

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.

We are continually evaluating our program, course offerings and enrichment opportunities for students. We are excited to be offering two new courses this fall at Newfane Senior High School, both of which are relevant and high-interest topics. In Financial Literacy 1 & 2 students will gain authentic personal finance knowledge and skills to be financially-informed, and in Media and Propaganda, students will become critical thinkers to evaluate the abundance of information available in this digital age.

During the last months of the school year, there are a number of special events. At the elementary level, our annual Panther Chase fun run will be held on May 23. Our music department is always busy at this time of year, and we hope parents and community members will join us for one of our many chorus and band concerts in our newly renovated auditorium, or join us for our annual band concert in Krull Park on June 5. The concert in Krull Park begins at 6 PM, and refreshments will be available via food trucks starting at 5 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) 778-6351 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.

More detailed information can be found on our website, and our annual budget information document will be mailed to residents prior to the vote.

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.

With gratitude

I returned to my alma mater to make a positive impact on the school community that provided me with my educational foundation. I am so incredibly proud of the good work that we accomplished this year. It is with bittersweetness that I will transition to become the Superintendent of the West Seneca Central School District on July 1, 2024.

The Board of Education and I are committed to ensuring a smooth transition, and I am optimistic for the future of the Newfane Central School District. It has been a pleasure serving this fine school community this year, and I will continue to cheer for the Newfane Panthers.