



NEWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Highlights

The School Board would like to highlight a few items of importance following each board meeting to share what is happening around the board table.

Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2020 (5:30 PM)

State Qualifiers – Cross Country

Coach Steve Weeks recognized Treycen Garton and Jackson Mace-Maynard for their performance at the State Cross Country Meet on October 30, 2020 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The team had a great time, was competitive, and are motivated to keep improving. They continue to encourage each other and are looking to do great things next season. Way to go, Treycen and Jackson!

NHS Pacesetters Competition

Sponsor Graham Sullivan celebrated the accomplishments of the Newton High School Pacesetters at the 2020 State Competition. The team submitted their Kick, Pom, and Jazz routines virtually and placed 5th in the categories of Pom and Jazz. All six soloists who competed received Division I Ratings (Brooke Linahon, Morgan Linahon, Ella Price, Emmalie Russell, Libby Shores, and Addy Terpstra). We are also so proud of the NHS Pacesetters for receiving the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association (ISDTA) Sportsmanship Award – an honor given to ONE school out of 300+ schools! Outstanding accomplishments, NHS Pacesetters!

NHS Color Guard Competition

Sponsor Mackenzie Locey shared the achievements of the Newton High School Color Guard at the 2020 State Competition. Their routines were submitted virtually, and the team placed 2nd in Class 2A Color Guard with their performance entitled “Sand.” Four soloists (Michelle Cox, Jerica Dafflito, Abby Jennings, AJ Millbrooks) achieved Division I ratings, and one (Michelle) placed 5th in solo competition. The NHS Color Guard also received a Sportsmanship Award! We are Cardinal proud of our Color Guard!

WHO13 Golden Apple Award

Our very own Krysten Osby, (3rd Grade Teacher, Aurora Heights) expressed her gratitude for being a recipient of the WHO13 Golden Apple Award. Mrs. Osby made history with a surprise Golden Apple announcement at a November 24, 2020 virtual assembly with over 200 students and teachers online! Principal Jim Gilbert was a part of the assembly and shared how she has earned her nickname “Mother Theresa” around school by reaching out to her students and families and meeting their needs. She adores and loves kids...and enjoys helping out! Congratulations, Mrs. Osby for receiving such an honor!

Link to Story: [Golden Apple: Teacher Embraces Online Learning](#)

Window Replacement and Install Project

Tim Bloom, Director of Business Services and Jack Sutte, Maintenance Supervisor provided details about the window replacement and install project at Emerson Hough Elementary School. The board unanimously approved a proposed bid from Elite Glass & Metal, LLC in the amount of \$135,000.00 with expenditures to be paid from SAVE Funds. Most all of the windows on the original part of the building will be replaced, with remaining windows expected to be in good condition for another 10 – 15 years.



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Return to Learn Plan – Criteria for Evaluation

Superintendent Tom Messinger provided Board Members with an updated [2020 – 2021 School Calendar](#) which reflects changes that were made at the November 9, 2020 board meeting. The calendar reflects **Phase 2** of our Return to Learn Plan and resuming on-site learning 5 days/week at 2nd Semester beginning January 26, 2021 with a 1.5 hour early dismissal on Mondays.

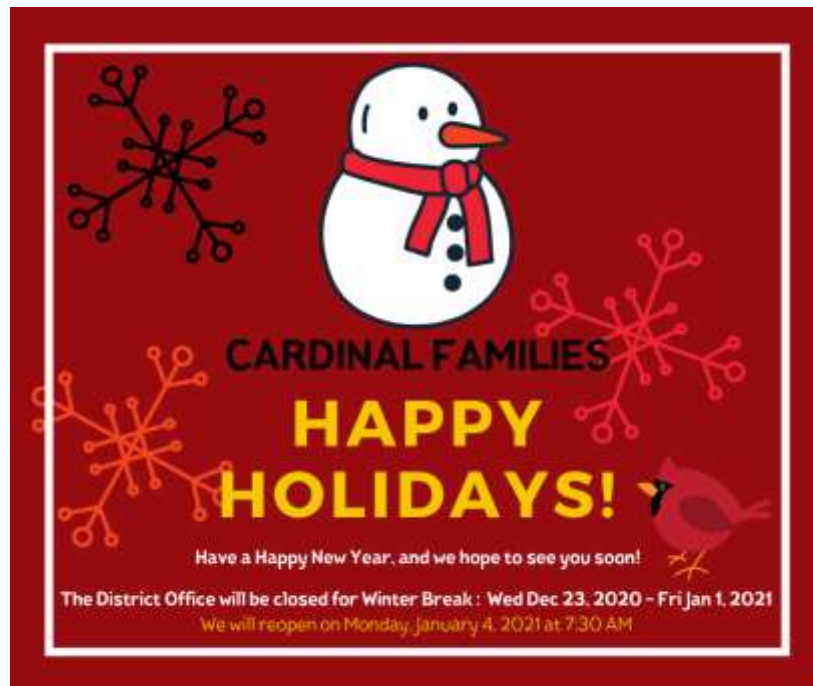
Free Extra Holiday Meal Pack

Cristy Croson, Food Service Supervisor announced a Free Extra Holiday Meal Pack that will be available on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Berg Middle School or Newton High School from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. The Grab N Go Meals (7 Breakfasts & 7 Lunches) are provided at no charge for all students, and no sign up is required. If you have any questions, please contact Cristy Croson at 641.792.5797 X2001 or X2090 or email crosonc@newtoncsd.org

Upcoming Events

December 22, 2020 – 1.5 Hour Early Dismissal

December 23, 2020 – January 1, 2021 – No School (Students & Staff) – Winter Break



Next Regular Board Meeting:

January 11, 2021 – 6:30 PM (EJH Beard Admin Center/via Zoom)
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92842647034> **Passcode:** 302022

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