



NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It's been a great start to the school year. Students and staff are back in full swing, filling the hallways with the buzz of learning and the excitement of participating in extracurricular activities. In this edition of the Cardinal Newsletter we will be sharing our 2023-2024 District Focus, welcoming new staff members, highlighting classroom academics and meeting our new therapy dog in training, Murphy.

Each year the District Leadership Team (DLT) works with staff to develop a yearly focus to guide the continuous improvement efforts at the building and district levels. This year the core areas include academics, communication, student supports, and staff culture. Over the next few months staff will be participating in professional development and activities aligned with the yearly focus.

District Focus 2023-2024:

1. The New Bremen staff will work with law enforcement agencies to practice and revise safety protocols.

2. The New Bremen School District will place emphasis on nurturing the holistic development of students by enhancing their cognitive, interpersonal, digital, and self-leadership proficiencies.

3. The New Bremen staff will engage in thorough research on literacy curriculum that prioritizes the Science of Reading and addresses dyslexia.

4. The New Bremen administration and staff recognize the importance of building quality relationships, and will actively work towards promoting effective communication and collaboration within our team.

Mr. Jason Schrader Superintendent



SMART PHONE APP

The New Bremen Local Schools Smart Phone App is our most frequently used communication tool for school events, athletic schedules, lunch menus, and the latest news posted on social media. It has over 2,000 downloads and is accessed up to 500

times a day. Our App is user friendly and can be downloaded for free at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Check It Out!



SCHOOL FEES

2023/2024 school fees will be assessed to students early October, at which time you can view/pay your child's fees on Payschools Central. More information about Payschools can be found on page 17 of this newsletter. We will send a fee statement in the mail as well.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS



Sophia

Hoelscher

Hello, my name is Ms. Sophie Hoelscher. I am so excited to be New Bremen's Agricultural Educator and FFA Advisor! I am a 2018 graduate from New Knoxville High School and 2022 graduate from The Ohio State University with my B.S. in Agriscience Education. I taught my first year at Marion Local as their co-Agriculture Educator/FFA Advisor and Industrial Arts Instructor.

During my time at Ohio State, I had many experiences that were helpful to my career goals to become an Agriscience teacher. My favorite experience being a student milker at Ohio State's Waterman Dairy farm. I also often used my creative skills to help plan social and leadership events for my peers while being a member of Community Council, Agricultural Education Society, and Buckeye Dairy clubs, as well as being a Resident Advisor.

Outside of school and FFA activities, you can often find me lending a hand on my family's farm, gardening, hanging out with friends and family, crafting, or being a Barista for my sister's coffee shop.

I am looking forward to spending time with the students and staff while continuing the New Bremen FFA legacy!

I would like to introduce myself as the new Elementary School Counselor at New Bremen. I am so excited to be here working in such a great district. I believe that students should have safe, predictable places to learn where they feel included. Students should have healthy and helpful connections with teachers and classmates. They should also experience learning that will help them tackle challenges inside and outside of school. I will work with grades K-6 to help students feel like they belong and learn skills that will help them be the best they can be!

We will continue to implement the District-wide Positive Behavior Program known as Positive Behavior Intervention Supports or "PBIS." The PBIS process results in creating effective intervention plans that encourage appropriate behaviors, teach new skills, and create support systems for all students in all school environments. We don't expect students to come to school knowing how to read or write, so we shouldn't expect them to know how to behave in a new/different environment. Expectations will be presented to students throughout all school settings under the motto "Protect the NEST."

PROTECT THE NEST

Never Give Up

- Cardinals are confident
- Cardinals always do their best
- Cardinals ask for help when needed

Show Respect

- Cardinals are kind
- Cardinals put others first
- Cardinals treat others the way they want to be treated

Excellence

- > Cardinals do the right thing
- > Cardinals work to improve
- > Cardinals exceed expectations

Teamwork

- Cardinals work toward common goals
- Cardinals trust in each other
- Cardinals cooperate and get the job done



Mindy Luthman

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS



Natalie

Hrycko

Hi, my name is Natalie Hrycko, and I am thrilled to be a part of the New Bremen staff this school year as a Kindergarten teacher. I am from Coldwater, Ohio and graduated from Coldwater High School in 2018. I attended Bowling Green State University and received a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in the spring of 2022. I obtained a dual certificate in which I am certified to teach Pre-K through third grade in both the general education and special education classrooms. In the summer of 2022, I received my reading endorsement through BGSU as well.

Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling, crafting, fitness, and going on walks with my dog, Winnie. I love watching and going to sporting events, especially if it is a Pittsburgh team (Steelers, Pirates, Penguins).

During the 2022-2023 school year, I was fortunate enough to have worked in the district as a substitute teacher in Kindergarten for almost the entire year. I have loved working at this school and getting to know the students, staff, and community and I cannot wait to continue teaching here! Go Cardinals!

Hello, my name is Dianne Suchland, and I am very excited to have the opportunity to work at New Bremen Schools! After graduating from Minster High School in 2000, I attended Wright State University and graduated with my bachelor's degree in nursing in 2004. I have worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton and Wilson Health in Sidney. For the last almost three years, I was the nurse at St. Marys Intermediate School, having transitioned over to New Bremen Schools this past March.

I live in New Bremen with my husband, Bruce and our 4 children. I enjoy baking, listening to music, and going to lots of New Bremen concerts, plays, and sporting events. I'm looking forward to a great year!



Dianne Suchland



Jayne Schmitmeyer

Hi, my name is Jayne Schmitmeyer and I am excited to be teaching first grade this year! I am a graduate of Marion Local and received my bachelor's degree from Wright State University. Upon graduation I moved to Tampa, FL and taught first grade for seven years. During this time, I received my master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida. My husband Aaron and our three kids are happy to be back in New Bremen. We love being a part of such a great community. Go Cardinals!



Tatum Temple

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Hello! My name is Tatum Temple, and I'm so thrilled to be teaching English. I graduated from New Bremen Schools back in 2016, and I'm so excited to be back. I currently have my degree in Liberal Studies, with concentrations in dance, health science, and science from the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, and I'm currently working on obtaining my education degree at Wright State University. By the spring of 2024, I will complete my bachelors degree. I am so happy to be teaching in the classroom, being surrounded by a wonderful community of staff and students. Go Cardinals!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT K-6

New Bremen Elementary has had a great start to the 2023-2024 school year! This year we welcomed 437 students in grades K-6 with several new staff members. New educational aides to the elementary include Krista Schroer in kindergarten, Lauren Schwartz in kindergarten, Linda Kremer in third grade, Hilary Ashman assisting with English Language Learners, Marissa Choe in fifth grade, and Linda Dwenger in sixth grade. With the larger kindergarten class of seventy-three students, we have educational aides assisting in each of the three classes. New teaching staff include Natalie Hrycko in kindergarten, Jayne Schmitmeyer in first grade, Mackenzie Howell is our reading specialist, and Mindy Luthman is our new guidance counselor. We are excited to welcome these staff members to our team.

Throughout the school year we will be focusing on several goals. The staff will work with law enforcement agencies to practice and revise safety protocols. Our PBIS, Positive Behavior Intervention Supports program, will place emphasis on development of the whole child focusing on mental health of both students and staff. We are also continuing to invest resources in our phonics and literacy programs in response to Ohio's Dyslexia Law as we full implement all components of the law.

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



Mrs. Diane Kramer Principal Grades K-6

2023-2024 New Bremen Schools Staff

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Murphy is an 8-month-old goldendoodle puppy/therapy dog-in-training and is excited to join the staff and students at New Bremen Elementary School. He lives with Lauren Link, New Bremen's School Psychologist of 10 years. Murphy is working towards his Canine Good Citizen certification through Anything Is Pawsable, Inc. He will provide therapeutic, behavioral, academic, and developmental support to New Bremen staff and students for grades K-6. More specifically, Murphy will be helping in character education lessons, greeting students and staff at the beginning of the school day, participating in the schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program, assisting in conflict resolution processes and aiding in uplifting the overall school climate. He is excited to join the New Bremen family! GO CARDS!

Meet Murphy!





CHESTER CHEETAH VISITS NEW BREMEN SCHOOLS

Chester Cheetah, the mascot of Cheetos, made a special appearance in the Cafeteria Lunch Line! Sporting his signature sunglasses and a grin bigger than a lunch tray. The cafeteria served up their legendary Mac and Cheetos, a mouthwatering masterpiece of gooey macaroni and cheese with Whole Grain Cheetos crumbles. Chester Cheetah brought his iconic cheesy charisma to the lunch line and kids reciprocated with smiles, chants, laughter, and lots of photo opts. Mac and Cheetos had never tasted so good.









first GRADE

We are off to a fabulous start! First graders are learning routines and building on their knowledge from kindergarten. Lots of learning is happening with our new UFLI program along with daily Heggerty lessons focusing on phonemic awareness.



In September, we will learn about Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) and why he is an important person in history. We will do apple experiments, graphs, and comparing activities with this yummy fall fruit. Students then get to enjoy a warm apple treat too!

In October, we celebrate and learn about Theodore Roosevelt and the history of the teddy bear. First graders have a "Teddy Bear Day" where each student gets to bring in a stuffed teddy bear to school for the day. Their teddy bear will help them have lunch in the classroom.

In Math, we are learning about pennies and nickels along with bar graphs. We are counting the days in school and students have celebrated their first two decade days. We are counting our way to 100 by 10's. Students are learning about tally marks, adding numbers with number racks, measuring objects with popsicle sticks and cubes, along with playing fun interactive games involving different math skills.

We are very proud of this group of first graders for their daily effort, listening skills, and their friendly attitudes. Keep up the super job as we fly through the remainder of this "fun" year in school

> Mrs. Alycia Niemeyer Mrs. Judy Heitkamp Mrs. Jayne Schmitmeyer

Third grade is off to a wonderful start. The teachers have enjoyed getting to know



the students and hope that they are enjoying it too. We would like to welcome our new third grader, Olivier Benoit.

In science, we have learned about what is science and have discovered that we are all scientists! We are learning about matter and that everything around us is matter. The students are excited to continue going to STEM class in the Dianne Komminsk Center this year.

We have also started our annual Flat Stanley project. If you are traveling anywhere interesting, please ask a third grader if you can help them out! Flat Stanley has traveled all around the United States and to several other countries and we are hoping to hear from places all around the world.

Language classes are working on complete sentences and paragraphs. Using interactive notebooks has been a fun way to learn different skills. We are working on How-To paragraph writing.

In reading class, the third graders are reading stories that teach lessons. We are exploring character traits, synonyms, antonyms, and using context clues to understand what we read.

Math classes have covered place value, rounding, and addition and subtraction to the 1000's place. The students are excited to begin multiplication and division soon.

Some of the fun and exciting new things for third graders this year include: reviewing cursive handwriting, multiplication and division, recorders in music class, and New Bremen history. We are working hard on developing good organization and time management skills using planners. We are also excited to have a ChromeBook cart in each classroom so every student can use them as needed each day.

The Ohio State Test for reading will be October 24 and 25.

There are many exciting activities this school year and we are looking forward to sharing them with our students!

Mrs. Christy Bertke Mrs. Molly Rush Mrs. Jenny Perryman Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst



Popsicle Fun





First Graders learning to count to 100 by 10's

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE INTERVENTION

In all of the second grade reading classrooms, Fry sight words have been sent home by way of a daily ring card for the students to work on fluency. A reader's fluency is composed of their speed, accuracy, and expression. By learning to read these most commonly used words in text, readers will instantly recognize these words and increase their speed and accuracy.

Along with the Fry words, students in second grade will continue to learn the Fundational skills of reading, spelling, and writing. While we continue with our Fundations Phonics lessons, we are also incorporating the phonics program, UFLI. The work of UFLI is deeply rooted in the science of reading. The term "science of reading" refers to the research that reading experts have conducted on how we learn to read. This program is a highly structured and intensive reading program for children to use in grades K-2.

Another reading program we are using is called Heggerty. The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum provides students with consistent and repeated instruction, and this transfers to developing a student's decoding and encoding skills. All students participate in the lessons as part of the Tier 1 curriculum in Kindergarten, first grade, and some second grade classrooms. Heggerty is based upon phonemic awareness. Phonemic awareness is the ability to understand that spoken words are made up of individual sounds called phonemes, and it's one of the best early predictors for reading success.

In the third grade reading classroom, we are implementing the program "Equipped for Reading Success" along with the Reading Wonders Program. This year we are continuing to use the skills taught in the Fundations reading program during our spelling units.

In both second and third grade math classes, we are using a program called Reflex and IXL to help students with their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. Each student has an account and works at his or her own pace.

With many new experiences to come, I look forward to sharing and providing that extra intervention to help the light bulbs come on in all of my second and third grade classrooms.

"We work as fast as we can, but as slow as we need to." -Deb Browning

Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst 2nd-3rd Intervention Specialist



SCHOOL FACILITIES OPEN TO WALKERS

For those individuals who enjoy walking throughout the winter months, the New Bremen School is available for indoor walking in the hallways from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.



Welcome back! Fifth grade is off to a great start, with students adjusting well to the

new opportunities in fifth grade - Chromebooks, Cardinal Pride Time, technology class, study hall, and band. All fifth graders explored the different instruments in band the first couple of weeks of school before determining the instrument they will play. Students have also enjoyed their first few technology experiences while working with Mrs. Clinehens in the Komminsk Center.

To start the school year in math, the students learned how magical math can be when they learned the secret behind "The Magic Card" number trick. Students have enjoyed various projects and activities on their Chromebooks including "Math About Me!" banners for their lockers, digital Escape Rooms, Shikaku math puzzles, and more! The students transitioned into their new fifth grade math curriculum with ease and have learned concepts such as prime factorization, multi-digit multiplication and division, and all decimal operations. We are looking forward to a mathematically exciting year together!

In Language Arts, the students began reading "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio to examine character traits in texts and review comprehension strategies. In addition to the novel, the students have also begun using the website Membean to increase their personal vocabulary. Nonfiction texts will be examined next in class, with students learning how to use nonfiction text features and structures to increase their comprehension and build background knowledge about a specific topic.

In science, the students have been practicing using various science tools and studying famous scientists. We have also started creating our science notebooks and are looking forward to using the courtyard and outdoor areas near the school to explore biotic and abiotic features of our environment.

We are looking forward to the many exciting adventures this school year has in store, especially our two-day field trip to Brukner Nature Center at the end of September.



Mrs. Tess Moeller Mrs. Tracy Steinke Mrs. Timmerman Mrs. Bell Mrs. Elking Fifth Grade Teachers

Water Droplets on a Penny Challenge (how many drops of water will a penny hold)





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ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS



We've had a great start to the school year in Elementary Music with singing, dancing, and playing instruments! Our first Singing Challenge of the school year for Grades first through fourth is: I can sing The Star-Spangled Banner, the New Bremen High School Alma

Mater, and the Fight Song by memory. For kindergarteners, their first Singing Challenge is: I can keep a steady beat while listening to the school Fight Song and I can keep track of the different phrases in The Star-Spangled Banner and the New Bremen High School Alma Mater. I look forward to attending the football games and hopefully hearing our students singing along with the High School Band.

Please note the following Elementary Music Events for this year:

November 10Veterans Day AssemblyNovember 30Elementary Choir Crimson ConcertDecember 7Fourth Grade Christmas MusicalApril 11Second Grade Spring MusicalMay 2Elementary Choir Gold Concert

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

I am excited to offer Elementary Choir again this year for all interested students in Grades 3-6. It's pretty fun to sing with a bunch of friends who also like to sing, and I'm very proud of how much this group has grown in the past couple years. A letter with details about practices will be sent home with students

DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club will again be open to all interested students in Grades 3-12. This year's musical is scheduled for March 22 at 7 PM, March 23 at 7 PM, and March 24 at 3 PM. The first meeting / practice will be October 23 at 7 PM.

Fight Song: Across the Field

Fight the team across the field show them New Bremen's here Set the earth reverberating With a mighty cheer: RAH! RAH! RAH!

Hit them hard and see how they fall Never let that team get the ball Hail! Hail! The gang's all here So, let's win that old victory now

> Oh, New Bremen! Oh, New Bremen! Wahoo! Wahoo for New Bremen!

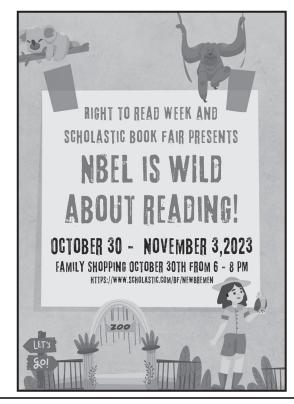
Have a great school year!

Ms. Holly Smith Elementary Music

<u>New Bremen High School</u> <u>Alma Mater Lyrics</u>

There is a name we all hold dear We will love it till we die It is the name of our high The dear New Bremen High

So hurrah for our school Our dear high school Her honor we'll uphold And to the end we will defend The Crimson and the Gold



ELEMENTARY LIBRARY NEWS

Welcoming students back to the library for a new year of learning and growing is always an exciting time for everyone. One of the most exciting events of the fall season is the annual Right to Read Week and Scholastic Book Fair. This year our theme is sure to be a hit, full of fun activities and surprises so plan to attend and show off your "wild" side!

> Mrs. Shelley This District Librarian



ELEMENTARY COMPUTER CLASS

The program, Keyboarding Without Tears, will be used again this year for all levels of keyboard training Kindergarten through fifth grades. Kindergarten classes are focusing on mouse control and searching for the alphabet letters on the keyboard. First and second grade will continue to work on logging in and enhancing their basic keyboarding skills. Third through fifth grade students are training to use the library catalog to find books in the school library, continuing to advance their keyboarding skills, and navigating Google docs.

> Mrs. Joy Wells Computer and Library Aide

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We are well underway in the 2023-24 school year and things are going great. A big thank you to our maintenance, custodial and technology staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the summer as they got things ready to go. I also want to thank the students, parents, and community for their support as we begin another school year.

As always, I held a quick back to school assembly on the first day with all students and staff. We reviewed several pieces of important information and discussed various parts of the handbook. As I have done in each of the last six years, I ended the meeting stressing the importance of respect, attitude and effort. These are three things that each staff member and student has control over on a daily basis. Hopefully, everyone in the building will demonstrate upstanding respect, great attitude, and relentless effort in all they do this school year and beyond.

We have started a new program for seniors this year called the Cardinal Apprenticeship Program (CAP). This is a way for seniors in good standing to get a jumpstart on a career of their choice by spending the mornings at school taking classes, and the afternoons out in the workforce. We currently have six seniors that have joined the program. We have partnered with local businesses to supply apprentices in positions such as engineering, HVAC, electrical, and physical therapy. As this program continues to build and grow, we will be looking for more businesses to partner with. If you are a businessperson who would like to partner with us in the future, please contact me.

We will continue our Motivational Monday series once again during our Cardinal Pride Time. We will again separate students by grade level and have meetings to work on lifelong skills such as leadership, communication, character, etc. Mr. Wells, Mr. Lauterbach, and myself will be leading these sessions and plan to utilize excerpts from various books, speakers, and other resources that we feel will provide the most impact for students. We hope this will provide one more opportunity for our students to better prepare themselves for the world once they graduate.

I want to thank all of the parents who attended orientations and/or Meet the Teacher Night this school year. It is always great seeing adults and community members in our buildings. We are happy to show off our tremendous facilities and want the school setting to be welcoming for everyone. As parents and community members, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. With this being the first Cardinal Newsletter for the 2023-2024 school year, I would like to communicate several important dates throughout the first semester.

September 18	8 th Grade Washington, D.C. Meeting
	6:30pm (James F. Dicke Auditorium)
September 22	Interims
October 2	Teacher In-Service
October 24	End of 1 st Quarter
October 16 -19	8 th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
November 14	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 16	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 30	Interims
December 19	Semester Exams
December 20	Semester Exams
January 9	End of 2 nd Quarter

Finally, I want to wish the best of luck to all of our students involved in extra-curricular activities this fall season. Best of luck to the football, volleyball, golf, cross country, and scholastic bowl teams as well as our marching band and cheerleaders. I encourage all community members to come out to support these students. They make countless sacrifices and put fourth many hours to represent our school and community the right way. Go Cardinals!

Mr. Marcus Overman, Principal Grades 7-12



Please consider obtaining a license and becoming part of our bus driving staff. Talk to any of our drivers or call our Transportation Coordinator **Rob Sniegowski** at **419-619-2788** 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

Mr. Rob Sniegowski Transportation Coordinator



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! So many new things are happening this year, and I am very excited about the opportunities and experiences our students and families will have during this year.

Seniors have already had their first class of 2024 meeting with me and should have a Senior Year Timeline document that they can share with their families to help during this year. If you would like a copy of this important guide, please contact me or go to the counseling website.

Here are some Important Reminders for this fall:

October 5 All eighth graders will be touring the different programs at TriStar. Information will be coming home soon to families about this fieldtrip.

October 17 PSAT will be given to any Juniors who signed up to take the exam. If your Junior would like to take the PSAT but didn't signup yet, please have them talk to Mr. Lauterbach to see if test spots are still available.

October 23 Edison registration window opens for College Credit Plus students to start registering for their spring CCP online classes.

December 4 FAFSA Night for families of Senior students to learn about the application process and the new changes for this year.

December 4-15 Test window for High School Makeup End-of -Course Exams.

December 16 Last day of Fall Semester Edison College Credit classes.

Please check out the Counseling Department website, it is always being updated with announcements, scholarship opportunities, and great resources for student and their families. The site also contains several great options for contacting Mr. Lauterbach for any needs that come up. Please take some time to explore the site and see what it has to offer.

How to get to the site:

- Go to New Bremen Homepage: <u>www.newbremenschools.org</u>
- Select the "New Bremen Junior High & High School selection under the "Schools" tab
- Select the "High School Guidance" link in the quick links list on the left of the webpage

Also @bremennewsfromthenest on Instagram you can find updates and information posted by the Counseling Department.

As always, please feel free to contact me for any questions, or needs.

Mr. Chris Lauterbach 7-12 School Counselor



HS Physical Education

Hello! It is good to be back and getting the opportunity to work with the youth of New Bremen again. This year has been off to a great start as we have gotten all of the "back to school" done and out of the way and are getting into the first real content. In physical education, we are working on football, volleyball, and weight room basics to start the year. The eighth grade health students will be working on body systems and diseases, while the seventh grade is starting off talking about personal hygiene and social health. The kids have been great so far and I look for that to continue. Go Cardinals!

> Mr. Josh Bowersock High School Health & Phys Ed Teacher



Bienvenidos!! Welcome back to another great year of Spanish and cultural studies! A sincere thank you to all of the students and parents who have chosen to continue their studies in Spanish. I look forward to our journey together this school year.

Spanish Club

Eligible Spanish students currently enrolled in Spanish II & III are invited to inquire about the trip to the Galapos this summer. We only have a few spots remaining!! Contact Señora Ross for more information.

Spanish I

Spanish I started the year with greetings and has begun their Somos Flex curriculum from The Comprehensible Classroom. Check in with your student about the technology we are using such as Duolingo, Gimkit, Flipgrid, Quizlet Live, or the song of the week activity to learn more about what is happening in Spanish.

It is perfectly normal for students to understand more than they can produce at this point in their Spanish career; please encourage them to be patient and to continue to put forth their best effort.

Spanish II

Spanish II had a great start to the school year. They amazed me with their ability to recall the topics from Spanish I. It is so interesting to see how the new classes and personalities blend together. Please encourage your children to be patient and positive about their learning process. We emphasize progress over perfection in language acquisition.

We will be reading the novel *Tumba* while studying the Mexican Revolution and *The November holiday Dia de los Muertos.* We will focus on identifying our own cultural lenses while learning several traditions and practices of Mexican culture.

Spanish III

The first unit of Study in Spanish III is the *Camino de Santiago*. We will be exploring the geography of northern Spain while navigating the journey that is the Camino. The Camino is a pilgrimage with a rich history that is still popular today.

Spanish IV

Spanish IV began the year studying the art of Frida Kahlo. We began with a breakout room to familiarize ourselves with her biography and some of her most famous works. We will be reading the novel *Frida* while exploring various cities in Mexico.

What our students are saying about Spanish:

"Coming back from summer break, it has been a blast dusting off the cobwebs and jumping into another year of Spanish. I absolutely love learning about different cultures. Spanish is so much fun to learn and has opened my eyes to the world. " - Spanish IV Student

"I've only been in Spanish for one year but in the one year I have been in it, I have learned so much. You learn things from short stories to books and movies. One of the most impressive things to me is how much growth you get from one year in the class. I would recommend considering taking Spanish sometime in HS because of how much you learn. "-S. Homan

" As a Spanish IV student, I'm well accustomed to what the typical day in class looks like. I've grown fond of the language and am thoroughly excited for this upcoming year. Some of my favorite memories from past years are the fashion show in Spanish II, learning to salsa in Spanish III, and learning new things about different cultures throughout the years. I hope all upcoming students enjoy learning Spanish as much as I do!" -J. Zimpfer

Mrs. Sarah Ross High School Spanish Teacher





Gifted Reading Enrichment Grade 5

We have gotten off to a great start exploring enrichment sites online, including <u>www.Mensaforkids.org</u> and online word games. We will also be using logic games and Brain Bites videos to foster creative thinking throughout the year.

During this semester we will also be exploring some reader's theater to practice reading out loud with appropriate emotion and modeling and practicing comprehension strategies for advanced reading. We will also be listening to and reading scripts for *The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel* podcast (<u>https://www.marspatel.com/</u>). This scripted podcast is excellent for middle grade students and families, and I encourage any family with middle grade students to check out this wonderful podcast. Through the 10 -episode first season of the podcast we will learn about and practice anagrams, elements of the mystery genre, themes of teamwork, bravery, and loyalty. Parents can access a listening guide at <u>https://bit.ly/3r1AroL</u> or scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



Gifted Reading Enrichment Grade 6

This year we continue to practice communication skills learned in fifth grade so that students learn to be better listeners and communicators with peers, teachers, and parents. We will study Latin and Greek roots and affixes to help build stronger vocabulary and pair that knowledge with context clues to improve reading comprehension. Additional word flexibility will be learned through idioms and word games like antonym paths and anagrams. Students will continue to practice creativity through Brain Bites and creative writing prompts. In December we will begin studying Shakespeare in preparation for reading Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (adapted for junior high readers). They are in for a challenging and fun year!

> Mrs. Theresa Newbright High School English Teacher Gifted Teacher

English 9, English 11 CCP, English 12 CCP

Freshmen English students recently finished reviewing the *Hero's Journey* story structure. They wrote an essay examining how key scenes from their summer novel reflect various stages of the *Hero's Journey*. Now they are reading and analyzing Homer's *Odyssey*. While identifying stages of the *Hero's Journey*, students also see the impact of Greek customs and the traits they honored and respected.

Composition I students (juniors) wrote a critique of their summer reading. After analyzing how key scenes reveal the author's perspective, students evaluated whether or not the writing style was effective in conveying that message. Students are also beginning review for the ACT. They will learn test taking tips and learn what areas to prepare for individually when they complete practice tests for the English portion of that test.

Seniors in Composition II finished a book review for the illustrated novel they read over the summer. Having completed the first required essay for the course, they are now focusing on the college application process. Students are completing the Common App account to apply to colleges, and they will complete multiple revisions of their college application essay.

Mrs. Jodi Schumm High School English Teacher

7th Grade Language Arts and Honors English

As the new school year has kicked off, it is great to have everyone back and eager to dive into a new year! Seventh grade Language Arts has started with a focus of a unit theme of why people undertake missions. Students have read a short text about a young girl and her mother setting on a mission to escape Afghanistan to help practice using textual evidence to support reasonings. We began the novel *The Honest Truth,* which tells the story of a young boy and his adventure of reaching a mountain after being diagnosed with cancer. Students have jumped into grammar practice with a focus on nouns and verbs and will continue with adjectives and pronouns in the next few weeks. Shortly, students will be picking a song and analyzing the lyrics to create a figurative language presentation for their peers.

The ninth grade Honors English has also started the year on a great note. They have reviewed the importance of short story elements and are practicing these skills with the texts "The Gift of the Magi" and "The Most Dangerous Game." Students are continuing to ponder the role of conflict in each story. Over the summer, students were given the choice of four texts to read. Students are now working on taking a character from the story they read and analyzing the type of character he/she is. To support their claim, students are finding textual evidence. Students will eventually compile all of their findings into a structured paper.

Ms. Emily Mescher Jr High & High School English Teacher







<u>Geometry</u>

We are excited here in the NBHS math department as we get started with the 2023 - 2024 school year. We will be continuing to implement our new McGraw-Hill series, now in its third year, and are excited about being able to use it both as a consumable text and online. We hope to combine online series with the ability to have a textbook in the students' hands to make sure each student can learn at an accelerated level and maximize their greatest potential. We are hoping as we enter our third year using the McGraw-Hill series that the knowledge and understanding gained last year leads our math curriculum and teaching to higher levels. In addition, most of the math department has been implementing the use of ALEKS to track student's growth over the school year. ALEKS is a supplemental online resource provided by McGraw-Hill to set students on their own path and allow them to learn at a pace that is appropriate to them as an individual. In addition, state and AP testing will be here before we know it and we are continuing to work hard to have all New Bremen students prepared to pass these tests at a high level. I am excited to get another year of Geometry, solving shapes, angles, and proofs started and hope you all had a refreshing and great summer.

> Mr. Chad Williams High School Math Teacher

Algebra 1 and Algebra 2

I'm excited to get another year started as this is my third year teaching at New Bremen High School. Most of the students in Algebra 2 and Introduction to Statistics are students who I taught in my first two years, so it is nice to have some familiar faces in my classes to start the year. I have taught both Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 each year so far, but Introduction to Statistics was new last year, so this is only the second year of it being offered to seniors. We will be using similar programs/technology in all of the classes, whether that's ALEKS (an online math program), Desmos (online calculator/ interactive activities), or their graphing calculators. The Algebra 1 students will also periodically be on Chromebooks answering state released test questions. So far, it has been a great start to the year and what I have been most impressed by is their willingness to take chances, especially during whole group discussions. They have also been engaged and ready to learn, so I am looking forward to this continuing and helping them reach their maximum potential!

> Mr. Andy Timmerman High School Math Teacher

7th and 8th Grade Math

This year the seventh and eighth grade math students will be studying from the Reveal Math curriculum. The series consists of both a workbook and online version of the curriculum to support all learners. Reveal Math has a strong focus on rigor, development of conceptual understanding, an emphasis on student mindset, and ongoing formative assessment. We will also be using a new online program this year called ALEKS. The ALEKS program identifies the exact topics each individual student has mastered, and which ones they are ready to learn. Students will practice topics that align with the textbook.

The seventh graders will be studying the following topics throughout the year: proportional relationships, solving percent problems, operations with integers and rational numbers, writing and solving equations, geometric figures, probability, and statistics.

The eighth graders will be studying the following topics throughout the year: exponents and scientific notation, real numbers, solving equations, linear relationships, functions, systems of equations, the Pythagorean Theorem, transformations, similarity, volume, and scatter plots.

Students can stay up to date with assignments and daily lessons in the classroom by following my Google Classroom page.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Jan Beyke Junior High Math Teacher

High School Math

We are off to a good start this school year at New Bremen High School! The juniors and seniors in AP Calculus, Precalculus, Foundations of College Math, and Business Math will be working with both textbook and online resources throughout the year. The combination of resources will help facilitate instruction both in and out of the classroom with students using their Chromebooks. Each class will have a Google Classroom to access their daily assignments and class announcements. We will also be working with the Delta Math program online for concept development and practice as well as some testing opportunities. In addition, the calculus and precalculus students will have access to websites related specifically to their textbooks. These websites contain everything from instructional videos to worked out textbook solutions to help answer student questions when we are not in class. There are also open office hours available through each website where students can chat with a live math tutor and ask questions. Finally, AP Calculus students will be working extensively with the College Board's website, myap.collegeboard.org. This website offers instructional videos and practice opportunities for all topics covered on the AP Calculus AB exam which will take place on May 13, 2024. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful school year!

> Mrs. Kathy Schmitmeyer High School Math Teacher



Chemistry and Biology

Welcome back to another school year in high school science here at NBHS! We are off and running and I know that we are going to have a great year. I will be using Google Classroom with your students this year in class. If any parent would like access to my Google Classroom, please feel free to send me an e-mail or call me and I can send you an invite. I will still use paper and pencil for things in class, but we are progressing towards going mostly digital with class materials.

In Biology, your students are currently working through a unit in Ecology. They have been looking at flow of energy through ecosystems in the form of food webs. They are now diving into some chapters covering communities, biomes, and populations. The students are working independently on assignments at their own pace until they reach mastery. We will continue with this learning model throughout the year. It will allow for the students to take more ownership of their learning. Because of the way I have this structured, there will not be many grades put into ProgressBook. I keep track of progress in a spreadsheet and then transfer it over to ProgressBook at the end of the nine weeks. Your student can show you this spreadsheet as they have access to it. If you as a parent would like access, I can share it with you as well so you can see what your student is working on in class.

The Chemistry students are working hard at the basic math involved in inorganic chemistry. I have taught them dimensional analysis using factor label tables. This is extremely important, because it will be the main way that we solve problems this year. It is a challenge at first, but once they get the hang of it, it becomes simpler for them. Soon we will be diving into some actual chemistry regarding matter, mixtures, and properties of matter.

Lastly, we are entering a new era of education where AI, ChatGPT, etc are beginning to be made available to our students. I am going to try to incorporate some of these things into my class this year and try to teach the kids how to use these tools as part of the learning process. I'm sure we will have some successes and some failures, but we will keep working at it to help us in the learning process.

> Mr. Dan Kanney High School Science Teacher

"The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge." -Thomas Berger

Physics and Physiology

"The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge." (Thomas Berger). In my room I have a saying on the wall; Science begins with curiosity; this statement sums up what I feel is an important aspect of science. As scientists we need to ask questions and find answers. In science this year, we will be exploring our way of thinking so that we can become scientists. This is a great thing, especially since science is such a lab-based class. Students in all science classes learned/reviewed lab safety and have explored science through interaction. We are becoming scientists and learning to think and question as scientists.

In Physical Science students are carrying out scientific Investigations, learning to question and answer through experimentation. We will continue on with the study of physics: matter and its motion and interactions. In physics, students have begun graphical analysis of motion and are looking toward 2-dimensional motion.

Finally, Physiology students started learning Latin to better understand medical terminology and have begun histology, the study of tissues of the body. They will identify various tissues under the microscope. We are looking forward to exploring the dissection of a chicken wing to examine tissues at the macroscopic level.

Science Club

Science Club is excited to begin this year. Many events have been planned and we are looking forward to the partial solar eclipse in October (Partial Solar Eclipse, begins ~11:45, max ~ 1:00, ends ~2:30) as well as the total eclipse in April (Total Solar Eclipse, begins ~2:00 with totality at ~3:09 lasting ~4 min). We have also planned Science Club on Wheels for the third and fourth grade on December 7, a STEM challenge for the fifth and sixth grade in March, and an Earth Day clean up for the High School and Earth Day activities for K-2. We are very excited to offer these programs

> Mrs. Jennifer Sniegowski High School Science Teacher



7th and 8th Grade Science and Applied Science and Technology

Welcome back! I am so excited to get started this year with all wonderful opportunities' science, applied science, and technology has to offer your child to use their creative minds to discover and make new connections to content and material.

The seventh grade students have been doing a fantastic job adapting to the 7-12 building. We took time the first week of school to Investigate me, Mrs. Steinemann, through observations and inferences, get to know each other through "Speed Dating", and learn the expectations, rules, and routines of the classroom through student led stations. Soon after the students were thrown into a new role as detectives and forensic scientists to solve the case of the missing millionaire. The pretend crime scene tested the student's knowledge as they made observations and inferences to pinpoint the suspect that committed the crime. We are currently working through our unit over the Hydrologic Cycle. In this unit the students will dig deeper into the water cycle by exploring watersheds, unique water contamination problems in Ohio, porosity, permeability, and so much more! Throughout the first semester, we will also be covering the atmosphere, ocean currents, moon phases, tides, and eclipses. Did you know a solar eclipse will occur in New Bremen on April 8th? We will be discussing this rare phenomena as well.

On September 12, seventh grade students were introduced to our annual STEM Fair. For the STEM fair project, students will be creating something entirely new or improving upon an already invented item to solve a problem. STEM Fair will be held on March 14, 2024 and projects will be displayed for the community to view at open house on March 18.

In eighth grade science, after reviewing class expectations, rules, and routines, we got creative as each student created their own planet utilizing the scientific theory of planetary differentiation. We then traveled into the interior of the Earth, learning about the Earth's interior and what it is made up of. Since temperature and pressure is a travel barrier to reach the inner core, we discussed various knowledge and information scientists have used to learn what the layers are made up of. After exploring the Earth's interior, we will be going back up to the surface to learn more about the crust through plate tectonics, constructive and destructive forces, as well as changes on the Earth's surface through the first semester. Students will have a chance to create a breaking news broadcast from a destructive event, explore the depths of the ocean floor, and so much more!

Finally, in Applied Science and Technology, we will be focusing the majority of the quarter on computer science. Students will get the chance to learn more about coding through robots, scratch, and code.org. I am excited to see all the unique and innovative designs the students come up with for the challenges I place in front of them. We started off the quarter with a STEAM challenge in which the students had to follow the limitation and constraints given to create head gear to hold an apple while completing an obstacle course. The students had a lot of fun with this challenge. The winners of the race are pictured here. "Creative Minds at Work!"



Winners of the STEAM Challenge Mrs. Kayla Steinemann Junior High Science Teacher

During the beginning of the year teacher workday, staff members participated in a scavenger hunt as part of the District Leadership Teams efforts to promote unity, team thinking, staff appreciation, and just a little fun. Other events will be planned throughout the

year.

Winners of the Staff Scavenger Hunt







The 2023 Fall Athletic Seasons are off to a great start. The New Bremen Athletic Department would like to thank the New Bremen Community for all of their support.

Streaming Games Online

New Bremen Local Schools has partnered with NKTELCO to offer sports fans an option to still view the athletic events taking place here in the Nest at New Bremen. For more information please visit.

https://www.nktelco.com/sports/schedule/NB/

Important Upcoming Dates

- Senior Night Volleyball: 10/12/23 vs. Minster Tripleheader beginning at 4:30 pm. Ceremony will take place prior to the Varsity Match.
- Senior Night: All Other Fall Sports: 10/20/23 vs. Delphos St. John's 7 pm

Please follow us on

Twitter: @NewBremenSports

New Bremen Athletics: <u>https://www.newbremenschools.org/athletics.aspx</u>

New Bremen Athletic Schedules:

https://go.dragonflyathletics.com/sites/OHSAA/TYDE8V/about

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New Bremen Local Schools are looking for substitutes in the following positions:

Substitute Bus Drivers Substitute Custodians Substitute Teachers Substitute Aides

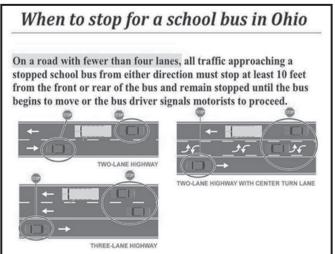
Interested candidates for bus driver or custodian positions should visit the schools website at www.newbremenschools.org click on the District tab and then on Employment for access to our online application process.

If you are interested in a *substitute teacher or aide position*, please go to the Auglaize County ESC website www.auglaizeesc.org. Go to the "About Us" tab and then Employment. The Auglaize County E.S.C. will approve applications and prepare a substitute teacher list for the four county schools in Auglaize County (which include Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, and Waynesfield-Goshen Local Schools).

Please consider obtaining a license to become part of our part-time bus driving staff. Call our transportation Coordinator, Rob Sniegowski at 419-619-2788 for information. Qualifications for bus driving include:

- Annual Physical & drug/alcohol testing
- Annual driver record check from BMV
- Commercial Drivers license (CDL)
- Sixteen hours of pre-service and four hours in-service training resulting in certification by ODE
- BCI/FBI criminal background check

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NEW LUNCH & FEE PAYMENT SYSTEM PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL



Welcome to our new lunch and fee payment system called PaySchools Central. You should have received an email at the end of July introducing this new program and listing your student's ID number to set up an account. If you have not seen that email, please check your spam email before calling.

Parents can **add money** to their child's meal account, see cafeteria **purchase history**, and pay for all **school related fees** securely **online** from a computer, tablet or smartphone! The PaySchools Central website and PaySchools Central App are now available.

Fees will be assessed to students early October, at which time you can view/pay your child's fees on Payschools. We will send a fee statement in the mail as well.

With PaySchools Central the chances of lunch money and school fee payments getting lost or stolen significantly decreases. Plus, you save time not having to come into school to make payments! You can even schedule **recurring payments**, set up **notifications**, and **transfer meal funds**. It will also save your **payment history** so you can refer back at any time. You will have access to your child's account 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How Do You Get Started? It's simple!

- Go to Payschoolscentral.com in your web browser
- First time users click "Register" then fill in the information to set up the account
- Click "Students" to add your student(s) with their last name and student ID number (sent out in email late July)
- Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check
 - \$1.75 convenience fee for checking account transfer
 - \$1.65 convenience fee for credit/debit card payments \$0- \$24.99
 - \$2.00 convenience fee for credit/debit card payments \$25- \$49.99
 - 4.5% convenience fee for credit/debit payments over \$50.00
- Parents can also deposit money into their child's lunch account by sending cash or checks to the school, either by mail or with your child. Please make checks payable to New Bremen Schools and include your student's ID number with your payment.

For the Complete Parent Guide please go to the school website, hover over "Schools" click on "Lunch Menus". From that page you will find the PaySchools Central Parent Guide on the left hand side of the page. You can also type the following link into your browser: newbremenschools.org/Downloads/PaySchoolsCentralGuide20232.

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KINDERGARTEN CLINIC SCREENING

The annual Kindergarten Clinic Screening will be held in the Komminsk Center at the Elementary building on Wednesday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 4th. Children eligible for admission to kindergarten next fall are required to attend. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2024, in order to be eligible.

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 <u>at least 1 1/2 hours</u> with us at the screening. It is best if younger siblings and/or other children do not accompany the preschooler and his/her parent to the screening.

In order to provide an efficient clinic, appointment times will be set up at intervals. <u>Being on time is very important if we are to keep appointments running</u> <u>smoothly.</u> Parents of children registered for kindergarten will receive a letter explaining the Kindergarten Screening Scheduling process. These letters will be mailed out sometime in January.

Prior to scheduling a Screening appointment, parents must complete the online enrollment process and upload required paperwork. (Detailed instructions will be mailed to parents in January.)

In accordance with state law, all children must have the following immunizations before entering school:

DTaP - 4 or more doses - one dose must be given after 4 years of age POLIO - 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 dose 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), at least 28 days apart (but recommended to be 3 months after the first dose)

Parking for the screening will be available in the parking lot to the East of the elementary school. Please enter the parking lot in front of the High school (from 274), follow the drive around to the East side of the elementary building, and use the entrance to the Komminsk Center (sidewalk located to the right of the main Elementary entrance).

Mrs. Diane Kramer K-6 Principal

Mrs. Dianne Suchland School Nurse



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, 2024). 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 <u>through the next five years</u> . Complete this form if you have not previously registered and have a child age 0-5 and live in the New Bremen School District. Share this with a relative, neighbor, or friend.	irst Name Middle Name Last Name Birth date Male/Female	Name #1 Address Cell # Status: Step-Parent Guardian Parents Separated/Divorced	Name #2 Address Cell # Status: Step-Parent Guardian Parents Separated/Divorced		PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO: New Bremen School Attention: Becky Eyink, Elementary Secretary 901 E. Monroe St. New Bremen, OH 45869 Or you can e-mail the information to: becky.eyink@newbremenschools.org
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