Bluejay Bulletin

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Board of Education Meeting February 10, 2020

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- The Open Meetings Act was announced and posted in the room in accordance with the law.
- The agenda was approved as published.
- Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved as amended.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
- Curriculum reports were presented to the board by Mrs. Wallin (Preschool); Mrs. Flood (Kindergarten); Mrs. Gaspers (1st Grade); Mrs. Benson (2nd Grade); Mrs. Stone (3rd Grade); Mrs. Patzel (4th Grade); Mrs. Hanzel (5th Grade); and Mrs. Kaufman (6th Grade).
- Monthly reports were provided by Theresa Schmedding (Counselor) and Tim Rossow (Activities Director).
- Principal Forre presented her report to the board.
- Superintendent Shalikow reviewed with the board Alicap's Safety Review, which reflected no safety violations; Nebraska Council of School Administration Legislative bill discussion; and the 2020 summer cafeteria construction timeline. Discussion was had on placing an ad for sealed bids to be opened at the March 16th meeting.
- The Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund summary was given.
- Approved the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement revision.
- Approved the Educational Service Unit 8 contracts.
- Approved the transfer of \$125,000 from the Depreciation Fund to the General Fund.
- Approved to non-renew Preschool Certificate of Deposit #567 for \$80,014.67; Depreciation Fund Certificate of Deposit #787 for \$91,788.21; and Building Fund Certificate of Deposit #464 for \$29,876.71.
- Approved the Duet Elementary Furniture Quote not to exceed \$35,000.
- Approved the retirement of Theresa Krueger, special education teacher.
- Accepted the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bills totaling \$246,369.28 (General Fund), \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund), and \$393,881.40 (Building Fund).
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL ERIN FORRE

We had a good turn out for parent teacher conferences, and I would like to thank the parents who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend please contact our teachers with any questions or concerns you may have. House Meetings are going well with our K-6 students. It is fun to hear the excitement from students and staff as they reflect on the various topics from their meetings. This semester we have implemented House Meetings with our Jr. High students. These meetings give students a time where they can reflect and work collaboratively in a positive setting on important social skills. The main topic so far for Jr. High has been RESPECT. Specifically how to respect their classmates and themselves. Encourage your students to tell you about their House Meetings!

Please join us for our Read Across Newman Grove event! Come and view student projects on March 3, 2020 from 5:00–6:30 pm in the high school building. Pick up a map when you enter the building to guide you to different grade levels. While you are here be sure to join in on a fun scavenger hunt! Mrs. Sauser will be hosting Book Swap #2 in the library-bring in gently used books to swap for new to you books. We would like to continue to host these Book Swaps at different events during the year. It is a fun way to change out some books from your home. Anyone can participate- students, parents, grandparents, community members! We just want to encourage reading at home throughout all stages of life.

As with many people I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. Along with spring comes our state testing window. Next month I will share more information regarding the state assessments. We are in the midst of goal setting with our students. One of my favorite things about education is seeing the growth in students from fall to spring. Please encourage your child to share their academic goals with you!

Newman Grove Dance Team

The Dance Team earned a First Place trophy at the Midland College Competition on January 25th in Fremont.

The girls are pictured (l-r): Elyssa Cuevas, Emma Montoya, Leah Rast, Morgann Johnson, and Bethany Borgheiinck. They are coached by Susan King.

NO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 13	NO SCHOOL PK-12
Friday, April 10	NO SCHOOL PK-12,
	Good Friday
Monday, April 13	NO SCHOOL PK-12, Spring Break





National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Lisa (Seier) Wemhoff

The public is welcome to attend.

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students February 2020

Seniors...make sure you complete the FAFSA process

Getting financial aid for college involves more than completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete each step of the process so that you don't miss out on money for college.

- If you haven't already, complete your 2020-21 FAFSA at <u>FAFSA.gov</u> using 2018 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each get an FSA ID at <u>fsaid.ed.gov</u> as you'll need them to access and sign your FAFSA.
- 2. Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action before the form can be processed.
- **3.** You might receive a verification notice from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA requesting documents to verify your FAFSA information. The college will not process your financial aid until you provide required documents.
- **4.** Watch for financial aid award notifications. Once you're accepted for admission to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA, they will notify you of the types and amounts of financial aid they're offering.

Watch your email and student portal carefully for important details about admission and financial aid.

What you need to know about scholarships

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your FAFSA. Here's where to look for scholarships:

- 1. <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> at EducationQuest.org houses over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.
- 2. Your school counselor's office. Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- **3.** The college you plan to attend. Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and the application procedures.
- 4. National search sites such as <u>College Board</u>, <u>Peterson's</u>, and <u>Chegg</u>.
- **5.** Other resources could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest

Nebraska students in grades 9-12 are invited to pursue these \$500 scholarships from EducationQuest:

Get Social Scholarship – By following us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>, you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers. <u>Click here</u> for details.

Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – Create a <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is March 31. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. <u>Click here</u> for details.

February "To Do" List

Seniors:

- ____ If you haven't already, complete the <u>FAFSA</u>.
- ____ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ____ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ____ Start preparing for the ACT. Here are <u>test-prep resources</u> to consider.
- ____ Register by February 14 for the March 14 SAT.
- <u>Register</u> by February 28 for the April 4 ACT.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:					
	Omaha Lincoln	Kearney S	Scottsbluff		
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	800-303-3745 ext. 6654		
	888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721		

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Visit College

• Seniors should be in the application, financial aid, and scholarship process of attending colleges they are going to or seriously considering

- Juniors should visit a college they are interested in.
- College representatives frequently visit Newman Grove High School. Encourage your students to visit with these reps to get a feel for the college they are representing.

Scholarships

• An updated list of scholarships is available in the counseling office for students to pick up. There is also a link on our school web-site. <u>Bluejay</u> <u>Foundation and Local scholarship packets have been distributed to all seniors.</u> <u>All these scholarships have an April 3rd deadline.</u>

• Please notify me of any Scholarships won so that proper recognition can be given at graduation. This includes all scholarships won, even those not accepted.

2019-2020 FFA Officer Highlight

Name: Chelsa Reardon

2019-2020 Office: Sentinel

Favorite Ag Class: Animal Science

FFA Activities & Contests: Livestock judging, land judging, vet science, livestock management, farm management, and agriscience

Favorite FFA memory: Going tanking with the FFA chapter



What is your advice to younger members? Be involved in every contest so you can try it out and find new things that you may like!



BENEFITS OF FAMILY DINNERS

Submitted by Teresa Wondercheck RN ESU#8 School Nurse

Busy parents and kids may have a tendency to skip sit-down meals together. But research shows family dinners are worth the planning and effort because eating together regularly has a host of benefits for children and parents. Studies show that the family hour is an important part of healthy living.

When families dine together, they tend to eat more vegetables and fruits—and fewer fried foods, soda, and foods with trans fats. When younger kids frequently eat dinner with their families, they are less likely to be overweight than other children. That tends to change in the teenage years, when they're less likely to eat at home.

"One of the simplest and most effective ways for parents to be engaged in their teens' lives is by having frequent family dinners," says Joseph Califano Jr., chairman and president of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. Eating dinner as a family helped kids in many ways. It helped them get better grades, and kept them away from cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana, and more.

Don't let this mission feel daunting! Even the simplest meals—like ordering pizzaqualify as family dinners. The goal is to get everyone to the dinner table and to spend quality time together. Also, no TV allowed, no phones answered! This is time for listening to each other, sharing the day's stories, and nurturing the family connection.

Source: WebMD

Science Department News

By Brett Miller

It has been an exciting year thus far and we have had some great projects going on. Looking forward to the rest of the year and the exciting things to come.

We are doing Trout in the Classroom, a collaboration project with the Nebraska Game and Parks. We were given close to 600 trout eggs to hatch and grow. The 7th grade class has really taken on that project and have been learning a ton of fun stuff. They are doing all of the water quality sample tests and keeping track of our eggs, now alevin, and soon to be fry and adult rainbow trout. This has been a great project for us and we are looking forward to our field trip later this spring to see a trout hatchery and hopefully release our trout.

The ISR students have been going strong on their projects as well and we are looking forward to competition time later in the spring. Several students will be competing in a couple science fairs hoping for prizes and scholarships.

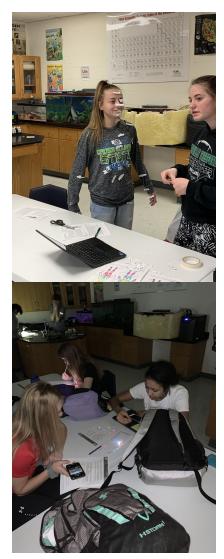
News from the Wood Shop

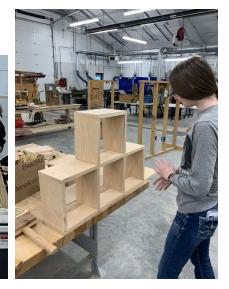
I am also teaching a woodshop class and have been enjoying that immensely. There are many projects under various stages of construction going on right now. We worked on a few smaller projects the first semester to get some basic principles down and all students are now doing more complex

projects. We range from pens and cutting boards to beds and tables and so much more.

I am looking forward to what the future holds for the woodshop classes and am excited for the direction we are headed.







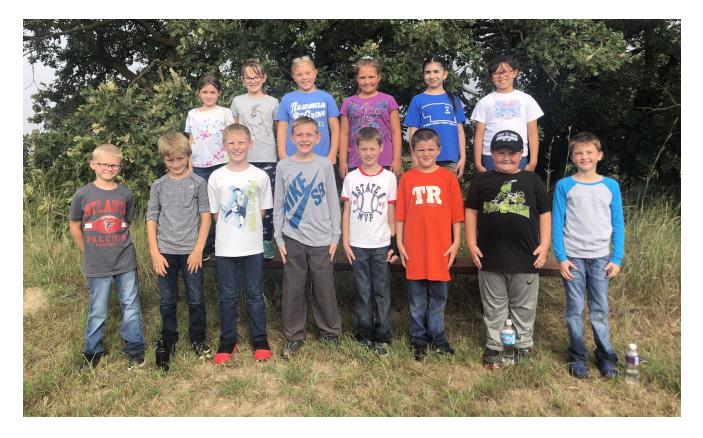
Third Grade Classroom

By Katie Stone

Wow! Where did the first semester go? Third grade kept very busy the first semester and is rocking and rolling into a busy second semester.

First semester third grade learned the concept of multiplication. Our focus now is daily practice of their multiplication facts with the hopes of memorizing their facts prior to 4th grade. In addition to multiplication, we briefly touched on division, graphs, and subtracting three-digit numbers. Second semester, we will focus mainly on fractions, work on subtracting three-digit numbers again, telling time, and measurement. All of these skills the students will see on their state test this spring.

Third grade is the first year that the kids will take the state test, NSCAS. They are tested in two areas: Math and English Language Arts (ELA). To prepare for the NSCAS ELA test we are focusing on text evidence answers, multiple genres, comprehension skills such as cause and effect, main idea, author's point of view, and compare and contrast during whole group reading. Soon we will begin preparing for the state test during small reading groups with educational games, Kahoot quizzes, and hands on activities to pump them up for the tests and help familiarize them with terminology they will see on the test like synonyms, prefixes/suffixes, onomatopoeia, similes, contractions, and multiple meaning words to name a few.



Reading books on grade level and earning points through taking Accelerated Reading (AR) quizzes is also something we work on daily. 2nd quarter we set goals, and if the kids were able to meet their AR goal they were rewarded with an hour of Coding! They loved it, and I know they are working hard again this quarter to meet their goals and will be rewarded for their hard work with another AR Party at the end of this quarter.

Writing has been another area of focus this year. We have been working on multiple styles of writing from writing a persuasive letter to Santa convincing him they should be on the nice list to a compare and contrast writing on the similarities and differences of the Charlotte's Web's book and movie. In addition, each student chose a state and wrote reports about their state, created a poster, and presented their state to the class. Soon we will begin reports on an important United States President.

History Department

By Rob Rose

The History department has really been busy this school year. We have had some things added to us with the LB399 to make sure that our students are more aware of the important days in history. We have had county government day in Madison and our seniors are getting ready to be able to vote this year in 2020.

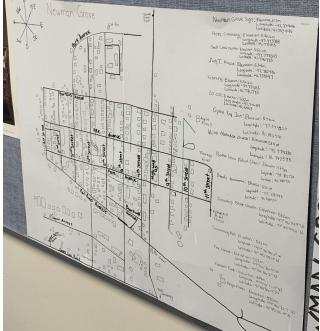
We have just got done doing a daily diary on a journey on the Oregon trail and then building a log cabin out of sticks. The kids really did a great job on this project.

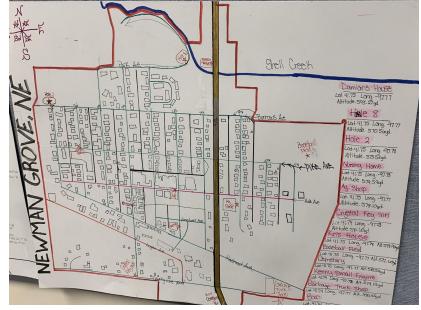




The English department and History are partnering up to do a project for Black History month, which will be used to cover many state standards for both classes. They will be doing many activities and projects in 4 different classes. They have to research them and present them in both classes.

The geography class was able to draw the town of Newman Grove and put the elevation of 10 different places around town. They are currently doing a project traveling to Africa. They will have to go to 5 places and 2 tourist places in each city. They have to keep track of the cost of travel round trip flights, places visited and places staying plus 3 meals a day. This will give them a better idea of the different costs if they plan to travel to other countries.







Madison Friedrich

Parents: Lisa Friedrich and Dan Friedrich Other Family Members: Taylor Senior Activities: Yearbook Favorite Pastime: Visiting family or walking my beloved dog. Plans After Graduation: Attend Northeast Community College to take my general education classes.



McKenna Haase

Parents: Tom and Nancy Haase Other Family Members: Jacob, Hannah, and Kevin Senior Activities: Volleyball, FFA, Shell Creek Watershed Favorite Pastime: Shopping Part-Time Employment: CNA Plans After Graduation: Attend Peru State College for Pre-Nursing

Logan Hodges

Parents: Gary and Lorie Hodges Other Family Members: Blake, Anthony Senior Activities: FFA, Basketball Favorite Pastime: Playing video games with the boys. Plans After Graduation: Attend Northeast Community College for Business Administration





PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization)

On Tuesday, February 18th we had about 150 participants in our Donuts with Dad.





We collected Coins for Kids from February 3rd - February 14th. Total for Coins for Kids was \$1520.44 1st place class was 1st Grade with \$313.74, 2nd place was PreK AM- \$285.71 &

3rd place was 3rd Grade-\$189.31. The winning class will receive a pizza party from either US92 (if they win over any other community/class that participated) or from Benson Ag. Pictured is the 1st Grade class with their teacher, Mrs. Gaspers and radio personality Jim from the Jim and Jenna morning show on US92.



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2019 Scholarship Recipients

Bluejay Foundation Scholarships Brady Sokol ~ \$500 Sarah Johnson ~ \$500

Jennevie (Froistad) O'Reilly Scholarship Dominik Cuevas ~ \$400 ~~~~

Muller Family Scholarship Tyson Haddix ~ \$1000 ~~~~ Pauline Engelka Scholarship

Gage Johnson ~ \$400

Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Tyson Haddix ~ \$400

Gearhart Foundation/NECC Scholarship Dominik Cuevas ~ \$1,350

> "Buddy" & Delores Gustafson Family Scholarship Dominik Cuevas ~ \$500

Matthew London Memorial Scholarship Brady Sokol ~ \$400

Bluejay/Community Foundation Career Scholarship Maddison Steffensmeier ~ \$1000

Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial Sarah Johnson ~ \$1000

Qualset Family Ag Scholarship Cheyenne Cleland ~ \$500 ~~~~

Kenneth & Caroline Eng Scholarship Brady Sokol ~ \$3000 Sarah Johnson ~ \$3000 Tyson Haddix ~ \$3000 ~~~~

Newman Grove Senior Center Cheyenne Cleland ~ \$500 Maddison Steffensmeier ~ \$500 Sarah Johnson ~ \$500

R. Craig Nelsen Memorial Scholarship Cheyenne Cleland ~ \$500

Gary Duhachek Memorial Scholarship Tyson Haddix ~ \$500

Donavon T. & Ruth Nelson Scholarship Maddison Steffensmeier ~ \$500

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OTHER GIFTS/REVENUE

Donations/Memorials to the Scholarship Funds by Friends/Family

Lindsay Manufacturing

NG Kids First

Memorabilia Sales

Fundraisers: Proceeds from Raffle \$1965

Funds Spent

Scholarship Payments: \$21,600 College Tuition/Books: \$758.12 Appreciation Plaque: Danny Patzel: \$45.42 Dues: \$33.00



HISTORY BLUEJAY FOUNDATION

The Bluejay Foundation was established in January, 1991 as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation. The Foundation's goal is to provide a source for scholarships and other educational programs above and beyond those provided by the regular tax-supported academic programs of Newman Grove Schools.

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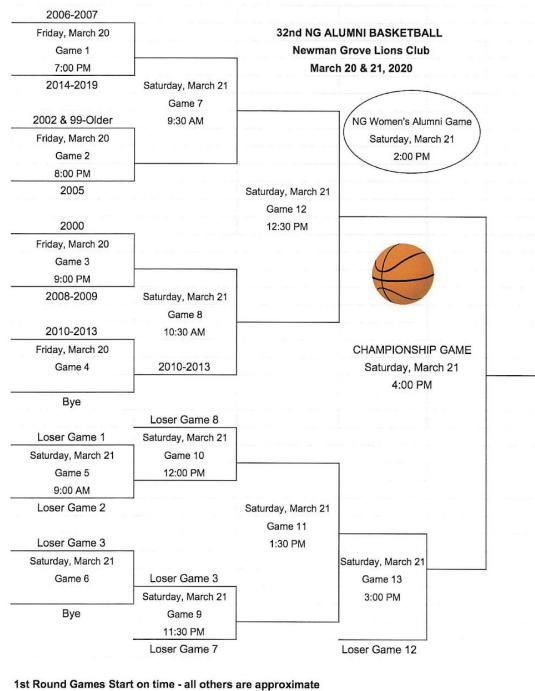
My gift is as follows:

Scholarships: Classroom Equipment:\$ Capital Improvements: \$ Other (specify) \$

Name:

Address: _____

Ph #: _____



Concessions will be	Admission:	Alumni Players	\$6
provided by Newman Huske	Adults	\$6	
Friday 7 - 9 PM (Approx.)		K-12 Students	\$1
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	(Approx.)	Preschool	FREE

BC/NG 8th Grade Boys Basketball

BCNG vs. Columbus Lakeview 2/3/2020

8th Grade B team

This was a close game against Lakeview but in the end we just didn't hit the shots we needed to make. Our defense is doing all right but on offense we have to get better at scoring the basketball. We are getting better at moving the ball and keeping our spacing and hopefully that will allow us to get good shots.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	3	6	3	11	23
Lakeview	5	7	9	7	28

Scorers: Thane Hardwick 1, Keaton Hunt 12, Luke Curry 2, Robbie Miller 4, Nathanieal Werner 4

8th Grade A team

We came out strong again working our press. This allowed us to get many quick scoring opportunities. We got a good lead early in the game. Once we took the press off it allows us to work on our half court offense. This is the area we really need to work on to create good shots in the half court offense. When we keep good spacing and work the ball around we get good shots. We must continue to work on shooting form and technique so we can get those shots in the basket.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	17	8	13	2	40
Lakeview	2	3	4	12	21

Scorers: Parker Borer 1, Brant Benes 11, Austin Wiese 3, Kolton Rasmussen 9, Isaiah Miller 3, Jaxon Lipker 4, Trent Patzel 9

BCNG vs. Fullerton 2/6/2020

The 8th grade team got off to a great start against Fullerton. The press created many turnovers, which led to quick scores. We did a good job of finding the open man in transition. We were able to get the ball inside and that led to some great looks for the team. We did struggle throughout the game in converting shots inside the paint. We got great looks but had more misses than we would have liked. The team has improved all season and now that we are in the final two weeks of the season we want to finish strong.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4^{th}	Final
BCNG	15	11	8	8	42
Fullerton	2	7	3	3	15
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Scorers: Parker Borer 6, Brant Benes 2, Austin Wiese 4, Kolton Rasmussen 2, James Fogleman 2, Jaxon Lipker 10, Trent Patzel 14, Nathanieal Werner 2

We played one extra quarter against Fullerton. We were able to pull that out in a close contest 5 to 2.

Scorers: Kadin Scheffler 2, Cory Jochem 3

BCNG vs. Central City 2/10/2020

The 8th grade had their 1st real test of the season against Central City. Central City had a good player and he out played our team the first half scoring 15 of Central City's 19 points. We were down two at the half and made some adjustments that kept him in check the second half. The team really played hard on defense helping each other out and not giving CC many good looks. We moved the ball well on offense and it was great to see us execute the pick and roll to perfection a few times.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	10	7	16	7	40
CC	11	8	4	4	27

Scorers: Parker Borer 6, Brant Benes 9, James Fogleman 3, Ben Reilly 6, Jaxon Lipker 4, Trent Patzel 12

We played an extra quarter with the 8th grade team against Central City. The team was able to get a 12 to 8 win. It was good to get some extra playing time for the team. Scorers: Cory Jochem 2, Robbie Miller 6, Nathanieal Werner 4

BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/17/2020

The 8th grade team improved their record to 9-0 after a good performance against O'Neill. We got off to a good start against O'Neill creating turnovers and scoring off of them. Our defense has improved this season and teams often have difficulty getting off open shots. We still need to continue to work on our shooting in the paint. Those shots are often contested and we miss some very good looks at times. We only have the tournament left and we want to finish the season with a good performance.

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Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	18	18	8	7	51
O'Neill	6	8	5	8	27

Scorers: Parker Borer 8, Brant Benes 5, Kolton Rasmussen 4, James Fogleman 4, Ben Reilly 10, Jaxon Lipker 6, Trent Patzel 4, Thane Hardwick 2, Keaton Hunt 2, Isaiah Miller 2, Caden Stokes 2, Josh Erickson 2

We also played an extra quarter against O'Neill. It finished in a 6-6 tie. Scorers: Nathanieal Werner 4, Luke Curry 2

BCNG3 vs. Madison 2/22/2020

8th Grade – Bracket 2 tournament

The BCNG3 team played their first round tournament game against Madison. The team got off to a good start and were able to keep Madison from getting easy scores. We had some struggles on the offensive end but found ways to play good defense throughout the game.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	13	4	6	13	36
Madison	4	4	2	4	14

Scorers: Thane Hardwick 6, Keaton Hunt 9, Jose Luna 2, Luke Curry 3, Kadin Scheffler 2, Robbie Miller 8, Nathanieal Werner 6

BCNG3 vs. Battle Creek

The BCNG3 team got off to a slow start against Battle Creek. We played from behind the whole game. We finally made a run in the fourth quarter and tied the score but missed a couple of opportunities and lost by 4. The boys made a good comeback and it was almost enough.

Score:	1 st	2 ^{na}	3 ^{ra}	4 ^m	Final	
BCNG	1	8	3	10	22	
BC	9	7	2	8	26	
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Scorers: Thane Hardwick 6, Keaton Hunt 13, Robbie Miller 1, Nathanieal Werner 2

BCNG1 vs. Elkhorn Valley 2/22/2020

8th Grade – Bracket 1 tournament

The BCNG1 team got off to a fantastic start against Elkhorn Valley. Our pressure defense created many turnovers and we converted them into scores. We played good defense throughout the game and it really limited EV's chances to score. It was great to see everyone getting into the scoring column this game.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	22	9	12	7	50
EV	1	0	2	5	8

Scorers: Parker Borer 12, Brant Benes 4, Austin Wiese 6, Kolton Rasmussen 2, Isaiah Miller 2, James Fogleman 4, Caden Stokes 2, Ben Reilly 6, Jaxon Lipker 4, Trent Patzel 8

BCNG1 vs. Ord

8th Grade – Bracket 1 tournament

We got off to a good start against Ord. Our press created turnovers and we got some easy baskets. We just stopped making baskets in the second quarter. We still got good shots but couldn't convert them into baskets. We had some of the same struggles in the 3rd quarter. We got the shots but couldn't convert them. In the 4th quarter we finally found our range and started making baskets. Our defense kept Ord from scoring much so even when we weren't scoring Ord wasn't either.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
BCNG	12	0	6	26	44
Ord	2	8	4	8	22

Scorers: Parker Borer 2, Brant Benes 2, Kolton Rasmussen 3, James Fogleman 18, Ben Reilly 2, Jaxon Lipker 2, Trent Patzel 15



BC/NG 7th Grade Boys Basketball

BCNG vs. Columbus Lakeview 2/3/2020

7th Grade B Team

The young Cards played host to Columbus Lakeview and were able to play 4 games. The 7th grade B team really came out and played good defense and were able to get some steals and easy shots. The boys did a nice job of moving the ball on offense and cutting into the paint and taking good shots. Keep up the good work boys.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Lakeview	1	0	0	1	2
Boone Central	8	8	6	10	32

Scorers: Preston Trollope 5, Nolan Kruse 4, Kyler Buck 7, Gage Evans 10, Zander Jarecki 4, Ethan Thompson 2

7th Grade A Team

The 7A game was a great game for the fans to watch. The boys were down after the 1st period and Lakeview was able to extend the lead in the second quarter but the boys were able to fight their way back with hard defense and great ball movement. In the 3rd quarter, the defense really picked up and caused many problems for Lakeview. This was a great win for the boys. Let's keep getting better.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Lakeview	11	11	6	6	34
Boone Central	8	12	13	4	37
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Scorers: Cole Lyon 2, Jarrett Rother 11, Thomas Roberts 4, Connor Christo 13, Carter Beister 3, Dalton Young 4

BCNG vs. Fullerton 2/6/2020

Well the young Cards traveled to Fullerton and played a great game. The boys started out really slow. The boys were not able to score in the first quarter but then started to come on in the next three quarters. The boys played really well even being sick and not feeling well. Let's keep playing hard and getting better.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
Fullerton	6	4	10	7	27
Boone Central	0	7	15	7	29

Scorers: Jarret Rother 4, Thomas Roberts 3, Logan Spence 5, Connor Christo 7, Kyler Buck 2, Jude Spann 6

BCNG vs. Central City 2/10/2020

The young Cards traveled to Central City to take on the Bison. They started well but then had another quarter where we did not get the ball in the basket. We played pretty good defense especially in the second half. Keep working boys.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4^{th}	Final
Central City	3	5	2	3	13
Boone Central	10	1	10	7	28
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Scorers: Jarret Rother 7, Nolan Kruse 2, Thomas Roberts 8, Connor Christo 6, Jude Spann 4, Ethan Thompson 1

BCNG vs. O'Neill 2/17/2020

The young Cards traveled to O'Neill for the last regular season game of the 2020 season. The Cards started out strong and finally put a complete game together on this night.

The Cards played good defense and really worked the ball around on offense and were able to get some nice shots. We still have quite a few things to work on but we have shown some good improvement this season.

Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4^{th}	Final	
O'Neill	7	5	1	4	17	
Boone Central	12	15	11	17	55	
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Scorers: Cole Lyons 4, Jarrett Rother 9, Logan Spence 3, Connor Christo 17, Kyler Buck 4, Carter Beister 4, Jackson Boyd 2, Jude Spann 6, Dalton Young 2, Ethan Young 4

We were able to play a 10 min running clock at half time to get some more playing time for all the kids. The boys did a nice job on defense and were able to get some easy baskets because of their defense. The Cards did well passing the ball to the open person. Good Job keep up the hard work.

O'Neill	6	
Boone Central	17	
Scorers: Nolan Kruse 4,	Kyler Buck 9,	Jackson Boyd 2, Zander Jarecki 2

BCNG2 vs. Elkhorn Valley 2/22/2020

7th Grade – Bracket 2 tournament

The young Cards finished the season at the Boone Central Junior High Tournament over the weekend. They finished it in winning both games pretty handy and with great teamwork both on offense but also defense. The Cards had a great season finishing the season 10-1 on the season. The B team finished their season 5-1 and really improved as the season went on. Now the real work begins for them the next 44 weeks to get better in the off season. Good job boys. Great season. The Cards played Tilden the first game and then Battle Creek in the Finals.

Score:	1 st	2 ^{na}	3 ^{ra}	4 ^m	Final
Tilden	7	2	9	7	25
Boone Central	10	15	2	13	40
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Scorers: Cole Lyon 1, Jarret Rother 7, Nolan Kruse 2, Connor Christo 12, Carter Beister 3, Jude Spann 5, Gage Evans 2, Zander Jarecki 2, Dalton Young 3, Ethan Thompson 3

		BCNG2 vs. Battle Creek				
		7 th Grade – Bracket 2 tournament				
Score:	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final	
Battle Creek	4	2	4	2	12	
Boone Central	19	16	12	8	55	

Scorers: Cole Lyon 2, Jarret Rother 4, Nolan Kruse 4, Logan Spence 3, Connor Christo 16,

Kyler Buck 3, Carter Beister 4, Jackson Boyd 6, Jude Spann 4, Dalton Young 7, Ethan Thompson 2



Boone Central/Newman Grove Varsity Girls Basketball

By Andy Imus

We dropped to Norfolk Catholic by the score of 47–35. They are very talented and athletic. They jumped out to a 9–0 run to start the game and we just struggled to recover from it. Their press also caused us some fits to start the game and we had some turnovers. Frustrating in the fact that we worked on our press breaker all week knowing what we had coming at us, but we just could not handle it. Scoring 2 points in a quarter also doesn't do you any favors – even though our defense held them to 4 points. The Knights led 18–10 at halftime. Norfolk Catholic's Neesen got going in the 3rd quarter scoring off a 4 point play right away and finishing the quarter with 13 points. We lost her a couple of times and she's the type of player that will make you pay if you don't guard her. We needed to have more urgency to begin the 3rd quarter and we did not have the fight the Knights had and their lead was too much to overcome in the defeat. Our girls kept battling and had it down to 28–37 after falling behind 18–29 – but the deficit was too much to overcome. We need to understand the focus and effort it takes from the get go.

28 turnovers were costly in a 44–31 defeat to Battle Creek. Another frustrating game where we focused on valuing the ball and stressed making smart plays with the ball, but we ended up with 28 turnovers. We had a great 4–0 start to the game but Battle Creek switched to their 2–3 zone and we had a hard time cracking it. Another second quarter where we couldn't score the ball – 4pts vs BC's 11 – really made the difference in the game. We were down 20–10 at halftime. We probably settled too much on the 3 point shot and didn't do a very good job of reversing the ball and getting their defense to move. They really keyed in on taking away any dribble drive and ultimately took away from us being aggressive. The 3rd quarter we shot the ball much better and outscored BC 11–7 for a 27–21 BC lead to start the 4th quarter. We shot the ball better in the 3rd, but again 9 turnovers proved costly. We had it to 23–28 before BC went on a 10–4 run in the middle of the 4th quarter to put us away. Again, we do some great things defensively but our focus has been improving on our offensive end here lately and we are not seeing much carry over from practice to game. We need to make smarter decisions with the ball and not force things – let the game come to us. We need to take smarter shots as well and not always settle for a three point attempt off 1 or 2 passes. A game where we can keep learning and growing from.

We opened against a tough Wayne team to start the Mid-State Conference. We won a close battle 51-49. This game concerned me with the fact that Wayne has 2 great guards in the Klausen sisters who can both shoot it and get to the rim along with the fact of having a 6'2 post player who can dominate the blocks. They also had a starter play who did not play against us prior and another guard first off the bench who did not play against us the first time. Compound the fact this was our third game in three days vs Wayne's second game of the week - we had some adversity to face. Again, we started to settle in the first guarter for launching threes instead of attacking the paint and we did not have cutters against their backside of their 1-3-1 zone. The girls started to get a better idea of cutting in the open areas of the zone and we did some good things once we had better ball movement. Wayne took a 9-7 first guarter lead. They really tried to establish their 6'2 post in the first half as she scored 9 first half points and had us in foul trouble. A Boone Central 7/8 FT in the second quarter saw the halftime score 26-24 Wayne in the lead. In the 3rd guarter we had good looks but struggled hitting shots in a 4/17 shooting effort - Wayne took a 34-28 lead. We had good looks, but just couldn't get a shot to fall - our girls continued to fight and battle. I told them after the game that we could have folded being down 6 in the 3rd guarter - facing some adversity - but they just grinded away for a 35-35 tie to start the 4th guarter. Ashtyn hit a 3 in the 4th, Lauren had a steal and bucket and Alicia Weeder scored 4 pts in the 4th to help pull away for a 48-40 BC lead. 5/6 from the FT line helped seal the deal - Claire Choat hit 1/2 for our 3 point lead and a Wayne 3 was short for the win. I thought Macy Rankin came off the bench and did some really good things for us -8pts, 10rebs - against their good post player. The younger girls stepped up and helped provide a spark in the 4th quarter. A good win after 2 tough games.

We lost in the first round to GACC 59–26. Our shooting woes continued as we shot 17.5% from the field and 1/21 from 3 point area. An 11–1 GACC lead after the first quarter gave them all the momentum throughout the game. Disappointing in the fact that we stressed limiting GACC offensive rebounds and we gave up 2 on their very first possession – we turned and looked for the ball instead of making contact with a body and then rebounding. GACC lead 26–9 at the half – we struggled to score inside against their zone. Our guard play needs to do a better job of understanding how and when to get post feeds as we missed some opportunities down low in the first half when we had some 1 vs 1 isolation. We also had 16 first half turnovers and you will not beat a good team when you can't take care of the ball. We made some careless passes – and need to do a better job. Give GACC credit, they are a top team not only in our conference but in class C2. The second half fatigue set in, but I am proud of the way our girls kept competing and showing great effort. This was our 4th game in 5 days and tired legs started to set in the middle of the 3rd quarter. A game that we need to move on from as we are moving closer to sub district time. We can't allow poor play, careless mistakes and miscues to beat us twice – learn and move on.

We played O'Neill and lost 48-40 in conference play. We took a 10-6 lead in the first quarter. led by Lauren Hedlunds 8 points. We did a nice job defensively of forcing them to a side and not allowing many ball reversals. We had a 10-2 lead and just could not expand that to double digits and a 4-0 O'Neill run closed the gap before the end of the guarter. The second guarter we had a 21-13 lead again, just could not push it farther to gain momentum. Lauren scored 6 points in the second and Macy Rankin did a nice job in the post scoring 4 points - our guards did a better job of knowing the next pass when Macy established position - and she finished. Defensively - we did a fine job holding a team to 18 points that is capable of putting points on the board - leading 23-18 at halftime. We maintained a lead in the 3rd guarter - as much as 31-25 but had difficulty keeping O'Neill off the free throw line - 7/7 in the 3rd guarter. We gave up 8 offensive rebounds in the 3rd so some of that was our girls out of position and some of it was careless fouls not moving our feet or reaching in. We want our girls to play aggressive defense - just play smart - we had 8 fouls in the 3rd quarter putting O'Neill in the bonus the whole 4th quarter. We took a 31-29 lead going into the 4th. Our girls continued to do well defensively - we did a good job of continuing to force them to the left side of the court and had decent ball pressure - we just need to do a better job of boxing them out. The 4th guarter #4 Eichelberger hit a 3 pointer to put them in the lead 32-31 but two Lauren Hedlund free throws put Boone Central back up 33-32. The turning point of the game was an 8-0 O'Neill run to take a 40-33 lead - led by 2 Young free throws and back to back 3 pointers by Schluns and Eichelberger. O'Neill capitalized from the free throw line - 8/13 in the end to win the game. We gave up 19 offensive rebounds a focus we talked about prior to the game - the girls need to do a better job of getting proper position and show better fight to win the rebounding game. We also had some turnovers that slowed down some momentum offensively. These girls continue to bring great effort to games and practices - we just need to find ways to correct some small things to finish these games off with a win. Consistency will continue to be a theme going forward and we have a little over a week to get things fine tuned and back on track before sub districts.

We lost to a top five class B team in Northwest 68–40. They shot 72% from 2FG and 38% from 3FG for a 65% clip from the field. We did a decent job on both ends of the floor – just ran into a quality team. We were down 29–17 at half – with a Claire Choat three pointer at the buzzer. They really established themselves in the paint – scoring 32 points #14 Caspersen had 17pts – all in the paint and was a really difficult matchup for vs. Whitney Brown – a Husker walk on – really gives them a dimension we don't see very often – she creates well, can shoot from the outside, and has a great IQ for the game – she really was a tough player. Our girls continued to battle and compete all four quarters. Did a good job of taking care of the ball (11TO's), but need to do a better job of getting back in transition and getting out on shooters. I liked our effort all four quarters and it was a game where we can get better from.

A back and forth battle with a scrappy Stanton team – two Lauren Hedlund free throws put us on top 48–47. Stanton really shot the ball well – 65% from the field and really played well offensively. We struggled getting pressure on them in our zone press in the first half and switched up to some 1–3–1 zone. The girls were down 26–34 at one point in the 3rd quarter but battled back to a 33–38 score after three

quarters. The fourth quarter we finally did some good things in our press – especially our second level players – Natalee and Ashtyn – in their rotations. Our first level did a better job of putting pressure on their guards and we sped them up and forced some turnovers. A 33–40 Boone deficit in the fourth our girls could have folded but they kept competing and battling. We were able to hit some free throws and get out press going in the final quarter. A 13–2 Boone run in the middle of the 4th quarter proved to be the difference. We had good energy in our press and the difference was we converted their turnovers into points – something we struggled with the first three quarters. Lauren had 16pts, Natalee 9pts, Ashtyn 6pts and Macy did a good job scoring 6pts. The girls competed and really clamped down defensively in the 4th quarter to get a gutsy win. Provd for the girls and the way they found a way to win.

We opened sub district play vs a talented Scotus team. We knew it'd be a tough rematch as Scotus plays a difficult schedule and they have some athletes. We had a good start and led 7-4 after the first quarter. We shot 3/3 2FG and had good ball movement – Lauren scored 5 and Natalee 2 in the 1st quarter. Our defense held them 2/11 shooting and we had great effort in our full court man to man defense. The 2nd quarter we scored 10 – led by Ashtyn Hedlund's 2 3 pointers and Scotus scored 8 for a 17-12 BCNG lead at halftime. Again, offensively we had good ball movement side to side and Ashtyn hit some 3's- answering 24 Buhman from Scotus' 3's which were big and keeping Scotus from gaining any momentum. The start of the 3rd quarter Scotus ran their 3/4 court 1-2-2 press and our first couple possessions we threw the ball away and just couldn't sustain any offensive flow after we'd break their pressure. Scotus scored 6 points off our turnovers and a key 3 pointer by Chohon before the end of the third to tie 25-25 really gave them some momentum going into the 4th quarter. We got to ball watching

and didn't stay disciplined defensively and they made us pay with some open looks - against a quality team any small defensive breakdown they'll capitalize and that's what Scotus did. A 16-7 Scotus 4th guarter sealed the win for them 41-32. We gave up 10 offensive rebounds - 5 in the 4th guarter which really hurt our chances of winning the game - we had girls in position - they just didn't hold their check out. Frustrating knowing that'd be a big difference in the game and something we talked about quite a bit because we limited them to 2 offensive rebounds the first time we played which won the game for us. Scotus also hit their free throws down the stretch 12/18 in the 4th. Our girls had great effort - just as they did every day whether it be practice or games - and we really appreciate what they did everyday. Their attitudes and effort never wavered at any point in the season - and compounded with a difficult schedule - I was really impressed with how the girls handled the season. We had some very close games - ones we led in the 4th guarter - that hopefully our young girls and returners can see just how close they are to being a very good team. We appreciate what our seniors -Lauren (program leading scorer) and Natalee (huge improvement this season) did to help shape our culture and program the last 4 years. We have quite a bit returning next season and are excited to get back to it this summer.

Pictured is Mara Ranslem. She is a freshman that played varsity from Newman Grove.



Newman Grove School Breakfast/Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 2 Cherry Frugel <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Cinnamon Applesauce	March 3 Cini Minis <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peaches/Dinner Roll	March 4 Mini Chocolate Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Corn/Pears	March 5 Banana Bread <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chili Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges	March 6 Apple Turnover <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Alfredo Garlic Bread Carrots & Peas Tropical Fruit
March 9 Mini Pancakes <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Popcorn Chicken Peas Pineapple	March 10 Breakfast Burrito <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Cheeseburger Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail	March 11 Long John <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pepperoni Pizza Carrots Pears	March 12 Cereal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Beef Soft Shell Taco Spanish Rice Mandarin Oranges	March 13 NO SCHOOL
March 16 Mini French Toast <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Mini Corndogs Peas Tropical Fruit	March 17 Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Ham Sub Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	March 18 Cinnamon Twist <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Walking Taco Fiesta Beans Pineapple	March 19 Breakfast Pizza <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pulled Pork Sandwich Carrots Pears	March 20 Mini Powdered Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pancakes Egg/Cheese Omelet Peaches
March 23 French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Flying Saucers* Carrots Tropical Fruit Cookie	March 24 Blueberry Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Grilled Chicken Sandwich Peas Orange Slices	March 25 Mini Strawberry Pancakes <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> HS-Crispitos w/Cheese Ele-Popcorn Chicken Corn Applesauce	March 26 Apple Churro <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Spaghetti w/Meatballs Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Pears	March 27 Cinnamon Roll <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Cheese Pizza Green Beans Peaches
March 30 Mini Cinnamon Donuts <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Fruit Cocktail	March 31 Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hamburger Gravy w/ Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll/Peas Pineapple			

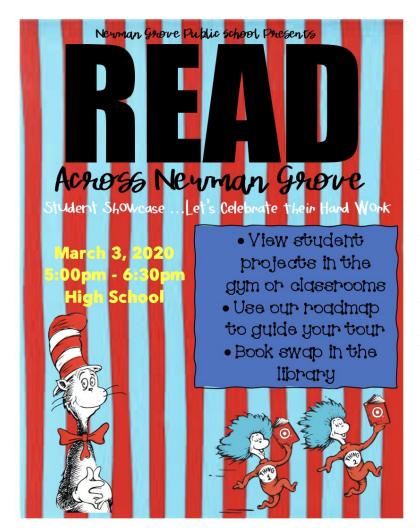
(A variety of low fat & fat free milks offered daily with each meal salad bar available to 7-12 grade)



(menus are subject to change without notice)

Newman Grove

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
1	2 Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) Start of Spring Practice Wayne State HS Art Day	3 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 7:15am: CILT Meeting 4:00pm: Destination Imagination TBD NHS Meeting (lunch) Reading Fair	4 Prom Meeting (lunch) Riverside Speech Meet District CDE @ CCC	5 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 3:00pm: Elementary Rockin' Rally GBB: State Tournament HAL (After School)	6 4:30pm: INSIGHTS Parents Mtg (Library) ACT Test Registration Deadline End of 3rd Quarter Senior Careers Class (Per 3) GBB: State Tournament Author Stacy Miller - Reading to Students	GBB: State Tournament
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) Elgin Speech Meet 9th Grade Career Day (NECC) 7:30pm: Board of Ed Mtg	10 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:00pm: Destination Imagination TBD	11 Student Council Meeting (lunch)	12 6:30am: Dance Team Practice Prom Meeting (lunch) BBB: State Tournament HAL (After School)	13 No School PK-12 BBB: State Tournament	1 BBB: State Tournament
15	16 Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) Senior Class Mtg (lunch) 7:00pm: PTO Meeting 7:00pm: FFA Meeting	17 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:00pm: Destination Imagination TBD Prom Meeting (lunch) District Speech @ Clarkson	18 NECC Scholastic Contest and Quiz Bowl	19 6:30am: Dance Team Practice Prom Meeting (lunch) HAL (After School) 7:30pm: NHS Induction Ceremony	20 2:00pm: Spring Rally (@ Boone Central) 4:30pm: INSIGHTS Parents Mtg (Library) Alumni Basketball - Gym in Use (Fri 3:30- Sat 7:00) Prom Decorating (Jr Class) Post Prom - Old Gym In Use Northeast Regional Science Fair (Wayne)	2 Alumni Basketball - Gym in Use (Fri 3:30- Sat 7:00) Prom TR: Wayne TBA Post Prom - Old Gym In Use 7:00pm: Post Prom - Set Up (gym)
22 Post Prom - Old Gym In Use 3:00pm: Daddy/Daught Date Night - Cafeteria	23 Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong)	24 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:00pm: Destination Imagination TBD 7:00pm: K-12 Spring Music Program	25	26 6:30am: Dance Team Practice FBLA Meeting (lunch) State Speech HAL (After School)	27 GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City) (after school) State Speech	2 DI State Competition (Kearney) GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City)
29 GNSEF Science Fair (Nebr City)	30 Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) State FBLA Convention (Kearney)	31 6:30am: Dance Team Practice 3:30pm: TR: Triangular (@ Madison) State FBLA Convention (Kearney)	1	2	3	



MISSION STATEMENT

Newman Grove Public School District is committed to providing a safe environment where all students can develop academically. Students will be provided opportunities to acquire skills needed to accomplish their goals and to develop their potential as life-long learners, which will allow students to participate in and contribute to society.

WINTER SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following radio and television stations will be contacted should it become necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather:

Television: Channel 8 or Channel 10/11 (Lincoln)

Website: <u>www.newman.esu8.org</u>

Radio:	94 Rock (94.7 FM)	US92 (92.7 FM)
	WJAG (780 AM)	KEXL (106.7 FM)
	KZEN (100 FM)	KKOT (93.5 FM)
	KLIR (101 FM)	KJSK (900 AM)
	KTTT (1510 AM)	KPNO (90.5 FM)

NOTE: Newman Grove Preschool will follow the K-12 weather related time changes.

Late Start-NO MORNING

Early Out-NO AFTERNOON

Cancelled Preschool will be made up on a Friday.