

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Message from Superintendent of Schools, Michael Baumann:



As I near the end of my first full year at the helm of the Newfane Central School District, I enthusiastically look forward to the start of a brand new school year. During my short time in the District, I was repeatedly amazed and impressed with our wonderful students and the amazing things they have accomplished. From academics to athletics, music to technology, our students continue to achieve to incredible levels.

Once again this year, we saw overall improvement in our ranking in the Business First Annual Ranking of WNY School Districts. We ranked 35th this year, up three spots from last year's ranking of 38. While this number certainly isn't the only legitimate measure of the continuing improvement of the District, it certainly is a positive indicator that we're doing some things well.

Our high school continued its recent improvement, moving up seven slots in the rankings to 54 (out of 136 WNY high schools). Newfane Elementary also continued their upward trend, moving from the 137th ranked elementary school to the 129th this year (out of 263 schools). Newfane Middle School continues to struggle with some of the challenges we're experiencing as we complete the shift to the Common Core; they dropped 6 slots this year ranking 65 out of 195 middle schools.

What has been very encouraging is the professional response of the faculty to the challenges that the ranking process helps us identify. This summer, many of our staff members took advantage of two significant professional development opportunities we hosted right here in Newfane. We brought in AccessMathematics, a group of educators who helped all our teachers get their heads around the changes and challenges presented by the Common Core math standards, helping our staff develop a "tool box" of strategies to guide our students to higher levels of achievement. AccessMathematics was here for three very hot, but very worthwhile days, and the teachers who attended walked away with a new perspective and renewed confidence. We also hosted a two day English Language Arts institute towards the end of August, bringing in staff developers from O/N and Erie 1 BOCES to expand and strengthen the teacher's confidence and grasp of the significant instructional shifts required by the implementation of the Common Core curriculum in ELA across all grade levels.

I am looking forward to seeing the positive changes across the District in both these areas as we progress through the 2016-2017 school year.

School of Distinction

Another noteworthy indicator of our continuing academic progress here in Newfane came this summer from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) - the group that governs high school sports in New York State. Newfane was one of only four local WNY high schools to receive the "NYSPHSAA School of Distinction" award - recognition of the fact that all of our varsity athletic teams were honored as "Scholar Athlete" teams in the 2015-2016 school year.

District Further Reduces Property Tax

You may recall that back in May, the District budget presented to the voters in the community called for a $\frac{1}{2}\%$ reduction in the "Tax Levy"- the portion of the school district budget that we get from the property owners living in Newfane. I am happy to report that after closing out our books for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approved an additional $\frac{1}{2}\%$

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News from Newfane High School....

The upcoming 2016-2017 school year will see a series of new initiatives designed to continue building students' digital literacies and 21st Century Learning Skills, and further develop student leadership through self-advocacy.

Given the district's renewed commitment towards updating the high school's digital network and technology infrastructure under Superintendent Baumann's leadership, students will soon be learning in educational spaces commensurate with any other highly competitive secondary institution in the region, exceeding expectations in preparing our graduates for college and career. To this end, our goal will be to infuse and integrate content-specific digital literacies, nested within 21st Century Learning Skills, in every high school course.

The direct instruction of critical digital literacies has become an indispensable priority to the future success of both college and career bound students. Every college and career field now expects individuals to come prepared with an ever increasing assortment of digital competencies. What was once an expectation of familiarity with the use of web browsers or basic email applications has now evolved into expectations that students entering their institution or workplace are able to navigate complex digital library e-holdings and have comprehensive working knowledge of many intricate and varied cyber applications and multiple hardware interfaces. This year, the school library will enter the second phase of its digital literacy initiative in ensuring that every student that graduates from Newfane leaves well versed and confident in navigating our digital world.

Last year, a strong wireless network was installed in our high school library, and the space was vested with several Microsoft Surface Pro and state of the art all-in-one desktop machines – the very same machines widely used in workplaces and colleges throughout this country. This year, the high school library will offer students further and more explicit training on navigating the internet in search of reliable, credible, and viable information and exposure to research databases. By the end of this year's phase, the high school will be well underway to have a building-wide high speed Wi-Fi network up and running; setting the stage for phase three in 2017-2018.

Heightened emphasis this school year will also be placed on developing student leadership through self-advocacy. This will be accomplished through a refocused student senate; emphasizing the importance of students' voices within school-wide decision making; providing opportunities for extracurricular student leadership training; and in nurturing a climate which exposes students to proper self-advocacy skill sets and techniques essential in today's society.

In closing, I would like to encourage all parents and community members to visit our high school webpage and sign up for our communication service through Remind.com. With options of receiving school updates and reminders as either a text reminder, email message, or both – I hope that it remains that additional means for our parents, students and community members to stay up to date on high school activities, happenings, and other events!

On behalf of our high school teaching and support staff, thank you all for your continued support.

Daniel Bedette,
High School Acting Principal

HIGH SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS:	
Main Office.....	778-6551/778-6550
Guidance Office.....	778-6564
Special Education Office..	778-6458/6457
Health Office.....	778-6554
Athletic Office.....	778-6563
Cafeteria.....	778-6561
School Resource Officer..	778-6579

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS:	
Main Office.....	778-6452/778-6451
Guidance Office.....	778-6461
Health Office.....	778-6470
Cafeteria.....	778-6474



Newfane Middle School Welcomes 2016-2017!

Thanks to all of you for helping to make the start of the 2016-2017 school year a special one. This year, we're placing a significant focus on those things that *connect* our students positively to NMS and the community as a whole. We believe that students who are connected positively with others in all aspects of life will be better able to grow both in the classroom and outside, igniting the passions and building the skills needed for a successful future. Further, we believe that with more connections of value, the better our Panthers will be able to work through challenges and adversity.

Connections can come from all sorts of sources. They begin at home with caring and nurturing adults to support and guide. It continues with involvement in institutions and organizations such as church, the arts, and athletic teams. The role many of you play as coach, church school teacher, Scout leader, and more are so influential and important. School plays a huge part in this as well. It is our hope that the connections made here give our students meaningful friendships with peers, inspirational relationships with adults, and opportunities for involvement in programs of merit. We have several activities of note at NMS: any student can join Science club or Lego Robotics club, 6th-8th graders can join the mighty NMS Jazz Band, while interested students can seek membership in our NMS Student Senate. 7th and 8th graders can earn their way to the National Junior Honor Society, students in all grades can participate in our intramural after school gym program, and our homework club runs Monday through Thursday after school. We will be striving this year to strategically encourage more of our students to increase the positive connections they possess.

These connections can play a pivotal role in students' beliefs about themselves. Attitudes such as persistence, determination, and belief in the value of effort can be strengthened through these relationships. Our beliefs about students are strengthened by our knowledge about the capacity for the brain to grow, especially while facing challenges in a supportive community. We believe that all students can grow in their learning and that making mistakes are an important part of that process. For our students to take chances with their learning and try new activities, the environment of our school and community must be positive. This year, we will intentionally strive to make that a reality.

We can't wait to see what exciting things happen during this *connection* filled year.

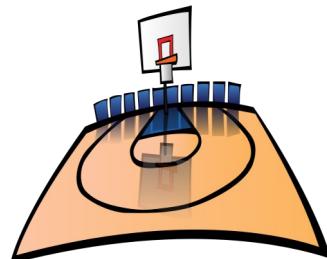
Thomas Adams,
Middle School Principal



**Update from the
Director of School Facilities and Operations,
Dan Connolly:**

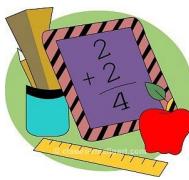
Building enhancements that you may notice this school year include:

1. Corridors at Newfane Elementary were painted white with a blue stripe.
2. Newfane Middle School's gym floor was sanded and refinished.
3. The front doors of the Middle School received a fresh coat of paint.
4. Additional security cameras have been installed in the Elementary and Middle Schools.
5. The lavatories next to the cafeteria in the High School were renovated.



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTACT NUMBERS:	
Main Office.....	778-6376/778-6375
Health Office.....	778-6374
Cafeteria.....	778-6378
Aquatic Center.....	778-6888, x-2143

News from Newfane Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jenna Arroyo....

Newfane Elementary School is excited to welcome our new and returning students to the 2016-2017 school year! We are about to embark upon a new journey that promises to be filled with great growth, new challenges, and wonderful opportunities!

The faculty and staff at Newfane Elementary do their very best to help our children experience academic, social, and emotional growth. As a reminder, I have an open door policy, so please feel free to talk with me at any time with suggestions or concerns you may have. Parent participation is an integral part of your child's success. We encourage a strong home-school connection and invite you to participate in many of the exciting activities our school has to offer.

One adjustment being made this school year at the Elementary School will be the procedure for parent pick-up at dismissal time. The end of the day is an important time for students and teachers. It's a time to complete work and also a time to get organized for the next day. Children being picked up will arrive at the cafeteria when the second half of bus riders is dismissed, at approximately **3:20 pm**. Parents will sign their child out on the form provided by the assigned staff member. Parents are invited to pick up their children after all buses have departed from the circle. For the safety of students and families alike, the crosswalks will be closed while buses are loading. Please do not arrive prior to the bus departures.

Here at the Elementary School, we will continue to focus on our District's vision to provide Excellence, Equity, and a positive learning Environment for all of our students. The Elementary School will focus on four main goals in 2016-2017:

1. Improve instruction through identification and implementation of best practices.
2. Design and implement trimester ELA assessments at all grades to better measure and report student achievement to our parents, staff, and students.
3. Improve student and staff attendance.
4. Increase our ranking in Business First by 10% - move from a regional ranking of 129 to 116.

Newfane Elementary faculty and staff are looking forward to working with all our students to make this a great year and be Panther Proud!!

Important Event Dates:

September 26, 27, 28, & 29 – Kindergarten Splash-In
September 29 – Open House (6:00pm - 7:30pm)
October 11 – School Pictures
October 11, 12, 13, & 14 – Fire Prevention Activities
October 20 – Fall Festival
October 31 – Halloween Parade

Please visit Newfane School's website to view the district calendar and see all school district activities:
www.newfane.wnyric.org



Newfane HS band performing for the elementary students on the new Elementary modular stage.

Superintendent's Message continued...

reduction in the levy - dropping the financial burden on our community by a full 1% with this budget. That should result in a reduction in your school taxes this year- as much as a \$35.00 reduction (on a \$75,000 home).

Hiring a High School Principal

The most important task we face here in District Office is the hiring of staff for the District. Whether it be a cleaner or custodian, teacher or administrator, we believe strongly that we have an obligation to you as parents, and to your children as our students, to hire the best possible candidate, regardless of the position.

With that in mind, we have started the process to identify a new leader for the high school. If you check the District website, you'll see a link to a brief survey, soliciting your input and opinion on the qualifications and qualities you would like to see in our new principal. I encourage you to share your opinions and feedback with us.

I want to thank everyone for the generous support you give to our schools. From the overwhelming passing of the budget, to your attendance at sports contests, concerts, and other events in the District, you help to reinforce and embody our motto: **Together We Can!**

From the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology....Mr. Peter Young

Typically, excitement builds in the summer as we approach the opening of a new school year. This year is no different. In this brief writing, I would like to share with you a few reasons I am looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year. Most of all, the end goal is positive growth for all children and we continue to focus on student growth in every manner possible.

Curriculum: As most people are aware, New York State Common Core standards are in place. New York State has been a leader by providing supporting curricular materials at www.engageny.org. With the arrival of new standards, shifts have taken place that have impacted teachers, students, and parents. In ELA, students are reading more non-fiction, reading more challenging texts, using more text evidence while writing, and more. In math, students are spending more time on fewer standards at each grade level ("going deeper"), solving more real world problems, and there are now key fluency expectations for all students from kindergarten through grade eight.

In addition to the shifts in ELA and math due to new standards, New York State has also written new standards in other content areas (e.g., social studies, science, health, etc.) and we will work to align our instruction and resources to maximize outcomes for all students.

Instruction: While new standards arrive, we continue to reflect on our instruction as it needs to support and reinforce the new standards. This means we are continually working to build a "larger toolbox" of instructional strategies to maximize student engagement and growth at all levels. This process of keeping what is working, adding new strategies, and determining what no longer is working is the reflective process of teaching.

Assessment: We continue to update our assessments in all areas, due in part to new standards but also because it is important to know whether or not children are learning at any time during the school year. Last year, in response to parent concerns across the state, NYSED made some key adjustments to the required tests in grades 3-8. The tests were shorter, children were allowed to take more time to answer questions, and the state agreed to de-link them from annual evaluations until all schools received appropriate professional development to better understand and teach the new standards.

Technology: Last year, we began working with a Smart Schools Committee to decide how to wisely spend the technology funding the state has approved for Newfane Central School District as part of the voter approved bond act. We will continue to meet with this group with the goal of building a strong infrastructure that will support student learning now and into the future. By regulation, the spending plan will be available for public input before it becomes official. In all key areas, the goal is student growth. In the face of new standards, additional instructional strategies, sensible changes in assessment and improved technological infrastructure, I am thrilled to be working in each of these areas to support teachers, administrators, parents, and children so they can reach their highest potential.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CONTACT NUMBERS:
Main Office.....778-6351
Health Office.....778-6353

NEWFANE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Welcome to the Newfane Early Childhood Center. It is our hope that we serve and provide your child with a safe and nurturing environment, which will help your child feel comfortable and confident to learn to the best of their ability. Each child is unique and will have their own set of gifts and talents. You and your child are about to begin the journey of a lifetime.

Your child's teacher and teacher aide look forward to meeting you and your child. This is an exciting time of year.

I wish that you and your child will experience many years of both success and challenge that will help your child grow. Please take the time to encourage your child, read to your child, and spend time with your child.

Please feel free to contact our Main Office at 778-6351 should you have any questions.

Bart Schuler, Principal



SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

DUE DATES:

9/1/2016 - 9/30/2016 (without penalty)

10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016 (with 2% interest penalty)

You can help save the school money by mailing your tax payment, as in-person payments cost the school processing fees.

We would appreciate you mailing your payment.

Payments **by mail** should be addressed to:
Newfane CSD
PO Box #248
Buffalo, NY 14240-0248

OR

Payments **in person** may be made at:
First Niagara Bank
2743 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108

Do not use personal "on-line" banking in an attempt to pay your school tax bill, as the Newfane School District is not set up to accept "on-line" payments.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA INFORMATION

A child needs to start their day with a satisfying and nutritious breakfast. Breakfast is available to all students. As your child enters school each morning they may proceed directly to the school cafeteria to have breakfast. A child needs a fueled body to perform well.

Studies show that students perform much better when they eat breakfast and lunch. Our school lunch program provides a large portion of the United States Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) of the nutritional needs.



25 Cents Per Meal **Income Eligibility:**

Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$21,978
2	\$29,637
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647

LUNCH PRICES

Breakfast = \$1.25

Lunch = \$2.25

Your child may be eligible for a free breakfast and lunch or a reduced price of 25-cents for breakfast and 25-cents for lunch.

EXAMPLE:

If you are a single parent with two children in the district and you make less than \$37,296 per year, your children will each qualify for a 25-cent breakfast and lunch.



Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch

The local economy continues to struggle. Family budgets are stretched thin. Many times, it is a problem to make ends meet at home. There is assistance available to provide a free or reduced breakfast and lunch to your children each school day.

Many families qualify for either a free breakfast or lunch, or possibly a reduced price of 25-cents for breakfast and lunch. Over 40% of our students qualified last year for the free and reduced breakfast and lunch program. This program is similar to college financial aid. **Your child will bring home the free and reduced breakfast and lunch application during the first week of school.** You need to complete only one application per family. All of your children's names should be reported on the one application. More and more families continue to qualify for the program. **Confidentiality is strictly maintained.** If you have any questions, please contact Judy Hugaboom, Food Service Director, at 778-6561.

District Buildings & Grounds Information

Use of School Buildings

Non-profit organizations may have the use of school facilities under appropriate circumstances.

Building Use Request forms and related information can be found on the district website.

AHERA Update

As required by Federal Regulations, Newfane School District routinely conducts semi-annual inspections of all district buildings. This required inspection is performed in order to ascertain the condition of any Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) remaining in any of the district's buildings.

The last inspection was conducted in July 2016 and all ACM's were found to be in good to excellent condition and present no health hazards to building occupants.

The results of this periodic inspection have been placed in the AHERA records file located in the main office of each school building. Should you desire to view this report or any other AHERA records, please contact the main office of the particular school building for which information is sought. The district's AHERA records books are available for public inspection during normal school hours.

Further assistance in clarification of any information contained in the district's AHERA record books may be obtained from the district's L.E.A. designated person, Dan Connolly, at 778-6586.

Neighbor Notification Law

The NYS Board of Regents continues to enforce Part 155 of the Education Commissioner's Regulation to use the least toxic approach to Integrated Pest Management. New legislation has recently been passed banning the use of pesticides on school playgrounds, turf and athletic or playing fields, however emergency pesticide application may occur with school board approval. New

products have been introduced that are governed by the NYSEPA and Federal EPA and have been deemed environmentally safe for use on school property. Under the Neighbor Notification Law, you continue to have the right to be notified in writing 48 hours before a product application is to take place on district property, unless the application is not subject to notification requirements. If you desire such notification, please notify the district in writing.



RESCUE Law of 1998

In compliance with the Rebuild Schools to Uphold Education (RESCUE) Law of 1998, our school district established a Safety Committee that has broad representation. Their duties include, but are not limited to the following items:

- ◆ Provide a member for annual visual inspection.
- ◆ Provide consultation for the building safety rating.
- ◆ Be involved in the disposition of complaints related to health and safety.
- ◆ Address complaints related to excessive noise.
- ◆ Participate in a post-construction inspection to confirm area is ready for use.

Any questions regarding Newfane School facilities or requests for notifications should be directed to Dan Connolly, Director of School Facilities & Operations, at 6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, 14108, or by phone at 778-6586.

Military Recruiter Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students



In compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB); and the National Defense Authorization Act, and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the School District shall comply with a request by a Military Recruiter for names, addresses, and telephone listings of eligible students. Eligible student, under ESEA and the National Defense Authorization Act, is defined as a secondary student who is seventeen (17) years of age or older or in the eleventh grade (or its equivalent) or higher. Under ESEA and the National Defense Authorization Act, parents must be notified that the School District by law routinely discloses students' names, addresses, and telephone listings to Military Recruiters upon request, subject to

a parent/eligible student's request not to disclose such information with written parental verification of such request.

Under FERPA, the School District must provide notice to parents/eligible students of the types of student information referred to as "directory information", which is released by the District including, but not limited to, students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. The notice must include an explanation of a parent/eligible student's rights to request that "directory information" not be disclosed without prior written consent of the parent/eligible student. Eligible student under FERPA is defined as a student eighteen (18) years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education.

Further, in compliance with the ESEA and the National Defense Authorization Act, the District shall

give Military Recruiters the same access to secondary school students as they provide to postsecondary institutions or to prospective employers.

Parents may opt-out of the public, non-consensual disclosure of directory information and the disclosure of name, address, and telephone listing to Military Recruiters by sending a letter to the Principal of Newfane High School no later than September 30, 2016.

If a parent/eligible student opts out of providing directory information (or any subset of such information) to third parties, the opt-out relating to the student's name, address, or telephone listing applies to requests from Military Recruiters as well.

Student Records: Access and Challenge



The Newfane Central School District shall comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Under its provisions, parents/guardians and noncustodial parent(s), whose rights are not limited by court order or formal agreement, of a student under eighteen (18), or a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education, have a right to inspect and review any and all education records maintained by the school district.

Parents/guardians of a student under the age of eighteen (18), or a student who is eighteen (18)

years of age or older or who is attending an institution of post-secondary education, shall have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the school records, to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy of students, and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any such inaccurate, misleading, or other inappropriate data contained therein.

The district may disclose any and all educational records, including disciplinary records and records that were created as a result of a student receiving special education services under Part B of IDEA,

to another school or postsecondary institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or after the student has enrolled or transferred, so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

Request forms for access to records are available on the district's website. Questions should be directed to Bernadette Seymour, District Clerk, at 778-6853.

Student Registration Procedures

Students who are new to the district should register in the Central Registration Office located in the Newfane Early Childhood Center, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt. It is necessary for parents to bring the following information with them:

- ⇒ Child's birth certificate
- ⇒ Child's up-to-date immunization record
- ⇒ Proof of identity (e.g. driver's license, passport)
- ⇒ Proof of legal residency (e.g. utility bill, financial statements, rental agreement)
- ⇒ Custody papers, if appropriate

All students and their parents are expected to sign an "Acceptable Use Policy" regarding the use of district computers.

Central Registration office hours are from 8:30 am - 11:00 am daily, or an appointment can be obtained by calling 778-6351.

Legal Guardianship

The school district will assume that both parents have custody of a child unless officially notified otherwise in writing. Copies of executed court documents should be filed with the school principal where custody is restricted. Once papers are on file, school personnel will restrict contact as may be appropriate. **Parents and guardians are asked to keep the school informed of any changes in guardianship or custody arrangements to avoid potential problems.**

Arrival and Dismissal...

It is very important to be on time. Being late is not a good practice. The end of the day is important as well for students and teachers alike. It is a time to complete work and also a time to get organized for the next day.

Please be aware of the student hours for each building in order to make the arrival and dismissal functional and safe for our students. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

School Building	Building Open	Breakfast Available	Student Day
Early Childhood Center (PreK-AM)	8:40 am	9:00 am	8:50 am - 11:10 am
Early Childhood Center (PreK-PM)	11:10 am	11:25 am	11:10 am - 1:30 pm
Elementary School (Grades K-4)	8:15 am	8:30 am	9:00 am - 3:15 pm
Middle School (Grades 5-8)	7:00 am	7:15 am	7:40 am - 2:13 pm
High School (Grades 9-12)	6:50 am	7:15 am	7:47 am - 2:25 pm



Student Attendance

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The Newfane Central School District is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the New York State Learning Standards. Because the Newfane Central School District recognizes that consistent school attendance, academic success and school completion have a positive correlation, the Newfane Central School District has developed a Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy to meet the following objectives:

- a) To increase school completion for all students;
- b) To raise student achievement and close gaps in student performance;
- c) To identify attendance patterns in order to design attendance improvement efforts;
- d) To know the whereabouts of every student for safety and other reasons;
- e) To verify that individual students are complying with education laws relating to compulsory attendance;
- f) To determine the District's average daily attendance for State aid purposes.

Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences, Tardiness and Early Departures

Based upon our District's education and community needs, values and priorities, the School District has determined that absences, tardiness and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards.

Excused: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

Unexcused: An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories, including approval by the Board of Education (e.g., family vacation, hunting, babysitting, hair cut, obtaining learner's permit, road test, oversleeping).

A copy of the Middle School and High School attendance and course requirement policy is available upon request from the respective buildings.

Student Conduct and Discipline

It is the Board's belief that the Newfane School District should foster a disciplined environment which will guide each individual in developing a firm code of moral conduct and respect for the dignity of others. The school will foster the idea that each student be treated as a person who can reasonably be expected to be responsible for his/her own behavior. Students who cannot accept this responsibility and who violate school rules and regulations, will be dealt with in a fair and impartial manner in order to maintain the most conducive atmosphere for learning.

A positive learning environment in our schools and a good state of discipline starts with all involved - students, parents, and staff having knowledge and understanding of the basic standards of acceptable conduct and the procedures for dealing with disciplinary problems. The district's Code of Conduct is available for viewing on the district's website.

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Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The Newfane Central School District hereby gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The district further gives notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in the admission or access to its programs and activities, including vocational education programs. No person shall be denied employment solely because of any physical, mental, or medical impairment that is unrelated to the person's ability to engage in the activities involved in the job for which application has been made. Inquiries concerning this policy may be referred to Jennifer Bower, Section 504 Coordinator, at Newfane High School, One Panther Drive, Newfane, NY 14108, or by phone at 778-6468.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1987

The Newfane Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in the employment and educational opportunities it offers, including career and technical education opportunities. Also, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Newfane Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it provides (including career and technical education opportunities), appointment of employees, employment pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, textbooks, and student activities. Title IX Coordinators, Jennifer Bower (778-6468) or Thomas Adams (778-6450) will provide information (i.e. complaint procedures) to any student or employee who feels that his/her rights under Title IX may have been violated by the district or its officials. In addition, anyone may make an inquiry or a complaint directly to the Federal Office for Civil Rights.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Newfane Central School District does not discriminate against any employee, student, applicant for employment or candidate for enrollment on the basis of gender, race, color, religion or creed, age, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or any other classification protected by law (including, with respect to employees and applicants for employment, genetic predisposition or carrier status), unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification or otherwise provided for by law. Any person wishing to obtain information about the district's procedures for grieving alleged civil rights violations may obtain information by contacting Civil Rights Compliance Officers: Jennifer Bower at 778-6468 or Thomas Adams at 778-6450.

Student Privacy

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) governs the administration to students of surveys, analysis, or evaluation that concerns one or more of eight protected areas. The district must provide parents/guardians the opportunity to provide written consent or to opt-out of participation regarding specified activities in accordance with law. Newfane Board of Education Policy No. 7250, found on the school's website, addresses the PPRA in detail.

Student Insurance

The Newfane Central School District carries accident insurance for all PreK-12 students through Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. The policy covers all students engaged in school-sponsored, teacher-supervised activities and athletics. This policy is ONLY IN EXCESS of those benefits payable under family and/or employer policies. It is the parent's responsibility to file any claim first with their family health insurance carrier. A student must report the injury to a teacher, coach, or supervisor at the time the injury is sustained.

Field Trips and Student Excursions

The Newfane Central School District recognizes field trips and excursions as extensions of the education program and service. Whenever the educational setting moves out of the school buildings, the level of difficulty for supervision of students increases considerably.

When approving field trips off school property, the district attempts to ensure that there are sufficient chaperones and adequate supervision of students. Because there is an increased risk involved, students who are scheduled to go on a field trip must present a parent/guardian signed permission waiver. This parent/guardian permission waiver signifies that the parent/guardian is aware of the scheduled trip and also recognizes the increased liability involved. For this reason, parents/guardians should assure that their emergency contact information is up-to-date with the school.

With student excursions to locations outside the immediate geographic area, there is always the possibility of last minute cancellations due to governmental warnings and alerts. The district reserves the right to cancel excursions whenever, in the judgment of the Superintendent, there is a risk to the health, safety and welfare of students. In such cases, there may be a loss of deposit or advanced funds.

School Visitors

Parents are always welcome to visit our schools. To ensure the safety of our students and to comply with New York State Penal Law, individuals visiting our schools are required to sign in at the main office upon entering the building. Visitors will receive a pass or be taken to the classroom or activity they wish to visit.

Smoking/Tobacco Use Policy

The Newfane Central School District is a Tobacco Free School. The district's Smoking/Tobacco Use Policy No. 5640 can be accessed via the district's website.

School Grounds

Tobacco use shall not be permitted and no person shall use tobacco on school grounds at any time. For purposes of this policy, "school grounds" means any building, structure, and surrounding outdoor grounds contained within the District's preschool, nursery school, elementary or secondary school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in the County Clerk's Office; as well as all District vehicles, including vehicles used to transport children or school personnel.

For purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, spit/spitless tobacco and any other smoking or tobacco product, (smokeless, dip, chew, snus and/or snuff) in any form.

E-cigarettes are also prohibited.

Off-School Grounds

Tobacco use is prohibited by students at any school-sponsored event or activity off school grounds.

This prohibition of tobacco promotional items shall be implemented in accordance with the Code of Conduct and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

In addition, tobacco advertising is also prohibited in all school-sponsored publications and at all school sponsored events. The District will request, whenever possible, tobacco free editions of periodical publications for school libraries and classroom use.

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TITLE I FUNDING

As a result of the No Child Left Behind Act, this notification is to inform you that the following schools receive Title I funding for the improvement of student performance in math and reading: **Newfane Early Childhood Center, Newfane Elementary School, and Newfane Middle School.**

Also included in the legislation, is the right of parents to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) relative to the following issues:

- A. Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- B. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- C. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;

Please contact your child's principal if you should require information on any of the above mentioned topics.

SED Assessment Schedule

For testing in grades 3-8, we use scores to gain a snapshot of how a student is performing in a given subject. Results are used to determine appropriate levels of support for our students during the school day. Please make every effort to plan around these important dates, they are fixed and we cannot adjust them.

State testing in high school is linked to graduation. All students must successfully pass five Regents exams (ELA, US History, Global History, Integrated Math, and one Science exam).

AP courses/exams represent the most challenging curriculum in high schools throughout the world. The tests are nationally scored and students may earn college credit based on their scores and the college they choose to attend. More importantly, students that choose to take these challenging courses prepare

themselves for the rigor of college in a more academically supportive environment.

2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

EXAM	DATE
S.A.T.	October 1, May 6
P.S.A.T.	October 15
Grades 3 – 8 ELA	March 28 - 30
Grades 3 – 8 Math	May 2 - 4
Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance	May 24 - June 2
Grades 4 & 8 Science Written	June 5
Advanced Placement (AP) Tests	
Environmental Science	May 1 (a.m.)
Psychology	May 1 (p.m.)
English Literature and Composition	May 3 (a.m.)
U.S. History	May 5 (a.m.)
U.S. Government and Politics	May 10 (a.m.)
English Language and Composition	May 11 (a.m.)
World History	May 11 (a.m.)
Statistics	May 11 (p.m.)
HS Regents Exams	
U.S. History & Government	June 13 (a.m.)
Algebra I (Common Core)	June 13 (p.m.)
English Language Arts (Common Core)	June 14 (a.m.)
Living Environment	June 14(p.m.)
Global History & Geography	June 15 (a.m.)
Physical Setting / Earth Science	June 15 (p.m.)
Physical Setting / Physics	June 15 (p.m.)
Geometry (Common Core)	June 16 (a.m.)
Algebra II (Common Core)	June 16 (p.m.)
RCT in Global Studies	June 19 (a.m.)
RCT in Writing	June 19 (p.m.)
Physical Setting / Chemistry	June 20 (a.m.)
RCT in Science	June 20 (p.m.)
RCT in U.S. History & Government	June 21 (a.m.)
RCT in Mathematics	June 21 (p.m.)
RCT in Reading	June 22 (a.m.)

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Every student entering or attending public school must be immunized, as required by section 2164 of the Public Health Law (914).

The New York State Department of Health has new immunization requirements that become effective on September 1, 2016.

NEW: Students entering grades 7 and 12 are required to show proof of the meningitis vaccine.

Please visit the Newfane School website at www.newfane.wnyric.org and, under the Parents tab, click the link for Student Health Services for a detailed list of required immunizations.

Children in a prekindergarten setting (daycare, Headstart, Nursery or PreK) should be age-appropriately immunized against Dtap, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B, varicella, haemophilus influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the child's age at the time of school admittance.

Please contact your child's physician and school nurse to determine what immunizations are needed to comply with the new vaccine requirements. Children must be properly immunized in order to enter school in September.

If you do not have medical insurance, you can call the Niagara County Department of Health Immunization Program at 278-1903 to schedule an appointment. The vaccines are free for those that qualify but there is an administrative fee that is charged per vaccine. The Health Department also accepts Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care for children and Independent Health.



MEDICATION ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL

A detailed statement will be sent home to parents, via students, during the first week of school. Parents/guardians are urged to read the material carefully and contact their child's school nurse if they have any questions.

Prescription or over-the-counter medication to be given to students during the school day should be brought to school by an adult in a container with a label stating the child's name and also the name and strength of the medication on the container (original container from the pharmacy). Also, an order from the prescribing physician for the nurse to give the medicine and written parent consent is required.

- 1) When filling the prescription, you may ask the pharmacist for an extra labeled bottle for the school supply. Federally controlled drugs must have an orange label. We cannot accept any bottle that is not properly labeled.
- 2) Please send a note to the school nurse requesting her to give the medication and stating the time(s) it should be given.
- 3) Ask the doctor prescribing the medication to write an order to the nurse for it to be given.
- 4) When the medication is depleted, the empty container will be sent home with your child for a refill, if needed.
- 5) Please call your child's school nurse with any questions.

New York State requires the school to have a separate, labeled medication bottle from the pharmacy for field trips.

Any student in possession of, selling and/or using illegal or unauthorized drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter drugs), will be subject to the following actions:

- 1) Parents will be notified.
- 2) Police will be notified.
- 3) Suspension from school, short or long term. Students may be suspended for up to a year for violation of the drug policy.



Aquatic Programs 2016-2017 School Year



PARENT & CHILD AQUATIC PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide an American Red Cross aquatic program for infants or preschoolers (6 months through 3 years) and their parent that will promote water safety practices, aquatic adjustments and swimming readiness skills. Making it "FUN" and enjoyable in the water with parental involvement. This program is intended to develop in young children a comfort level in and around the water, as well as a readiness for learning to swim. This program is NOT designed to teach children to become accomplished swimmers or even to survive in the water on their own. It will, however, provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to orient your child to the water and to safely supervise water activities. The emphasis is on the development of a warm and trusting relationship between parents, children, and instructor. The relationship serves as the basis for learning.

Age: 6 months - 3 years

Cost: \$2.00 with adult

Sessions: Wednesdays (Sept 14, 21; 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16; Dec 7, 14, 21; Jan 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22)

Time: 8:00 - 8:45 am

LEARN-TO-SWIM PROGRAM

If you have a son or daughter in the Newfane Central School District and would like to sign up for evening swim lessons, this program is for them. Enroll them in an American Red Cross "Learn to Swim Program". This program is divided into seven levels. The prerequisite for each level is successful demonstration of the skills from the preceding level, except for level 1, which has no prerequisite. Our program will offer instruction designed to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop and refine their skills. We will have an authorized Red Cross Water Safety Instructor teach a variety of strokes, including the front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and butterfly. They will also introduce a wide range of personal safety skills and possible diving techniques. At more advanced levels, students refine skills, learn the basics of springboard diving, and discover how to incorporate swimming into a lifetime fitness program. This program will fill up quickly so sign up today to ensure a spot!

Age: Students in the Newfane School District

Cost: \$58.00

Sessions: Wednesdays (Jan 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, 22; Mar 1)

Time: 6:30 - 7:00 pm **Levels I & II**

7:00 - 7:45 pm **Levels III, IV, V, VI**

Minimum class size: 12 students

SENIOR CITIZEN & COMMUNITY SWIM

For our community members as well as our senior citizens: The pool is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 am - 8:50 am for your enjoyment.

Cost: \$2.00 per session

Sessions: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Sept 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30; Oct 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 19, 24, 26, 28, 31; Nov 2, 4, 7, 9, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 28, 30; Dec 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21; Jan 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; Feb 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27; Mar 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31; Apr 3, 5, 7, 24, 26, 28; May 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 31; June 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23)

Time: 6:30 - 8:50 am

EVENING WATER AEROBICS

This one hour, low-impact program uses water resistance to help strengthen muscles while cushioning the body upon impact. Participants do not need to be able to swim to take this class since they will be moving from a standing position in the shallow end.

Age: 21 years or older

Cost: Fall Session \$58.00; Spring Session \$65.00

Fall Session: Mondays & Wednesdays (Sept 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28; Oct 3, 5, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31)

Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays (Mar 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; Apr 3, 5, 24, 26; May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31; June 5, 7, 12, 14)

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Minimum class size: 9 participants



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DAYTIME WATER ARTHRITIS PROGRAM

Low impact program! Join us in our heated pool and take stress off tired joints and muscles. Gentle range of motion exercises. It cannot rid you of the condition, but it can make it more bearable.

Cost: Fall Session \$75.00; Winter Session \$62.00;
Spring Session \$44.00

Fall Session: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Sept 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30; Oct 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31; Nov 2, 4, 7, 9, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 28, 30; Dec 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21)

Winter Session: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Jan 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; Feb 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27; Mar 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29)

Spring Session: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Apr 24, 26, 28; May 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 31; June 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23)

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm

Minimum class size: 9 participants

** ALL SESSIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO SWIM CLASSES **

OPEN FAMILY SWIM

Age: Adult 18 years or older must accompany and stay in pool area with children

Cost: \$3.00 per swimmer

\$40.00 for Family Pass (good for 7 sessions)

Sessions: Saturdays (Sept 10, *24; Oct 8, *29; Nov 5, *19; Dec 3, 10, *17; Jan 7, *14, 21; Feb 4, *18)

* FREE SWIM SPONSORED BY TOWN OF
NEWFANE RECREATION

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your child's birthday at the
Newfane Aquatic Center!

Please contact Mr. Ames at 778-6563 for the proper forms. A Building Request Form and Hold Harmless Agreement must be filed 4 weeks prior to the event date. A Certificate of Insurance or Release of Liability form must be on file.

Fees are based on the number of swimmers using the pool. A minimum of two (2) lifeguards is required.

Payment **must** accompany forms!

The maximum pool time is two (2) hours. The Pool Lobby area is available for finger foods, quick snacks, and presents.

PRIVATE PARTIES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Aquatic Center is also available for private organizations.....book a party for your Boy Scout, Girl Scout, 4-H, church, or youth group! Contact Mr. Ames at 778-6563 for more information.

Newfane Central School District 2016-2017 AQUATIC PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____

Work _____

COURSE(S) NAME:

Check or Money Order made payable to Newfane

Central School for \$ _____ is enclosed to cover course fees. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

Mail payment and registration form to:

Doug Ames, Aquatic Director
Newfane Elementary School
2909 Transit Road
Newfane, NY 14108

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO PREVENT
CLASSES FROM BEING CANCELLED DUE
TO INSUFFICIENT ENROLLMENT.
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 778-6563.

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School Closing & Delayed Start Time Information

The Superintendent monitors the weather and road conditions, particularly during inclement weather. If possible, the Superintendent will generally make a decision on closing school before 6:00 a.m.

If a storm may appear to end by early morning, the Superintendent may announce a one or two-hour delayed opening. In such cases, all classes in all schools would begin one or two hours later than usual and bus schedules would be delayed by exactly one or two hours depending on the announcement. If there is a delayed opening of school in the morning, the morning Prekindergarten classes are cancelled. Dismissal times in all schools would remain the same.

If a storm develops unexpectedly while school is in session, a decision to close early may be made. Similarly, a decision may be made to cancel all afterschool

activities. If at the normal dismissal time, a storm prevents a safe dismissal, students will be sheltered under faculty supervision until such time as a safe dismissal is possible.

Given these scenarios, the following television and radio stations will generally be notified: WGRZ-TV: Channel 2, WIVB-TV: Channel 4, WKBW-TV: Channel 7, WLVL - 1340 AM, WBEN - 930 AM. In addition to these methods of notification, the automated calling system may be used to provide communication on school delays, closures, or early dismissals.

It is important to note that should inclement weather or other emergencies cause school to close resulting in less than 180 instructional days, the Superintendent may need to adjust the school calendar to provide the minimum 180 instructional days. This may result in abbreviated recess periods in the spring of the school year.

Links to Sex Offender Information

The Newfane School District's website contains links to the Niagara County Sheriff's Department Sex Offender Management page and to the New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services Sex Offender Registry. These sites can provide the most up-to-date information on offenders within our area. These sites will also give you the opportunity to sign up for email notifications when an offender moves into your neighborhood. You can find these links by going to the district's homepage and clicking on Community under Site Shortcuts.

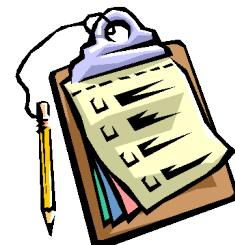
Directory Information Notice

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that the district, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personal identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the district may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain district publications. Examples include:

- A musical program, showing your child's role in a drama production
- The annual yearbook
- Honor Roll or other recognition lists
- Graduation programs, and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members

The district has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Grade level
- Degrees, honor, and awards received
- Photograph



If you **DO NOT** want the district to disclose directory information (see above) from your child's education records without your prior consent, **you must notify the principal of the school your child attends, in writing, by September 30, 2016**. Please note that if you do not want the district to disclose directory information and notify the district of this decision, the district will not disclose any of the above listed directory information (directory information is not a list of choices for parents), which may preclude your child(ren) from being highlighted in district publications, identified in the yearbook, or recognized for his/her accomplishments.

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**2016-17 School Year
BOE Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - Annual Budget
Vote & Election
Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Meetings are typically held at 7:00 pm in the Early Childhood Center, Conf. Room 121.

Please visit the district website for any changes.