



Newfield Middle School

Newsletter

December Newsletter

- Happy winter everyone, hope you are enjoying the beautiful holiday season and our snowy start. The district experienced our first snow day for the season with record breaking accumulation. However, the snow did not hinder our progress in education, athletics, construction, and our clubs and organizations.
- Modified Boys and Girls Basketball are off to an exciting start with both Tracie Condie and Chad Newton as coaches. Modified Girls Volleyball has been showcasing their athletic abilities with Mrs. Graham and Mr. Holm as coaches.
- We are excited to announce the start of the Middle School Robotics Club this December with Ms. Liz Goodwin. We are eagerly looking forward to see what their imagination and ingenuity create.
- On November 20th, the honors program members hosted the first annual Farmers Market Food Bank. The students also made and provided a delicious savory Squash Soup for the students and faculty to sample at the Farmers Market, along with the recipe to take home. The soup was the perfect addition for this cold and wintry start and a scrumptious and healthy idea for Thanksgiving dinner.



Construction Update

- The district is still under construction in all three buildings. There is some noise at times and workers throughout as they are continuing classroom destruction into December. I will keep you posted as students will not be in any of the rooms during construction. We are hoping to see the ceilings and lighting start to be replaced in January as the Elementary is the last school to have destruction of the classrooms. The students are enjoying our advisory group with planned activities which involve the construction theme. We encourage you to speak with your students and have them explain some of the activities and areas they are learning about academically, socially, and emotionally.



Counselor Change

- We are sad to say good-bye to Mrs. Seaney and Tess the therapy dog, who have spent the last few months filling in for Mrs. Markle. We are grateful to Mrs. Seaney and Tess for coming out of retirement to help us out. Mrs. Seaney did an extraordinary job starting off the new school year, while assisting both students and staff. We would not have been successful without her. Mrs. Seaney and Tess will be greatly missed.
- We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Markle our school counselor from maternity leave. We are happy that Mrs. Markle was able to spend quality time with her little one at home and we are excited that she will resume her crucial role here at Newfield.



Class Updates

- **Newfield Clothing Sale** – The 8th grade is conducting a “Newfield Clothing Sale” to help raise money for this year’s trip to Washington D.C. There are a wide variety of clothing items that include mens, womens, and youth sizes. Please see any 8th grader if you would like to order something which contributes towards the cost of their trip. Show your Newfield spirit while helping our 8th graders have the experience of a lifetime! The sale will conclude on November 29th and all orders will be in before the holiday break. Newfield merchandise makes great holiday gifts! Please contact Steve Bassi for more information at sbassi@newfieldschools.org.
- **Annual 8th Grade Breakfast at The Moose** – The 8th Grade is hosting their annual breakfast at the Moose Club in Ithaca (367 Elmira Rd.) on Saturday, January 12th from 8-11 am. Proceeds will go towards the 8th grade class at Newfield Middle School who are raising money for their annual spring trip to Washington D.C. Breakfast tickets cost \$7.00 at the door or see any 8th grader to purchase a ticket in advance. For more information, please contact Steve Bassi at sbassi@newfieldschools.org.



Middle School Honors Program

The Middle School Honors Program, made up of 39 seventh and eighth graders and overseen by Betsy Edwards, has selected officers for the 2018-2019 school year:

President - Grace Utter
Vice President - Emily Dunn
Secretary - Meadow Weaver
Treasurer - Morgan Adams
Historian - Renee Beckham

Fifteen of the members volunteered and had a good time helping the first graders with their Fall Festival. All members have signed up to work on various committees for service projects, both for the school and also for the community, that have been planned for the school year.

The first Honors assembly for the sixth marking period of last year and the first marking period of this year was planned and carried out by the officers on Thursday, November 15th.

Members also helped plan, set up and participate in The Farmer's Market held on Tuesday, November 20 in the elementary gymnasium.



Band and Chorus Update

- December officially kicks off concert season for the Music Department! There are several concerts happening this month that you will not want to miss. On **Wednesday December 5th**, both the Middle and High School Choirs will present a concert of fall and winter selections. This will be followed a week later on **Wednesday December 12th** with the Middle and High School Band Concert.
- Both of these concerts will begin at 7pm in the Upper Elementary School Gym due to the HS auditorium renovation. Admission is free to all of these concerts. Please bring family and friends! Our students have worked hard on their performances and are looking forward to presenting their work for you this month. We hope to see you there!



Important Information

- We had students walk report cards home for the first time on October 26th. If you have any concerns or questions please email me at ehartz@newfieldschools.org or call 564-9955 ext. 2126.
- Please continue to look at the MS website as we now have team 6-8 updates, assignments and homework posted. The homework sheets can be printed or filled out electronically and emailed back to the teacher.
- We are on twitter if you are interested, @newfieldms and we use the #newfieldcsd for an avenue to follow us.
- 2nd marking period ended on November 30th.
- First Early Dismissal Drill was held on November 20th.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Middle School & High School Chorus Concert is Wednesday, December 5th in the Upper Gymnasium at 7pm.
- Middle School & High School Band Concert is Wednesday December 12th in the Upper Gymnasium at 7pm.
- 8th Grade Breakfast at the Moose on Saturday, January 12th from 8am – 11am.
- No School December 24th through January 2nd.
- Happy Holidays from the Middle School Staff. Enjoy your break!

