

Bluejay Bulletin

Where it is always a great day to be a Bluejay!

ACT record board

Newman Grove Schools has a record board promoting ACT scores higher than a 27.

Kirsten Milam, a member of the class of 2020, has been added to the record board.

The ACT test score is an indication of how well prepared students are for college. The higher the score, the better the preparation and, with that, more scholarships become available.

The highest one can score on the ACT is a 36. The school has a list of all those who have achieved the goal of 27 or higher as far back as records go, have compiled them, and are available to look at.

Names of those from 2010 to present are placed on the board and those who earn the honor can personally place their name on the board.



Newman Grove graduate Kirsten Milam inserting her name on the record board.

Nebraska School Board of Education Recognition Week is January 31 - February 6

NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOLS WOULD LIKE TO THANK
OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Jeanie McCloud (10 years)
Scott Nelson (8 years)
Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen (4 years)

John Krueger (10 years)
Becky Wallin (4 years)
Eric Stone (New)

FOR ALL THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL
RUN SMOOTHLY!

If you see these people around town, please take the time to thank them
for their service to the School District.

Newman Grove PTO

Pictured is the 1st grade, winning class for collecting the most items for the Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home in December.





Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break, is well rested, and ready to get back into a routine.

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 17th from 4:00-8:00 pm. For 2nd semester conferences we will be scheduling times for our K-6th grade students. Parents you will be receiving this information in the mail.

CILT

Continuous Improvement Leadership Team (CILT) is our school improvement team. We meet monthly to review academic data, review the instructional practices that are being implemented in our classrooms, and create a plan for driving the district forward with the interest of our students in mind.

We are currently in year 3 of our 5 year cycle.

Five Year Plan

- 1-(2018-2019) Select new school improvement goal
- 2-(2019-2020) Implement strategies to support goal
- 3-(2020-2021) document, collect data
- 4-(2021-2022) ** Set up dates with ESU for work/data day
- 5-(2022-2023) External Review

District Goals for our Continuous Improvement Process

NGPS will increase the number of students showing growth on state and district Math assessments.

NGPS will increase the number of students showing growth on state and district ELA assessments.

What This Looks Like

- Using assessment data to drive instruction
 - Acadience Math: grades K-6
 - Acadience Reading: grades K-6
 - MAP Assessment: grades 3-11
 - GORT: grades 1-9
 - NSCAS: grades 3-8
 - NSCAS ACT: 11th grade
- Weekly data meetings to review K-6 progress
- WIN (What I Need) time in all K-6 classrooms
- Data Dive with K-12 staff to review all assessments

Math and reading are skills needed to be successful as a lifelong learner and a productive member of a community. We care deeply about helping our students set goals and make a career plan in an area that interests them.

If you have any questions or suggestions about our school improvement plan please contact me.

Mrs. Forre

Board of Education Meeting January 11, 2021

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Jeanie McCloud, Scott Nelson, John Krueger, Becky Wallin, and Ryan Chilson. Member Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen was absent. Others in attendance: Superintendent Shalikow, Principal Forre, Assistant Principal Sauser, Christie Wallin, Theresa Schmedding, Tim Rossow, Eric Stone, Eric Albers, Shelley Dunlap, Aaron Saldana and Bethany Borgheiinck.
- The Open Meetings Act was announced and posted in the room.
- The agenda was approved as published.
- Minutes of the December 14th meeting were approved as printed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., with a Bluejay Foundation meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Eric Albers presented his new curriculum to the board on physical education and health. Mr. Braxton Staack was not able to attend the meeting, but had his curriculum report available for review by the board. Mrs. Shelley Dunlap presented her report to the board and thanked them for the new building, support during Covid, in-person education, and up-to-date technology at Newman Grove School.
- Guidance Counselor Ms. Theresa Schmedding and Activity Director Mr. Tim Rossow gave their monthly report to the board.
- Principal Mrs. Erin Forre presented her principal's report to the board.
- The superintendent's report was presented to the board by Superintendent Mr. Mikal Shalikow.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$256,351.85 (General Fund); \$1,390.00 (Depreciation Fund); and \$112,634.60 (Building Fund).
- A motion to adjourn sine die was passed.
- Superintendent Shalikow reopens the meeting by thanking Ryan Chilson for his 4 years of service as a board of education member to the Newman Grove Public Schools.
- Oath of office was administered to new member Eric Stone at 7:45 p.m.
- 2021 officers were elected: Jeanie McCloud-President; Scott Nelson-Vice President; John Krueger-Treasurer; Becky Wallin-Secretary.
- Christie Wallin was appointed Recording Secretary; Albion News and Norfolk Daily News were appointed newspapers of record; the Bank of Newman Grove was appointed as financial institution; and appointed committee members as presented.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Did You Know? School Board Trivia

- 9 of the 49 current State Senators served on their local school board
- U.S. Senator Deb Fischer was President of NASB in 1998 and served on the Board of Directors from 1994-2000
- 58% of school board members have school-aged children in K-12
- 68% of board members in Nebraska are between the ages of 36 and 55
- 5% of board members are under the age of 35
- 8% of board members are over the age of 65
- 64% of board members have served between 1 to 8 years
- 4% of Nebraska's 1,700 school board members have served their board for more than 20 years
- On average, a school board in Nebraska is 30% female and 70% male
- 9% of Nebraska's school boards are served by a female majority
- 8% of Nebraska's school boards are all male

Congratulations to:

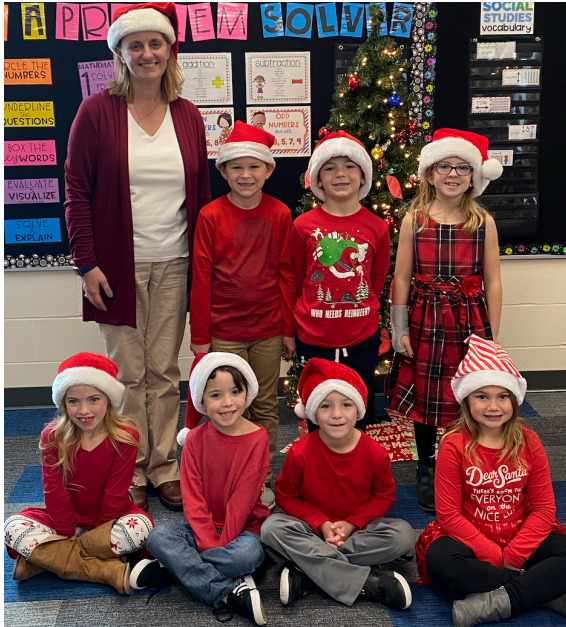


- Emma Montoya and Brooke Milam for earning Academic All-State for One-Act Play.
- Brooke Forre is last month's Bluejay Way contest winner from the kitchen.
- Quiz Bowl team of Morgann Johnson, Brooke Milam, and Darren Petersen on their win over Plainview in the first round of the Big Red Country KTCH Quiz Bowl.



Hello from First Grade

We made the big move and we are LOVING our new school, but we were sad to see our old building full of memories go. We cannot wait for the community to see our classroom and school. First grade has been working hard on our writings, expanding our sentences, and putting them into a paragraph. Hopefully you will be able to come see our animal wax museum in May. We are working on mastering our addition and subtraction flash cards and we are doing an awesome job! We get to throw 2 water balloons at Mrs. Gaspers if we master both sets. We celebrated Holidays Around the World throughout December. We traveled to China, Sweden, England, France, Australia, Germany, Italy, Canada, Mexico, and the United States. We even studied Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Diwali. We enjoyed writing letters to our Halloween friends, Thanksgiving friends, to our pen pals in Newman Grove Nursing Home, & Santa.



811 Call Before You Dig

The 5th Grade class in Newman Grove was recognized as a class winner for the “811 Call Before you Dig” coloring contest. Five of these posters were selected to be used in the resource’s calendar. Students were directed to create a poster that would communicate to those thinking about digging to be sure and contact 811 for assistance, mark land with the appropriately colored flags, and prevent disasters from happening. The students became very knowledgeable about what the different colored flags represent and how they might be able to identify if someone has indeed called and have things marked.

The contest was held in the spring of 2020. However, due to Covid-19, an organized zoom call and awards were given this fall. From this honor, the students have received a plaque, various goodies, as well as a tree and bench for our school. The location of the tree and branch are yet to be determined.



First Semester Honor Roll

High Distinction (All A-4.0)

Grade 8 - Brooke Forre, Zander Jarecki.

Grade 9 - Trenton Patzel, Austin Wiese.

Grade 10 - Brooke Milam, Darren Petersen, Mara Ranslem.

Grade 12 - Emma Montoya.

Distinction (Average Greater than or equal to 3.50)

Grade 7 - Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Keira Voelker.

Grade 8 - Aleeya Morris, Colton Wissenburg.

Grade 9 - Giles Deeder, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez.

Grade 10 - David Miller, Autumn Patzel.

Grade 11 - Jayson Johnson, Morgann Johnson, Isaac Potmesil.

Grade 12 - Bethany Borgheiinck, Aaron Saldana.

Honor (Average Greater than or equal to 3.00)

Grade 7 - Owen Kaufman, Leynn Luna, Summer McKinzie, Jadyn Temme.

Grade 8 - Gabrielle Beehn, Alee Luna, Abigail Matson, Halie Nelsen, Emily Schlecht.

Grade 9 - Christyan Anderson, Jose Luna, Cora Patzel, Bruno Santarosa.

Grade 10 - Sierra Velarde, Kaison Voelker.

Grade 11 - Elyssa Cuevas.

No School Announcements

Wed., February 17 No School PK-12
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM

Wed., February 24 No School PK-12
NG Speech Meet

Counselor's Corner

Theresa Schmedding

K-12 Counselor

theresa.schmedding@ngpublicschools.com

Seniors:

- If you're planning to play a college sport, you need to register at www.clearinghouse.net (DI or DII) or www.PlayNAIA.org (NAIA colleges).
- If you're male and 18 or within a month of your 18th birthday, don't forget to register with selective service at www.sss.gov.

Scholarships

NECC Scholarships are due March 1. If you're planning to attend NECC, go to www.northeast.edu/scholarships right away. Don't forget to check the website for additional scholarship opportunities that require a separate application.

Southeast Community College scholarships can be found at www.southeast.edu/scholarships. Don't forget to have your transcripts sent, or you won't be eligible.

Central Community College has an on-line scholarship app.

Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship is a big one. About 1,000 of them will be awarded across the state of Nebraska. **They awarded 1000 of them last year, but another thousand or so were started but never actually completed. Double check that you've done everything you're supposed to!** It covers tuition, fees, books, room and board at any community college (like NECC), state college (WSC, CSC, PSC), or public university (UNL, UNK, UNO) in the state of NE. You have to be able to show some financial need, be a NE resident, and have a 2.0 GPA. The due date is drawing near. There's a lot involved, don't procrastinate. Go to www.buffettscholarships.org.

Employers are known to look up your name on social media sites first, and then (if still interested in you), your resume second.

Approximately 70% of scholarship committees look at social media first before looking at your application.

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students
January 2021

Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our FAFSA Tools or call us to make a free virtual appointment: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Ask your school counselor about testprep options at your school. These resources are also available.

Search for scholarships

Use our free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Update your Activities Resume

Our free Activities Resume is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

January "To Do" List

Seniors:

If you haven't already, complete the FAFSA.

Apply for scholarships; see ScholarshipQuest for Nebraska-based awards.

Update your Activities Resume.

Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

Juniors:

Update your Activities Resume.

Register by January 8 for the February 6 ACT.

Register by February 12 for the March 13 SAT.

Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	308-708-7199
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	800-303-3745 ext. 6654

EducationQuest.org

THANK YOU to all of our community volunteers who helped with our wrestling tournament on December 29th. We truly appreciated all the help!

Have You Got Your Back?

Or has your back got you with ongoing pain? If so, you have lots of company. Back pain is a very common reason people seek health care and miss work or everyday activities.

Back pain can range from a dull, constant soreness to a sharp, shooting pain. It often starts by straining the back muscles, such as lifting something heavy. Or it can develop over time as we age, leading to degeneration of the spine from normal wear and tear.

Most low back pain can be treated without surgery, and 90% of low back pain cases get better in six weeks. However, if it persists for more than four to six weeks, talk to your health care provider.

Several factors can increase your risk for developing back pain:

Age: The back structure loses strength and flexibility as the discs lose their ability to cushion the vertebrae.

Lack of fitness: Back pain is less common among people who remain physically fit. We need strong back and abdominal muscles to properly support the spine. Consider low-impact aerobic exercise to help build back strength. Walking and swimming are good choices. Talk with your doctor about which activities you might try.

Weight: Being overweight applies extra stress on the spine, causing low back pain.

Smoking: It restricts blood flow and oxygen to the spinal discs, contributing to their degeneration.

Sitting: Being confined in a chair all day can cause pain, especially from poor posture or lack of proper back support.

Mental health: Ongoing stress often causes muscle tension and pain throughout the back.

Heavy lifting: Don't lift, push or pull something that's too heavy.

Proactive approach: Protect your back through simple routine exercise. Strengthening the core and abdominal muscles that support your hard-working back can significantly reduce chronic pain. Discuss an exercise plan or physical therapy program with your health care provider. Reduce backache now for a more comfortable life ahead.

Stand smart: Don't slouch. Maintain a neutral pelvic position. If standing for long periods, place one foot on a low footstool to take some of the load off your lower back. Alternate feet. Good posture can reduce the stress on back muscles.

Sit smart: Choose a seat with good lower back support, armrests and swivel base. Placing a pillow or rolled towel in the small of your back can maintain its normal curve. Keep your knees and hips level. Change your position frequently, at least every half-hour.

Lift smart: Avoid heavy lifting, if possible, but if you must lift something heavy, let your legs do the work. Keep your back straight-no twisting- and bend only at the knees. Hold the load close to your body. Find a lifting partner if the object is heavy or awkward.

Mrs. Wondercheck RN
ESU 8 School Nurse
EHA Wellness, EBIX/ Mayo clinic, back pain



2020-2021 FFA OFFICER HIGHLIGHT



Name: Mara Ranslem

2020-2021 Office: Secretary

Favorite Ag Class: 10th Grade Ag

FFA Activities & Contests: Livestock Judging, Land Judging, Job Interview, Vet Science

Favorite FFA memory: Competing at all the different events that FFA offers.

What is your advice to younger members? Try new things and keep with it. You may not succeed at first, but don't give up. Practice until you feel like you are confident enough to try again!

What is your Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)? Backroads Retrievers - My family and I breed our two females to have one litter of puppies every year.



NEWMAN GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND:

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

TIME: 4:00-8:00 PM

LOCATIONS:

K-6 TEACHERS-NEW ADDITION

7-12 TEACHERS-GYM

PRECAUTIONS TO KEEP EVERYONE HEALTHY:

- MASKS ARE REQUIRED
- PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
- CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND
- CONFERENCES ARE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES

A FEW NOTES:

- K-6 TIMES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AND MAILED OUT TO PARENTS
- THERE WILL BE A MAP OF THE NEW ADDITION WHEN YOU CHECK-IN



Boys Basketball

The Cardinals's are 5-8 at this point in the season with 7 games left in the regular season. They have had victories over Columbus Lakeview (67-54), Central City (73-71), Twin River (62-57), Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family (67-48) and O'Neill (73-56). Their losses came to Pierce (44-59), Norfolk Catholic (70-71) in overtime, Kearney Catholic (51-72), Adams Central (52-77), Broken Bow (37-50), St. Paul (45-63), Wayne (35-58), and Hartington Cedar Catholic (56-65). The boys have played a lot of top 10 teams and fought hard. They have 2 weeks till conference play and hope to add to their victories with some tough matches to go yet.

The Cardinal JV squad just boosted their perfect record to 10-0 with two more wins this past week. Friday, they beat O'Neill at home with a 64-37 score. The Cards took a 28-24 halftime edge, then outscored the visitors 36-19 after break. Then traveled to Wayne on Saturday to beat the Blue Devils 58-42. Jackson Roberts and Trent Patzel each tallied 10 points, Kolton Rasmussen 6, Ryan Drueppel, Cody Maricle, Calvin Webster and Brant Benes 5 pints apiece.

Raise Money for the Newman Grove PTO

The NGPTO would like to invite you to participate in "The Save-A-Label" program which helps non-profit organizations raise money. This is an extremely successful program that over 13,000 non-profit groups participate in. Just save the labels of Best Choice products and our group will earn \$.03 for each Best Choice UPC symbol redeemed. Thank you for your support!!

All you need to do is:

- Clip off only the UPC symbol from labels or cartons...Not the entire label.
- Drop off the symbols at NG Public Library, Shell Creek Market or school office.
- Keep Clipping!

NOTE: ONLY BEST CHOICE LABELS CAN BE USED.



Parents,

Please be aware of new sex offenders moving in and around the area. Here is a website you can check for the most up-to-date information regarding sexual offenders in and around Newman Grove.

<https://sor.nebraska.gov/>



Boone Central/Newman Grove Wrestling

By Joshua Majerus

Boone Central Dual Tournament The team finished 3rd in a stiff competition. #1 rated Central City won the tournament beating #2 class B Aurora. We wrestled both Aurora and Central City tough, but they just simply had more talent than we could handle. The Cardinals beat #6 rated Raymond Central for 3rd place. I am very pleased with our efforts this weekend. The kids wrestled tough. It is nice to pick up a win over a top 10 team. The guys continue to get better every week. The team scores were: Aurora 49 - Boone Central 27; BC 57 - Norfolk Catholic 18; Central City 49 - BC 27; BC 36 - Raymond Central 33; BC 60 - Wood River 16.

Fillmore Central Dual The Cardinal Wrestling team could not ask for a better way to end the first half of the season. We dualled a tough Fillmore Central squad that has a lot of great wrestlers. This is a duel that everyone loves to watch. Almost every match was unpredictable. Not many matches were lopsided. Our team got on a roll and finished ahead on 10 of the 14 matches. The 4 matches we lost were close matches that could have gone either way. For the first time this season I felt we were in full strength, wrestled 6 minutes, and got after it. Every weight class was wrestled without any openings.

Newman Grove Invitational The cardinal wrestlers tried to keep up with top rated Central City but fell short with all CC champions. The Cards took 2nd place, falling by 16 points to the Bison. Bison 275 and Cards 259, Norfolk High was next with 157. I thought the team wrestled very well. I saw a lot of techniques we practice. It is nice seeing it carrying over from the practice room. We filled all 14 weight classes today and had 21 wrestlers. I was happy seeing our performance from Fillmore Central dual prior to Christmas break carry over after 5 days off. Giles Deeder 3rd, Carson Wood 3rd, Jose Luna 4th, Ted Hemmingsen 2nd, Gavin Dozler 1st, Aiden Nore 5th, Jaxon Schafer 3rd, Sam Grape 2nd, Colton Ray 7th, William Karmann 2nd, Ashton Schafer 2nd, Zaiden Rowe 6th, Mason Nelson 5th, Eli Dozler 3rd, Richard Cleveland 1st, Hank Hudson 3rd, Taylor Weber 1st, Camden Moser 2nd, Israel Uma 7th, Cole Greek 5th, Dakota Rose 2nd.

Wayne Triangular The wrestlers wrestled hard against class B Wayne and class D rated #1 Plainview. The unrated cards first beat Wayne 54-18 first round and upset Plainview 48-27. Plainview has 10 rated grapplers. The cardinals are catching onto this sport. They continue to improve every week. William Karmann started us off with a pin against a top 10 wrestler. After that the whole team fought hard. Every match was competitive and close. Gavin Dozler and Ted Hemmingsen also gave up losses while controlling their matches. We can get those wins back. Top 10 Senior Taylor Weber improves to 15-1 and beats the #4 wrestler in class D.

Aquinas Catholic Dual The Cardinal wrestling team wrestled a tough rated #1 in class C Aquinas team. They are good at every weight class. Cards lost 24 to 45. I thought we gave them a run leading the dual for a while. We came ahead in matches we weren't supposed to win. That is how you stay in the hunt. Taylor Weber and Dakota Rose picked up bonus pins for us. Jose Luna, Carson Wood, and Will Karmann wrestled smart and solid to earn great wins for themselves against tough opponents. Jaxon Schafer lost to the number 2 kid in the state by 1 point. That's a big match that Jaxon is getting close to winning. Overall We wrestled tough going 6-8 in matchups.

Battle Creek Classic The Cardinals had an outstanding day in Battle Creek. The team took home the 2nd Place trophy falling to CLASS B #1 Gering by 5 points. At 126 we had to forfeit for a 5 match limit which stole 5 points from us. We did upset O'Neil who is currently rated #8 in C. We beat them by 60+ points. We had 11 athletes place in the top 4 in the 9 team competition. Ashton Schafer 160 and Taylor Weber 195 win their weight class. I am beyond pleased with our performance. Every wrestler on our team is contributing to our success. Our JV wrestlers are knocking off other varsity contenders. Our Varsity guys are fighting for points every round. Jose Luna 4th, Carson Wood 3rd, Gavin Dozler 3rd, Ted Hemmingsen 4th, Jaxon Schafer 4th, Sam Grape 6th, William Karmann 3rd, Ashton Schafer 1st, Eli Dozler 6th, Richard Cleveland 2nd, Hank Hudson 5th, Taylor Weber 1st, Camden Moser 2nd, Cole Greek 6th, Dakota Rose 3rd.

Oakland-Craig JV Invitational Junior Varsity Cardinals participated at Oakland Craig tonight. Cards wrestled tough. The Cardinals went 22 and 16 on the night. Individual records are: Giles Deeder 2-2, Colton Ray 3-1 (2nd), Tye Dozler 3-2, Mason Nelson 1-2, Eli Dozler 3-2 (4th), Cole Greek 3-1 (2nd), Hank Hudson 3-1 (2nd), Camden Moser 3-1 (2nd), Zaiden Rowe 0-2, Israel Uma 3-1 (3rd).



Varsity Girls Basketball

By Andy Imus

The Lady Cardinals started the season off with a couple of big losses to Columbus Lakeview (25-53) and C2 #1 Crofton (27-64). We got a couple of wins against Central City (36-33) and Twin River (48-21). We finished the first half of the season with losses to Pierce (36-22), Humphrey / Lindsay Holy Family (58-36) and Kearney Catholic (42-27).

Broken Bow Holiday Tournament We opened vs top 5 rated in C1 Adams Central and lost 46-26. We shot 3/20 in the 1st half and had decent looks, just struggled making our shots. The woes continued in the 3rd quarter with a 0/10 from the field shooting and a 3/11 in the 4th for a 4/29 for 2FG and 2/12 3FG from the field for a 14.6% shooting overall. We were down 14-25 towards the end of the 3rd quarter and for how poorly we shot, I felt the girls were still in the game. We were aggressive and got to the line 12/25 which is a nice improvement - we just need to capitalize at a higher percentage when we get there.

We played in the consolation vs Alliance and won 37-19. Overall, the girls worked really hard on the defensive end - forced 33 Alliance turnovers and had 23 deflections. That led to some steals, but we struggled converting those into points on the other end consistently. Alliance drew a few charges and we need to do a better job of reading and finishing with what they give us. We also had 16 runovers that resulted in 11 Alliance second chance points and we gave up 11 offensive rebounds. We had a decent high low game when we had proper angles with our post feeds and when our guards provided windows for kickouts. We had a higher volume of shots - which is something we need to build off of - but we need to shoot at a better percentage. The girls competed and found a way to win and I am proud of their efforts.

St. Paul We lost to St. Paul 42-32. The tale of this game was our poor start in both the 1st and 3rd quarters. St. Paul jumped out to an 11-0 lead and we had 5 turnovers in the 1st quarter. Free throws by Sam Weeder and Mara Ranslem resulted in a 4-11 1st quarter score. The 2nd quarter was probably the best quarter we have played up to this point, outscoring St. Paul 15-14. We took better care of the ball in the 2nd quarter with 2 turnovers and Macy Rankin scored 7 of her team high 14 points in the 2nd quarter. Macy did a fantastic job of posting up and finishing under the hoop. Mara also did a better job of attacking the basket and getting to the free throw line - we were able to attack the interior of St. Paul's defense - which is something we've struggled with and it was nice to see us hit 8/10 of our first half free throws. When we have good ball movement and take care of the ball we give ourselves a chance - which we had it down to 23-19 before St. Paul hit a jumper from a baseline out of bounds set to take a 25-19 lead. St. Paul led 19-31 in the middle of the 3rd quarter before a Bailey Choat 3 finally slowed some St. Paul momentum. We weren't as consistent getting Macy the ball in the second half and we needed to get her the ball when she had great position down low - we either didn't see it, didn't pass it, or was just a second slow on the pass. Defensively, we did some good things and took some chances on doubling down low on their all state caliber player - Poppert - and they had a couple other girls hit some key three pointers that hurt us. We had flashes of the team we could be in this game, but we will need to see it consistently.

O'Neill We played a top rated O'Neill team tough during the first half - 10-6 after 1st and 20-12 at the break. We had it tied 10-10 in the middle of the quarter, but a Gutshall 3 started a 10-2 run heading into halftime. A 1-7 shooting performance in the 2nd quarter really hurt us and credit to O'Neill, they hit some big shots when they had their opportunities. We had 9 turnovers in the third quarter which obviously hurt us and O'Neill was able to score 26 points off our 23 turnovers for the game. Their athleticism and quickness gave us problems as they put pressure on us in the full court. We shot the ball twice in the 4th quarter, so our mindset has to be more aggressive in the way we want to score the ball. Macy Rankin scored 9 pts and had 7 rebs - they did a nice job of positioning help and were able to minimize what she wanted to do - we need to be more efficient with our ball movement on our post feeds and need to be able to knock down our outside shot (0-10 3's) so defenses don't sag off so much. The girls continued to compete and battle all four quarters and are to be commended for that.

Wayne The girls responded for a 42-37 win at Wayne. It was 9-9 after the first quarter - led by Alicia Weeder's 5 pts. We struggled offensively in the 1st quarter as we had 8 turnovers. The second quarter we were much better offensively, scoring 16 pts but gave up 14 to Wayne as Boone Central led 25-23 at the half. We did a better job of attacking while under control and hit 7-9 from the free throw line. Mara Ranslem scored 8 pts in the 2nd and Ashtyn Hedlund scored 4. The third quarter both teams were tied at 27 as we held Wayne to 4pts, but we only scored 2. We shot 1-7 in the 3rd quarter, but did a nice job of getting offensive rebounds. The problem for us was Wayne's 6'3" post Brooklyn Kruse who altered shots with her length. The 4th quarter was a back and forth battle. Wayne held a 31-35 lead midway through the 4th when Ashtyn Hedlund hit back to back 3's for a 37-35 Boone Central lead. We were able to seal the win by playing tough defense and hitting our free throws. Claire Choat shot 2-2 and Mara Ranslem hit 2-2 from the line that helped keep us ahead. It was a gritty win for the girls. They were down after leading most of the game and were able to hit some timely shots and dig down and play tough defense. I can't say enough for how proud I am of this group and how they kept battling in this game. Ashtyn hit some big shots, Mara did some nice things offensively, Macy was able to hold Kruse to 6pts, our bench gave us valuable minutes and those who did not play, were bringing great energy.

Newman Grove Breakfast & Lunch Menus

(Variety of low fat & fat free milks offered with each meal)

(Menus are subject to change without notice)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
February 1 French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Hot Dog in a Bun French Fries Pork & Beans	February 2 Fruit Parfaits <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Walking Tacos With Toppings Rice Corn	February 3 Donut <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Fried Steak With Gravy Sweet Potatoes Green Beans	February 4 Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chili Cornbread Peaches Carrots	February 5 Scrambled Eggs <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> CONTEST WINNER'S CHOICE!
February 8 Cereal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Pears	February 9 Oatmeal <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Philly Mac & Cheesesteak Casserole Peas	February 10 Fruit Churro <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Turkey Tetrizzini Broccoli Fresh Bread	February 11 Breakfast Quesadillas <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Shepherds Pie Mashed Potatoes Carrots	February 12 Cinnamon Roll <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Chicken Enchiladas Rice Corn
February 15 Omelettes <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Lasagna Green Beans Salad Garlic Bread	February 16 Waffles <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Taco Tuesday Rice Refried Beans	February 17 NO SCHOOL	February 18 Breakfast Burrito <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Pizza Applesauce Carrots	February 19 Biscuits & Gravy <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Corn Dog Pears French Fries
February 22 Granola Bars <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Cheesy Chicken & Rice Casserole Corn Mixed Fruit	February 23 Pancakes <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Scalloped Potatoes And Ham Peas Pears	February 24 NO SCHOOL	February 25 Ham & Hashbrowns <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Peaches	February 26 Breakfast Pizza <u>Fresh Fruit & Juice</u> Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Green Beans

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: www.newman.esu8.org

Radio: 94 Rock (94.7 FM)

US 92 (92.7 FM)

WJAG (780 AM)

KPNO (90.5 FM)

KEXL (106.7 FM)

KZEN (100 FM)

KKOT ((93.5 FM)

KLIR (101 FM)

KJSK (900 AM)

KTTT (1510 AM)

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4:30pm: JHBBB: Lakeview (A) 5:15pm: BBB: Freshmen vs Battle Creek (A) GBB: Mid Stat Conference Tournament (Battle Creek/Wayne) Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) Bowling: Districts	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 7:15am: CILT Meeting 8:00am: School Spring Picture Day NHS Meeting (Lunch) BBB: Mid State Conference Tournament (Battle Creek/Wayne) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15 Bowling: Districts	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweetser/Wiese) Prom Meeting (lunch)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:30pm: JHBBB: Fullerton (in Petersburg) FBLA Meeting (lunch) GBB: Mid Stat Conference Tournament (NECC/NC) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	BBB: Mid State Conference Tournament (NECC/NC) Mid-Term	ACT Test Date G/BBB: Mid State Conference Tournament Championships (NECC) WR: State Duals (TBA)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	4:00pm: WR: Northwest JV Invite (A) 4:30pm: JHBBB: Central City (in Petersburg) Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) Bowling: State Championships 6:00pm: G/BBB: Freshmen vs Twin River (in Albion) 7:00pm: Foundation Mtg 7:30pm: Board of Ed Mtg	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:30pm: G/BBB: Centura (in Albion) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15 Bowling: State Championships	3:45pm: Building in Use (Sweetser/Wiese) Student Council Meeting (lunch)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice 4:15pm: G/BBB: Northwest (A) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	9:30am: Quiz Bowl Senior Careers Class (Per 6) LHF Speech Meet	9:00am: G/BBB: Freshmen Tournament (in Albion) WR: District Tournament 8:00pm: Humphrey Speech Meet
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	4:30pm: JHBBB: O'Neill (in Petersburg) Senior Class Mtg (lunch) GBB: Districts (TBA) Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong) 7:00pm: FFA Meeting 7:00pm: PTO Meeting	6:30am: Dance Team Practice GBB: Districts (TBA) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	No School - Teacher In Service Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday State Dance Competition 6:00pm: FAFSA Completion Night (during P/T Conferences)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice PK Home Visits - No Preschool GBB: Districts (TBA) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	5:00pm: BBB: Freshmen vs Crofton (in Albion) WR: State Tournament PK Home Visits - No Preschool State Dance Competition 6:00pm: BBB: Crofton (in Albion)	9:00am: JHBBB: Boone Central Tournament (in Albion) WR: State Tournament National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th)	National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th) BBB: Districts (TBA) Youth Volleyball in gym (K Strong)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th) BBB: Districts (TBA) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	10:00am: Speech: NG Invitational No School - Teacher In Service National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th)	6:30am: Dance Team Practice National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th) BBB: Districts (TBA) Grover League Basketball Practice 3:30-5:15	National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th) GBB: District Finals (TBA)	9:00am: Elgin Pope John Speech Meet National FFA Week (Feb 20-27th) BBB: District Finals
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

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.