



# CARDINAL NEWSLETTER



NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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## READY FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and were able to do the activities that are hard to schedule during the school year. I wish Mr. Overman the best as he heads off into a new chapter of his life. I want to thank him for his dedication and 22 years of service in education.

The buildings and staff are ready and prepared for the students to return for another enjoyable and successful school year. I am very excited to be joining the New Bremen Schools this year as your new Superintendent. I look forward to working with the entire school community as a partner in providing our students the best education possible.

I want to offer a BIG THANK YOU to the New Bremen Community for supporting the 1% Permanent Improvement (PI) Tax Renewal. This is a 5-year renewal levy that generates approximately \$75,000.00 to \$80,000.00 per year, which is used to maintain our buildings, purchase buses, and other items. We will work to continue to be fiscally responsible while maintaining educational excellence for all students.

*Thank You!*

## CLASS OF 2015

I want to congratulate the Class of 2015 and wish them the very best as they start a new chapter in their lives. Special recognition goes to Valedictorians, Marissa Frazee and Rose Wilson and Salutatorian, Danielle Ahlers. Their class motto was, "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." Class of 2015, your absence will be felt as we start a new school year, but no matter where you land from here you will be a Cardinal forever.

Proud to be a Cardinal!

Dr. Andrea Townsend,  
Superintendent

## "THE CARDINAL WAY"

Last summer a group of teachers and students came together to develop "The Cardinal Way" campaign with the goal to improve the school's culture and climate. If you recall, both groups looked at character traits they felt needed the most attention. The character traits found to be most important by both groups will become a list of action statements to define "The Cardinal Way". Posters are displayed to remind our students of the expectations while in or away from school.

In the spring a group of students presented at a Board of Education Meeting a proposal to brand the New Bremen Schools. By taking the concept of "The Cardinal Way" and developing it into a recognizable symbol that best represents the New Bremen Schools. The students created a survey and gathered data of one word that characterizes the school in a positive manner. The students have created a list of words that describe a Cardinal. In the students own words "We are a lot of things at New Bremen Schools, but together WE ARE CARDINALS". This coming school year, upperclassman will model and mentor other students as they plan for branding who we are. Congratulations to the student body for this very creative idea! This project is an excellent example of "The Cardinal Way".

Through the branding process, our students will continue to participate in more character and leadership programs at all grade levels. The goal is to have students recognize that the foundation for success is often dictated by their character more so than their GPA. Character is the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual. Students will continue to learn that having these character traits will help them succeed now and prepare them for the future. Traits like respect, motivation, participation, positive attitude, perseverance, and grit are a few essential qualities that we will continue to develop. With the new academic content standards and graduation requirements, there is a need for more academic rigor. Students will need to have "grit" to achieve higher grades and be more motivated than ever before. Grit is a non-cognitive trait based on an individual's passion for a particular goal coupled with a powerful motivation to achieve their objective. A person with grit will persevere to overcome obstacles, failures, or challenges that may lie in their way to reaching their goals. To me "grit" is exactly what our students have! Our student body described themselves using some of the following words: courageous, supportive, confident, and motivated. We want our students to believe in themselves and have the tools to bounce back and to encourage each other when faced with adversity or failure. They must never give up in their pursuit of their achievements. Parents can help with this message at home by not allowing or accepting their children to make excuses for their mistakes or failures, but to persevere and to stay with it. It is hard for some students to understand that some things take time and extra effort to become proficient at and that giving up is not the answer because WE ARE CARDINALS.

Dr. Andrea Townsend,  
Superintendent

## NEW DISTRICT GRADING SCALE

Due to updated legislation there is a change we have to make in order to be compliant with the new law relating to College Credit Plus (formerly post-secondary/dual enrollment) as it effects our current weighted Advanced Placement grading scale here at NBHS. Although we just adopted a new grading scale for 2014-15 with a provision for AP weighted grades, due to CCP and these new laws, we will no longer be weighting grades.

Our response to this new law is necessary, and we will work to facilitate this transition; we support your child and their decision to take either AP or CCP courses. To comply with this new law, we will offer the same grade scale created last year here at the high school and will no longer utilize the weighted AP scale that was developed last year.

I realize the many potential effects this decision may have upon courses requested and potential changes in class rank due to courses taken in the future. Last year, we made the decision to create a new grading scale and offer the AP weighted scale, and that will stay in place for courses taken through 2014-15. For courses taken in 2015-16 and beyond, however, all courses taken here will reflect the grade scale put in place with no weighted factor for AP. Instead, AP teachers will use an adjusted scale for future coursework by lowering our current scale by three percentage points for each grade earned. While this is not our preferred way of managing grades, I believe it is our best option for reaching compliance with this new law. The student handbook shows the grade scale for your review.

Mr. Brian Pohl, Principal

Alpha Mark	Traditional Grading Scale	AP Grading Scale	Point Value Scale
A	94-100	91-100	4.00
A-	91-93.9	88-90.9	3.67
B+	88-90.9	85-87.9	3.33
B	85-87.9	82-84.9	3.00
B-	82-84.9	79-81.9	2.67
C+	79-81.9	76-78.9	2.33
C	76-78.9	73-75.9	2.00
C-	73-75.9	70-72.9	1.67
D+	70-72.9	67-69.9	1.33
D	67-69.9	64-66.9	1.00
D-	64-66.9	61-63.9	0.67
F	Below 64	Below 61	0.00
I	Incomplete	0.00	0.00

## CAFETERIA NEWS



At the end of last school year, students participated in a school lunch survey. The results were not too surprising. In Elementary/Junior High top favorites were: stuffed crust pizza, tacos, breakfast, and sweet and sour chicken. Top favorites in the High School were: pizza, tacos, sweet and sour chicken, quesadilla, and rippers. Some of the least favorite for both schools were: lasagna, sloppy Joe, and soup. Our goal when preparing our menu for future lunches is to focus on the more favorite foods and less on the least favorite.

We did receive a lot of comments and suggestions from the survey. A few listed were: don't like the whole grain, need more food on tray, more in Ala Carte, more variety, salad bar, tacos weekly, and outside sources such as Pizza Hut and Subway. The comments and suggestions were very much appreciated and we will try to make improvements when and where we can. However, we have to follow the USDA Food and Nutrition Services regulations which have become a challenge over the past few years. For example, only whole grains must be offered to count as the grain, a variety of dark green, red, or orange vegetables, beans, starchy and others have to be offered throughout the week, as well as 100% fruit, 1 oz. meat/protein for K-8 and 2 oz. for Gr. 9-12, and fat-free or low fat milk. Students may refuse 2 items of the 5 food groups, but they must take  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of fruit or vegetables.

In addition to making sure all food components are met for the menus, calories, sodium and fats have to be calculated so as not to go over or under certain amounts per age group. Ala Carte is another area where we are restricted to only Smart Snacks and 100% fruit juice. Snacks have to be whole grain and meet calorie, sodium and fat requirements.

For the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, students in grades 4-12 will be offered an extra choice of a sandwich instead of the main entrée. For example, if the main entrée is spaghetti and you don't like it, you could have the sandwich which is offered that day along with the rest of the meal. The alternate choice of sandwich will be listed on the menu each week. Students must order the alternate sandwich in the morning when lunch count is taken. Chef salads will be offered every day for grades 4-12 and they also must be ordered when lunch count is taken.

Thank you for participating in the survey and adjusting to all the new requirements. Have a great year!

Mrs. Susan Kramer,  
Cafeteria Manager

## How Does the Proposed Village Real Estate Tax Abatement Affect the School District?

As you may be aware, the Village of New Bremen is considering an 8 year, 100% tax abatement for a newly constructed house with a value of at least \$150,000 and sized at least 1500 square feet. Board members have been approached and asked how this would affect the school district, so we thought we would share our insight.

There are three main revenue streams for the school district. The first revenue stream is the real estate tax. Most of the proposed abated real estate tax would have gone to the school district. For every new house valued at \$150,000, the school district would have received \$1,050/year in new dollars. That new revenue will be delayed by eight years. The intent of the Village is to spur new construction. If, without this abatement there would be no new houses, then the school district is not out anything in real estate taxes.

The second revenue stream is our state dollars per student. The theory is that with new houses, families will move in with school aged children and these students will generate additional state dollars. However, because the New Bremen Schools are on a state guarantee, that is not the case. For many years, the State has guaranteed that school districts would not receive less state dollars than they received the prior year. With our declining enrollment, we have been benefiting from that guarantee. However, that also means that if we increase our enrollment, we will not get additional dollars; it will just lower the amount the State is subsidizing us to meet the guarantee.

Finally, the third main revenue stream is the school district income tax. This is the area that we could see some growth because of the tax abatement. If this proposed tax abatement does bring more families to New Bremen, the school district would receive income tax based on the family's earnings. If we use the median income of \$66,280, the increase in income tax would be approximately \$620.00/year per family.

Looking at the proposal in terms other than financial, an increase in enrollment means we have the opportunity for more participants in extra-curricular activities, we can continue to offer a variety of electives at the high school level, and we can spread our overhead costs over more students, lowering our spending per pupil. Overall, growth is good.

Mrs. Deb Meyer, Treasurer

## SUMMER MAINTENANCE

I would like to thank the custodial and maintenance staff for a job well done this summer preparing the building, grounds, and equipment for the new school year. It takes teamwork and a great deal of effort in getting the buildings ready for the new school year when they never really shut down. The buildings and grounds look amazing. Your pride in the school and your work is greatly appreciated! The team truly demonstrated the *Cardinal Way!*

Maintenance projects completed this summer:

- Concrete curbs were fixed at the K-8 building
- HS and K-8 parking lots were repaired
- A new electric panel was installed in the K-8 building
- Repaired a section of the Middle School roof
- Painted four HS classrooms and repaired and painted damaged walls in the K-8 building
- Replaced lighting in the commons
- Buses cleaned and waxed
- New HS auditorium lighting
- New furniture installed in the Business classroom
- Classrooms, offices, and halls cleaned and floors waxed

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Dr. Andrea Townsend

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Bus routes have been updated for the upcoming school year. This year we are publishing the routes with approximate morning pick up times. Please allow 5 minutes before or after this time, until our drivers establish their route. If you have any questions about your child's transportation, please call Mr. Rob Sniegowski at 419-629-8606 extension 133.

All parents are reminded to provide the bus driver and the homeroom teacher with a written note when an elementary student will not be riding on the bus at the 3:05 P.M. dismissal time. **Also, written notes from parents are required when any student, elementary or high school, will be riding on a bus not regularly assigned.** Parents are requested to avoid using the parking lot at the Elementary/Middle School to pick-up or drop-off their children and instead should use the Plum Street entrances only.

For high school students who live in town, bus transportation will be provided by shuttle bus from the parking lot area of the Elementary/Middle School at 7:50 AM. Therefore, students who walked to school in the past will be expected to walk to the Elementary/Middle School, but will then be properly transported to the High School.

At the end of the day (2:55 P.M.), high school town students will again have bus transportation services by a designated shuttle bus to the elementary/middle school building.

Students will not be permitted to leave the bus at any time other than in front of the home or assigned drop-off point unless a signed note from the parent is presented to the driver. All bus students have assigned seats and no food or beverages are to be consumed on the buses.

Mr. Rob Sniegowski, Transportation Coordinator



### Mark Your Calendar . . .

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**  
August 17, 2015  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

New Bremen Schools will host their Meet the Teacher Night before the school year begins. We encourage both parents and students to take a few minutes to stop by the schools, walk through their class schedules, and talk with teachers. This will allow for a smoother start to the school year as well as reducing some of the anxiety students might otherwise associate with the first day of school.

## NEW BREMEN BUS ROUTES FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Bus #1 - Mr. Mike Heuker			Bus #6 - Mrs. Sue Burnell			Bus #7 - Mr. Rob Sniegowski		
7:00	5532	State Route 274	7:21	6850	N. Lock Two Rd.	6:58	3019	State Route 274
7:01	5868	State Route 274	7:22	6946	N. Lock Two Rd.	6:59	2859	State Route 274
7:04	16444	Schmitmeyer-Baker Rd.	7:25	5	Miami Erie Place	7:00	2272	State Route 274
7:06	5060	Amsterdam Road	7:25	6	Miami Erie Place	7:01	5689	Tri Township Road
7:07	15970	E. Shelby Rd.	7:25	6	Haarbye Street	7:02	5344	Tri Township Road
7:08	5653	E. Shelby Rd.	7:25	17	Haarbye Street	7:03	5264	Tri Township Road
7:09	16550	E. Shelby Rd.	7:26	51	Rummel Creek	7:04	5075	Tri Township Road
7:11	17928	E. Shelby Rd.	7:26	55	Rummel Creek	7:08	5888	State Route 364
7:10	18000	E. Shelby Rd.	7:27	31	Rummel Creek	7:09	1060	01060 SR 274
7:12	7463	E. Shelby Rd.	7:28	12	Rummel Creek	7:10	1364	State Route 274
7:13	5166	Lock Two Rd.	7:29	4	Rummel Creek	7:10	6014	Tri Township Road
7:14	17040	State Route 29	7:30	23	Kamman Circle	7:12	1473	State Route 274
7:13	16999	State Route 29	7:30	27	Kamman Circle	7:14	6806	State Route 364
7:24	5711	State Route 274	7:31	43	Kamman Circle	7:15	6924	State Route 364
7:27	5673	State Route 274	7:31	39	Kamman Circle	7:15	967	Lock Two Road
7:29	5353	State Route 274	7:33	2	S. Maurer	7:16	667	Lock Two Road
7:30	6760	Kettler Rd.	7:34	33	Canterbury Street	7:17	410	Lock Two Road
7:33	7120	Kettler Rd.	7:35	104	Dicke Drive	7:18	241	Lock Two Road
7:34	7264	Kettler Rd.	7:36	111	Dicke Drive	7:19	8669	Brockman Road
7:36	7120	N. Lock Two Rd.	7:36	112	Dicke Drive	7:20	8631	Brockman Road
7:37	4453	Lock Two Rd.	7:37	107	Dicke Drive	7:22	7668	Mercer/Auglaize Line Road
7:38	4506	Lock Two Rd.	7:37	152	Reed Street	7:22	3839	Mercer/Auglaize Line Road
7:38	4530	Lock Two Rd.	7:38	148	Reed Street	7:23	7738	Mercer/Auglaize Line Road
7:38	4511	Lock Two Rd.	7:38	144	Reed Street	7:20	668	Clover Four Road
7:39	4670	Lock Two Rd.	7:39	140	Reed Street	7:25	8989	Guadalupe Road
7:40	5061	Lock Two Rd.	7:39	139	Reed Street	7:27	8429	Guadalupe Road
7:41	5170	Lock Two Rd.	7:40	131	Reed Street	7:30	4270	St. Johns Road
7:41	5773	Lock Two Rd.	7:40	132	Reed Street	7:32	8820	Clover Four Road
7:43	5945	Lock Two Rd.	7:41	128	Rummel Creek	7:36	58	Southland Road
7:45	5158	Kettler Rd.	7:41	127	Rummel Creek	7:38	8713	State Route 364
		School	7:42	119	Rummel Creek	7:42	1253	Clover Four Road
			7:43	115	Rummel Creek	7:43	2196	Lock Two Road
			7:44	103	Rummel Creek	7:45	2268	Lock Two Road
			7:46		YMCA Daycare	7:48	2588	Lock Two Road
					School			School



### NEW BREMEN SCHOOLS NEED SUBSTITUTE AND PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS

Please consider obtaining a license and becoming part of our bus driving staff. Talk to any of our drivers or call the New Bremen High School Central Office for more information.

Qualifications to be a bus driver include the following:

- Annual physical examination and a drug and alcohol test
- Annual driver record check from BMV
- Commercial driver license (CDL)
- 16 hours of pre-service and 4 hours in-service training resulting in certification by ODE
- BCI and FBI criminal background check

## NEW BREMEN BUS ROUTES FOR 2015 - 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

### Bus #3 - Mrs. Jackie Crites

7:18	5193	State Route 66
7:21	5096	State Route 66
7:22	5136	State Route 66
7:25	5228	Erie Road
7:29	108	South Main Street
7:29	9	North Franklin Street
7:32	226	North Franklin Street
7:32	310	North Franklin Street
7:35	229	North Herman Street
7:35	226	North Herman Street
7:35	216	North Herman Street
7:35	220	North Herman Street
7:35	220	West Ash Street
7:35	212	North Herman Street
7:35	307	North Franklin Street
7:36	408	North Franklin Street
7:36	317	North Main Street
7:36	118	West Pearl Street
7:38	605	North Franklin Street
7:38	606	North Franklin Street
7:38	715	North Franklin Street
7:38	311	West Boesel Avenue
7:38	718	North Franklin Street
7:38	302	Boesel Avenue
7:40	202	West Boesel Avenue
7:40	708	North Main Street
7:40	711	North Main Street
7:42	6520	Knoxville Avenue
7:43	6610	NB / NK Road
7:43	6611	NB / NK Road
7:44	6612	NB / NK Road
7:44	6986	NB / NK Road
7:45	3963	Lock Two Road
		School

### Bus #2 - Mr. Greg Maurer

7:06	446	North Herman Street
7:07	457	North Herman Street
7:08	6558	County Road 66A
7:09	6635	County Road 66A
7:10	6653	County Road 66A
7:11	6701	County Road 66A
7:13	6826	County Road 66A
7:14	6838	County Road 66A
7:15	6913	County Road 66A
7:19	2524	Clover Four Road
7:20	8359	County Road 66A
7:20	8368	County Road 66A
7:20	8490	County Road 66A
7:21	8644	County Road 66A
7:22	3518	Southland Road
7:27	5242	Southland Road
7:29	8759	NB / NK Road
7:31	8331	Plattner Pike
7:32	8497	Plattner Pike
7:32	8520	Plattner Pike
7:33	8858	Plattner Pike
7:40	8151	State Route 66
7:40	7599	State Route 66
7:41	3940	Forest Lane
7:41	3949	Forest Lane
7:41	3923	Forest Lane
7:41	3914	Forest Lane
7:41	3886	Forest Lane
7:42	3830	Forest Lane
7:43	3760	Forest Lane
7:43	3746	Forest Lane
7:44	3694	Forest Lane South
7:45	7516	State Route 66
7:45	7542	State Route 66
7:48	3109	Clover Four Road
7:49	7859	County Road 66A
7:49	7361	County Road 66A
7:49	7246	County Road 66A
7:50	3011	Lock Two Road
		School



## SCHOOL TO START SOON

Another exciting school year is about to begin in a matter of a couple weeks. In case you did not already have the date written on your calendar, the first day of school for students in grades 1-12 will be Wednesday, August 19. Orientation is scheduled for Kindergarten students and parents on Wednesday, August 19. We will be staggering the start of kindergarten to assist in the transition to all day every day kindergarten. Half of the kindergarten students will be starting on Thursday, August 20 and the other half on Friday, August 21. The first day for ALL kindergarten students will be Monday, August 24. The normal school day will be as follows:

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Times</u>
K - 4	8:13 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
5 - 8	8:13 A.M. - 3:05 P.M.
9 - 12	8:05 A.M. - 2:55 P.M.

We are looking forward to an exciting school year and sincerely hope that you will help us in making the 2015 - 2016 school year among the best ever.



We are also very proud to welcome the following new staff members to our schools. The following individuals were recently employed effective for the 2015 - 2016 school year:

<i>Dr. Andrea Townsend</i> -	Superintendent
<i>Ms. Abby Wente</i> -	Kindergarten
<i>Mrs. Diana Kramer</i> -	Grade 2C
<i>Mr. Cory Stephens</i> -	Gr. 6 Math
<i>Kayla Steinemann</i> -	JH Science
<i>Chris Schmidt</i> -	JH Social Studies
<i>Mike Gast</i> -	HS English
<i>Zackary Nellom</i> -	Music
<i>Julie Langhals</i> -	Cafeteria
<i>Ben Salazar</i> -	Spanish (Part-Time)

We are very excited to welcome our newest staff members to the New Bremen Local Schools and into the New Bremen community.

## SCHOOL LUNCH AND MILK PRICES

The lunch and milk prices for the 2015 - 2016 school year will be as follows:

Grade K-6	\$2.80
Grade 7-12	\$2.90
Adult	\$4.30
Milk	\$ .35

This school year our cafeteria will offer an extra choice of a sandwich instead of the main entrée for students in grades 4-12. If the main entrée is spaghetti and you don't like it, you could have the sandwich which is offered that day along with the rest of the meal. The alternate choice of sandwich will be listed on the menu each week. Chef salads will also be offered every day for Gr. 4-12 students. Milk and crackers will be included with the Chef Salad.

## SCHOOL FEES AND SCHEDULES

School fees will be accepted on **Tuesday, August 11 from 8:00 AM. - 3:00 P.M.** and **Wednesday, August 12 from 8:00 A.M - 8:00 P.M.** As in the past years, school fees are encouraged to be paid prior to the start of school. The school fees for the upcoming school year are as follows:

Kindergarten - Grade 6	\$25.50
Grade 7	\$31.00
Grade 8	\$37.25
Grade 8 - GTT	\$12.00
AP Biology	\$119.00
AP Calculus	\$119.00
AP Government	\$119.00
AP Literature & Composition	\$131.00
Accounting I	\$94.00
Accounting II	\$119.00
Advanced Physiology	\$10.50
Agri-Business	\$45.00
Art I-II-III-IV	\$30.00
Astronomy	\$ 5.00
Biology	\$ 6.00
Business Math	\$30.00
Chemistry	\$17.00
Computer Applications I	\$ 5.00
English 9	\$ 6.50
English 10 Honors	\$33.50
English 10 CP	\$11.00
English 11	\$17.00
English 11 Honors	\$17.00
English 12	\$29.25
Financial Literacy	\$ 6.00
Foundations of Business	\$45.00
Freshman Fee	\$ 5.25
Graphic Design	\$ 5.00
Health	\$ 4.75
Intro. to Engr. Design	\$ 6.00
Junior Fee	\$16.75
Life Skills I - II	\$20.00
Music and/or Choir	
Band (Full Year)	\$30.00
Marching Band Only (Fronts)	\$20.00
Concert Band Only (FB Players)	\$10.00
Choir	\$15.00
Instrument Rental	
Marching & Concert	\$40.00
Marching Band Only	\$25.00
Concert Band Only	\$30.00
Junior High	\$30.00
Music Theory I	\$13.00
Music Theory II	\$ 6.50
Music Theory III	\$40.00
Photography	\$ 5.00
Physiology	\$34.00
Senior Fee	\$ 5.25
Sophomore Fee	\$ 5.25
Spanish I	\$18.00
Spanish II	\$18.00
Spanish III	\$18.00
Spanish IV	\$14.00
Technology Fee	\$ 9.00
Vo Ag. I	\$95.00
Vo Ag. II	\$40.00
Vo Ag. III	\$45.00
Vo-Ag IV	\$45.00

## STUDENT ABSENCE AND TARDINESS

Ohio's Missing Child Law requires the school to make every effort to contact the parents of students who are not in school. Parents of students who will be absent (or late) are asked to call the office each morning. You are encouraged to call the school on the **629-3244** number for Gr. K-8 and **629-8606** for Gr. 9-12 since we will have recording services available after 6:00 A.M. for your convenience. Parents who do not call the school will be contacted at home or at work.

If no parent contact is received or completed by the school, a signed note from the parent giving the reason for absence must be presented by the student upon returning to school. For the absence to be considered for excused purposes, a note by the parent or physician must be presented no later than the third day back.

## STUDENT DRESS CODE REMINDER

The Student Dress Code for the upcoming year will be the same as last year including that shorts of appropriate length may be worn by students K-12 from April through October.

The following are areas listed in the Dress Code which have caused some concern in past years resulting in violations being noted:

- a. Shirts with sleeves removed or leaving the armpits exposed are unacceptable.
- b. Bare midribs or torsos are unacceptable.
- c. Untied shoes are unacceptable.
- d. Dresses, skirts, and shorts are to be of reasonable length and in good taste. Cheer shorts, biker shorts, and tights/yoga pants without an appropriate length top are unacceptable.
- e. Hair must be clean and out of the eyes.

A copy of the complete Student Dress Code is printed in the 2015 - 2016 Student Handbook section of your student planner which will be distributed to students on the first day of school.

## STUDENTS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Often throughout the course of the school year, students could be photographed in individual or class activities for newsletter, newspaper, website, or other school publication.

Unless the Principal of the building is notified in writing, students are assumed to have given permission for New Bremen to use their picture in connection with school or school-related activities and to put the pictures to any legitimate use without limitation, reservation, or compensation.



## TELEPHONE INFORMATION

The N-B Schools have several telephone lines which the public are encouraged to use to reach the school. Parents are urged to use the following numbers to reach the building offices:

- Elementary . . . . . 419-629-3244**
- Middle School . . . . . 419-629-2373**
- High School . . . . . 419-629-8606**
- Athletic . . . . . 419-629-2973**
- Administration . . . . . 419-629-2443**

As before, please use the **419-629-3244** number to report student absences before 8:15 A.M. for the Elementary and Middle School since this line has recording capabilities. For the High School, please use the **419-629-8606** telephone number before 8:05 A.M.

## SCHOOL DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

Whenever the health or safety of students may be in jeopardy due to weather conditions, contagious illnesses, or utility problems, the New Bremen Local Schools may need to delay or close school for the day. Announcements will be made as early as possible, however, there are always unpredictable situations which could cause a late announcement. Students and parents are requested not to call the school or the homes of school personnel for information concerning a delay or cancellation. The information will be on one of the following radio stations, on TV Channel 2 or 7 or WLIO Channel 35 out of Lima, and/or you will be notified by the school's automated notification system.

<b>WCSM</b>	<b>Celina</b>	<b>1350 AM / 96.7 FM</b>
<b>WKKI</b>	<b>Celina</b>	<b>94.3 FM</b>
<b>WIMA</b>	<b>Lima</b>	<b>102.1 FM</b>

## SCHOOL PICTURES

All students in grades K-12 will have their pictures taken for the school yearbook. Lange Photographics out of Wapakoneta will be handling our school photography business again this year. Parents and students will have the opportunity to purchase color pictures from a wide selection of available packages. A complete listing of packages and costs will be sent home with students several days in advance of the pictures being taken. The purchase of pictures will be pre-pay with your satisfaction being guaranteed or your money refunded. We would like to stress that there is no obligation on the part of students or parents to purchase any pictures. The picture schedule for the school year is as follows:

<b>Friday, September 25</b>	Grades K - 12
<b>Thursday, October 29 (Retakes)</b>	All Grades
<b>Friday, April 8</b>	Grades K - 8



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES



School supply lists for next year can be found on our school website [www.newbremenschools.org](http://www.newbremenschools.org). On the home page under District News, you will find lists for K-4, Gr. 5-8, and Gr. 9-12. The lists can also be found in the Forms & Downloads' section of our website.

## CALCULATOR REQUIREMENT

Students that will be taking Algebra II, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, Senior Advanced Math, Foundations of College Math, or AP Calculus will be required to purchase a **TI-83 Plus** or **TI-84 Plus Calculator**. This is just a reminder to purchase one before the start of the school year.



## MEDICATION POLICY

According to the Ohio Revised Code, there must be a written note signed before a drug can be administered to a student. Therefore, please provide the School Nurse's Office a statement by the prescribing physician that includes the following information:

- a. Name and address of the pupil
- b. School and class of the pupil
- c. The name, dosage, and time the drug is to be administered
- d. The dates when the administering should begin and end
- e. The physicians phone number and any other special instructions

Please be reminded that no medication can be administered without these signed statements on file beginning with the first day of medication.



## POINT OF SALE SYSTEM

The New Bremen Schools have used a Point of Sale system in the cafeterias for the past six years. This computerized debiting system allows parents to pay for student lunches in advance and eliminates the need for students to have a paper lunch ticket.

Parents can deposit money into their child's account by sending cash or checks to the school, either by mail or with your child. Please make checks payable to the New Bremen Schools. Once you are made aware of the PIN number, please include that with your payment.

You can also make credit card payments online. At that time you will need your child's student ID or PIN number. There will be a \$2.00 transaction fee applied for this method of payment. On-line payments will not show on accounts until the following business day, so please plan accordingly. The first step is to go to [www.myschoolaccount.com](http://www.myschoolaccount.com) and follow the step-by-step instructions to create a parent account. Only one parent account is necessary for all your students. After completing the registration, you will receive an email with a Verification Code. Go back to [www.myschoolaccount.com](http://www.myschoolaccount.com) and log in. You will be asked for the verification code. After entering the code, you can then add your student(s) to your account. You will need their ID number to do this. Now you are ready to add money to your child's account.

If you have an online account, you can also view your child's activity, i. e. *a la carte* items purchased.

If there is ever a time when there is no balance in a child's account, a child will not be denied a lunch. We will allow each account a "charge" of \$5.00 for menu lunches. After the \$5.00 amount is exceeded, the student will be supplied an alternate peanut butter or cheese sandwich lunch. Student grades may also be held until a negative balance is paid.

All information regarding students receiving a free or reduced lunch is downloaded into the system and the account will be set up as the others. All students will access their accounts in the same way, so students qualified for free or reduced lunch cannot be identified by anyone other than the food service director. A parent may choose to put money into the student's account for *a la carte* use.

If your child has a food allergy, please contact Cindy Evers at the elementary/junior high building or Sue Kramer at the high school. An alert message will be added to your child's account so that we may caution your student from purchasing foods containing potential allergens.

Parents can make a food service deposit into your child's account when you come in to pay school fees on August 11 or August 12. Lunch prices for students remained the same as last. A lunch for grades K-6 is \$2.80 per day or \$14.00 per week. Lunches for grades 7-12 are \$2.90 per day or \$14.50 per week. The price for a carton of milk also remained the same at 35 cents. Adult meal prices did increase from \$4.20 per day to \$4.30.



### STUDENT RECORDS NOTIFICATION

The New Bremen Local Schools shall annually notify parents and eligible students currently enrolled of their rights under state and federal law. Those rights pertaining to student records include the right:

- a. To inspect and review the student’s education records
- b. To request the amendment of the student’s education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy or other rights
- c. Be aware that the intent of the School District to limit disclosure of information contained in a student’s education records, except:
  - 1. By prior written consent of the parent or eligible student
  - 2. As directory information (age, sex, height, etc.)
  - 3. Under certain limited circumstances as permitted by law, including military recruiters. Under the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), names and addresses of students in grades 10 through 12 must be released to an armed forces recruiting officer unless a parent, or a student age 18 or older, submits a written request not to release the information.
- d. Parents and/or students in secondary school may request in writing that records be released without their prior written consent
- e. To file a complaint with the Department of Education if the School District violates section of this regulation (FERPA)

A complete copy of the Student’s Record Policy is available by contacting the Building Principal’s Office or the Superintendent’s Office. In accordance with federal law, the New Bremen Schools will provide arrangements for translations of this notice to non-English speaking parents in their native language if requested

### FORMS - FORMS - FORMS

During the first couple days of school, students will be bringing home a variety of papers of which some will need to be returned to the school immediately. A partial listing of the forms which will be sent home or made available are:

**Emergency Medical Form** - Must be completed and returned.

**Free and Reduced Lunch Forms** - Complete only if you believe your child can qualify for free or reduced lunches.

**Student Accident Insurance Form** - An accident insurance type of plan which is strictly optional for parents to participate will be available in the offices.

**Internet Acceptable Use Policy** - This form is in the student planner and must be signed by student and parent and returned to allow student access to the Internet.

**Automated Phone & Email Notification Forms** - Must be completed and returned **ONLY** if different from the previous year.



### ATHLETIC SEASON TICKET INFORMATION



The 2015 Cardinal Football Team will open its regular season at home against Bradford on Friday, August 28. The Lady Cardinal Volleyball Team will play their first game of the season at home on August 22 against Troy Christian.

Season tickets for adults and students can be purchased until noon on Friday, August 28, in the high school office. The cost for adult and student season tickets are as follows:

Sport	Reserved Seat	General Admission
Football (Adult)	\$27.00	—
Volleyball (Adult)	—	\$22.50
Fall Student Pass	—	\$30.00
Fall Family Pass *	\$110.00	\$100.00

**\*Family Pass** = 2 Adults & Students K-12 (Family Pass is good for all high school and junior high sporting events during that season).

Senior Citizens (age 60 and older) may obtain a Senior Citizens Pass for \$35.00 per adult. This pass will entitle the individual to general admission to all home games throughout the school year.

The gate price for football games is \$6.00 for adults or students. The gate price for junior high football and volleyball games is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

### ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students who participate in athletics and extracurricular activities are expected to represent the New Bremen Schools and community with dignity, honor, and respect. Realizing that students who represent our school in athletics and extracurricular activities should be in good academic standing, the following minimum academic eligibility requirements shall be in effect for students in grades 7 - 12 to become and/or maintain eligibility for the next nine weeks:

- a. Students must have earned at least a 1.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) the previous nine-week grading period.
- b. Students must pass academic subjects in the preceding grading period that earn a minimum of five credits per year which count toward graduation.
- c. Students cannot fail more than one (1) subject at the end of the grading period to maintain eligibility for the next nine weeks.

## Calendar for August

## Calendar for September



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### Central Offices

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Andrea Townsend, Superintendent  
Debra A. Meyer, Treasurer

### High School

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Brian Pohl, Principal

### Middle School

202-210 South Walnut Street  
New Bremen, Ohio 45869  
PH: 419-629-2373  
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Jason Schrader, Principal

### Elementary School

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New Bremen, Ohio 45869  
PH: 419-629-3244  
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Diane Kramer, Principal

## 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

### First Nine Weeks

Tuesday	August 4
Friday	August 7
Friday	August 14
Monday	August 17
Tuesday	August 18
Wednesday	August 19
Monday	September 7
Monday	September 21
Monday	October 19

RE-1 Training – AM    RE-2 Training – PM  
RE-3 Training – AM    RE-4 Training – PM  
General Faculty Meetings (Prof. Day)  
Meet the Teacher Night 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day)  
First Student Day  
Labor Day - No School  
Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – No School  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks (42 days)

### Second Nine Weeks

Monday	November 2
Thursday	November 5
Friday	November 6
Thurs./Fri./Monday	Nov. 26, 27 & 30
Tuesday	December 22
Tuesday	December 22
	Dec. 23 – Jan. 1

Normal School Day –  
S-P-T Conferences 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Normal School Day –  
S-P-T Conferences 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
S-P-T Conferences – No School  
Conferences: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Thanksgiving Break – No School  
Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks (42) & Semester (84)  
Christmas Break – No School

### Third Nine Weeks

Friday	January 15
Monday	January 18
Monday	February 15
Thursday	March 10

Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – No School  
MLK Day – No School  
Presidents Day Break - No School  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks (46 days)

### Fourth Nine Weeks

Monday	March 14
Thurs./Fri./Monday	March 24, 25, & 28
Friday	April 15
Thursday	May 19
Friday	May 20
Sunday	May 22
Monday	May 30

Open House - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Easter Break – No School  
Teacher In-Service Day (Prof. Day) – No School  
Last Student Day – 1:30 PM Dismissal  
End of 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks (46) & Semester (92)  
Teacher Mtgs. / Records / Checkout (Prof. Day)  
Graduation Ceremonies  
Memorial Day

### Schedule Includes

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

### Make-Up Days

January 15, January 18, February 15,  
March 24, March 28, April 15

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The New Bremen Local Schools will benefit from your old used cell phones and empty printer ink cartridges. It's easy! Just bring these items to one of our school offices and we'll take it from there. We will recycle the cartridges and cell phones through FundingFactory to earn technology equipment, playground equipment, sports equipment, or cash.

FundingFactory also sponsors a businesses support program, where employers can help our school without spending a cent. For more information visit their website at [www.FundingFactory.com](http://www.FundingFactory.com) or call toll-free at 1-888-883-8237.



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