

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Message from Superintendent of Schools, Michael Baumann:

This summer has been an exciting couple of months for us as we put the final wrap on the 2016-2017 school year and prepped for the 2017-2018 school year. Like every year, 2016-2017 was filled with difficult challenges and amazing accomplishments. While we will always cherish the memories of those great successes, it's time now to focus our attention on addressing those challenges that we still have to face.

Once again this past year, we saw overall improvement in our ranking in the Business First Annual Ranking of WNY School Districts. We ranked 34th this year, up one spot from last year's ranking of 35. 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 moving in the right direction.

Our high school continued its recent improvement, jumping two spots in the rankings to 52 (out of 135 WNY high schools). Newfane Elementary made some impressive gains this year, vaulting over 45 other elementary schools to move from being ranked 126 to a ranking of 80 this year (out of 258 WNY elementary schools). Newfane Middle School continues to struggle as high opt-out rates negatively impacts their rankings in the area. The Middle School dropped to a ranking of 77 out of 194 middle schools. Hopefully, the achievement we're seeing at the elementary school will continue as those students enter the middle school over the next few years.

And while our high school has enjoyed moderate improvement in the rankings, there are still areas where we need to improve student achievement. Especially in secondary mathematics and the upper level sciences, the transition to the new, more rigorous standards has proved very challenging. As a district, we need to constantly review and assess the strength of our instructional practices to ensure we're providing our students with every opportunity to be successful in all areas. This summer, many of our teachers have taken advantage of a variety of staff development opportunities offered right here in district to do just that.

As we await SED approval for our Smart Schools Grant to improve our infrastructure and make technology more readily available to our students, we stand on the brink of being able to truly transform the way education looks for our children. The world has changed; we need to be able to change as well so we can prepare our students for their world - not the world we grew up in.

I am looking forward to seeing the positive changes across the district in all these areas as we progress through the 2017-2018 school year.

Inside this issue:

Capital Project

As you're reading this, we are wrapping up the first phase of the capital project we started in late June. The high school has a beautiful new gymnasium floor, the bathrooms have all been updated and made ADA compliant, and all the roofs have been repaired throughout the district. We should be, as long as the weather cooperates, well into the second and third phases of the project, repairing and repaving the high school bus loop and the entrance driveways to the middle school. There were also lots of "behind the scenes" improvements this summer as well, as we addressed many electrical and masonry maintenance issues that needed attention.

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to the new school year as much as I am.

Together We Can!

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News from NEWFANE HIGH SCHOOL...

As we begin a new school year, we have much to celebrate!

Our Business First rankings have improved for the third year in a row! The publication rates all Western New York public and private high schools that participate in the Regents testing program. Last year's ranking took into account ten Regents exams (English, Integrated Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trigonometry, Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics, Global History, and US History), four Common Core exams (English, Integrated Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2), and two types of graduation rates: the percentage of students who received Regents diplomas, and the percentage who earned diplomas with advanced designation. Our continued success comes from the hard work of many. It is with sincerest appreciation we thank our teachers, support staff, parents, and students for their dedication to our high school's improvement.

Returning to school this September, students and teachers will notice a number of exciting changes to our building. All summer long, our contractors and buildings and grounds workers have been hard at work. One of the most exciting improvements is the installation of a completely new floor in our gymnasium. Two sets of student bathrooms have been completely renovated to feature "panther" blue and white tile walls and updated fixtures/lighting. The outside of our building also enjoyed a facelift, with new paint and other improvements to the front entrance.

Below are photos of these areas while under renovation:



Main Entrance



Gymnasium Floor



Student Bathroom

Our Unified Basketball had an extremely successful season this Spring. We finished second at the Section VI Unified Basketball Tournament.



Newfane Unified Basketball Team
(at Lancaster CSD)

Important Event Dates at NHS:

- School Pictures: September 21-22, 2017
- Spirit Week: September 25-30, 2017
- Open House: September 27, 2017
- College Fair: September 28, 2017
- Homecoming: September 30, 2017
- SAT: October 7, 2017
- PSAT: October 14, 2017

Daniel Bedette
High School 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



Pictured are some of our 5th graders with their 8th grade mentors.

NEWFANE MIDDLE SCHOOL Welcomes 2017-2018!

As we enter the new year at Newfane Middle School, our custodial crew has done a marvelous job carefully and exhaustively cleaning all our classrooms and hallways. The landscaping out front has been given caring attention, and the gardens created by Newfane HS freshman, Joe Gysbers, will soon be spilling forth with fall plants. There is a sense of permanence, of investment, of commitment seen throughout this place, and that message is a lasting and important one. With each new September there is hope; hope for growth, hope for new connections, hope for new confidences. We enter this year more than ever convinced that great things can happen for our district's 5th – 8th grade students at Newfane Middle School. This will be a shared journey, and evidence of our success will be in the growth of our students as learners and as people. The families of NMS students are the foundations of their success; our hope is to serve as an important partner in that most important work of preparing the students of Newfane for a successful, happy, and healthy life.

We'll be introducing some new ideas and programs this year whose purpose is to help our students live and learn better. Our counselors and psychologist will expand the social emotional learning (SEL) which was introduced last year to 5th graders. Our 5th and 6th graders will have an additional 20 minutes each day of guided math class ("math lab") each day in an effort to deepen understanding. Our 6th graders will also take a new 10-week class where they will work on developing skills necessary for success at the middle school and high school.

Our 7th graders will cover more thorough warning signs and prevention strategies to help those who are struggling emotionally. Many of our 8th graders will serve as guides for our newest students in our first year of a more formal mentoring program to ease the transition from 4th to 5th grade. Finally, we'll be revamping our quarterly Drop Everything and Read program to decrease group size and include multiple grade levels. We've got some more ideas as well (a day of giving back is something we're exploring, where students give back to the community in a specific area of service—ideas here are most welcomed!), and will be introducing school-wide reading strategies throughout the year as well. It's an ambitious list; our kids deserve it!

Open House at the Middle School will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 5:00 pm, for 7th and 8th students.

Thomas Adams
 Middle School Principal

School Facilities and Operations

The district welcomed Mr. George Noon to the position of Director of Facilities in February 2017. Mr. Noon previously worked at Newfane Middle School as our Head Custodian. Mr. Noon has been busy this summer managing all our capital construction projects. The capital construction project was approved by the voters in October 2015. In addition to the roof replacement at the schools, the high school student lavatories were renovated and the high school front entrance was refinished. Renovations were also made to building electric and masonry. The visual highlight of the project is a new gym floor at the high school. Please try to attend an athletic event at the high school to see the new gym floor and feel the school enthusiasm as you walk into the gym. In addition, the carpet in the Middle School Auditorium was replaced this summer and more security cameras were installed in strategic locations in the high school. We also completed the renovations of the high school cafeterias.

The Fitness Center at the high school, which was opened to the public this past January, will continue to be available to the public five nights a week, Monday through Friday, from 5-9 pm each night. An access pass can be purchased directly from the Fitness Center during staffed hours.

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...

I am looking forward to students returning to school in September and having our rooms filled with learning and fun.

Whether you are new to Newfane Elementary or a returning student/family, we are excited for you to be a part of our Panther family and hope you become involved in our school. I encourage every student and parent to embrace the opportunity to make this a great school year.



4th grade students investigating structure stability through a STEM activity.

The elementary teachers were busy over the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. Many participated in professional development opportunities to improve instruction in writing and mathematics as well as in the social-emotional well-being of our children. As the year goes on, we look forward to sharing with you the ways we are achieving our goals in:

- Increasing college and career readiness
- Using best teaching strategies
- Supporting the social-emotional needs of the child

Our #1 goal is to improve student learning. Regardless of where your student begins the year, we want to help them advance their critical thinking, knowledge, skills, and ability to problem solve. If at any time you have a question about what is occurring in your child's class, please contact your student's teacher. We all need to work together to benefit our students.

Newfane Elementary will continue to provide students with hands-on experiences that require students to think critically, problem solve, and assess the process and the outcomes. We are working hard to prepare the children, at the youngest of ages, for jobs that haven't even been created yet. Best wishes for a successful 2017-18 school year!

Stay Connected!

- ◆ Be sure to check for monthly newsletters sent home with students and on the website at www.newfane.wnyric.org
- ◆ "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewfaneEL
- ◆ "Follow us on Twitter @ Newfane EL

Jenna Arroyo,
Elementary School Principal



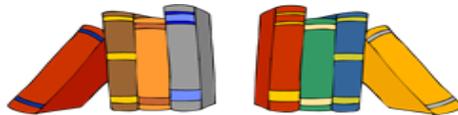
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CONTACT NUMBERS:
Main Office..... 778-6351
Health Office..... 778-6353

NEWFANE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Welcome to the Early Childhood Center. Your child and you will begin the journey of a formal education, which will serve them for a lifetime. It is important that your child is ready for school every day. For the years to come, you will remain your child's primary teacher, so please be involved in your child's school and school work.

Information on activities, dates, and expectations will be sent to you by way of your child's backpack. Please check your child's backpack each day for communication from the school or notes from the teacher. Please work with your child on identification of colors, numbers, and letters. It is essential that you read to your child each day. There are many benefits to reading to your child every day. Even if you have only a few moments, please make the time to read to your child.

Please call the Early Childhood Center's Main Office at 778-6351 if you have any questions.



Bart Schuler,
Principal

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Each year our PreKindergarten students participate in activities during fire prevention week. Last year, these included hands-on activities at Newfane Elementary School and a trip to Miller Hose Fire Company. We are thankful to the volunteers of the Miller Hose Fire Company, Olcott Fire Company, and the Wrights Corners Fire Company who take time out of their busy schedules to teach our youngest learners about important safety procedures.

Fire Prevention Activities held at Newfane Elementary School October 5, 2016



Mrs. Hoffer's class getting a chance to inspect one of Miller Hose's fire trucks.



Mrs. Putnam's students get an opportunity to turn on a fire hose.

* Photos provided by Ed Eifert, Miller Hose Fire Company.

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

DUE DATES:

9/1/2017 - 10/2/2017 (without penalty)

10/3/2017 - 11/1/2017 (with 2% interest penalty)

We would appreciate you mailing your school tax payment.
The processing fees to the school are higher
for in-person payments.

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

OR

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

***The Newfane School District is not set up to accept
“on-line” payments so do not use personal “on-line”
banking in an attempt to pay your school tax bill.***

SCHOOL CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Student Meal Charge Policy:

- ◆ The school's point of sale system, My School Bucks, will track all charges and payments.
- ◆ Students may charge up to five (5) meals and will not be permitted to exceed the five meal charge limit until the charges are paid in full.
- ◆ Once the charge limit has been reached, and a student comes to school without a lunch; a sandwich, fruit, and milk will be provided to the student so that he or she does not go hungry for that day.
- ◆ The only item(s) permitted to be charged are a complete meal or milk. Individual items such as snacks or ice cream may not be charged.

Please visit the school's website at www.newfane.wnyric.org to log into My School Bucks.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA INFORMATION - Cont'd

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	\$22,311
2	\$30,044
3	\$37,777
4	\$45,510
5	\$53,243
6	\$60,976
7	\$68,709
8	\$76,442

Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Program

Many families qualify for either a free breakfast or lunch, or possibly a reduced price of 25-cents for breakfast and lunch. Over 53% of elementary students qualified last year for the free or reduced breakfast and lunch program. **Your child will bring home the free and reduced breakfast and lunch application in September.** You only need to complete one application per family. All of your children's names should be reported on this one application. More and more families continue to qualify for the program. **Confidentiality is strictly maintained.**

If you have any questions, please contact JoAnne Huntington, Food Service Director, at 778-6561.



LUNCH PRICES

Breakfast = \$1.25

Lunch = \$2.50

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 at home and you make less than \$37,777 per year, your children will each qualify for a 25-cent breakfast and lunch.



District Buildings & Grounds Information

Use of School Buildings

The Newfane School buildings are a part of the community and are available to individuals or groups for worthwhile activities when not being used for school functions. Building Use Request forms and related information can be found on the district website under Operations and Facilities.

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 February 2017 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, George Noon, 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 George Noon, 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 by September 30, 2017.

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 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 complete Code of Conduct is available for viewing online by visiting our website at www.newfane.wnyric.org and clicking on any school building's page.

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 district'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 complete 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.

TITLE I FUNDING

As a result of the federal 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 would like information on 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. Commonly, students take and 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.

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR	
EXAM	DATE
S.A.T.	October 7
P.S.A.T.	October 14
Grades 3 – 8 ELA	April 11 - 13
Grades 3 – 8 Math	May 1 - 3
Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance	May 23 - June 1
Grades 4 & 8 Science Written	June 4
Advanced Placement (AP) Tests	
Psychology	May 7 (p.m.)
English Literature and Composition	May 9 (a.m.)
U.S. Government and Politics	May 10 (a.m.)
Environmental Science	May 10 (p.m.)
U.S. History	May 11 (a.m.)
English Language and Composition	May 16 (a.m.)
World History	May 17 (a.m.)
Statistics	May 17 (p.m.)
HS Regents Exams (DRAFT from SED - Subject to Change)	
Global History & Geography	June 5 (a.m.)
U.S. History & Government	June 12 (a.m.)
Living Environment	June 12 (p.m.)
English Language Arts	June 13 (a.m.)
Algebra I	June 13 (p.m.)
Physical Setting / Earth Science	June 14 (a.m.)
Algebra II	June 14 (p.m.)
RCT in Mathematics	June 18 (a.m.)
RCT in U.S. History & Government	June 18 (p.m.)
Geometry	June 19 (a.m.)
Physical Setting / Physics	June 19 (p.m.)
Physical Setting / Chemistry	June 20 (a.m.)
RCT in Global Studies	June 20 (a.m.)
RCT in Writing	June 20 (p.m.)
RCT in Reading	June 21 (a.m.)
RCT in Science	June 21 (p.m.)

REPORT CHILD ABUSE

If you suspect child abuse or maltreatment or you have been hurt, please report it now to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) at 1-800-342-3720 or by visiting their website at: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>

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).

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 or school nurse to determine what immunizations are needed to comply with the vaccine requirements. Children must be properly immunized in order to enter school in September.

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

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 2017-2018 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 13, 20; 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec 6, 13, 20; Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar 7, 14, 21)
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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 21, 28)
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 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29; Oct 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; Nov 1, 3, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 27, 29; Dec 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22; Jan 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31; Feb 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 21, 23, 26, 28; Mar 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23; Apr 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; May 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 30; June 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22)
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 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27; Oct 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30)
Spring Session: Mondays & Wednesdays (Mar 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21; Apr 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30; June 4, 6, 11, 13)
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Minimum class size: 9 participants



Aquatic Programs 2017-2018 School Year

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 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29; Oct 2, 4, 6, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; Nov 1, 3, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 27, 29; Dec 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22)

Winter Session: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Jan 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31; Feb 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 21, 23, 26, 28; Mar 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23)

Spring Session: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (Apr 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30; May 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 30; June 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22)

Time: To Be Determined

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 9, *23; Oct 7, *28; Nov 4, *18; Dec 2, 9, *16; Jan 6, *13, 20; Feb 3, *17)
*** 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 778-6376 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 778-6376 for more information.

Newfane Central School District 2017-2018 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 778-6376.



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, 2017.** 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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**2017-18 School Year
BOE Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Tuesday, December 19, 2017
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - Annual Budget
Vote & Election
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Meetings are typically held at 7:00 pm in the Early Childhood Center, Conf. Room 129.

Please visit the district website for any changes.