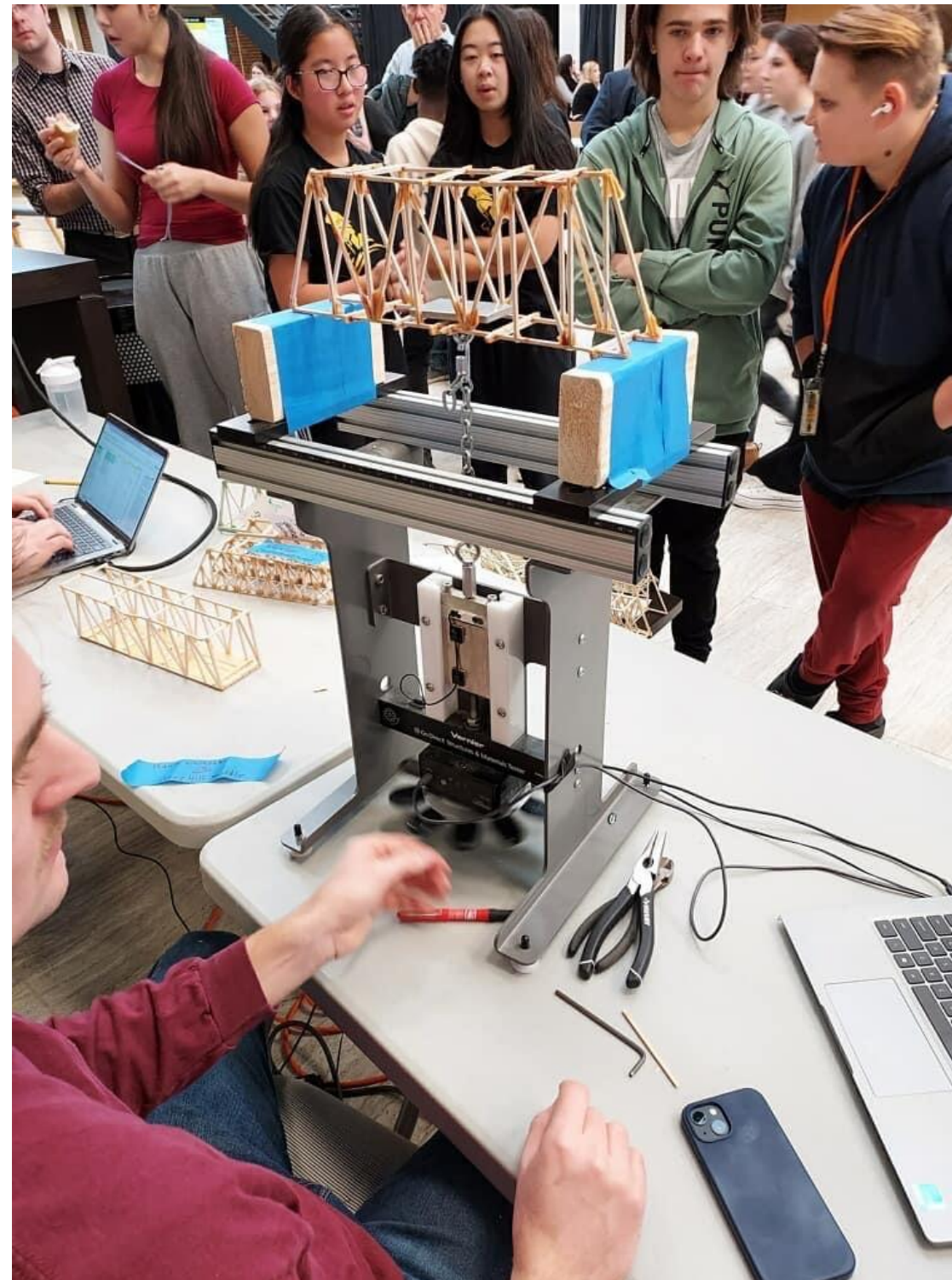
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Photos of the Tech Wars at NCCC on January 10.



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Newfane Middle School Hosts Minute to Win It!

Faculty, staff, administrators and parents collaborated to host a family fun night of “Minute to Win It” challenges. Many thanks to all who helped to make this happen!



Newfane Wrestling has a Perfect Match!

The Newfane Varsity Wrestling team had a league match against Albion on Wednesday, January 4, and the Panthers had a perfect 78-0 win!



High School Phys Ed Teacher Secures Tennis Equipment Donation

Through her initiatives with the United States Tennis Association, Physical Education Teacher Megan Forsyth secured a donation of 30 new tennis racquets, indoor tennis balls and adapted tennis balls valued at approximately \$850. This equipment will be used in the spring, and will be very beneficial with our adaptive PE classes.

Congrats, Megan!

Congratulations!



Upcoming Presentations & Visitations for the Board

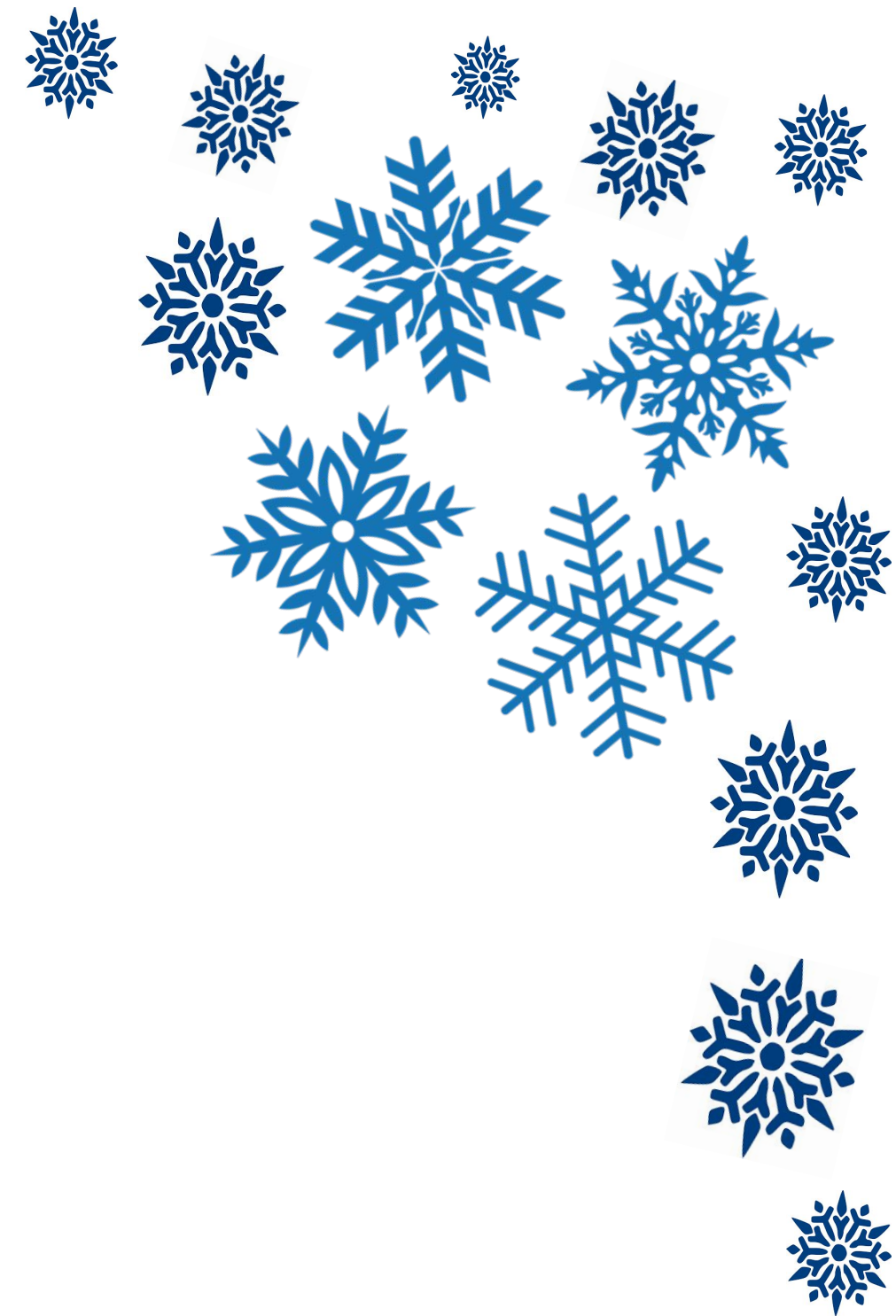
- **Board & Admin Tours of O-N BOCES Programs:**
 - **Monday, January 22 - Medina tour**
8:15 AM - refreshments
8:30-10 AM - tour of facilities
Address - 4232 Shelby Basin Rd., Medina, NY 14103
 - **Tuesday, January 23 - Sanborn tour**
8:15 AM - refreshments
8:30-10 AM - tour of facilities
Address - 3181 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn, New York 14132
- **February 20, 2024 - Board Presentation**
 - Newfane Senior High School



Upcoming Events

- **All League Swim**
 - January 23: Boys at Akron High School
 - January 26: Girls at Newfane Aquatic Center
- **Cheer Sectionals at Starpoint**
 - Saturday, February 17
- **Mid-Winter Break**
 - February 19-20, 2024
- **Newfane Alumni Association**
 - February 19 at 7 PM

- **Board of Education Meetings**
 - February 6, 2024 at 7 PM
 - February 20, 2024 at 7 PM - possible change of date





Thank you!

