

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT OFFICE

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News from our Schools

It is an exciting time in the Newfane Central School District, and I am grateful for our Board of Education, parents, faculty, staff and community partners for their support and leadership in creating and expanding opportunities for our students.

Our partnership with the Ontario Shores Credit Union has led to authentic learning experiences for our students, and we are grateful for their support and collaboration. The Newfane Senior High School branch of the Ontario Shores Credit Union opened for banking business in February. This student-run branch is open Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 PM, and can process basic banking transactions such as cashing checks, accepting deposits and processing withdrawals. Our student tellers participated in a job application process, interviews and teller training. Through their training, students learned job skills including banking privacy, confidentiality, and customer service. In addition, students are gaining rich financial literacy skills, which are lifelong skills they will carry with them into adulthood.

Our athletic and academic programs continue to thrive. This winter we had a wrestler compete at the state championship, and a swimmer who broke a school record. Our boys varsity basketball and our wrestling teams had another stellar season. Our musicians participated in the county-wide NCMEA festival in February, and shined on stage in the amazing production of the musical *Grease* in March – our first musical in our beautifully renovated auditorium.

Spring is filled with many opportunities for parents and community members to enjoy being part of our school community. Please feel free to stop by Panther Stadium whenever there is a team competing to help cheer on our panthers. Below are a few highlights of upcoming musical events.

- May 8 Band & Choral Concert (grades 7 & 8), Newfane Middle School Auditorium, 7 PM
- May 15 Band & Choral Concert (grades 5 & 6), Newfane Middle School Auditorium, 7 PM
- May 29 High School Vocal Showcase Concert, Newfane Middle School Auditorium, 7 PM
- June 5 Band Concert at Krull Park, 6 PM
- May 8 Newfane Elementary Spring Concert, Newfane Middle School Auditorium, 7 PM

Also, it is that time of year when we begin to register new students for the upcoming school year. Parents/guardians of incoming Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten or other new students are encouraged to reach out this spring to begin the registration process. Please call (716) 778-6359 for additional information.

Upcoming School Budget Vote

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, District residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote on the proposed school district budget for the 2024-25 school year. Despite facing a reduction in state and federal funds, the members of the Board of Education and the district leadership team have developed a responsible budget that maintains our programs. This balanced budget supports the long range financial health of the District while preserving programs for our students.

On May 21, District residents will have the opportunity to vote on:

- Proposition #1: the Newfane CSD 2024-25 school budget;
- The election of three trustees.

Voting will be held at the Newfane Elementary School from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM on May 21.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the budget, I would be happy to speak with you. Please feel free to call me at (716) 778-6850. Thank you for your continued support to ensure our students continue to benefit from the programs, services and opportunities that are provided in the Newfane Central Schools.