NEWBERRY AREA SCHOOL

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Greetings Newberry Area School Families!

As the start of the school year is around the corner, I wanted to welcome you all back to what will be an excellent school year!

See below for updates and reminders for our 2025-2026 school year:

Electronic Communication Devices
To minimize distractions and ensure a strong focus on learning, all electronic devices- including cell phones, smart watches, and any device that connects to WiFi- shall not be used during the school day. The school day includes passing periods and lunch.

Safety Protocols
The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. This year, all parents, guardians and visitors must enter through the **front entrance only.** At the front entrance will be an iPad that will scan your ID and run a background check to ensure we know who is entering the building. You will still need to be 'buzzed' in to enter the building. Through the new process, you will also select your destination and a badge will print out indicating where you are going. While we understand this is an extra step, we hope our families understand this is for the safety of our students.

New Staff
At the 7-12 level, we are thrilled to welcome staff who have either changed position within the district, or are new to the district entirely!

- Mrs. Christine Rathje is now teaching middle school English
- Ms. Claire Neeb is taking over as the 9/10/Pre-AP English teacher.
- Ms. Brenna Pavey is our new middle school special education teacher

Dress Code
Please follow the dress code guidelines outlined in our parent student handbook (Linked below). Students are expected to present themselves in a manner that represents our school in a positive light. Students will be asked to find a different set of clothes, or to call someone to bring them a different set should their clothes be considered inappropriate for school. Our new superintendent will have some clothes available if alternative clothing is not available.

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Handbook

Students will be reviewing the handbook within their classes during the first few days of school. Students will bring home a form that indicates the handbook was read by the student and parent.

Handbooks are available at the link here. Alternatively, if it is easier to access, handbooks can be found by following the steps below:

1) Go to the school's website (taschools.org)
2) Click on the 3 lines where it says 'menu' ont he top right corner
3) Scroll down to where it says "Board of Education".
4) Under the " Board of Education" heading, please click " Policies and Handbooks"
5) From this new page, click on the link that says "Newberry Area School Parent/Student Handbook"
6) This should open up a PDF of the handbook.

Schedules

As you may be aware, on Wednesday August 27, 2025 we had our open house from 6-7 pm. Unfortunately around 5 pm, there was a technology issue that prohibited our schedules from being printed. While we hoped to have the program fixed shortly after the open house, there were more technological issues that arose, including the need to manually fix all schedules. Our 7-12 counselor is working tirelessly on this, and students will receive their schedules on Tuesday. While we know this is not ideal, please be aware the staff at the school will assist the students in finding their classes, working their lockers and anything else they may need. All students should have an idea of what their schedule is or was when they met with Ms. Clark at the end of the year.

Let's make this a great school year,

Trevor Clark

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