



# CARDINAL NEWSLETTER

NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS



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## NEW BREMEN SCHOOL 1% INCOME TAX RENEWAL

On May 6, 2014, the New Bremen Schools will ask voters of the district to renew the 1% School District Income Tax for a continuing period of time. This will continue the existing income tax levy, which expires on December 31, 2014. Making it a continuing levy will save us legal and election fees and allow us to more confidently plan for our children's future.

Over the last ten years, these dollars have been used to fund the general operation of the district. The renewal is not asking for any new taxes, it simply continues what we have currently.

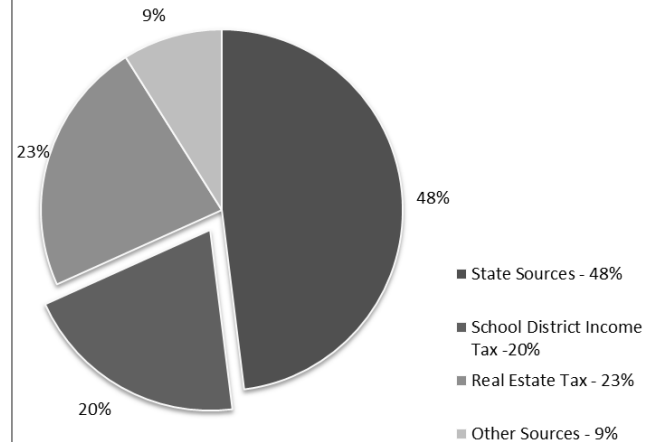
New Bremen Schools is a service organization, so personnel costs account for the vast majority of our expenses at 78%. Since the last renewal in 2009, we have made some reductions in overall personnel costs by reducing our teaching staff by 2.8 individuals and reducing staff hours of custodial workers, cafeteria workers, and library aides. We are looking at further reductions of a library aide and reducing two full-time teaching positions to part-time teaching positions during the 2014-15 school year.

The school district income tax is a substantial percentage of our total revenue and the uncertain future of the state funding has made these funds even more critical. As we strive to operate as efficiently as possible, we will continue to provide an excellent education to our students. In order to accomplish this, we need your support on the renewal of the 1% school district income tax levy. Please feel free to contact Mr. Howard Overman or Mrs. Deb Meyer at 419-629-8606 with any questions you might have.

We are an excellent district because of the entire community. We truly appreciate your continued support.

**Please plan to attend a  
Community Information Meeting  
in the James F. Dicke Auditorium  
at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23.**

2012-13 Revenue Sources



### How your 1% Income Tax is being used:

- 11 Full Time Teachers and 1 Part Time Teacher
- 1 Full Time and 1 Part Time Custodians/ Maintenance employees
- 1 Secretary
- 1 day a week for a Nurse
- 1 Full Time Study Hall/Library/Cafeteria Aide
- 1 Full Time plus 1 day a week Bus Driver
- 1 Administrator
- 70% of our utilities and maintenance of the buildings
- \$48,000 toward supplies (nursing, office, custodial, guidance, elementary, high school, textbooks, library periodicals)
- \$34,000 toward equipment purchases (computers, classroom equipment, custodial and maintenance equipment, library books)
- \$21,000 to pay for 20% of insurances and county/state fees

The 1% income tax covers 20% of our expenses. State and federal monies, real estate taxes, etc. cover the remaining 80% of our expenses. As you can see by the list above, educational services to our students would suffer greatly if this income tax is not renewed.

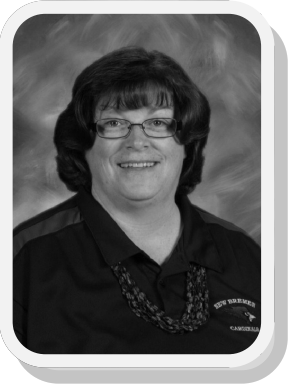
Mr. Howard Overman  
Superintendent

Mrs. Deb Meyer  
Treasurer

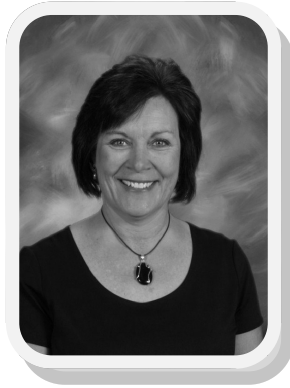
# **2014 NEW BREMEN SCHOOL RETIREMENTS**

At the close of this school year, we will be challenged to replace 87 total years of teaching experience at New Bremen. Linda Kremer (32 years), Brigid Hegemier (30 years), and Mary Thornsberry (25 years) will be retiring after the 2014 school year. Throughout their careers, they have been passionate about kids and education. We truly appreciate their dedication and longevity to all the students, fellow staff members, and the New Bremen School District. We wish each one of you the best in your future endeavors.

Mr. Howard Overman



**Mrs. Brigid Hegemier**



**Mrs. Linda Kremer**



**Mrs. Mary Thornsberry**

***Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes!***

### **RACE TO THE TOP (RttT)**

This is the fourth and final year of the RttT grant New Bremen Schools received. During these four years, there have been many educational initiatives tried and implemented in the classrooms. For these initiatives to take flight, the administration and teaching staff committed many hours to training sessions. I want to thank the staff for their patience and energy to better themselves as educators to meet the needs for today's students. Education is like many professions that are transitioning due to increasing demands and technology. A major goal from the RttT grant is to have every student college or career ready at graduation.

Mr. Howard Overman

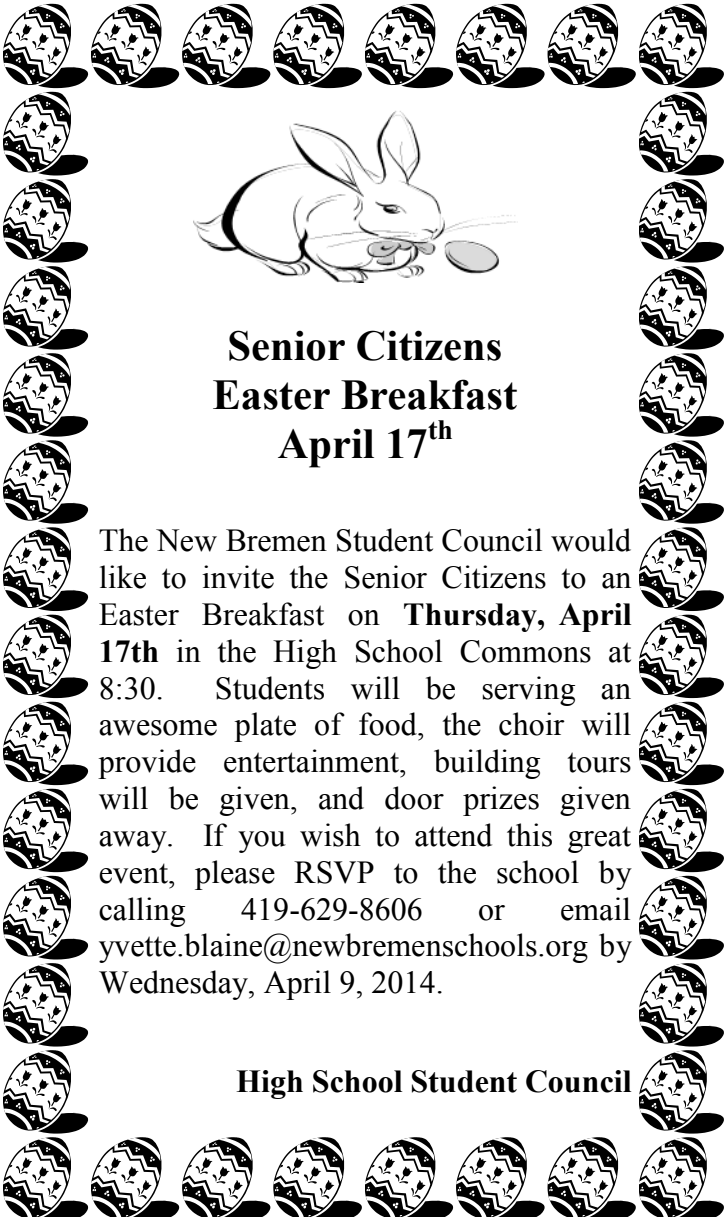

## **COMMUNITY PRIDE**

With this being the last newsletter for the 2013/2014 school year, I want to thank the community for their continued support. There is a quote "It takes a community to raise a child" and that is definitely the case in New Bremen. If there is an educational, musical, vocational, or athletic need, community members step up to the plate many times to volunteer their time, energy, and resources for the students and programs. There is Pride in our community to provide the students the best educational opportunities for future success. The Administration, Teaching and Classified staff members understand that Pride and work to the best of their abilities to meet the educational needs of all our students. Parental and community involvement and support are reasons why New Bremen Schools are rated Excellent every year.



Proud to be a Cardinal!

Mr. Howard Overman

**Senior Citizens  
Easter Breakfast  
April 17<sup>th</sup>**

The New Bremen Student Council would like to invite the Senior Citizens to an Easter Breakfast on **Thursday, April 17th** in the High School Commons at 8:30. Students will be serving an awesome plate of food, the choir will provide entertainment, building tours will be given, and door prizes given away. If you wish to attend this great event, please RSVP to the school by calling 419-629-8606 or email [yvette.blaine@newbremenschools.org](mailto:yvette.blaine@newbremenschools.org) by Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

**High School Student Council**

# FEDERAL FUNDS ASSIST NEW BREMEN STUDENTS



During the 2013-14 school year, the New Bremen Schools received approximately \$297,256 in federal funds for the purchase of supplemental materials and services to assist students in grades K-12. As we begin preparing for the 2014-15 school year, the following information is provided for your awareness and to seek your input for suggestions to best utilize these funds. If you have suggestions, please call Mr. Overman at 419-629-8606.

The following is how these funds were used during the 2013-14 school year:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Title I	\$ 70,328	To provide reading intervention
Title II-A	\$ 27,217	To reduce class sizes
Title IDEA Part B	\$151,753	To provide special education (assistance to students in grades K-12)
Race to the Top	\$ 47,958	To transform the educational program into a 21st century system

Mrs. Deb Meyer  
Treasurer



## NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OF 2014

Sunday, May 25, 2014

Baccalaureate - 1:30 PM  
in the  
James F. Dicke Auditorium

Commencement - 2:30 PM  
in the  
High School Gymnasium

## ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTS (AHERA)



In accordance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act which was passed by Congress in 1986, this article serves as notification of the availability of a Management Plan designed to alleviate the presence of asbestos hazards from present school buildings.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed), and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, New Bremen Local Schools has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos-containing building material (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last inspection conducted on October 26, 2012, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos-containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected.

New Bremen Local Schools have developed a management plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements:

- Publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities
- Educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it
- Notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos-containing building materials
- Post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed
- Follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing building materials
- Survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition

It is the intention of New Bremen Local Schools to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. A copy of the district's Management Plan is available for review during normal office hours in the office of the Superintendent.

Mr. Steve Flaughter  
Asbestos Program Coordinator

**K-4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

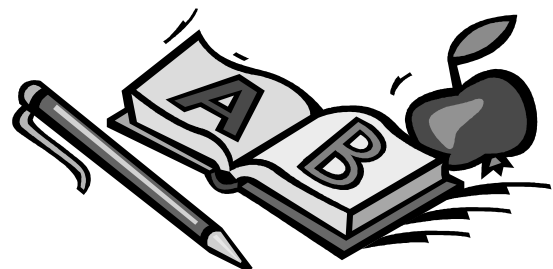
- Mrs. Shelley This, our district librarian, held the annual spring book fair during the week of March 10-14. The theme this year was *Book Fair Fiesta!* The book fair was open to the community during Open House on March 10. The money earned from the book fair is used to purchase books for the two libraries in our building.
- Our annual Open House was held Monday, March 10 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The building was filled with projects students have been working on throughout the year. A special thank you goes out to our custodial staff for preparing the building and teachers and students for the hands-on projects. Mrs. Baker, our elementary art teacher, does a super job displaying the wonderful artwork throughout the building.
- Kindergarten screening was held on March 25, 26, and 27. Sixty-four students participated in the screening this year. Next year our kindergarten students will again be attending school all day, every day. This program will continue to allow teachers to fully cover the new content standards and provide additional time for differentiating instruction through intervention and enrichment activities.
- Mrs. Mary Thornsberry and the fourth grade presented the musical "Rock and Roll Forever: How It All Began" on Thursday, March 20. Performances were held at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Congratulations to Mrs. Thornsberry and the fourth grade students on another wonderful performance.
- This spring, students in grades K-2 will be participating in various testing. Kindergarten students will be taking the Metropolitan Assessment in May. This assessment will show what students have learned throughout the school year. Students in grades 1 and 2 will be taking State Diagnostics in both math and writing. Both assessments will help determine interventions and student placements for next school year.
- Students in grades 3-8 will take the Ohio Achievement Assessments April 28-May 2. This testing week has been pushed back a week due to the number of school delays and cancellations we have had this year. The specific grade level schedule is listed below. Please do not schedule any appointments during these dates and encourage your children to get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast.

2014 Ohio Achievement Assessments Schedule:

Mon., April 28	5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade reading
Tues., April 29	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade reading
Wed., April 30	5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade math
Thurs., May 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade math
Fri., May 2	5 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade science

- Volunteer Appreciation Week is coming up April 7-11. I want to thank all the community volunteers who help out in our classrooms, copy papers, supervise the playground, and provide safety patrol. Their assistance is a tremendous help to the daily running of our school.
- Our annual BIY (Believe In Yourself) days for grades 3-8 will be held May 15 and 16. We will kick off BIY with a talent show followed by team building activities and a health fair on Thursday. On Friday, we have a motivational assembly followed by the annual 5K run/walk. Family and friends are welcome to join us in the 5K!
- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 5-9. Thank you goes out to our excellent teaching staff for all their hard work and dedication to educating our children.
- New Bremen Elementary will be sadly saying goodbye to two very special people at the end of the school year. Mrs. Mary Thornsberry, K-6 music teacher, will be retiring after 29 years (26 at New Bremen) of teaching. It is hard to imagine an elementary musical without her excitement and enthusiasm! So many students have been touched by her love for music and commitment to children. We wish Mary the very best in her retirement!
- Mrs. Pam Dick will be leaving New Bremen after 15 years as elementary secretary. Pam's bubbly personality and dedication to the staff and students of New Bremen will be missed tremendously. Pam wore many hats both literally and figuratively. She is a great friend who will be missed by so many. Pam will now get to spend more time with her family and enjoy her many hobbies.

Mrs. Diane Kramer  
K-4 Principal



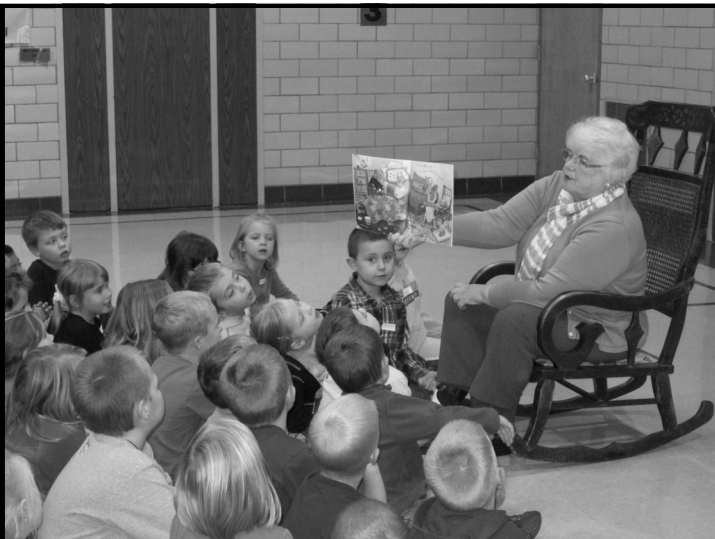
## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The New Bremen Kindergarten children and their parents have participated in a program titled "Project EASE" (Early Access to Success in Education). This program was created to join parents and teachers together to help get the children ready for the complex tasks of learning to read, write, and understand written work. It gives the teachers the opportunity to provide the parents with information on how to help their child at home. Session One was titled "Once Upon A Time" and covers story comprehension and retelling. Our second session, "Cracking the Code", focused on letter identification and beginning sounds. The third and final session, "Words, Words, Words", concentrated on decoding words and writing with KID spelling.

We would like to express our support for this program. We have seen good results. The children seem to be learning their letters and sounds and are feeling more confident using KID spelling to write their own thoughts. We feel the program is very beneficial. The children are excited to learn to read. They see us and their parents involved and excited, which helps to motivate them. Thank you to Mrs. Bev Poppe (our story teller), Mrs. Kramer (our Principal) and all of our parents who come and support this wonderful program!

As the year winds down, the children are excited to learn about the life cycle of chickens, visiting Make Believe Hospital, Easter, learning about good nutrition, making Stone Soup, and looking forward to our end of the year picnic.

Mrs. Tanya Homan  
 Ms. Julie Lee  
 Mrs. Donna Schmitmeyer



*(Kindergarten students enjoying a story read by Mrs. Bev Poppe)*



**100TH DAY**

**CELEBRATION**



## SECOND GRADE NEWS

Here we are in the last nine weeks of the school year. Thank you to all who came to Open House March 10th. It was a special evening for students to show off their hard work. We also enjoyed hearing Bonnie Wurst speak to our classes about recycling and what they can do to help the environment. Some of our time this last nine weeks will be spent learning to do research. Each student will get to choose an animal they want to find more information about. In Science, we will be studying weather which focuses on wind speed and direction, temperature changes, and the air around us. We encourage students to continue practicing their addition and subtraction facts at home. Knowing basic facts is a very important basis for learning new concepts as they enter third grade in the fall. We continue to read AR books this grading period so all students can reach their goal and celebrate together at the end of the year. We are eagerly anticipating our field trip scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> to Aullwood Audubon Nature Center near Vandalia. We will get to see new life with the change of seasons as we take a nature walk in the woods. We have enjoyed teaching your children this past school year. Hopefully, spring will be many more outdoor fun days compared to the past few months.

Mrs. Barb Lemmon  
 Mrs. Alycia Niemeyer  
 Mrs. Nancy Topp

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

The past few months have been busy ones for the fourth grade students.

A "sweet" project turned out to be a huge success for our fourth grade entrepreneurs. In Social Studies, the students learned about the four factors of production. They then applied their knowledge and talents and sold over 1,500 chocolate dipped pretzels with sprinkles to students and staff in grades K-8. Our entrepreneurs advertised their product through computer-generated signs and oral advertisements over the PA. Profits from their project have been donated to the following causes:

- Secret Smiles of Dayton - Providing beds for children
- Smile Train - Helping children born with a cleft palate
- Lion's Club Park Project
- Defenders of Wildlife
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The fourth grade students learned that being entrepreneurs takes hard work, but the end results of helping others is well worth the effort.

Students are now studying the American Revolution and understanding the causes and the outcomes of the War. The students understand that the reasons the colonist wanted to break away from the British are listed in the Declaration of Independence. They are learning about many of the famous Patriots that led the colonist into victory and how the 13 colonies became the United States of America.

The remainder of the year, students will be focusing on how Ohio became a state, the Civil War, and the Ohio transportation systems.

Mrs. Darlene Gilberg  
Mrs. Becky Keller  
Mrs. Jodi Lange



## ELEMENTARY ART

Another busy school year seems to be flying by. It seems Open House comes more quickly every year. This year and all of its snow days had me worried about getting everything done in time! Of course, we managed and I was happy to see everyone at Open House.

The first grade students took their books home and hopefully shared them with family members at home. I'm sure older siblings may remember making them and may even be able to pull out their books to share too. Second grade students have finished their unit on color mixing and got lots of practice while painting their Kandinsky inspired circles. They are currently working on showing depth in

their art while exploring the water lily paintings of Monet. The third grade Picasso style portraits got lots of chuckles during open house. There were some really exceptional cubist portraits this year. Third graders are now exploring the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh. Fourth grade students explored the subject of themselves in their Matisse inspired paper cuts. They have now moved on to the art of Keith Haring. Fifth grade students have gained lots of practice using an exacto knife during the creation of their paper Molas. The multi-layered works of art were displayed during open house. Fifth grade students will get to make their Seneca Indian husk masks during the last nine weeks rotation. Sixth grade has enjoyed creating a functional work of art from clay using the coil method of hand building. Hopefully they all made it home safely. During the last nine weeks, I hope to cover perspective and have some fun with Pop art, although that may be difficult to fit in with their testing schedule.

Of course, our halls are always filled with student artwork. Make sure you check it out next time you are visiting.

Mrs. Lori Baker



## PRIMARY INTERVENTION

The school year seems to be flying by so fast! The students are all working very hard and learning many new things each day.

Second grade students have learned how to add and subtract with and without regrouping using two digit numbers. They have also learned how to tell time. They are continuing to complete timed tests and are working hard to learn all of their addition and subtraction facts. They enjoy reading a variety of stories from different reading levels and have become very good readers.

Third grade students are busy preparing for the Ohio Achievement Tests the end of April and early May. They have been reading short stories and answering a variety of questions to help prepare them for the tests. Many of the students are participating in the after school program. This is a great way to help them become more comfortable and confident with the tests. The third graders are also reading many good stories as well and have improved greatly in their reading.

A huge thanks to parents for all their hard work!

Mrs. Kelly Wilker, Intervention Specialist



## **ELEMENTARY LIBRARY NEWS**

Book Fair Fiesta A Success! ¡Fiesta de la feria del libro un éxito! ¡Gracias! Thank you for supporting our fair! It is always an exciting time for the students and staff as we watch students get excited about reading! With the Scholastic Dollars we are able to buy books from popular paperbacks to library bound nonfiction. Thanks to all of the staff who helped us enjoy our Fiesta Theme with great music, food, and decorations.

The Lollipops for Literacy sales raised \$275.00 for All for Books. This program is a win-win! While we increased our total fair revenue (to buy more books for our library), Scholastic matched this amount with a book donation to national nonprofit organizations including Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and Kids in Need Foundation.

It was “Nacho Ordinary Book Fair!”

Mrs. Shelley This, LMS

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Recent changes that took place this year in our middle school curriculum has sparked several questions from parents throughout the school year. The most common question that I receive is why a student’s grade is lower than usual. The answer may not be due to the performance of the student but rather the increase in academic rigor regarding curricular expectations. The current trend in education is changing from a knowledge and recall format to application. Students are being asked to recall information they have learned and apply the concepts to solve new problems. We expect that students may go through an adjustment phase before aligning with the expectation changes. During this period of time, we feel it is critical to have open communication with parents. We encourage parents to contact teachers if they have any questions. In addition, please feel free to call the middle school office any time. We use your input to help guide our daily practices.

The middle school staff and I have begun the scheduling process for next school year. We recently sent out a survey request about band participation for next year. This request was sent home with students in grades 4-7. If you did not receive a request slip or have decided to change your request, please call the middle school office.

Students in grades 4-8 will be participating in the Ohio Achievement Assessment during the week of April 28. We encourage students to go to bed early and eat a good breakfast each day. Please make your child’s attendance at school a priority this week by not scheduling vacations and doctor appointments if possible. Thank you!

Our BIY days (Believe In Yourself) will be held on May 15 and 16 this year. Students in grades 3-8 will be participating in a talent show, team building activities, and a 5K run. Camfel Productions will be presenting at our assembly with a program titled “Dream, Dare, Do!”

### Washington D.C. Trip

New Bremen’s eighth grade class will be going to Washington D.C. May 5 through the 9. This year we have 63 students and 23 adults going on the field trip. Students will visit several historic sites and participate in a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



On March 6 Officer Nathan Redmond from the New Bremen Police Department and Auglaize County Prosecuting Attorney Ed Pierce spoke to students in grades 5-8 about internet safety. Students were able to

listen to the presentation and ask questions about current laws and making wise choices when sending text messages. We would like to encourage parents to actively monitor their child’s online activity to help ensure safety.

Mr. Jason Schrader  
Middle School Principal

## **SIXTH GRADE NEWS**

The sixth graders are surviving the cold weather by staying busy in the classroom! In December they graduated from the D.A.R.E. program which culminated with them taking an oath of staying alcohol and drug-free. We hope that all students live up to this high expectation!

In Language Arts, we have been busy writing our very own “I have a Dream” poems, as a culmination to our Black History Month Unit and recently we learned about myths and created our very own mythological creatures and mythological gods and goddesses. We then wrote new endings to the myth we read in class in which our own mythical creatures and gods battled the main character. Those were entertaining to say the least! In Guided Reading, most groups are finishing their second literature book which is great timing since all activities we do in small group are focused on preparing for the Reading OAA. In whole group, we will continue to do test prep passages and practice our test taking strategies. In Science, we are starting our Physical Science Unit which involves learning the concepts of density, motion, and the states of matter. We are also taking a field Social Studies test on March 26, as preparation for implementing state testing in Science. In Math and Science our students have been busy working on their brand new Gizmos on our iPads, which are a great interactive tool for learning difficult concepts. This hands-on experience will help our students not only with the OAA but also with the new age of digital testing (PARCC).

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS (Continued)**

Speaking of the PARCC testing, our school is piloting a Reading and Math practice section this spring, which our sixth graders will be taking on the computers in April. We will not be receiving results from these tests since they are used to norm the test when it eventually becomes implemented. We are excited about the opportunity to get a glimpse of how our students will be expected to perform and how they will be tested in the future.

Parents please note that due to many days missed because of inclement weather, state testing is moved a week later- **Reading OAA is now April 29 and Math OAA is May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Finally, we would like to thank all families for being the integral part of your son and daughter’s lives in and outside of the classroom. Your support at home is evident every day in the way your children perform in school and their general attitude. With all the testing ahead for our sixth graders, please keep providing support at home and encourage their best effort. Thank you for all that you do!

Mrs. Amy Poeppelman  
Mrs. Polly Rodgers  
Mrs. Brigid Hegemier



**FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE INTERVENTION**

It has been a great year and I am sure the remaining portion will fly by just as quickly as it came. The response for Open House was wonderful. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

The fifth and sixth grade students are working especially hard in preparation for the Achievement Tests held at the end of this month. The fifth grade will be taking the Reading, Math, and Science tests this year. The sixth grade will be taking the Reading and Math tests. To end the school year, students will be working on different writing prompts and taking higher level comprehension quizzes based on the novel *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*. It is a story about an underground city of rats that have to figure out how to escape their fate.

Every day at school is an important day in your child’s education. Continue to work with them at home and give them the support they need to be successful.

Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst  
Intervention Specialist

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES**

We are at the end of the third nine weeks and I am very pleased with the progress we have made in Middle School Social Studies. The seventh grade classes have been working on the cultures of Asia. We have concentrated our efforts on the rise of their societies and their culture. We have just started to work on the Renaissance. Students will be learning about Renaissance and how it influenced the world. We will then finish up the year with the Enlightenment and Exploration. The eighth grade social studies classes are currently studying American Expansion. We are exploring the concepts “Manifest Destiny” and the acquisition of lands in the west. We will then turn our attention to the Civil War and the Reconstruction. I have asked both grades to process a lot of information and, as usual, the kids continue to perform at an exceptional level.

I am looking forward to a great finish to the school year. We have many fun activities planned. Some of them include GPS mapping, Da Vinci Day, Civil War reenactment, Washington D.C., and many others.

Mr. Rob Messick

**SEVENTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS**

Welcome to seventh grade language arts. In April, our reading classes will be working on Collection 4 in our textbooks. We will focus on skills such as theme, point of view, prediction, and cause/effect among other skills. Some highlighted literary works in Collection 4 are: a story titled *After Twenty Years* by O. Henry and a poem titled *Annabel Lee* by Edgar Allan Poe.

We are scheduled to take the seventh grade reading part of the Ohio Achievement Assessments on Monday, April 28. Our preparation for this assessment has been ongoing throughout the school year. It has been built into our curriculum. There is no Ohio Achievement Assessment scheduled for seventh grade English this year.

In English, we will alternate writing assignments with textbook chapters. The writing assignments we will be working on in April and May are: business letters, friendly letters, and research papers if time allows. In between writing assignments, we will work on the following English textbook chapters: Chapters 5-The Phrase, Chapter 6-The Clause, and Chapter 7-Kinds of Sentence Structure if time allows.

May 12 will be the deadline for students to earn their AR points. On behalf of the Language Department in grades 5-8, I would like to thank the grades 5-8 Student Council for organizing and providing special activities for students who have met their AR goal each quarter. These special activities have successfully motivated students to achieve their AR goal.



## REVISED

### Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) Testing Schedule Spring 2014

Due to the high number of delays and calamity days this winter, the Ohio Achievement Assessment testing is being pushed back one week. Please do not schedule appointments or vacations during these testing dates. All testing will be administered in the mornings.

<b>Monday, April 28</b>	<b>Grades 5, 7, 8 Reading</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	<b>Grades 3, 4, 6 Reading</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b>	<b>Grades 5, 7, 8 Math</b>
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	<b>Grade 3, 4, 6 Math</b>
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	<b>Grade 5, 8 Science</b>

### ALUMNI EARN NCAA DIVISION II ALL AMERICAN HONORS



New Bremen Alumni Justin Eilerman and Dillon Webster earned NCAA Division II All American honors for Indoor Track and Field in March. Dillon ran the 800 meter leg and Justin the 1600 meter leg for the University of Findlay's distance medley relay team that finished 4th in the country. Dillon also finished as National Runner Up in the 800 meter run earning his second All American honor for 2014.

### HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

As we are nearing the culmination of this school year, despite time lost to delays and cancellations due to the winter weather, we still find ourselves prepared for what has been thrown at us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and students for staying the course and doing well despite the adversity, weather, and updated legislation that constantly attempts to change what we do here at NBHS. It has become apparent, that despite the many changes that occur within the scope of education today, that our staff and students show-up prepared to do the work necessary to learn and show growth despite things that are out of our control. This continued grit and perseverance will serve our students well whatever path they choose to pursue in life after high school.

Since many of our students from New Bremen go on to college, it is important to note what those institutions look for. All colleges are not the same, but most view students grades looking at consistency or improvement over time. They look at ACT/SAT scores to get a comparison to other students nationally, then they look at class rank to determine a comparison to other students locally and, finally, other factors like entrance exams/essays, extra-curricular involvement, recommendations from faculty, and any job related experience showing a commitment to a work ethic.

Looking to the end of this school year, there is much to be completed. For seniors, it's counting down the days left and fulfilling graduation requirements. For the remaining students, it's a taste of things to come in terms of assessments and future accountability measures that will see them to their graduation day. We also have recently completed our Second Annual Senior Seminar and will have our Second Annual Talent Show scheduled for Prom Week. One thing this year's group is intending to revitalize is some form of field day which will be planned for May. Let's just hope that by then the weather is more cooperative than it was this past winter.

Mr. Brian Pohl  
High School Principal

### HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

The students at New Bremen High School will have the opportunity to take a new science class starting next school year. The current environmental science class is going away and an Advanced Placement Biology will take its place. All core departments here at NBHS currently offer at least one AP course, except science, so we thought that it was time to get on board. This class will be available to students who have already completed Biology and Chemistry. At the end of the course, the students will have the option to take the AP exam where they can earn college credit if they score high enough. Below I have included a portion of my description of the class from the course description book.

This course will provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of a college course in introductory Biology. Students will focus on the conceptual understanding of different topics in Biology and the content that supports these concepts. Students will spend less time with factual recall and more time on inquiry-based learning. The course is centered around four "Big Ideas."

1. The process of evolution drives the diversity and unity of life
2. Biological systems utilize free energy and molecular building blocks to grow, to reproduce, and to maintain dynamic homeostasis
3. Living systems store, receive, transmit, and respond to information essential to life processes
4. Biological systems interact, and these systems and their interactions possess complex properties

The AP Biology class will be very rigorous and students are going to have to work hard, but I am confident in our students and know they will do great. It is my first year teaching the class so I am sure there will be some growing pains, but we will all dive in and be in it together.

Mr. Dan Kanney

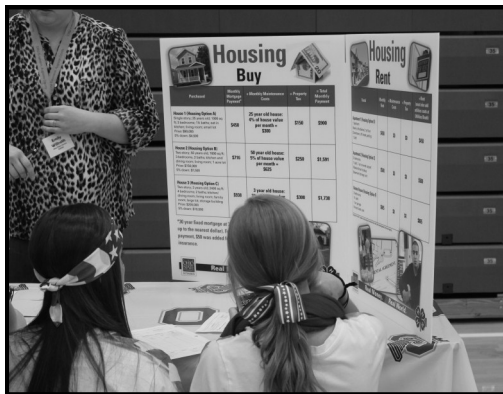
### FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE NEWS

On January 17, 2014 the Auglaize County Ohio State University Extension Office came to New Bremen High School and helped us complete our unit on financial literacy by conducting the *Real Money, Real World* hands-on activity. Forty-four students, freshmen through seniors, participated in the activity where they were able to have a salary and then use that salary to provide for their family. They had to provide items for their family such as shelter, clothing, food, transportation, child care, utilities and insurance. New to the *Real Money, Real World* activity this year was the college loan aspect. If a student went to college, they had to factor in their monthly loan payments on top of the other expenses. This was an eye opener for many college bound students. I would like to thank the Auglaize County OSU Extension Office and all of the community volunteers that took time out of their day to come in and make this activity happen for our students.

Mrs. Cresta Ritter



**Real Money**



**Real World**



A big THANK YOU to Auglaize County OSU Extension Office and all the volunteers!

### WORLD HISTORY NEWS

The Sophomore World History classes have just concluded preparing for and taking the tenth grade Ohio Graduation Tests. We spent a great deal of time reviewing old tests with our "clicker" system and also writing and reviewing short and extended response questions. The Sophomores are ready to take the OGT's!

The Psychology classes have begun the second semester by completing a series of projects in addition to scheduled chapter tests and quizzes. The topics have ranged from child development to experimental research.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone for their support this school year as my daughter, Raygen, has gone through cancer treatments. The students at NBHS have been remarkable in their compassion and support.

Mr. Ben Kramer

### HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH

English 12

Seniors are gearing up for mock interviews, which will take place at the end of March. Each student will have two scheduled interviews with representatives from local businesses. The interviews provide experience and feedback for the students to prepare for future scholarship, college, and job interviews they may have in the future. This year's volunteering interviewers will include: Scott Frey, Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce; Angela Hamberg, New Bremen Community Improvement Corporation; Michelle Suchland, Thieman Stamping; James Gilberg, Gilberg Furniture; and Sandy Thieman, Miller Insurance. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of this valuable experience for the students.

English 10

Sophomores are finishing the novel *Paper Towns* by John Green. In this novel, we analyzed the ideas of identity, leadership, perspectives, and appearance vs. reality. The students will be doing multigenre projects to demonstrate understanding and analysis of important themes in the book. The next large unit will be career passports. They will research potential future careers to begin planning for their futures outside of our high school.

Mrs. Sarah Graves

### NEW BREMEN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

The 22nd annual New Bremen Community Garage Sales will be held on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. Garage sale listings can be purchased at area businesses for \$1.00. All proceeds are donated to the New Bremen School's Cardinal Pride Association. Any questions related to the listings may be forwarded to [ctbowers@frontier.com](mailto:ctbowers@frontier.com) or call 419-733-1286.

Mrs. Chris Bowers

**JUNIORS RECEIVE FEEDBACK  
FROM COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS**

The Center for College Readiness offers high school students feedback on essays from college instructors. The program is free, the assessments are rubric-based, and the instructors' responses are individualized. Through the CCR, students learn which aspects of their writing reflect college readiness. They also acquire strategies and resources for improving areas that are not college ready. The evaluations students receive from CCR do not lower students' high school English grades.

The Junior Honor students submit revised essays to the Center for College Readiness in the third and fourth quarters of this grading period. Junior College Prep students will submit essays to the CCR during the final quarter.

You can learn more about this program at [Centerforcollegereadiness.org](http://Centerforcollegereadiness.org)

Mrs. Jodi Schumm



**BUSINESS/COMPUTER  
CLASSES UPDATE**

Next year the high school computer classes will be updated and content changed. The former Computer Concepts class will become Computer Applications 1 with a focus on learning/using software such as the Microsoft Office suite and the Advanced PC class will become Computer Applications 2 with a focus on designing programs using languages such as Visual Basic, Java and C#. A new course called Foundations of Business will replace the old General Business and Business Law class while including economics; the intent of this particular course is to prepare students for a future major or minor in business in college. The middle school enrichment computer classes will continue to focus on what students need to be successful in the development of their class projects, improving keyboarding proficiencies, and developing critical thinking and problem solving capabilities.

Mr. Don Burroughs

**NEWS IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**

As we come to a close of the third nine weeks, students are very busy with a wide variety of projects. Students in the Introduction to Engineering class are getting ready to start a reverse engineering project, where they take an existing product and improve on the design and/or function. The Principle of Engineering students are making a marble sorter, where they need to design, build, and program a machine to sort marbles of different types of materials.

Digital Electronic students are busy working on finishing their date of birth project, where students design, build, and program a digital circuit which will display their birth date. Engineering Design and Development students are also busy working on finishing up their projects. Projects include: Drone plane with a head tracking camera, a panic door locking system, a coin sorting system for your car and a type of water exercise peddle board. In Woods II class students are very busy working on individual projects such as wooden bowls, CNC cardinal head, and various other small projects. Finally, the Metals II classes are completing their lathe and mill projects which instill the basic operations of the equipment. It is going to be a busy fourth nine weeks.

Mr. Mike Heuker

**HIGH SCHOOL MATH NEWS**

On Saturday, February 22, thirty-six students and Mr. Gary Jones went to Wright State Lake Campus to participate in the annual Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics math contest. Students who participated include:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Danielle Ahlers</i>   | <i>Kasey Haynes</i>       | <i>Drew McClurg</i>      |
| <i>Kaitlyn Ahrns</i>     | <i>Taylor Haynes</i>      | <i>Michael Molaskey</i>  |
| <i>Elizabeth Balster</i> | <i>Devon Heitkamp</i>     | <i>Julia Niekamp</i>     |
| <i>Taylor Bergman</i>    | <i>Lauren Hemmelgarn</i>  | <i>Alycia Quellhorst</i> |
| <i>Makenna Brackman</i>  | <i>Teresa Homan</i>       | <i>Ben Schwieterman</i>  |
| <i>Julie Brown</i>       | <i>Ali Howell</i>         | <i>Bennett Staton</i>    |
| <i>Kimberly Brown</i>    | <i>Mackenzie Howell</i>   | <i>Melissa Thieman</i>   |
| <i>Mitchell Craft</i>    | <i>Haleigh James</i>      | <i>Caitlyn Topp</i>      |
| <i>Alyson Elking</i>     | <i>Karli Jones</i>        | <i>Andrea Wentte</i>     |
| <i>Nolan Fox</i>         | <i>Mitchell Kramer</i>    | <i>Victoria Wentte</i>   |
| <i>Marissa Frazee</i>    | <i>James Kronenberger</i> | <i>Thomas Zhang</i>      |
| <i>Jared Hagan</i>       | <i>Sara LaFleur</i>       | <i>Jason Zircher</i>     |

The team finished in fourth place out of the local schools at Wright State and in seventh place in the state among participating schools of our size. The top scorers for New Bremen were Thomas Zhang, Taylor Haynes, Jared Hagan, and Bennett Staton. Thomas, Taylor, and Jared placed among the top 20 students at the Celina test site, with Thomas also placing in the top 200 students across the state. Congratulations on a job well done!

The Math Department



*(Top scorers for New Bremen at the OCTM math contest.)*

**AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION/  
FFA NEWS**

The last couple months have been very busy for the New Bremen FFA Chapter. In January, FFA members Sarah Kramer and Amanda Brown competed in the Greenhand Quiz Contest which tests member's knowledge about FFA, agricultural literacy, and agscience. Sarah placed 206<sup>th</sup> and Amanda placed 212<sup>th</sup> out of 1,622 students who participated.

Joe Schmitz, the District 5 FFA President, attended all STEM/GTT and ag classes on January 24 and presented workshops on the importance of leadership development, teamwork, and communication. On that same day, New Bremen FFA officers conducted recruitment for all eighth graders in the junior high school.

Three members participated in the job interview contests where students participate in a mock job interview, complete a resume, cover letter, and application. Those students were Molly Paul, Debbie Paul, and Caitlyn Topp. Debbie advanced to the district contest and placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 13 contestants.



*(Participants in the job interview contest.)*

February 15 - 22 was National FFA Week and members participated in several FFA Week activities. The chapter hosted a coloring contest for the elementary and middle school students. In the Kindergarten through third grade division, Ben Sailer placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Amelia Dammeyer placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Grace Tebbe placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the fourth grade through sixth grade division, Brooke Dicke placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Ryan Paul placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Ellie Tangeman placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. During National FFA Week, the chapter also hosted the District 5 public speaking contest with over 40 students participating in the district. FFA members also participated in the drive your tractor/truck to school day and prepared lunch for all the elementary and middle school staff members and breakfast for the high school staff. Finally, members organized and conducted a school wide blood drive with over 52 units of blood being donated. FFA members celebrated the conclusion of FFA week by sponsoring aglympics for the entire high school. High school students participated in competitive activities such as milk chugging, a three legged sack race, corn shucking, and dizzy izzy. The aglympics concluded with a pep rally for the boys' basketball team who played knock out against the high school staff members. The freshmen class won the aglympics activities.



*(Student donating blood during the National FFA Week Blood Drive)*



*(Winners in the FFA coloring contest.)*

On February 22, members Austin Webb and Mark Warner participated in the agricultural and industrial diagnostics contest. In this contest, the two students worked together to troubleshoot electrical, hydraulic, and mechanical issues with agricultural equipment. The team placed 13<sup>th</sup> at the district contest.

The chapter also participated in district and state evaluations where FFA member's state degrees and officer books were evaluated. Members Nick Gusching and Mark Warner will receive their State FFA Degree at State Convention in May. Officers also completed their treasurer, reporter, and secretary books. Nick Gusching, Molly Paul, and Anna Paul completed these books and all received a gold rating, which is the highest honor they can receive.

Members are currently practicing and competing in invitational for the upcoming judging contests which are equine judging and dairy judging.

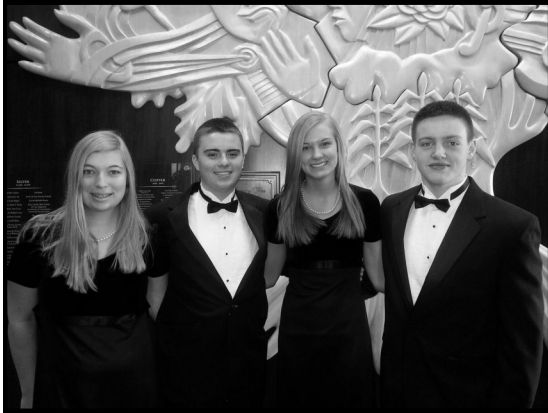
**GTT/STEM**

Students in seventh grade STEM have been working on the inventor program designing a pegboard toy and learning the fundamentals of engineering and design. Eighth grade STEM students completed a playground design utilizing the inventor playground. Students worked in groups to analyze safety, space, and material requirements and then applied that to their playground designs. STEM students have also been working on completing their birdhouse projects. In Gateway to Technology, students created basic robots utilizing the robopro programming system and learned how to write basic automation programs. Students are now learning about environmental issues in the United States and analyzing ways to fix those problems.

Mrs. Maria Homan

**CHOIR NEWS**

On Sunday, January 19, 2014 four outstanding high school choir members represented New Bremen in the Ohio Music Education Association's District III High School Honors Choir Festival. Seniors Rachel Parker and Brice Boroff, and Juniors Troy Wendel and Adeleine Whitten auditioned for this festival choir in November of 2013. After these students were accepted, they attended three weekend rehearsals in December and January to further prepare for the festival performance held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio. The guest conductor for this year's festival was Dr. Robert Tocheff from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.



On Saturday, February 1, 2014, high school choir students traveled to St. Marys High School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event. This opportunity was open to all high school choir students who were interested in exploring small ensemble and solo literature. All singers performed for a judge and received a rating and comments. The students all performed to their highest potential and did an outstanding job of representing New Bremen High School. Participating students and their ratings are listed below.

**Superior Ratings - "I"**

***Solos:***

- Alycia Quellhorst - Class C
- Adeleine Whitten - Class A
- Brad Bertke - Class C
- Alexa Paulus - Class B
- Payton Doherty - Class C
- Brice Boroff - Class B
- Stephanie Elliot - Class C
- Sarah Kramer - Class C
- Mitchell Craft - Class B

***Soprano/Alto Ensemble 1:***

- Adeleine Whitten, Kasey Haynes, Ally Pulskamp, Payton Doherty, Lydia Flynn, Kayse Ferguson, and Kira Irick

***Soprano/Alto Ensemble 2:***

- Natasha Schnieder, Molly Paul, Brittany Pence, Allie Luedeke, Sarah Steineman, Molly Borkowski, Megan Brookhart, and Stephanie Elliot - Class C

**Excellent Ratings - "II"**

***Solos:***

- Alison Pulskamp - Class B
- Kenny Marker - Class C
- Haley Eversman - Class C
- Kasey Haynes - Class C
- Troy Wendel - Class A
- Hannah James - Class C
- Molly Paul - Class B
- Kaylie Squires - (Piano) - Class C

***Soprano/Alto Ensemble 2:***

- Chloe Schwartz, Kennedy Hoying, Sarah Kramer, Kathryn Niekamp, Hannah James, Alexa Paulus, Dani Micheal, Jordan Sailer, and Baily Duke - Class C

***Tenor/Bass Ensemble 1:***

- Braden Elshoff, Jared Hagan, Adrian Speelman, Troy Wendel, Drew McClurg, Andersen Reed, Connor Stienecker, Nolan Fox, and Brice Boroff - Class B

***Tenor/Bass Ensemble 2:***

- Max Travis, Max Messick, Ethan Myers, Hunter Suchland, Jason Zircher, Craig Francis, Greg Parker, and Nick Brussell - Class C



Four New Bremen Junior High choir students were selected to participate in the OMEA District III Junior High Honors Choir Festival. Charlie Sailer, Lucy Whitten, Madeline Erb, and Katie Paulus attended the festival held at Wapakoneta High School on March 7 and 8. Students from an eight county region rehearsed together Friday night and Saturday morning, and then performed a concert Saturday afternoon in the Wapakoneta High School Performing Arts Center. Guest conductor for this event was Dr. Sandra Frey Stegman, Director of the Women's Chorale at Bowling Green State University.



Thank you to all of the high school choir students who performed The Star Spangled Banner prior to the start of this season's varsity home boys' basketball games. Singing this year was: Adeleine Whitten, Troy Wendel, Max Travis, Craig Francis, Rachel Parker, Andersen Reed, Drew McClurg, Brice Boroff, Chloe Schwartz, Baily Duke, Haley Eversman, Jared Hagan, Adrian Speelman, Nolan Fox, Braden Elshoff, Chris Albers, Abbi Zircher, Mary Steineman, Janelle Elking, Lucas Smith, Katie Schulze, Bennett Staton, Mitchell Craft, and alumni Henry Linniman, Katie Goettemoeller, Teri Ewing Bevill, Jessica Feltz, and Hayden Bevill.



### **Important Spring Events:**

- April 30, 2014 - Cardinal Music Booster Senior Scholarship Interviews
- May 2, 2014 - State Large Group Adjudicated Event
- May 3, 2014 - State Large Group Adjudicated Event
- May 8, 2014 - High School Music Banquet 6:30 PM
- May 12, 2014 - High School Concert 7:30 PM
- May 25, 2013 - Baccalaureate/Graduation (Seniors Only) 1:30 PM

Mrs. Patty Ruckman

## **BAND NEWS**

The winter months have been extremely busy around the band department. January saw members of the high school Symphonic Band participating at OMEA District III Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event, held at St. Marys Memorial High School on Saturday, February 1. Forty-seven students participated in eleven events and earned a combined ten superior and one excellent rating.

### **Earning an Excellent Rating:**

Megan Bryant – Violin Solo

### **Earning a Superior Rating:**

Christopher Albers – Marimba Solo  
 Conner Barhorst – Horn Solo  
 Robbie Berard – Piano Solo  
 Megan Bryant – Piano Solo  
 Hannah Lane – Piano Solo  
 Alexa Paulus – Piano Solo

### **Earning a Superior Rating (Continued):**

Max Travis – Tuba Solo  
 New Bremen High School Woodwind Choir  
 New Bremen High School Brass Choir  
 New Bremen High School Percussion Ensemble

Congratulations to all of these students on their hard work and accomplishments.

At the conclusion of solo and ensemble, the band continued preparing for the OMEA District III Large Group Adjudicated Event which was held at Celina High School on March 14 and 15. Leading up to this performance, the band held their annual Conservatory Night on February 25, with eight clinicians from around the area coming in to work with each section of the band for two hours. The band also performed in their annual Winter Concert along with the high school choirs, on Sunday, March 2, in the James F. Dicke Auditorium. The band also, once again, spent a rehearsal with Dr. Bruce Moss, director of bands and professor of music at Bowling Green State University. If the band earns a superior rating at the district event in March, they will move on to the state event in May.

The band has also had several members selected recently to perform in various honor bands and festivals. Arica Buschur, Mitchell Pfenning, Michael Molaskey, and Max Travis were all selected to perform in the OMEA District III Honors Festival, held in Van Wert in January. These four students performed in the festival band and had the opportunity to perform the world premiere of a composition by composer Daniel Montoya Jr., entitled, "Light the Fuse." Mitchell was also selected to perform as a member of the festival Jazz Band.

Six high school band students were selected to perform in the American School Band Directors' Association All-Ohio High School Honor Band, held February 21-22, at Lima Senior High School. Craig Francis, Arica Buschur, Kennedy Hoying, Madison Wells, Jared Goodwin, and Max Travis represented New Bremen High School and performed with other high school band students from all around the state of Ohio.

The high school band will wrap up the year with the traditional Spring Concert performance on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 PM along with performances at the commencement ceremony on May 25, and Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26.

The middle school bands have also been busy getting ready for their Mid-Winter Concert performance on March 6. All four of the bands performed their second concert of the year. The middle school bands will conclude their year with the annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00 and 7:30 in the Middle School large gym.

Some members of the seventh and eighth grade bands have also been busy preparing for Middle School Solo and Ensemble, which will be held at Minster Elementary and Middle School on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

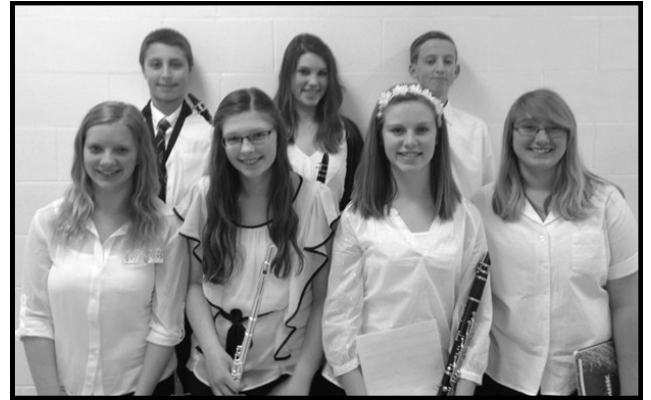
There have also been some middle school band students who have been fortunate enough to be selected and have participated in some honors festivals this winter. Lily Brautigam, Isabel Rhinehart, Claire McClurg, Ashley Bowers, Ezra Ferguson, Wyatt Puthoff, and Adrienne Laughman were selected to participate in the American School Band Directors' Association All-Ohio Junior High Honor Band, held at Lima Senior High School on February 21-22. These students rehearsed and performed with other seventh and eighth grade band students from all around the state of Ohio. Additionally, Lily, Isabel, Ezra, and Wyatt were selected to perform in the OMEA District III Junior High Festival held March 7-8, at Wapakoneta High School. These students performed with other seventh and eighth grade students from an eight county region in West-Central Ohio.

I'm very proud of all of the accomplishments of the middle school and high school band students this year. I hope you will come and support these students at one of the final concert performances of the year, and thank you for your continued support of the instrumental music program at New Bremen Local Schools.

Mr. Ryan Yahl



*(High School band students selected for OMEA District III High School Honors Band and Jazz Band)*



*(Middle School band students selected for ASBDA All-Ohio Junior High Honor Band)*



*(High school band students selected for the ASBDA All-Ohio High School Honor Band)*



*(Middle School band students selected for OMEA District III Junior High Festival Band)*

*(High School Symphonic Band performing at the Winter Concert, March 2, 2014)*



## **CARDS CLUB**

(Caring, Attitude, Respect, Discipline, and Service)

In the last newsletter we shared our students' involvement with the student philanthropy organization called Magnified Giving (MG). Since then we have had the founder of MG, Roger Grein, come in to share his inspirational story and how MG came to be with Cards Club students as well as Mr. Kramer's Sociology/Psychology students. If you are interested in knowing more you can go to the following link on MG's website <http://www.magnifiedgiving.org/contact-0/videos> Students and staff walked away inspired by Roger Grein's life and mission, ready to become more involved in philanthropic opportunities.

Cards Club students then began the process of contacting local nonprofits, inviting them to register on MG's website and to apply for New Bremen High School's \$1,000 MG grant. We have now received over a dozen applications and are going through the process of choosing which organization to invest in. Our students are finding it a tough choice, as there are so many worthy causes and organizations providing important services for so many. They are asking lots of questions and learning how to prioritize their giving as a group. You can be proud of them for taking this seriously! The award will be given on May 14 at Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati, along with 19 other schools and their chosen nonprofit organizations.

Mrs. Shelley This, LMS



## **ESCAPE TO PARADISE** **PROM 2014**



It might seem impossible to believe that the 2014 prom season is just around the corner. On April 26, the Junior Class will have transformed the commons area into a warm beach paradise for a night of formal wear and dancing. The promenade will start at 8:30 in the gymnasium, where all couples will be announced, followed by the crowning of the King and Queen. There will be a donation taken at the door to help defray Prom expenses. The dance will last from 9:00 to midnight. The theme is "Escape To Paradise" and will be followed with after prom activities at Speedway Lanes until 3:00 am. Once again this year, New Bremen High School will be administering alcohol screening at the door to ensure the safety of our students. The doors open at 7:30 and we would like you all to take a tour of our version of Paradise and attend promenade. We know you will enjoy seeing all the New Bremen students in their formal attire on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 pm.

Mrs. Mary Williams  
Jr. Class Advisor

## **ATHLETIC UPDATE**



- ◆ The Midwest Athletic Conference has voted to charge admission at all junior high and high school track meets starting this season. New Bremen will charge \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Most other league schools will be charging the same cost. Some schools may be charging \$5 and \$4.
- ◆ Activity Free week for this summer will be the week of June 29 to July 5.
- ◆ Participation count for spring sports is as follows:
  - Baseball – 18
  - Softball – 32
  - Boys Track – 30
  - Girls Track – 25
  - J.H. Boys Track – 34
  - J.H. Girls Track – 45
- ◆ The following honors have been earned by New Bremen basketball athletes this past season:
  - Brent Goettemoeller – Honorable Mention MAC
  - Nolan Fox – Honorable Mention MAC
  - Debbie Paul – Honorable Mention MAC
  - Rosie Westerbeck – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team MAC
  - Ben Homan – 1<sup>st</sup> Team MAC
  - Carson Manger – 1<sup>st</sup> Team MAC
  - Carson Manger – 1<sup>st</sup> Team District 8
  - Rosie Westerbeck – Special Mention Northwest Ohio
  - Ben Homan – Special Mention Northwest Ohio
  - Carson Manger – Special Mention Northwest Ohio

Mr. Gary Jones  
Athletic Director



## ATHLETIC PHYSICALS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

Dear Parents and Future Athletes,

It is that time of year again to begin preparing for the Athletic Physicals for the 2014-2015 school year.

All students wishing to partake in any sports activity for the 2014-2015 school year must have a completed physical form on file. All physicals must be completed after May 1, 2014 to count for the next school year.

Physical preliminaries will be done on the following dates:

- March/April - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades -  
in nurse's office
- Tuesday, April 15th - 9th, 10th, and 11th grades -  
in H.S. Gym

Preliminary physicals consist of height, weight, blood pressure, and pulse. Forms will be available for any student using an inhaler or Epi-Pen. These will need to be filled out by the Dr. at their physical appointment. Also, urine specimen cups will be distributed during the preliminary physicals.

Upon completion of the preliminary physicals, it is important for parents to call and get an appointment scheduled as soon as possible for after May 1, 2014. Students will have the option of scheduling an appointment with their own private physicians, or, once again Southland Family Medicine, Drs. Luedeke, Roode, and Stegall will be offering physicals from May 1, 2014 thru May 21, 2014. They will also be offering a couple evenings for appointments this year to try to accommodate the students' busy schedules. The cost at Southland Family Medicine will be \$20.00. Be sure to call early as the appointments fill quickly.

For their physicals, students need to bring with them:

1. Their physical forms, which must be completed with their name, address, history and signed by both the student and parent.
2. Any Asthma inhaler or Epi-Pen forms needing to be completed.
3. The urine specimen, labeled with the student's name on it. The specimen should be collected the morning of the physical and kept refrigerated until the appointment time. **DO NOT** bring the specimen to school.
4. \$20.00 payable at the time of the physical.

All physical forms need to be returned to the junior high or high school office after completion. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school from 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lisa Steinke, R.N.  
School Nurse



## NBHS BOYS' BASKETBALL



I would like to thank everyone who played a role in the 2013-2014 basketball season. Our team had periods of success and struggle throughout the season but worked as hard as they could no matter the outcome. Words are not enough to express my gratitude for all the support our young men received. The support we received on that last Friday night in Coldwater was amazing. Hopefully, we can play that hard at the beginning of next season and give you a reason to cheer that hard. The impact on the game our crowd makes, especially on the defensive end, is amazing. Thank you for sticking in there with us this season through all the ups and downs. I hope you are proud of the way we went down fighting. I would like to thank our administration for all the support that they have given to our players throughout the season. I would like to thank all of the basketball parents for trusting the coaching staff to work with your boys. We appreciate your being there to support our program no matter where we play. To the wonderful and faithful fans, pep band, and cheerleaders, every victory was due in part to you because you were there supporting us. Your support and loyalty for our program means more than you will ever know. To the other coaches who work with our young people, I thank you and enjoy working with you. I admire the way we all work together for the betterment of our athletic program. Finally, to all of the players and team members - your commitment and dedication to our team, school, and community make my job very rewarding. It was and continues to be a pleasure to work with students of New Bremen High School who enjoy what they do and are committed to playing hard for each other.

Mr. Adam Dougherty  
Head Boys Basketball Coach

## SPANISH CONCERT

The Spanish club will host a concert for area Spanish classes on April 3 in the James F. Dicke Auditorium. The concert will feature Ennio Emmanuel, a Puerto Rican singer from Los Angeles, California. Visit his website for more info: [ee@ennioemmanuel.com](http://ee@ennioemmanuel.com)

Student participation will be a large part of the concert. The Spanish classes have been practicing Ennio's songs in hopes to perform on stage with Ennio. The seniors will choreograph and perform a dance on stage and Austin Hemmelgarn will sing with Ennio. The concert will last an hour and a half. Afterwards, the students will have an opportunity to take photos, get autographs, and purchase Ennio posters and compact discs.

Ennio's message is hope. Each year, he travels to third world countries to deliver humanitarian aid. Therefore, he has inspired us to do the same. The Spanish Club is once again partnering with St. Paul church in efforts to offer scholarships to students in El Salvador. The club has raised monies by selling concert t-shirts and glow sticks. We want to thank John and Joyce Gilberg for delivering our funds directly to the school in El Salvador this March. Muchas Gracias!

Mrs. Amanda Wehrman  
Spanish Club Advisor



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## 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

**First Nine Weeks**

Thursday	August 7	New Teacher Orientation (Tentative)
Friday	August 15	General Faculty Meetings (Prof. Day)
Monday	August 18	Meet the Teacher Night 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesday	August 19	Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day)
Wednesday	August 20	First Student Day
Monday	September 1	Labor Day - <b>No School</b>
Monday	September 22	Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – <b>No School</b>
Friday	October 17	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks (41 days)

**Second Nine Weeks**

Tuesday	October 28	Normal School Day – S-P-T Conferences 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	October 31	S-P-T Conferences – <b>No School</b> Conferences: 8:00 am to 11:30 am 12:30 am to 3:00 pm
Monday	November 3	Normal School Day – S-P-T Conferences 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Thurs./Fri./Monday	Nov. 27, 28 & Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Break – <b>No School</b>
Friday	December 19	Early Dismissal at 2:00
Friday	December 19	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks (41) & Semester (82)
	Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Christmas Break – <b>No School</b>

**Third Nine Weeks**

Friday	January 16	Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – <b>No School</b>
Monday	January 19	MLK Day – <b>No School</b>
Monday	February 16	Presidents Day Break - <b>No School</b>
Friday	March 13	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks (47 days)

**Fourth Nine Weeks**

Monday	March 23	Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – <b>No School</b>
Friday/Monday	April 3 – April 6	Easter Break – <b>No School</b>
Friday	May 22	Last Student Day – 1:30 Dismissal
		End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks (47) & Semester (94)
Sunday	May 24	Graduation Ceremonies
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 26	Teacher Mtgs. / Records / Checkout (Prof. Day)

**Schedule Includes**

Classroom Days	176
S-P-T Conf. Days	2
Teacher Prof. Day	<u>6</u>
Total	184

**Make-Up Days**

January 19, February 16, April 6,  
 May 26, May 27, May 28, and  
 May 29

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