



NEWBERRY AREA SCHOOL

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Greetings Newberry Area School Families!

As we continue to prepare for the start of school, I want to welcome you all back to Newberry Area School!

Here are some updates to keep you informed: Students will be reviewing the handbook with their teacher at the beginning of the year. After reviewing expected student behaviors, you and your student will sign a form indicating both of you understand our handbook and student rights and responsibilities. Handbooks are always available on our website [here](#).

Some of the more significant changes are highlighted below:

- 1) Cell phones will be put away during class time. This is to improve the educational experience. There are many studies linking cell phone use during classes to a decrease in academic achievement. (Note, when a student is sent to the office, their phone will be given to Mr. Clark and parent will be contacted)
- 2) Dress code: 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. Some examples of this are clothing that represents age-restricted items, inappropriate substances, or vulgar language or innuendos.
- 3) We are moving to one-to-one Chromebooks. This means that your student is responsible for their assigned Chromebook. Any damage that occurs to the Chromebook will be your responsibility. This Chromebook will be brought to each class by the student. There is an available insurance policy for the Chromebook, which covers ALL damage and repair needs for the year. This cost is \$25 for the year, or \$75 for families with more than 3 students. More information on this can be found by emailing Ms. Haley Stark at hstark@taschools.org The insurance link is <https://schooldevicecoverage.com/login> . We strongly recommend you consider this inexpensive coverage option.

At the 7-12 grade level, we have a few changes in positions from last year. Mrs. Carly Dubay is joining us again as the 9-12 grade science teacher, and following Mr. Wilson's resignation, we have Mrs. Catherine Clark taking over the K-12 music position.

Some other information to be aware of:

- Due to construction we are unable to have an Open House prior to school starting this year. We will be having one on September 13th at 6pm.

- If you would like to be a substitute teacher or volunteer in a classroom, please do not hesitate to reach out! We love having families and community members involved in student learning!
- Due to some changes in bus runs, **all students K-12 will be eating breakfast in their classroom this year instead of in the cafeteria.**

I'm looking forward to seeing the great accomplishments that this year will bring. I'm excited to see the students once more and continue watching them grow as the year goes on.

Mr. Clark's goal this year is to increase student growth, student engagement, and community involvement. He is always looking for input so that we, as a community, can give the best for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Clark if you would like to discuss ideas for school activities, have a concern, or would like to provide feedback of any kind.

Have a great day,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Trevor Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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