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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

New Bremen Schools are off to a great start! The buildings look great, students are excited to be back, and the instruction is in full swing. This year we welcome four new teachers/support staff to the Cardinal team: Sarah Ross, Bill Evans, Jordyn Trabue, and Laura Freels. Additionally, Shannon Heckman has replaced Jill Ahlers who is our new treasurer, and Loresa Burden has moved to the high school intervention specialist position. Congratulations to our new staff!

This year promises to be a great one as we have many new things happening. We have some new instructional programs that we are initiating in our schools this year. Our high school has received a donation from the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary for a full video production lab. With this equipment we will be able to offer a new class and utilize the lab for our College + Career + Community (Cube) program. The students will be taking a College Career course through traditional instruction, a blended model, or independent study to learn about potential choices as they move into adulthood. Some of the topics include career investigation, resume writing, job shadowing, and soft skills training. Our Career Develop Roadmap is available on our district website if you would like to see the progression of our 5th-12th grade plan. Please know that we are working on refining our program as we learn and grow during this first year. The vision of the Cube is to inspire and empower students to explore, identify, and develop individualized college and/or career goals through the strategic exploration of their personal, academic, and professional interests. The purpose of the Cube is to prepare our students for college and/or careers through instruction, real world experiences, individualized instruction, and internships. We are looking forward to developing this program throughout the year. Additionally, we are also working on expanding problem-based learning opportunities for our students. Having our students solve real-world problems enables them to be creative, conduct research, and work together (collaboratively) while combining information and learning from many subject areas. Through this process, students can apply knowledge and skills outside of the content, be creative, and use critical thinking skills to create a

solution to a real problem. Instructionally, administration, teachers, and staff continue to motivate and engage students with high expectations for learning, leadership, grit, and building relationships. Teachers have spent the summer planning and preparing for the new school year.

Each child brings to school a unique set of gifts and talents to share. The Cardinal Way encourages us to build positive relationships with students, teachers, parents, and community members to create strong character. The responsibility, relationships, and grit we teach students encourages each of us to embrace the unique set of gifts our students share within the school community. We treasure every gift and talent our students bring and work hard to ensure that your student grows and develops into independent learners who will have a positive influence on society.

We encourage you and look forward to seeing you throughout the school year.

Proud to be a Cardinal!

Dr. Andrea Townsend
Superintendent

PRE-BOND WORK

During the 2015/2016 school year we held four community forums, provided information and surveys on our website, and gave community members the opportunity to tour the K-8 building. Through this process and community input, we determined that the community supported a new K-8 location at the high school campus. I want to thank all of the community members who participated in these activities. Our next steps are to provide updated enrollment numbers to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and have our master plan finalized. We will continue to work with Garmann/Miller throughout the pre-bond work and levy. The district leaders have been attending workshops and visiting schools to learn about 21st-century learning and multi-purpose instructional spaces. I will be seeking help from community members, students, administration, and teachers to participate in the educational planning process. I encourage you to take part in this planning activity. I will be keeping you

PRE-BOND WORK (Continued)

updated throughout the process through the newsletter, social media, and be available to answer questions for you. Please feel free to contact me at (419) 629-8606 or andrea.townsend@newbremenschools.org or Scott Bertke at (937) 356-9642 or scott.bertke@newbremenschools.org anytime during this process. We thank you for your ongoing support of our schools and our students.

Dr. Andrea Townsend

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CUSTODIAL POSITION

New Bremen Schools have a position open for a part-time custodian working 5.5 hours per day. If interested, please complete a Classified Application which is available on our school website. Completed applications can be dropped off at the high school office or send to **New Bremen High School, ATTN: Scott Paul, 901 E. Monroe Street, New Bremen, OH 45869.**

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS

New Bremen Schools are in need of substitute bus drivers. Interested applicants should complete a Classified Application and return it to same address as above but to ATTN: Superintendent.

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Bookaneer Book Fair
in Elementary Library

November 3-11

Open daily 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM

Family Shopping during Parent -Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 3rd from 4:30-8:00

Friday, November 4th from 8:00-11:30
and 12:30-3:00



Back to School: Safety Tips for Motorists

Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses

School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle and 10 times safer than walking to school. The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside the bus than inside as passengers. Most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, four to seven years old, who are hit by the bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. For this reason, it is necessary to know the proper laws and procedures for sharing the road safely with school buses:

- All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists that they are preparing to stop to load or unload children. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm signals to motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus.
- All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- While state laws vary on what is required on a divided roadway, in all cases, traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is where children are in the most danger of being hit. Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.
- Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.



New Staff Members



Mrs. Jill Ahlers

Hello, my name is Jill Ahlers and I am very excited for this opportunity to be the treasurer of New Bremen Schools. After graduating from New Bremen High School, I earned a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in Accounting and Finance. I worked in the business sector for 11 years before making a shift into the educational environment. After working at New Bremen High School as the secretary and learning lab coordinator, I decided to return to college and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Dayton. The past seven years I have been the high school business teacher here at New Bremen Schools. My husband and I have been lifelong residents of New Bremen and we have four children. I am thrilled to continue on with New Bremen Schools in this new capacity.



Mrs. Loresa Burden

Hi, my name is Loresa Burden. I am the new high school intervention specialist. I am not new to New Bremen, just to the high school. I am currently starting my 16th year of teaching. I have been teaching at New Bremen for the last 12 years. I spent my first year as a part-time intervention specialist and then the last 11 years as the junior high intervention specialist. I spent my first three years of teaching at Arcadia High School. I was born and raised in Findlay, Ohio and graduated from Findlay High School. I graduated from Bluffton College with my undergraduate degree and then received my Master's degree from the University of Findlay. I currently live in New Bremen with my husband and two kids. I am also the High School Student Council Advisor and the Co-Junior Class Advisor. I am excited to be joining the high school staff and look forward to a great school year.

Hello, my name is Bill Evans and I am excited to be joining New Bremen Middle School as the seventh and eighth grade intervention specialist. This will be my fifth year of teaching having experience in both the middle and high school levels. I am originally from Ft. Thomas, KY where I graduated from Highlands High School. I attended college at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH where I received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. I have obtained a Master's degree in Special Education from Georgetown College, and I am currently working on my Director of Special Education Endorsement from Campbellsville University. My wife, two children, and I moved last year from Kentucky to New Bremen in order to be closer to family. In addition to my teaching duties, I will also be an assistant football coach. I am excited to be a part of the New Bremen family. Go Cards!



Mr. Bill Evans

Hello, My name is Laura Freels. I am a 2001 graduate of Minster High School. I also am a 2003 graduate of Edison Community College where I majored in Early Childhood Development. I worked at Head Start in Sidney, Ohio. For the last eight years I've had the joy to be able to stay home and care for our three wonderful children. My husband Patrick and I have resided in New Bremen for 14 years. We have three children, Andrew 11, Mary 8, and Zachary 6. I am excited to be working as a cafeteria aide at New Bremen Local School. I'm glad to have the opportunity to see my children while at work.

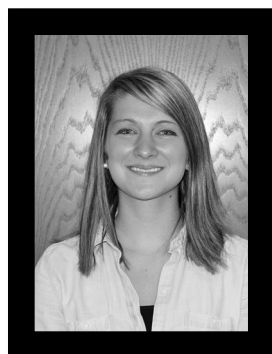


Mrs. Laura Freels



Ms. Sarah Ross

Hola! Me llamo Sarah Ross. I am thrilled to be teaching Spanish I-IV at New Bremen. On my journey to teaching, I earned my Master's degree in Education from the University of Rio Grande, and my undergraduate in French and Spanish from Wright State University. I spent time studying abroad in France and Costa Rica, and continue to travel as much as possible to improve my language skills. I have taught in the high school classroom for 11 years, and have also held adjunct positions at both Shawnee State University and Wright State University. Teaching world languages is my passion, and I am so excited to share it with such an amazing and supportive community.



Mrs. Jordyn Trabue

Hello! My name is Jordyn Trabue, and I am so excited to be joining the staff at New Bremen High School as the ninth and tenth grade English teacher. I am a 2008 graduate of Minster High School. After high school, I pursued my Bachelor of Arts degree in English and my Master of Education at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Following graduation, I got my first teaching job at Chillicothe High School in Chillicothe, Ohio, where I taught ninth and tenth grade English and was the Assistant Varsity Cheerleading Coach. At the end of the year at Chillicothe, I decided I wanted to move closer to home so I got a teaching job at Sidney High School where I taught ninth and tenth grade English and was the Freshman Cheerleading Coach. My husband and I currently reside in Sidney. I am looking forward to starting my third year of teaching at New Bremen High School and becoming a part of the Cardinal community! Can't wait for a great year!

K-4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New Bremen Elementary has had a great start to the 2016-2017 school year! We welcomed 287 students in grades K-4 with the same teaching staff from last school year.

This year we are continuing to focus on character education for students in grades K-4. We have again combined our Cardinal Way initiative with "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids". Students will learn a new habit each month focusing on character traits such as being responsible, setting goals, listening to others, and taking care of ourselves. Students will expand on the specific habits during guidance lessons, computer class, and in the regular classroom. A special thank you goes out to Bolly's Restaurant for furnishing pizza each month to the students who best model the "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids" through their words and actions.

New Bremen Elementary is partnering with the Aullwood Audubon Society out of Dayton to provide our students in grades K-5 with an educational program entitled Prairie Discoveries at the Kuenning-Dicke Natural Area. The program will begin with a kick-off assembly introducing students to prairie life. In the following weeks students will take field trips out to Kuenning-Dicke Park to observe and learn about prairie life first hand. As a culminating activity, students will create a Kuenning-Dicke Park prairie life mural to be displayed in our elementary. Both students and staff are excited about this wonderful opportunity.

During the months of September and October, many students will be involved in testing in the elementary grades. Kindergarten students participate in the KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment) evaluation in September. This is a state evaluation tool that determines students' readiness for the kindergarten curriculum. Students in grades 1-3 are assessed using the State reading diagnostic assessment. This assessment is given as a requirement of The Third Grade Reading Guarantee. These results assist us in knowing if students are on track to be reading on grade level by the end of the year. These results also help us determine our intervention needs. Second and fourth grade students will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement Test and the InView cognitive test during the beginning of October. These assessments assist us with identifying students for gifted services.

I am looking forward to another great year at New Bremen Elementary!

Mrs. Diane Kramer
K-4 Principal

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

We are excited to welcome all of our students back. It is great to see all their smiling faces again. We have so many exciting events and activities on the horizon. Our focus at the K-8 building continues to be on developing leadership and grit. Our character education program for K-4 students will be centered on the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. Students will participate weekly in specific lessons based on these habits facilitated by Mr. Chad Wells, Mrs. Shelley This, and myself.

Each month a student from each grade K-4 will be selected who exemplifies the current habit. These students will be awarded a pizza party courtesy of Bolly's. Students in grades 5-8 will also have an opportunity to be recognized. The Cardinal Way Award will be given to two students from each grade level that are caught displaying grit, building relationships, or influencing others in a positive manner. These students will receive lunch from a local restaurant and provided by the principal.

The habits for the first half of the year are as follows:




- August/September** *Habit 1- Be Proactive*
- October** *Habit 2- Begin with the End in Mind*
- November/December** *Habit 3- Put First Things First*
- January** *Habit 4- Think Win-Win*

The new school year also signals the beginning of another year of assessments. Testing is completed to gauge student achievement throughout the year. Results from each assessment are used by teachers to target areas of deficit and monitor growth. The Ohio Department of Education will continue to require our students to take the Ohio State Tests in the spring which consist of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The State is also requiring that all tests be taken online this year.

The following assessments will be given in the fall:

- KG** *Kindergarten Readiness Assessment*
- 1st - 3rd** *Ohio Diagnostic Assessment*
- 2nd + 4th** *Terra Nova, Third Edition*
InView
- 3rd** *Ohio English Language Arts Test*
- K-8** *STAR Assessments*

Mrs. Lauren Link
School Psychologist


"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember."
 *Involve me and I learn.* 
- Benjamin Franklin

FIRST GRADE NEWS

First grade is off to a great start! We learned about Johnny Appleseed in September. Together we read stories about Johnny Appleseed and ate a delicious apple treat! In math, we have been busy working on addition and subtraction facts using hands-on activities. October is a "Beary" fun month! We will study Teddy Roosevelt, whom the Teddy Bear was named after. We will bring a bear to school for the day to participate in fun activities, including a Teddy Bear Picnic. We are looking forward to other fun experiences throughout the rest of our first grade year!



Mrs. Melinda Clark
Mrs. Judy Heitkamp
Ms. Barb Sims

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Welcome back to another exciting year in third grade. The third grade teachers and students are off to a great start already. In reading, we have started our first unit, "Learning from Stories." The students are enjoying reading fables and fantasies and learning new skills. We are developing routines with the new math series and are looking forward to using the resources and manipulatives that came with the curriculum. We are starting our year in science by studying and investigating different types of matter and how they change. The third graders are enjoying some fun experiments. In social studies, the students are again starting the Flat Stanley project. Letters have been addressed and are being sent all around the world. We are looking forward to hearing all about his travels. Studying maps, geography, transportation, and communities are some of the skills focused on in third grade. Cursive writing will be introduced this year, which the students are very excited about! The students and teachers are looking forward to another great year!

We would like to give a special welcome to the new third graders, Piper Weitzel and Kayla Yingling. Welcome!

Mrs. Christy Bertke
Mrs. Molly Rush
Mrs. Jenny Perryman
Mrs. Kelly Wilker



FIFTH GRADE NEWS



Welcome back! Fifth grade is off to a great start with students adjusting to their new fifth grade routine and their new teachers. Many of the students are enjoying the new opportunity to participate in band, with 39 of 55 students picking up a new instrument. The Bird's Eye newspaper is also well on its way to production with eight fifth graders participating. The students have begun developing grit, teamwork, and perseverance, a main focus in fifth grade. Students are diving into place value, multi-digit multiplication, and using the order of operations in math. In language arts, the students began reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio to examine character traits in texts, started creating their own grammar notebook, and refreshing their writing skills. In science the students have been outside exploring the biotic and abiotic characteristics of the ecosystems around them. In social studies the students have been brushing up on their map reading skills.

The students traveled to the Kuenning-Dicke Natural Area on September 7 for hands-on science activities presented by the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. Then the fifth graders had a three-day field trip to Brukner Nature Center. They were exposed to cross-curricular learning while being engaged in hands-on environmental science activities. Check out these fifth grade adventures on our website and New Bremen Schools' Facebook page.

Mrs. Tess Moeller
Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst
Mrs. Tracy Steinke
Mrs. Kate Timmerman



NEWS IN ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Elementary General Music is off to a great start for grades K-5! The kindergarteners have been busy taking an imaginary trip to the farm where we've seen and heard ducks, geese, and hens. First graders are reviewing singing versus speaking voices, keeping a steady beat, and reading/writing quarter notes (has 1 sound) and eighth notes (has 2 sounds). We are also starting to learn how to combine two different groups to perform at the same exact time for "Hickory Dickory Dock." This is tricky stuff! Second graders are reviewing proper playing technique for the barred instruments, reading/writing quarter notes and eighth notes, and using hand signs while echo-singing 2-pitch (sol-mi) solfege patterns. I have been very impressed by what they remember from last year! Third graders are reviewing 3-pitch (sol-la-mi) solfege patterns by echo-singing and reading music notation. We are also starting to learn how to create and sing our own 3-pitch solfege patterns. Fourth graders have been focused on putting together ensembles. The first one we learned was for the song "Listen" and the second one we are working on is for the song "I Want to Rise." Every student has had the opportunity to rotate between singing, dancing, and playing instruments for each song. We are getting pretty good at performing 3-part songs successfully. The first project for fifth graders is World Music Drumming. We have already explored mastering drumming parts for Ensemble 1 (from Ghana) and for Ensemble 2 (from Liberia). There are lots of great events in store for the elementary general music program in the upcoming months. Please take a look at the District Calendar online, and keep an eye out for letters I will be sending home with students for more specific information concerning: buying recorders for third graders, the second grade Christmas Musical, and the fourth grade Spring Musical.

Ms. Holly Smith
Elementary General Music K-5

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Fall Sports Participants

Football Cheerleading: Victoria Grillot, Emma Keller, Megan Krieg, Zoe Lane, Caroline Lowe, Madeline Nieport, Kieysha Rismiller, Brooklyn Schlarman, Kanyen Sexton, Jadyen Suchland, Nicole This.

7th Grade Football: Nicholas Alig, Trevor Bergman, Reece Busse, Bobby Good, Cole Hamberg, Branxton Krauss, Mason Kuck, Kyle Leichter, Andrew McNaughton, Colten Muether, Caden Puthoff, Nathan Rindler, Tate Roetgerman, Braeden Suchland, Eli Tangeman, Blake Terpstra, Jared Weigandt, Jordan Weigandt, Ben Wells, Grant Wilker, Xavier Wyatt.

8th Grade Football: Zach Bertke, Ben Blickle, Wyatt Dicke, Mitchell Hays, Preston Hoehne, Dan Homan, Max Homan, Griffin Huber, Logan Opperman, Sam Sailer, Reece Schmiesing, Blane Schrader, Eli Slife, Carlos Solorzano, Kyle Tenkman, Hunter Williams, Jack Wilson.

7th Grade Volleyball: Chloe Bornhorst, Mara Brackman, Olivia Grillot, Janelle Hagan, Olivia Hall, Gabi Heckman, Lydia Heckman, Lily Lennartz, Kyla Stachler, Ellie Tangeman, Hayley This, Grace Wilker.

8th Grade Volleyball: Madi Clem, Madison Cordonnier, Diana Heitkamp, Katie Howell, Madi Lozier, Claire Pape, Josie Reinhart, Elli Roetgerman, Kelli Schmitmeyer, Masako Soldini, Alayna Thieman, Callie Wells, Carson Wyatt.

Girls' Cross Country: Alana Bertke, Journey Boyle, Emma Krieg, Tess Lane, Vivian Niekamp

Boys' Cross Country: Luke Davidson, Owen Gable, Connor Ransbottom, Eli Schmitmeyer, Dominik Steinke, Casey Topp.

Washington, D.C.

This year's eighth grade class will be taking their class Washington, D.C. trip the week of October 17. We have approximately 58 students and 21 chaperones going on the trip this year. Pictures of the students on the trip will be posted on the school Facebook page.

Veteran's Day

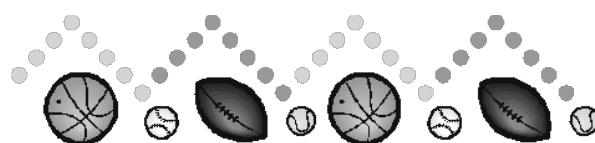
During the month of October our student leader group will be sending out invitations to veterans regarding our annual assembly on November 11. Please notify us of any names and addresses of veterans you would like us to invite. It is an honor for our students to recognize those that served our country.



Speed and Strength Program

The middle school speed and strength program for students in grades 6-8 began in September. The program is held after school Monday through Friday. Please call the middle school office if you would like to have your son or daughter participate in the program.

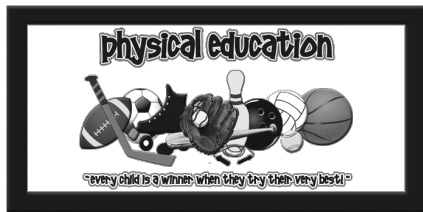
Mr. Jason Schrader
Gr. 5-8 Principal



JUNIOR HIGH MATH NEWS

The seventh and eighth graders are off to a great start in math! The seventh graders are beginning the year learning about rational numbers, ratios, and proportional relationships. Our eighth graders are studying real numbers, exponents, scientific notation, and proportional and non-proportional functions. The algebra students are working to solve equations and inequalities. We're using the GO Math curriculum with our seventh and eighth graders, and the algebra students are using the online Holt McDougal Algebra I series. All of our students have a collective goal of completing 900 jam sessions, through the online TenMarks program, during the first nine weeks to participate in a class pizza party! The kids are all working very hard and are enthusiastic about learning!

Mrs. Jan Beyke



It's an exciting time of year! Another school year has started and football is in the air! This year the physical education classes at the K-8 building are working on the different areas of physical fitness (cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility) through various activities in class. Activities include different team and individual sports, fitness testing, and various lifelong activities including going to our weight room in the junior high. We were able to get more equipment with the CBC renovations and I want to say thank you to all who made that amazing project possible! Health classes will be focusing more toward mental and social health this year in the junior high along with physical activity and nutrition. High school health classes are going well, going more in-depth with the topics discussed over their two years of junior high health. Looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings!

Mr. Josh Bowersock
5-12 P.E. and Health

EIGHTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Eighth grade English is off to a great start! The eighth graders have been hard at work using knowledge of the parts of speech to improve writing, finding text evidence to solve the mystery in Sherlock Holmes stories, considering how mood is created in a text, and utilizing context clues to determine the meanings of tricky words.

On the nonfiction front, students have been working with Articles of the Week. Originally designed by teacher/author Kelly Gallagher, the assignment requires students to read a current news article each week, annotate the article to show evidence of thoughtful reading, and answer several questions to build skills analyzing informational texts. I am excited to move forward with Articles of the Week throughout the school year, eager to see students becoming adept at reading nonfiction and building a knowledge base about the world as they interact with the news.

Mrs. Lindsay Mauch

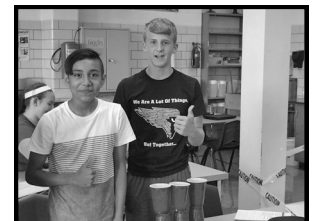


“THE CUP CHALLENGE” EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE

In order to review lab expectations in our science classroom, the eighth grade students participated in the cup challenge. The challenge promoted teamwork and communication, which are key components needed in order to complete experiments effectively. Each group's goal was to build the structure shown in the fastest time possible only using strings and a rubber band. Students could not use their hands to pick up or stack the cups. The fastest time for Challenge #1 was 46 seconds by Jared Bergman and Kelli Schmitmeyer and the fastest time for challenge #2 was 26 seconds by Megan Krieg and Nicole This.

In eighth grade science, we are starting the year out by discussing the earth's interior. We are starting the topic by looking closely at the layers of the earth, the materials that make up each layer, and answering questions such as “how do we know what the earth is made of?” We will then look at how scientist have made these discoveries and look at seismic waves from earthquakes. The students will then be given the challenge to create a three story building with a limited amount of supplies that can withstand an earthquake!

Mrs. Kayla Steinemann



**“THE CASE OF THE MISSING MILLIONAIRE”
SEVENTH GRADE SCIENCE**

The seventh grade science students have been acting as crime lab scientists to help solve an imaginary mystery. In an effort to discover which fictional suspect (or suspects) may have committed a “crime” at Felix’s beach house, the class examined a large variety of clues and did various tests on the evidence left at the crime scene, while learning about important science skills and concepts. After compiling all the evidence, we set up an imaginary court room scene where a few students represented the suspects while the remaining students in the class acted as the jury. Members of the jury then took into account all the evidence they collected and analyzed along with the suspect’s statements to make their conviction.

In seventh grade science, we will begin the year by discussing the movement of water through all four spheres of the earth. The students learned that the sun is the main source that drives the hydrologic cycle, so they did an investigation to find out how important it is to wear sunscreen and which type of sunscreen is the best buy! Students will then be challenged to take what they have learned and develop a Haiku Poem, Japanese poem that contains seventeen syllables. Finally, the seventh grade



students will receive more information for the Stem Fair at the end of September. Stem Fair is set for February 15, 2017! Hope to see you all there!

Mrs. Kayla Steinemann

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND NIGHT

This year during football season, two of our middle school bands will get the chance to take the field at the game alongside the New Bremen Cardinal Marching Band. Our seventh and eighth grade bands will get the chance to play under the Friday night lights. This year, the 80 New Bremen band students will play three selections for the audience. The first is a classic Ray Charles number, entitled, “Hit the Road Jack”. Then, we fast forward to 2008 to hear the Coldplay original, “Viva La Vida”. And no band performance would be complete without our fight song, “Across the Field”. You can look forward to this performance when the Cardinals take on the Anna Rockets, September 16, 2016. The students are beyond excited for this amazing experience. Hope to see you all there supporting our music program. Go Cardinals!



Mr. Zack Nellom
Band Director



K-6 TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Welcome back! It has been a great start to the school year in the K-6 computer lab. The students have been outstanding, and we have been accomplishing a variety of tasks throughout the K-6 levels from Star Reading / Math Assessments, logging on to the network, mouse skills, key boarding, Microsoft 365 email, and Lessons on Safe Online Surfing: FBI Cyber Surf Islands.

In upcoming weeks, the kindergarten classes will be focusing on developing mouse skills and learning to navigate the internet. The first, second, third and fourth grade classes will be focusing on the various projects and using the H drive on the school network. During this time, the first, second, third and fourth grade classes will be introduced to beginning keyboarding skills. The fifth and sixth grade classes will be working on improving their key boarding skills, working with and using Microsoft 365 email, and One Drive. All the while, during lessons, we will be promoting character education.

Go Cardinals!

Mr. Chad Wells
K-6 Technology

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

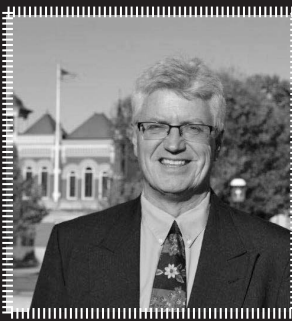
The school year is off to a great start! Many athletics, activities, and extra-curriculars have our students involved, in addition to the academics that are underway. We brought in speaker, Brad Hurtig, who talked about overcoming obstacles and meeting life’s challenges by not making excuses. Brad has overcome the disability of losing both his hands as a high school sophomore in an accident and went on to become an all-state football player in his senior year. He now speaks about these and many other challenges leaving students to feel empowered in their own lives through hard work, effort, and sacrifice.

AP stands for Advanced Placement. AP courses give students access to rigorous college-level work while here at NBHS. Most students take these courses as juniors or seniors here. Our teachers receive special training in order to deliver the AP course material. AP students build confidence and learn the essential time management and study skills needed for college and career success. Students have the opportunity to dig deeper into subjects that interest them, develop advanced research and communication skills, and learn to tap their creative, problem-solving, and analytical potential. The AP scores arrived over the summer months and I want to share the progress we are making on that front. We have offered AP Calculus AB, AP English Literature & Composition, and AP Government for over five years. We just started offering AP Biology two years ago in order to increase our AP offerings so as to have one AP course in each of the four core areas of English, math, social studies and science.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A few years ago, village officials decided to discontinue the publication of a quarterly newsletter. Since that time, we have felt that residents are no longer getting needed information pertaining to public improvements, village projects, added features at our parks, or upcoming events in the Community.

During recent discussions with high school superintendent Dr. Andrea Townsend, we learned New Bremen Schools had received funding from New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club.



This funding will enable students to do news reporting activities. With the need for a community newsletter and the necessary equipment now available for students, the staff graciously agreed to implement the idea. This partnership will meet the needs of the community, as well as allowing for an opportunity to incorporate the project into curriculum.

This edition is the initial launch of our digital issue. With coordinated efforts from the village office we hope to provide an informative newsletter about our entire community.

As Mayor I am excited about the first issue. I look forward to the future growth of the newsletter as we receive feedback from the public. Public input will help us improve each issue. I also want to thank Dr. Townsend and her staff and all village personnel who made this possible. I hope you enjoy the first and subsequent issues.

Sincerely,
Mayor Jeff Pape

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

The New Bremen Community Improvement Corporation will be sponsoring its annual photo contest with the goal of finding an image that can be used in the annual CIC Christmas card as determined by votes cast by the community.

“We’re looking for an identifiable New Bremen landmark or scene.” said New Bremen Mayor, Jeff Pape.

The deadline for submitting photos is Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Entries will be screened by the CIC members, and finalists will be put on display at the New Bremen Public Library during the 2016 Christmas season. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite. The winning photo will be used on the CIC’s 2017 Christmas Card. The winning photographer will receive credit for the photo, and a \$50.00 Chamber gift certificate from the New Bremen Community Improvement Corporation.

Complete rules and entry forms are available at the Village office, New Bremen Public Library and online at www.newbremen.com.

For more information, contact Angela Hamberg, Economic Development Director, 419-629-2447, angela.hamberg@newbremen.com

welcome

Our new village administrator, Christine (Chris) Dicke, has been on staff since May 31st. Chris is a New Bremen native who has lived in Columbus for 24 years prior to moving back to New Bremen. Chris was interested in the role as village administrator in her hometown because she believed she could make a difference with the knowledge she gained from her career with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). “...living away from New Bremen all those years, I could bring new ideas and hopefully make New Bremen even better than it already is. Everyone in the Village should understand that they have a role in where we go and how we will get there”, said Dicke.

Chris has identified short and long-term goals for the betterment of the New Bremen community. She intends to focus on several lingering issues fairly quickly in the immediate future by enhancing the computer system in the village office, updating old infrastructure (drainage, sewer, electric, streets and water). “I will be focused on learning about local Engineering firms that excel in securing grants and funding to develop new infrastructure, reconstructing roads and resurfacing/maintenance of existing roads. I’m hoping to expand the bike path and enhance the bike routes throughout the Village also. I think it’s great how much walking and biking is done here in New Bremen. I’m a very busy girl right now!”, stated Dicke.



For long term planning Dicke commented, “We are planning to revisit a study that was done in 2002 and reach out to key stakeholders in the community to forge a path to the future of the Village. We have to establish goals to work toward and then it’s my job to find the most efficient way to get to them. I have a good group of people that will be

helping us to get there”.

When asked about the strengths that she brings to her role in the community, Chris replied “...working relationships I’ve had with contractors, my ODOT teams and other public agencies/stakeholders to get major projects done well. I’ve always been a straight shooter, as family, friends and co-workers can attest to. I find that people appreciate the straight forwardness. I (believe) everyone has a choice to be part of the problem or part of the solution. I am a problem solver and team player, you may not always like what you hear, but you will always hear (honesty) from me”.

While Chris has been very busy learning about the management of a municipality, she likes to take time for the things she enjoys outside of work. “Obviously, I LOVE everything Buckeye, I lived in Columbus for 24 years! I used to golf and would like to take that up again next year. Things have been way too busy to do it this year, but hopefully next. I’ve started working out in the mornings again, so that’s a good thing, as I didn’t really have or make time to do that in the past few years. I would like to start biking” added Dicke.

Finally, when asked if she could change one thing in the blink of an eye, about the New Bremen community, she responded, “I guess people’s mind-sets is the one thing that I think is the most important...”. Dicke added, “I would like everyone to realize how fortunate they are to live in a safe, clean, slow-paced community that is rich in morals and values. We have great businesses that contribute to the health and wealth of the economy here. A lot of communities don’t have what we have...be tolerant and kind to people. Young people-take care of and respect the older people in town, they made it what it is (today)”.

For more about Chris and other village officials, check out the village website link:
<http://www.newbremen.com/government/elected-appointed-officials>

Lock One

COMMUNITY ARTS SEASON 2016/17 SEASON OFFERINGS DEFINITELY "ON A HIGH NOTE"

Lock One Community Arts 2016/17 season will live up to its' theme "ON A HIGH NOTE." The five acts coming to the stage of The James F. Dicke Auditorium in New Bremen range from popular to unique, is an international mix, and sure to please audiences young and old.

Opening the season on October 9, 2016, SHADES OF BUBLESM, a three-man salute to Canadian singer Michael Buble, brings to the area the standards and pop hits of Buble with a high-energy show that honors the style, energy, and humor with which Buble himself engages audiences at his concerts. SHADES OF BUBLESM is a world-class act which combines jazz, Boomer-era hits, and chart toppers of today. The combination of harmonies, choreography, and charming good looks is sure to provide an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

FUTURE EVENTS INCLUDE:

Sunday, November 13th, 2016: Juggernaut Jug Band

Sunday, December 4th, 2016: River City Brass

Sunday, March 12th, 2017: Danú

Sunday, April 2nd, 2017: Well-Strung

All five shows will be presented on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. on the dates listed, and all will be staged at the New Bremen High School in the state-of-the-art James F. Dicke Auditorium.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our lead sponsors, Crown Equipment Corporation, Dianne Komminsk, The New Bremen Foundation, and Machine Concepts, Inc., along with the numerous donations from area businesses and private individuals. Lock One Community Arts is grateful for these donations and couldn't exist without them.

Season tickets are still available and are incredibly reasonably priced at \$100 per adult and \$50 per student for all five shows. For season ticket purchase, information on how to become a Lock One Community Arts sponsor, or questions, call 567-356-2048. Plan now to attend all or any of the performances, and you are sure to agree that this LOCA season is one celebrated "on a High Note!"

For details about the season events, check out Lock One Community Arts website at <https://lockone.org>

ON A HIGH NOTE

Lock One Community Arts

OUR 2016 -17 SEASON OF ARTISTS

	SHADES OF BUBLESM OCTOBER 9 • 2016 • 3:00PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 STUDENT \$10
	JUGGERNAUT JUG BAND NOVEMBER 13 • 2016 • 3:00PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 STUDENT \$10
	RIVER CITY BRASS DECEMBER 4 • 2016 • 3:00PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 STUDENT \$10
	DANÚ MARCH 12 • 2017 • 3:00PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 STUDENT \$10
	WELL-STRUNG APRIL 2 • 2017 • 3:00PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 STUDENT \$10

Check us out on the web at www.lockone.org

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All performances at New Bremen High School James F. Dicke Auditorium

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Lloyd Schreyer

2016 BREMENFEST

With the recent wrap-up of the community's summer festival, 2016 Bremenfest President Rob Ashman contributed the success to community support. "Overall success was due to support through volunteering and corporate sponsorships, we would not be able to have a Bremenfest without your support", said Ashman.

The entertainment for all ages produced positive and well-received results. Community residents expressed interest in the continued partnership with Anderson Amusement, with requests for the ride company to return next year.

The band performances provided a new band selection with Philip Fox Band, Higgins-Madewell, Saw Creek, and the return of Brother Believe Me. In order to bring the "dancing in the street" feel back to Bremenfest, the main stage was relocated to help with sound quality and allow for more room for everyone to socialize while listening to the bands. On Sunday afternoon the Bremenfest parade resulted in an amazing turn-out of nearly 80 entries. John and Joyce Gilberg were honored as Honorary Bremenfest Members for their ongoing dedication to the community.

Over the course of the weekend tributes were made to those we lost this past year. Mary Alice Settlege and Jeff King were recognized for the dedication they individually provided to our youth.

What is a festival without some tasty food? At this year's festival new food items were introduced (chicken strips, pulled pork, and 'The Wint Burger') and proved to be a successful addition.

The Bremenfest committee expressed appreciation for the partnership with Enrichment Etc's mosaic art project. Bremenfest was one of the 3 community events in which the group engaged the community on the art project.

Ashman commented on the weather interruption that took place on late Saturday afternoon. "We truly appreciate everyone's participation during the Tornado Warning. No one panicked, (everyone) remained safe. Also a sincere thank you for returning Saturday evening after we received the all clear (from the New Bremen Police Department)", stated Ashman.

Ashman expressed gratitude to the many hard working committee members who pull this event together. The planning of Bremenfest usually begins in the month of October. Members work tirelessly months, weeks, days and hours before Bremenfest kicks off as well as the required tear down process. This year there were 5 new first year members. "Your Bremenfest Committee is very thankful for six years of dedication to Bremenfest by John Parlett. We're hoping that he continues to support Bremenfest in some way. His knowledge of Bremenfest is amazing and his dedication to New Bremen should truly be recognized" added Ashman.

UPCOMING events...

- Pumpkinfest - September 23rd-24th
- Shades of Buble (LOCA) - October 9th
- Trick or Treat - October 27th 6:30pm-8pm
- Cider Time - October 30th 1:00pm

PUMPKINFEST 2016

Founded in 2003, Pumpkinfest began as a small event for giant pumpkin growers to show off their biggest and most prized pumpkins. Over the years, Pumpkinfest grew into a beloved local festival bringing in giant pumpkins from all over the midwest and putting on equally giant events, like setting the record for the World's Largest Pumpkin Pie in 2010.

In recent years, the New Bremen Pumpkinfest adopted a new purpose and mission. The mission focuses on giving back to the community by providing a quality harvest-style festival in celebration of music, art, food, football, friends, and family. In 2013, the New Bremen Pumpkinfest created a charitable fund at the New Bremen Foundation. Proceeds from the festival go to the endowment fund in support of New Bremen parks and recreation for years and years to come. This year's Pumpkinfest will be held on Friday, September 23rd & Saturday, September 24th.

The Great Pumpkin Bike Ride will kick off the Saturday events at 8am. With bike distances of 15, 30, and 60 mile rides. Entrants can register online or the day of the event. Online registration can be done by going to www.newbremenpumpkinfest.com, under 'Schedule of events', you will find 'It's the Pumpkin Roll'. The Boy Scouts will be serving breakfast on Saturday morning.

This year's side and main stage entertainment will provide a variety of pop rock, rock and country music from performances like the local favorite band Saw Creek (Top 40 & country), 4th day echo (rock from the 90s and 2000s), What She Said (70/80s rock to Bruno Mars and Katie Perry). The committee is excited about the line-up because "all the band's play pretty much all covers", stated committee member Jay Riethman. For the entire music schedule, be sure to check out the band page on the New Bremen Pumpkinfest website.

Youth entertainment includes kid's pie eating contest, sidewalk chalk contest, inflatables, face painting and balloon animals.

The Artisan Showcase will be busy with social painting, an art auction and vendors displays of local talent in a variety of mediums including sculpture, photography, glass blowing, painting and more. Be sure to check out the final phase of Enrichment Etc.'s mosaic art project, the art walk display at Komminsk Legacy Park.

Other activities planned for the event include: a car & motorcycle cruise-in, shuffle mug, beersbee and cornhole tournaments.

The committee has been tossing around the idea of setting another Guinness Book of World Records for 2017. "You will have to come to the event on Saturday this year to get some hints", said Riethman. "We are just starting to kick around ideas, but it would be a total community event and give everyone a chance to leave their mark in history! It would hopefully involve 1000+ people and lots and lots of pumpkins. To pull it off we will desperately need more volunteers and more corporate sponsorship", added Riethman.

In addition, we are "still looking for more committee members this year and the future. Or anyone that can help set up, clean up, serve food or beer, etc.", stated Riethman.

For a schedule of events, check out the website www.newbremenpumpkinfest.com and/or follow on Facebook at New Bremen Pumpkinfest.

COMMUNITY

Art Project

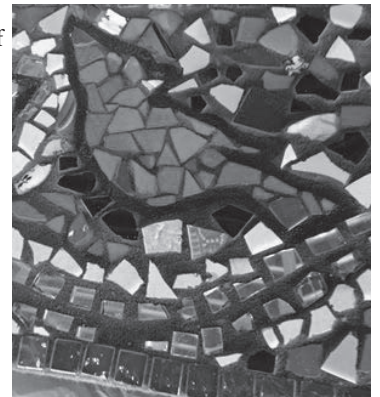
Enrichment, etc! presents the, "2016 Community Art Project": The purpose of this event was to provide an interactive, engaging experience that would expose community members to an artistic process from inception to completion.

This activity provided enrichment opportunities in conjunction with already established community events. It commenced with the "smashings," held in July, at both the NB Fireman's Picnic and the Concert Series performance of Honey Jack. Here, community members smashed tiles to later be used in a large-scale mosaic project.

Two artists from Delaware Mosaics were hired as "artists in residence," to design and lead the creation of 12 mosaic panels to be installed at Komminsk Legacy Park. Resident and art-student, Jill McClurg also helped with this process. Over forty community members spent two days creating these mosaics panels.

At this year's 2016 Bremenfest, 150+ community members were able to create a unique mosaic stepping stone completely free of charge. These stepping stones will become part of a temporary art installation that will be displayed at the upcoming 2016 Pumpkinfest. Enrichment, etc! is a non-profit organization created by residents, Michele Bambauer, Cathi Hall, and Linda Tinsley.

The 2016 Community Art Project was a free activity available to all ages. It was supported by the following sponsors: Enrichment, etc!, New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club, The New Bremen Foundation, Mel's Decorating, 2016 Bremenfest, 2016 Pumpkinfest, The Girl on the Tangerine Bike, and Westy's.



Sophie Eyrink

PUMPKIN PEOPLE contest



The New Bremen Community Improvement Corporation and the Southwest Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce have again partnered for the annual Pumpkin People Contest.

Beginning on Friday, September 16th, local New Bremen businesses will be putting out their pumpkin people displays. Community members are encouraged to vote for their favorite display. Voting will occur from Friday, September 16th through noon on Friday, September 23rd. Voting can be done at any of the participating businesses or at the New Bremen library where photos of all pumpkin people entries will be on display.

Last year's display winner was "Pumpkin Iron" sponsored by the Auglaize Mercer YMCA South Branch. A total of 800 votes were cast with 101 votes, going to the first place winner. The YMCA team members earned \$100 of chamber gift certificates plus a trophy honoring their creative achievement. The second place display, "Miss ABC123" by the YMCA Learning Center, wasn't too far behind with 97 votes.

The winner of the 2016 Pumpkin People Contest will be announced Saturday afternoon at Pumpkinfest. Three random names, from the voting entries, will also be drawn. The chosen entries will win a Southwestern Auglaize County Chamber of Commerce gift certificate.

PARKS department

Fall Ideal Time To Plant Trees. Cool temperatures and adequate rainfall make fall a good time to plant. The soil may be warmer and less damp than in the spring, and you may have more time to get the job done in fall.

Fall-planted stock does demand extra attention. Plants may not have enough time to establish a good root system before winter hits. Cold winter winds and sunshine cause plants to lose water from their branches, and the roots must be able to replace that water if plants are to survive. Avoid planting large trees in fall. They can be risky to transplant in any season, but are particularly so when foliage is present. Leave the large trees to spring, and get a professional to do the moving. They have the proper equipment and expertise to help ensure a safe move. Some species of plants do not adapt well to fall planting because they are unusually susceptible to winter damage. Magnolia, dogwood, tuliptree, sweet gum, red maple, birch, hawthorn, poplars, cherries, plum and many of the oaks are among the plants that are best saved for spring planting. However, you can often justify the risk by finding exceptional bargains in the fall. Many garden centers are motivated to sell the stock because of the expense of keeping the plants over winter.

Plant trees and shrubs early enough in the fall for the plant to develop a good root system. Soil temperatures should be well above 55 F at a depth of 6 inches at planting time. This condition usually exists until early to late October, depending on your location. Of course, weather conditions vary from year to year and with microclimates around the home landscape.

Water plants thoroughly when needed to supply about 1 inch of water per week. Continue watering until the ground is frozen, even after deciduous plants have lost their leaves. Wrap the trunks of thin-barked, young trees in late November to prevent frost cracks, sun-scald, and animal damage, but be sure to remove the wrap in March.

Ground covers and shallow-rooted shrubs may be heaved out of the ground by alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that often occurs in winter. A 2-4 inch layer of mulch can help prevent wide soil temperature fluctuations. Apply materials such as compost, shredded bark or straw in late November or early December, after the plants are fully dormant and the soil is cold.

--adapted from *Purdue University Department of Horticulture*, by B. Rosie Lerner, *Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist*



Left to Right: Bob Moeller, Jacob Scheer, Matt Krieg, Chris Pape, Steve Bushman

NEW BREMEN ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT



“RELIABLE - LOCAL - YOURS” Since 1908 the Village of New Bremen has owned and operated its own electrical distribution system. New Bremen is one of over 80 municipally owned electric systems in Ohio, owned by the people that they serve. The Village is a member owner of American Municipal Power (AMP), a joint action agency that serves 7 states.

By partnering with AMP, coordination, negotiation, development of power-supply options and interconnection agreements are maintained. AMP is able to purchase wholesale electric power and energy and sell it to members at rates based on the cost and dispatch fees. This allows member communities, to provide low rates, local control and quick response to its customers (residents and businesses).

New Bremen's electrical system consists of two electrical substations and loop-type circuits which provide redundancy in order to increase reliability. Electrical power is delivered to the village by the Dayton Power and Light Company. At the two village Substations the voltage is reduced for distribution around town to individual customer transformers. The total energy sold per year is about 67,000,000 mWh.

The electric department staff includes five full-time, year round employees. They are responsible for 1,627 electric meters in our community. In addition to retail electrical customers, the electric department also maintains traffic signals and street lights, and is heavily involved in the village's extensive Christmas Lighting program.

Matt Krieg, electric department superintendent, encourages residents to call 419-629-2325 with questions and concerns. The phone service is available 24/7, with a direct connection to on-call personnel.

When asked what type of information he would like shared with the community, Krieg replied “I would like for residents to know they can call into the electric department to report outages, whether electric or street light outages. We do our best to check the street lights, but we do not always know when a street light has burnt out?”

The electric department is located at 555 Streine Drive. You can find out more information about New Bremen electric department on the village website. <http://www.newbremen.com/government/electric-department>



DID YOU... know

Minutes from Village Council meetings are posted on the village website. This information outlines the legislative activity (1st, 2nd, 3rd reading, as applicable) of the decisions our community leaders are making on behalf of the community. You can find the information at this link:

<http://www.newbremen.com/government/council-minutes>

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total AP Students	36	30	29	34	48
Number of AP Exams	38	38	36	53	76

Encourage your child to talk to peers, counselors, and teachers to learn more about the benefits of AP courses. Having a competitive advantage in college admissions, colleges report that AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions. College credit can be earned for qualifying scores on the AP Exam. Usually a 3 or better correlates to earning college credit while still in high school. AP students also get an adjusted scale when defining grades. We have started to see an increase in the number of students taking AP Classes. Now we are working to show the progress they are making by learning more in the rigorous AP courses they are taking. This is one more way we are working to show that our students who graduate are ready for college/career after high school.

Another area in addition to AP, which is a strength of our comprehensive high school programming, is STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Here at NBHS, we offer a STEM Project Lead The Way program curriculum. Additionally, we are a "PLTW Certified Engineering Program." In high school, students can take one class each year related to Engineering and work on various projects like radio controlled cars which they race at Eldora during the Full Throttle STEM competition. They also have a drone which they utilize and do many other project-based activities as well. Please talk to your child to encourage them to take STEM and AP courses while here at NBHS.

Mr. Brian Pohl
HS Principal

HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome back! There is always so much excitement in the air during this time of year! Football, volleyball, marching band, cross country, golf, field trips, school pictures ... and seniors are busy applying to colleges, writing their essays, trying to make decisions about life after high school, and maybe preparing for taking the ACT one last time!

The Financial Aid process is going through a major change this year, using financial information from the "prior, prior year" instead of simply from one year prior to their start at college. What this means is that this year's seniors will use financial data from 2015 instead of from 2016, so the financial aid application can be (and should be) completed earlier in the year. While I usually offer Financial Aid Night in January, it is scheduled for **Monday, October 31** this year! Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium!

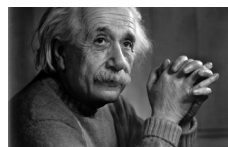
Both juniors and seniors have the opportunity to visit with college representatives here at NBHS. As of today, 15 college representatives already plan to pay New Bremen High School a visit! It's a great way for students to get an overview of a school and to have a point of contact for further questions about the college or university.

All juniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Tuesday, September 20 here at the high school in the morning. This exam includes a career exploration component that tries to link students with professions related not only to their interest, but also to their academic ability.

Sophomores will be celebrating Manufacturing Day with a field trip to Crown on Friday, September 30. We are looking forward to learning more about the many facets of manufacturing, especially here in our local town!

A look ahead:

- Monday, October 31** College Night for Parents of Juniors
- Monday, October 31** Financial Aid Night for Parents of Juniors and Seniors
- Wednesday, November 2** Tri Star Presentation to Sophomores
- Thursday, November 3** Americanism Government Test (All Grades)
- Tuesday, November 8** Rotary Career Day for Juniors



"The best way to cheer yourself is to cheer somebody else up."

Albert Einstein

Mrs. Tricia Wendel
High School Guidance

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE NEWS

This year is going to be GREAT!! I can already tell that students are interested and ready to learn. In Physical Science we started out with lab safety and we had Ms. Bouffant come in and show the students what (not) to do in lab. They have learned what to do if chemicals get on their skin or in their eyes and what happens if that did happen. They have also learned about OSHA and MSDS, which I believe many of you know about as well. Students are learning proper measuring techniques and how to carry out a scientific investigation to make it valid.

The young astronomers in Astronomy are continually amazed and awed by the size of our universe. Boy is it big! This group of students are continually asking questions and going beyond the required coursework. Did you know there are over 200 billion stars in our galaxy and the closest one to us is about 4.24 light years away? Astronomers just found a planet around that star, Proxima Centauri, that is considered to be in the habitable zone. This is the closest solar system to us that has a planet that has the potential for life (and it would take roughly 80,000 years to get there with the New Horizons probe). As the year progresses I look forward to learning some new things as well!

Astronomy



Mrs. Jen Sniegowski

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

The 2016-2017 school year will bring challenges to our students in our high school social studies classes. The students in our American Government and American History classes have standards that they will be taught which have been implemented by the state of Ohio. The American History classes have 33 standards that they will have to master while the American Government classes have 24 standards that they will have to meet. With these challenges, we also hope to increase the students academic levels as well as their critical thinking skills. The End of Year Course Assessment will be given to the students either at the end of April or the first week in May.

The students in both our American History and American Government classes have been given the standards and learning goals for the assessment and our hopes are that they will be able to meet these challenges the "Cardinal Way" with much determination, grit, and confidence to be successful.

At the present time and in the upcoming months, the students in our Government classes will be dealing with such topics as civic involvement, civic participation and skills, basic principles of the U.S Constitution and how they are applied, structure and functions of the Federal government, role of the people, Ohio's state and local governments, public policy, and the role of government in our economy, and of course, we will be discussing the 2016 Presidential election.

In our American History classes, the students will be studying the impact of some of America's most important documents that have helped to develop the principles and goals of our government and our lives. The following documents that we will be analyzing are: The Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. In the upcoming months, we will be investigating the Industrialization Period, Imperialism, Progressive era, World War I, the Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union and its impact on policy, impact of technology, and major events in the 21st century.

Mr. Craig Griesdorn

VIDEO PRODUCTION IS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

I am super excited to kick off the first year of video production at the high school level. For the last couple years, News from the Nest has been produced by the eighth graders. They have nine weeks to jump in with both feet reporting on what is happening at New Bremen Middle School and Elementary School. They have really done a good job producing their videos. Thanks to a

very generous donation by the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club we were able to purchase the equipment needed to create a high school course. This new course will be a full year, allowing us to dive deeper into the art of video production and possible careers associated with the industry.

For all of the NBHS alumni reading this, you may remember a school newspaper called "The Crimson and Gold". This class will recreate a video newspaper similar to our former print version. Currently, the students are working on determining a name for the program. We are always looking for segment ideas and topics. If you have an ideas that you are willing to share please email me at shannon.heckman@newbremenschools.org. I will pass the information on to the students and we will work hard bringing your idea to life.

Thank you again to the Rotary Club. I am very excited for our students to begin this new adventure.



Students exploring the new video equipment.

Mrs. Shannon Heckman

LIFE SKILLS I & II

Welcome to Life Skills! This year the students in Life Skills will be exploring various topics that relate to life outside the classroom. We are starting off the year with our food and nutrition unit. To start the year, the students will learn kitchen safety, cooking terms and proper cooking techniques to use in labs. We will then explore the MyPlate and serving sizes along with portion sizes. We will also look at the nutrition facts label and food label requirements so that they know how many nutrients, calories and fats they are really eating when they consume their food. To finish off the semester, we will complete a unit on personal development which will require the students to do a self-assessment activity so that they can see their strengths and weaknesses and develop goals to make improvements upon those weaknesses.

During the second semester, the Life Skills students will participate in a unit on Financial Literacy which will consist of banking, budgeting, money management, credit and a real life simulation that will require the students to manage a household given a monthly income. To complete this simulation, they will be given a gross income and from that income they will find their net income after all taxes and deductions are removed. They will also complete a sewing unit where

they will learn how to sew on a button, sew up a hole and put a hem back into their garment. The students will also learn how to use a sewing machine and they will complete a sewing project using the sewing machine.

We are off to a good start this year and I am excited to see the growth that these students will make throughout the year.

Mrs. Cresta Ritter
HS Family and Consumer Science Teacher



**NEWS IN
HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH**

The freshmen started the year by diving into a review of the elements of fiction in preparation for a short story unit. They also began the first of many vocabulary lessons that will be covered throughout the year. These vocabulary words are geared toward the ACT/SAT tests that they will take in the future.

The sophomores began the year by learning new literary terms in preparation for a short story unit. They also began the first of many vocabulary lessons that will be covered throughout the year. These vocabulary words are geared toward the ACT/SAT tests that they will begin taking this year and during their junior year.

Sophomores in pre-AP English have been discussing their summer read, *Brave New World*, and practicing questions modeled to look like those on the AP exam, which they will take at the end of their senior year.

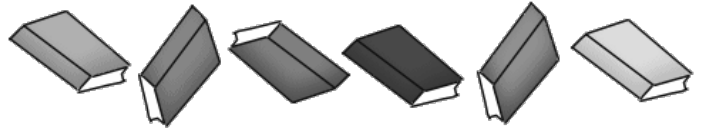
Juniors started the year learning the nuances involved when writing application essays. Some juniors wrote a National Honor Society application essay. Others wrote sample essays which they will use when applying to various career fields. Regardless of their chosen audience, students gained experience and insight with a new type of writing.

Juniors in the College Credit Plus course completed the National Honor Society essays and worked on writing annotated bibliographies.

College prep seniors have been getting acquainted with the tough business of living in the dark ages, learning about the grueling tasks that had to be completed just to survive in that dangerous time. They will be reading some Anglo-Saxon poetry and the epic *Beowulf*, about a warrior king who came to save the Danes from the terrible monster Grendel. They have also already submitted a personal essay in preparation for college applications. We will be working on revising these in the coming weeks.

Senior AP English students have also written first drafts of their college application essays and are working through their understanding of their summer reading. We are getting familiar with the expectations of an AP class and determining the literary vocabulary that we need to focus on this year to be successful on the exam in May.

Mrs. Theresa Newbright
Mrs. Jodi Schumm
Mrs. Jordyn Trabue



**NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL
BAND AND CHOIR
2017 FLORIDA TRIP**

The New Bremen High School Marching Band and Choirs will be traveling to Florida November 8-13 2017. This four year trip is open to any student who will be a member of the band and/or choir during the 2017-2018 school year. Travel information, itineraries, and payment schedule have been handed out to every student in the eighth grade and current high school band and choir members. If your student is interested in traveling as a member of the marching band and/or choir and they have not received a travel packet, please contact Mr. Zack Nellom at zack.nellom@newbremenschools.org or Mrs. Patricia Ruckman at patty.ruckman@newbremenschools.org. Parents interested in chaperoning should also contact Mr. Nellom and/or Mrs. Ruckman. The first payment for this trip is due September 30, 2016.

Mrs. Patricia Ruckman, Choir Director
Mr. Zack Nellom, Band Director



CHOIR NEWS

Greetings to all of you as we begin another school year filled with many great musical opportunities. We have an exciting year ahead with 85 9th-12th graders participating in the high school choir program. The first performance of the year will be on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the James F. Dicke Auditorium at New Bremen High School. This year's theme is "Lose Yourself in the Music" and will include musical selections from Finding Neverland, Spring Awakening, West Side Story, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, and many more. We will be featuring our many talented students in large production numbers, as soloists, and in small group numbers. Tickets for this production can be purchased from any high school choir member or by contacting director Patricia Ruckman at patty.ruckman@newbremenschools.org. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend "Lose Yourself in the Music" this coming October 29th!

All seventh and eighth grade students will again be rotating through choir enrichment. This experience can spark an interest and desire to sing and participate in the choir program at the high school level. Each nine week's rotation will be performing for their junior high peers at the end of the quarter. Parents are welcome to attend these performances, so please ask your student when they will be performing. Additionally, the junior high students will be performing for the Veteran's Day Assembly in November.

Finally, I would like to invite all choir parents to become actively involved with the Cardinal Music Booster organization. This group of dedicated parents goes above and beyond for all of the instrumental and vocal students in the district. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month in the community room at New Bremen High School. Check out the Cardinal Music Booster link on the school website for more information.

UPCOMING DATES

September

Monday 26 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting 7:00 PM
HS Community Room

October

Sunday 9 Mad River Vocal Festival Wright State University, Dayton - Optional

Monday 10 Mad River Vocal Festival Wright State University, Dayton - Optional

Saturday 15 Mandatory Rehearsal for Musical Review
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday 21 District III Honor's Choir Festival
Applications Due

Monday 24 Butterbraid Fundraising Starts -
Trip Credit for Disney

Thursday 27 Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Musical
Review 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday 28 Musical Review Student Performance
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Saturday 29 Musical Review Parent Performance
7:30 PM

Monday 31 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM HS Community Room

November

Monday 7 Butterbraid Fundraising Ends -
Trip Credit for Disney

Thursday 17 Butterbraids Delivered

Saturday 19 District III Honors Choir Auditions
Van Wert High School - Optional

Monday 21 Auditions for National Anthem
HS Choir Room 3:15 - Optional

Monday 21 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting
7:00 PM HS Community Room

Tuesday 22 Auditions for National Anthem
HS Choir Room 3:15 - Optional

Wednesday 23 Auditions for National Anthem
HS Choir Room 3:15 - Optional

Mrs. Patricia Ruckman
Choir Director

ATHLETIC UPDATE






We have had a very good start to our 2016-2017 athletic season. The coaches are stressing the values of having a great work ethic, great attitude and filling roles to the best of their ability to our athletes. The athletes in return are starting to understand that these are the intangibles they can control.

Team schedules for all levels and sports can be found online at the New Bremen Schools website by clicking on the athletic link and then selecting sports schedules – ArbiterLIVE on the right hand side. You can also follow all of the results and highlights for all teams at the New Bremen athletic twitter page, which also can be accessed from the top of the New Bremen website.




Here are the number of students participating in fall sports this year: high school football 40, girls' golf 10, boys' golf 7, high school volleyball 25, high school girls' cross country 20, high school boys' cross country 5, high school cheerleading 10, junior high football 38, junior high volleyball 25, junior high girls' cross country 5, junior high boys' cross country 7, and junior high cheerleading 11. Thank you to all of those student athletes and to their parents for the time and effort they give to the New Bremen schools and community. Our hope is that everyone supports and encourages them as they represent the community, the school, and themselves with pride.

Cardinal Pride

Mr. Gary Jones
Athletic Director

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	IMPORTANT DATES 			B Golf - Coldwater (A) 4:30 G Golf - Coldwater (H) 4:30 JH FB - Versailles (A) 5:00 VB - Versailles (A) 5:30 JH VB - St. Marys Memorial (H) 5:00	FB - Holgate (H) 7:30	CC - Treaty City Invitational Greenville (A) 8:00 VB - Jackson Center (A) 10:00 B Golf - Versailles Inv. (A) 8:00
4	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL	JH VB - Marion Local (H) 5:00 VB - St. Marys (H) 5:30	Josten's Senior Graduation Orders - Community Room 11:30 Athletic Booster Meeting - 6:30 PM Community Room	FR VB - Marion Local (A) 4:30 JH VB - St. Henry (H) 5:00 VB - Marion Local (A) 5:30 B Golf - Parkway (A) 4:30 G Golf - Parkway (H) 4:30 JH FB - St. Henry (H) 5:00	FB - St. Henry (A) 7:30 	ACT Test Date VB - Cardinal JV VB Invite (H) 12:00 CC - Bearcat Invitational Spencerville 9:00 AM JV FB - St. Henry (H) 10:00 Troy Marching Band Invitational (A) 6:00
FFA and Ag Booster Hog Roast Commons Area 11:30 - 3:00	Scholastic Match - NB vs. Coldwater (A) 4:00 Cardinal Pride Meeting 7:00 PM Elem. Library FFA Meeting - HS Ag Classroom 8:00 PM VB - Covington (A) 5:30 B Golf - Delphos St. John (H) 4:30	HS Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM JH VB - Ft. Recovery (A) 5:00	5-8 Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM K-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15 School Board Meeting Community Room 7:00 PM	Brukner Field Trip Gr. 5 G Golf - St. Henry (A) 4:00 B Golf - St. Henry (H) 4:30 JH FB - Anna (A) 5:00 VB - Ft. Recovery (H) 5:30	Brukner Field Trip Gr. 5 Interims FB - Anna (H) 7:30	JH VB - Tri Match LCC / NB / Ottoville (A) 12:00 CC - Eaton Invitational (A) 8:30 JV FB - Anna (A) 10:00 VB - Anna (H) 10:00 B Golf - Jordan Moeller Inv. (A) 8:30
18	Brukner Field Trip Gr. 5 Scholastic Match - NB vs. Marion Local (H) 4:00	ASVAB Testing - 8:10 All Juniors - Commons JH VB - Minster (H) 5:00 VB - Minster (A) 5:30	NHS Tapping - Auditorium Time - TBA 	JH FB - Parkway (H) 5:00 JH VB - New Knoxville (A) 5:00 VB - New Knoxville (H) 5:30	Gr. 9-12 Student Picture Day 8:05 (Staff Pictures 7:45) K-8 Student Picture Day 8:15 AM FB - Parkway (A) 7:30	MAC B Golf Tournament Stillwater Valley Golf Course (A) 8:30 MAC G Golf Tournament Arrowhead Golf Course (A) 8:30 JV FB - Parkway (H) 10:00 CC - Van Wert (A) 8:00 Cardinal Marching Band Invitational (H) TBA
25	Scholastic Match - NB vs. Versailles (A) 4:00 FR VB - Parkway (A) 6:00 Cardinal Music Booster Meeting - Community Room 7:00 PM NHS Induction - Auditorium 7:30 PM	Kindergarten Project Ease 6:30 PM VB - Shawnee (A) 5:30 JH VB - Coldwater (H) 5:00	28	CC - Cardinal CC Meet (H) 4:30 JH FB - Delphos St. John (A) 5:00 VB - Coldwater (A) 5:30 JH VB - Celina (H) 5:00	Crown Mfg. Day for All Sophomores Homecoming Pre-Game Activities 7:00 FB - Delphos St. John (H) 7:30	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Information regarding College Night and Financial Aid Night to be held on Monday, October 31, 2016. College Night - For HS students and parents in HS Library Time: 6:00 - 6:45 Financial Aid - For Juniors, Seniors, and Parents in Auditorium Night Time: 7:00 - 7:45					SAT Test Date Homecoming Dance 8:30 - 11:00 Commons Area VB - Van Wert Invitational (A) TBA JV FB - Delphos St. John (A) 10:00
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Lock One Performance - Shades of Bubl� Auditorium 3:00 PM	FFA Meeting - Ag Room 8:00 PM Scholastic Match - NB vs. Delphos St. John (H) 4:00	HS Faculty Meeting 7:15 JH VB - St. Henry (A) 5:00 VB - Delphos St. John (H) 5:30	5-8 Faculty Meeting 7:15 AM K-4 Faculty Meeting 3:15 School Board Meeting - Community Room 7:00 PM	Sports Medicine Clinic Auditorium 5:30 PM MAC Coed CC League Meet - Coldwater (A) 5:00 JH FB - Minster (A) 5:00 VB - St. Henry (H) 5:30 FFA Fruit Sales Begin	NO SCHOOL - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY FB - Minster (H) 7:30	Fall Choir Review Rehearsal - Auditorium 10:00 - 2:00 Marion Local Marching Band Contest (A) JV FB - Minster (A) 10:00
16 	8th Gr. Washington DC Trip Scholastic Match - NB vs. Ft. Recovery (A) 4:00	8th Gr. Washington DC Trip	8th Gr. Washington DC Trip National FFA Convention in Indianapolis PSAT/NMSQT Test - Most Juniors - Some Sophomores \$15 World Youth Day - HS Gym & Auditorium 6:30 - 8:30 PM	8th Gr. Washington DC Trip National FFA Convention in Indianapolis	8th Gr. Washington DC Trip National FFA Convention in Indianapolis FB - Ft. Recovery (A) 7:30	ACT Test Date Tecumseh Marching Band Contest (A) 5:00 JV FB Ft. Recovery (H) 10:00
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State Marching Band Finals (A) TBA	Early Dismissal at 2:00 S-P-T Conferences 4:30 - 8:00 College Night & Financial Aid Night - See Information at Top of Calendar	31				

KINDERGARTEN CLINIC SCREENING

The annual Kindergarten Clinic Screening will be held in the elementary library on Tuesday, March 28th, and Wednesday, March 29th. Children eligible for admission to kindergarten next fall are required to attend. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2017, in order to enter.

Children and parents attending the screening clinic will be met by a number of people, all of whom are taking part in the Kindergarten Assessment Program. We remind everyone that parents and children will be spending at least 1 1/2 hours with us at the clinic. If at all possible, it is best if younger and/or other children do not accompany the preschooler and his/her parents to the clinic.

In order to provide an efficient clinic, appointment times will be set up at intervals. Being on time is very important if we are to keep the clinic running smoothly. Parents of children registered for kindergarten will receive a letter indicating their appointment date and time. Appointment letters will be mailed out sometime in January.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record and Custody Papers (if applicable) when attending the clinic. In accordance with state law, all children must have the following immunizations before entering school:

DTP - 4 or more doses - Booster after age 4

POLIO - Injectable and oral combination - 4 or more doses

All oral doses or all injectable - 3 or more doses.

One dose must be given after 4 years of age.

MMR - 2 doses after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart

HEPATITIS B - 3 doses with 3rd on or after 24 weeks of age (Recommended for all 0-18 years olds.)

VARICELLA - 2 doses after 1 year of age unless child has had disease (chicken pox)

Parking for the clinic will be available on Plum Street. Please use the elementary entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mrs. Lisa Steinke
School Nurse
Mrs. Diane Kramer
K-4 Principal

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FORM
NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

It is important that we have names of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall (those who will be 5 on or before August 1, 2017). **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE.** We are also interested in knowing the number of children who will be attending New Bremen Local School through the next five years. Complete this form if you have a child eligible for kindergarten and have not registered, or have a preschool-age child (age 0-5) and have not registered. Share this with a relative, neighbor, or friend.

KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018

CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:

First Name	Middle	Last	Birthdate	Male/Female
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Father's Name _____ **Address** _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell #** _____

Mother's Name _____ **Address** _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell #** _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

New Bremen School
Attention: Becky Eyink
202-210 South Walnut Street
New Bremen, OH 45869

Or you can e-mail the information to: becky.eyink@newbremenschools.org

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