

# Bluejay Bulletin

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Left to right: Kevin Patzel, Eric Stone, Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen, Becky Wallin, Jeanie McCloud, David Fowlkes

## Board of Education Appreciation Week is January 25th-January 31st

NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOLS WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Jeanie McCloud (15 Years)

Eric Stone (5 Years)

David Fowlkes (3 Years)

Becky Wallin (9 Years)

Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen (9 Years)

Kevin Patzel (2 Years)

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

"LOCALLY ELECTED, COMMUNITY CONNECTED"

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

### DID YOU KNOW:

- 79% of Nebraska's 1,700 locally elected School Board Members serve at or within 100 miles of where they graduated ... with 51% serving AT the district they graduated from.
- 74.63% of school board members would you consider themselves as someone connected to/engaged in production agriculture or agribusiness
- 58% of school board members have school-aged children in K-12
- On average, a school board in Nebraska is 37% female and 63% male
- 68% of school board members in Nebraska are between the ages of 36 and 55.



Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break, is well rested, and ready to get back into a routine. The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on what has been going well and also what areas we can improve on. We are looking forward to a great 2nd semester of learning and educational opportunities!

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 12th from 2:00-8:00 pm. K-6th grade conference times will be scheduled. This information will be coming out in the beginning of February.



*Educationally,  
Mrs. Forre*



## Board of Education Meeting January 12, 2026

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- All members were present. Others in attendance: Superintendent Warren, Principal Forre, Assistant Principal Sauser, Christie Wallin, Donna Schroeter, Kylie Sweeter, Anastacia Korth, Elise Witchell, Micah Cuevas, Owen Kaufman and Billy Fyfe.
- The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room in accordance with the law.
- The agenda was approved as published.
- Approved the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
- Approved the minutes of the December 18, 2025 Special Board of Education Meeting.
- The next meeting of the Newman Grove Public Schools Board of Education will be on February 9, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., with a Bluejay Foundation Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Special board meetings are January 28, 2026 and February 4, 2026 for Superintendent search.
- Mrs. Sweeter presented her counselor's report to the board.
- Principal Forre's report was presented to the board, which included: A review of testing scores.
- Superintendent Warren presented his report to the board, which included: Heating system above art and music room - water pump is going out. The system is 30 years old.
- Approved the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement.
- Approved a calendar change for February 4, 2026 - No School Day - Superintendent Interview Date.
- Approved Superintendent Warren's Letter of Resignation.
- Approved the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.
- Accepted the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Approved the payment of claims totaling \$405,421.23 (General Fund) and \$1,107.16 (Depreciation Fund).
- Adjourned Sine Die.
- Approved to re-open the meeting for election of officers: President-Jeanie McCloud; Vice President-Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen; Treasurer-Becky Wallin; Secretary-Kevin Patzel; Recording Secretary-Christie Wallin.
- Approved Citizens State Bank as Financial Institution Depository.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



## First Semester Honor Roll

### High Distinction (All A-4.0)

GRADE 12: Summer McKinzie, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Aubree Whitaker.

GRADE 8: Ana Hernandez Franco.

GRADE 7: Elizabeth Meyer, Everett Nelson, Hazel Weier.

### Distinction

#### (Average Greater than or equal to 3.50)

GRADE 12: Rafael da Silva Dantas.

GRADE 11: Jayden Benson, Andrew Matson, Isaac Meyer.

GRADE 10: Korben Donner, Beckett Jorgensen, Oliver Kaufman, Macy Kerres.

GRADE 9: Elia Jarecki.

GRADE 8: Pierce Fehringer, Jace Forre, Paisley Fritz, Natasha Nelson, Sydney Patzel, Eddan Sauser.

GRADE 7: Ali Chilson, Jovie Fritz.

### Honor

#### (Average Greater than or equal to 3.00)

GRADE 12: Micah Cuevas, Owen Kaufman, Keoni Loyd, Anaylen Morales, Elise Witchell.

GRADE 11: Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Madysen Wiese.

GRADE 10: Joseph Berney, Samantha Bledsoe, Brylee Patzel, Connor Rawson.

GRADE 9: Bayonna Ashby, Griffin Nelson, Ariyana Potmesil, Hunter Standley, Ashton Zoucha.

GRADE 8: Brooklyn Benson, Owen Flood, Kelton Jorgensen, Cali Kerres, McKinlee Marker-Brezina, Tyler Luetkenhaus, Mercedes Summers, Cash Sweeter, Morley Warren, Whitney Whitaker.

GRADE 7: Sophia Guthard, Sutton Scott.



# Measles



Measles, also called rubeola, was once a common childhood illness. It's caused by a virus that spreads easily through the air and settles on surfaces. When someone with measles coughs, sneezes or talks, droplets spray into the air. People who breathe in the droplets can catch the virus. You can catch measles if you touch an infected surface and then touch your mouth, nose or eyes. These droplets can infect other people for up to two hours.

Most people recover from measles in about 10 days. It usually doesn't cause long-term medical issues. But measles can be serious and even deadly. This is especially true for children younger than age 5 and people with severely weakened immune systems.

Measles is treated by managing symptoms and preventing complications.

A measles vaccine is recommended to keep the virus from spreading. Because of vaccination, measles hasn't been common in the United States for more than two decades. Often, measles cases in the U.S. come from outside the country. Outbreaks are more common among people who are not vaccinated.

Measles symptoms show up around 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus; Fever, which may be as high as 105 degrees Fahrenheit (40.6 degrees Celsius), dry cough, runny nose, red, watering eyes, called conjunctivitis. About 2 to 3 days after the first symptoms, you also may see tiny white spots inside the mouth, called Koplik spots. About 3 to 5 days after symptoms first start, or about 14 days after you come into contact with the virus, it's common to see a rash. The rash is made up of large, flat spots and small raised bumps. The rash starts on the face or neck and spreads down the body from the chest to the arms and legs. A person with measles can spread the virus four days before the rash appears and four days after. Measles can spread very easily. About 90% of people who haven't had measles or haven't been vaccinated will become infected when around someone with measles.

Call your healthcare professional if you think you or your child may have been around measles. Also call if you or your child has a rash that looks like measles. Check your family's vaccination records with your healthcare professional. This is most important before children start childcare, school or college, and before traveling outside of the U.S. It is important to call your healthcare provider first before going to the clinic, so they can prepare for you so not to expose other people.

Your risk of measles goes up if you aren't vaccinated. Your risk also goes up if you've had only one dose of the vaccine. People who travel to places where measles regularly spreads or where there is a measles outbreak are more likely to get the illness. This is especially true if you haven't had two doses of the measles vaccine.

Students living in dormitories may be at higher risk. People with weakened immune systems are at higher risk of catching measles. And infants who aren't old enough to get the vaccine are at higher risk than average if exposed to measles virus.

Source: MayoClinic.org  
Mrs. Wondercheck RN  
ESU 8 School Nurse



## NG/SE Bowling

By Jason Anderson



The Panthers faced Norfolk Catholic on December 16th. It was to be a home meet but due to plumbing issues at the bowling alley the meet was moved to Kings Lanes in Norfolk. The girls had a tough go at it and came up short and fell to Norfolk Catholic 19 to 2. The boys also had a rough go only getting 1 point to Catholic's 20 points.

Our next meet took place in Newman Grove on January 6th against McCool Junction. The girls did well winning the meet 21 to 0. The boys on the other hand had another hard time this meet with a loss of 18 to 3.

The Panthers traveled to Osmond on January 13th, where we bowled against Plainview. The ladies kept it interesting in the Baker's games, where if they would have lost those games the meet would have been a tie but they held out and won the meet 15.5 to 5.5. The boys had another tough go falling to Plainview 18 to 3.

On the 15th of January we traveled to North Bend. The girls won the Baker's game to earn the 5 points to make it not as bad as it could have been. The final score was North Bend 12.5 to NG/SE 8.5. The boys did better getting 5 points vs North Bend's 16 points.



## Keoni Loyd

Parents Names:  
Caroleena & Mario  
Loyd Jr.



Other Family Members: Zane Potter, Lela Loyd,  
Mario Loyd III

Senior Activities: Football, Basketball, FFA, One-Act,  
Student Council

Favorite Pastime: Playing video games or playing  
basketball & football and hanging with my girlfriend

Part-time Employment: Kaufman Construction, Para  
Educator at NGPS

Plans after Graduation: Continue working for  
Kaufman Construction or Electrician



## Summer McKinzie

Parents Names: Jamie  
& Sean Hansen and  
Tony McKinzie



Other Family Members: Daxton & Phoenix

Senior Activities: FFA, National Honor Society,  
FBLA, Bowling

Favorite Pastime: Reading a book, art and listening  
to music

Part-time Employment: APPEARA in Norfolk,  
Summer job-Citizen Bank cleaner-Newman Grove

Plans after Graduation: Attending the University of  
Portland for Photography



## Anaylen Morales

Parents Names:  
Lorena Rodriguez

Other Family Members: Angie, Aaralyn & Heaven.

Senior Activities: Yearbook

Favorite Pastime: Art & Gaming

Part-time Employment: Mid-Nebraska Lutheran  
Home

Plans after Graduation: Attend Wayne State College  
for art and elementary education.



## Kailey Patzel

Parents Names: Troy &  
Karla Patzel

Other Family Members:  
Trenton & Sydney

Senior Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, FFA,  
Student Council, National Honor Society, 4-H, Shell  
Creek Watershed

Favorite Pastime: Qualifying for National Volleyball  
with my club team

Part-time Employment: Para educator at NGPS,  
Barista at Little Lyon Coffee Co.

Plans after Graduation: Attend Midland University  
to play volleyball and major in Elementary

# Title I Reading

By Ashley Warren

Happy New Year! Students have been working hard to get back into the routines of school. I am thankful that I get to work with a variety of students in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade each day. I mostly work with students during our WIN TIME; WIN stands for What I Need time. During this time, we have a variety of different groups in each grade level working on improving and strengthening their reading skills.

Children need many opportunities to practice reading for it to become automatic. We allow extra opportunities for students to practice reading skills at school each day. Reading at home is also such a key piece to building confident, fluent, and strong readers. Below are a few ways to help support your child while reading at home.

## **Ways to support your child while reading at home:**

### ***Show Interest:***

Showing genuine interest in what your child is reading is a simple form of encouragement for them.

### ***Sit & Listen:***

Rather than just telling your child to go and read for a certain amount of time, take the opportunity to sit and listen to your child read.

### ***Ask Questions:***

Ask your child questions and have conversations during and after reading. Doing so is a form of showing interest, allows them to create dialogue, and builds comprehension.

### ***Praise Them:***

Give praise at every opportunity! From sounding out a word correctly, to making connections, to completing a book. Praise builds confidence that is invaluable!

**Thank you for partnering with us to help your child/children be successful readers!**

# NEWMAN GROVE FFA JANUARY UPDATES

## DISTRICT LDE's



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS WERE HOSTED ON DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> IN LEIGH. RESULTS ARE BELOW!

### AG DEMO:

ALLYX, AUBREE, KAILEY, & PIPER - FINALIST & PURPLE  
DYLAN, NATE, OWEN, & OLIVER - RED  
FANCY & PAYTON - RED

### JUNIOR PUBLIC:

BRYLEE - FINALIST & PURPLE

### EMPLOYMENT SKILLS:

KAILEY - FINALIST & PURPLE  
SERENITY - PURPLE

### DISCOVERY SPEAKING:

WHITNEY - BLUE

### CREED SPEAKING:

ELIA - PURPLE  
ARIYANA - BLUE

### EXTemporaneous SPEAKING:

ZANE - WHITE  
RAFAEL DANTAS - FINALIST & PURPLE

### PEOPLE IN AG POSTER:

ANA - PURPLE

WE HAD LOTS OF FUN AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY MEETING! WE WRAPPED THINGS UP WITH THE SARAN WRAP BALL GAME AND FOUND OUT WHO'S "MOST LIKELY TO" WITH HELP FROM OUR OFFICER TEAM (VOTED ON BY THE CHAPTER)! THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND MADE IT A FUN NIGHT!



FFA MEMBERS PROVIDED SMORES & A FIRE PIT DURING YULETIDE FESTIVAL!

### UPCOMING FFA EVENTS:

JANUARY 22ND: ROUND 1 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4TH: OFFICER MEETING

FEBRUARY 4TH: STATE DEGREE & PROFICIENCY REVIEW

FEBRUARY 9TH: FEBRUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 16TH: ROUND 2 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY 21ST-28TH: FFA WEEK



**BIGGEST FFA ACCOMPLISHMENT**  
Competing at State FFA

**WHAT IS AN FFA EVENT YOU'VE NEVER DONE BUT HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY?**  
Poultry Evaluation

**FAVORITE FFA MEMORY**  
Attending state convention and making late-night ice cream runs with Miss Martensen.

**FFA ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS**  
Ag Mech, Livestock Judging, Land Judging, Ag Demo, Welding

**FAVORITE AG CLASS**  
Welding

*Nate Fowlkes*  
PARLIAMENTARIAN | JUNIOR  
FFA "WORD" OF THE YEAR  
CREATIVE

**February 4th- No School**  
\*Superintendent Interviews will be held

**February 25th- There is SCHOOL**  
\*We are NOT hosting Conference Speech

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
Newman Grove Public Schools  
February 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00pm




Newman Grove students, staff, and community members came together to pack over 400 Blessings in a Backpack food bags for students at local schools.

Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference!

**NG/SE Junior High Girls Basketball**  
By Halle Plumbtree




The Lady Panthers Junior High Basketball team had a season full of growth and effort. From the very beginning, the girls always showed up ready to work, learn, and get better every day.

Throughout the season, the Lady Panthers grew tremendously as players and as a team. They fought hard each and every day to expand their knowledge and skills of the game of basketball, whether it was improving fundamentals or supporting each other on the court. Their determination and positive attitudes were clear in every practice and game.

More than anything, this season was about teamwork, perseverance, and having pride in how they competed. The Lady Panthers should be proud of the progress they made and the effort they gave all season long. The Lady Panthers ended up 2-5 on the season.



## NG/SE Junior High Boys Basketball

By Michael Roscoe

### NG/SE vs. Elba 1/6/26

The Panthers opened their season hosting the Elba Bluejays. It started the night of a triple header, as the varsity girls' and boys' teams also played host to Elba. The Panthers jumped out early and never looked back. Offensively the Panthers looked to run and get as many points in transition as they could. Defensively they relied on playing sound, fundamental defense and boxing out for rebounds. Although undersized, the Panthers battled for the boards. With constant transition buckets and solid defense, the Panthers were able to gain the victory 51-17. The Panthers were led by Morley Warren who scored 30 and Cash Sweeter chipping in 9 of his own.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Total
NG/SE	16	8	14	13	51
ELBA	5	4	8	0	17

Scorers: Jace Forre 2, Brandtley Christman 4, Cash Sweeter 9, Morely Warren 30, Bennett Werts 2, Everett Nelson 2, Owen Flood 2

The Panthers and Bluejays also played a couple quarters of B action. They played two 10 minute halves of running clock. It was a fast paced, entertaining 20 minutes of basketball. This gave both teams the opportunity for players to get some extra playing time and refine their skills. It was a back and forth game that ended in only the most fitting of ways, a tie. The Panthers and Bluejays tied 6-6 to begin the B season.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
NG/SE	4	2
ELBA	2	4

Scorers: Brandtley Christman 2, Zaiden Shotkowski 2, Liam Wiese 2

### NG/SE vs. Palmer 1/12/26

The Panthers started the second full week of January with another home game against the Palmer Tigers. Although Palmer had a distinct size advantage, the Panthers looked to use their quickness and defensive tenacity to stifle the Tigers. Out the gates earlier, the Panther game plan was in full force as they jumped out to a 12-0 lead after the first quarter. The Panthers lulled in the second quarter getting outscored 6-3 because of poor execution on the offensive end and not boxing out on the defensive side of the ball. The second half was foot on the pedal for the Panthers as they outscored the Tigers 34-8. Ball movement, transition offense, and hot shooting propelled the Panthers offense while their defense was everywhere all at once. The Panthers won the game 49-14 and were led by Cash Sweeter with 23 points and Morley Warren adding 14. The Panthers are back in action Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> as they travel to Howells-Dodge.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Total
NG/SE	12	3	15	19	49
PALMER	0	6	4	4	14

Scorers: Jace Forre 3, Cash Sweeter 23, Morley Warren 14, Liam Wiese 2, Everett Nelson 4, Owen Flood 3

The Panthers and Tigers played a couple quarters of running clock for a B game as well. This again gave both teams an opportunity for all the boys to get some quality playing time and work on their skills. It was a back and forth game, that was highly entertaining during the total 20 minutes. Unfortunately, the Panthers came up just short, dropping the contest 14-11.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Total
NG/SE	6	5	11
PALMER	8	6	14

Scorers: Brandtley Christman 2, Bennett Werts 4, Eric Vargas 3, Everett Nelson 2

### NG/SE vs. Howells-Dodge 1/15/26

The Panthers traveled to Howells to take on the Jaguars for a prime time tip. After the B game, the A team took to the court. The Panthers started slow, finding themselves in a six point deficit after the first quarter. This was due to poor defense and not taking care of the ball on offense. After the sluggish start, the Panthers roared to life and were able to cut the halftime lead to only three. The Panthers defense took hold in the third quarter and the ball began to find the bottom of the bucket on offense. The game came down to the wire, with the Panthers having to make one last defensive stop to secure the three point victory. Morley Warren paced the Panthers with 17 points and Cash Sweeter added 14 of his own.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Total
NG/SE	5	10	14	9	38
HOWELLS-DODGE	11	7	7	10	35

Scorers: Jace Forre 3, Cash Sweeter 14, Morley Warren 17, Bennett Werts 2, Owen Flood 2

The B team got the night started against Howells-Dodge. They were able to play three full six minute quarters. It was tough sledding for the players. Offensively they were getting good shots but none of them were falling. Defensively they were unable to get a stop when needed and were struggling to keep the Jaguars off the boards. It was not the greatest outing for the Panthers.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Total	Scorers:
NG/SE	4	2	7	13	Bennett Werts 2, Everett Nelson 5
HOWELLS-DODGE	10	12	10	32	

## Newman Grove Breakfast & Lunch Menu

(Variety of low fat & fat free milks offered with each meal) (Menus are subject to change without notice)



(Breakfast will include the choice of cereal instead of main course each day.)

**Scott's Meat Mission (Made with locally donated beef)**

### February 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>February 2</b>  Eggs & Sausage <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Fajita Rice Beans Pineapple	<b>February 3</b>  Cherry Strudel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pulled Pork Sandwich Tri Tator Cooked Carrots Peaches	<b>February 4</b>  <i>No School</i>	<b>February 5</b>  Mini Loaf <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Pizza Corn Mandarin Orange Brownie	<b>February 6</b>  Pancakes & Bacon <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Rotini Green Beans Bread Stick Mixed Fruit
<b>February 9</b>  Banana Bread <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Turkey Sub Chips Baby Carrots Applesauce	<b>February 10</b>  Cini Mini <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Breaded Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Pears	<b>February 11</b>  Breakfast Sandwich <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Bread Peaches	<b>February 12</b>  Long John <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Sloppy Joe Baked Beans Apple Slices	<b>February 13</b>  <i>No School</i>
<b>February 16</b>  Apple Strudel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Taco Refried Beans Pineapple	<b>February 17</b>  Donut <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Grilled Chicken Sandwich Peas Mandarin Oranges	<b>February 18</b>  Breakfast Pizza <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Flying Saucer Corn Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit	<b>February 19</b>  Mini Loaf <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Peaches	<b>February 20</b>  Omlet & Bacon <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Chicken Strips Cheese Broccoli Applesauce
<b>February 23</b>  French Toast Sticks <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Peas Tropical Fruit	<b>February 24</b>  Sausage Pancake Wrap <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Hamburger Smile Fries Baked Beans Pears	<b>February 25</b>  Muffin <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Corndog Corn Baked Apples Cookie	<b>February 26</b>  Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Breaded Chicken Sandwich Peas Pineapple	<b>February 27</b>  Long John <u>Fresh Fruit &amp; Juice</u> Crispito Cheese sauce Rice Peaches

							February	2026
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2 Girls District Bowling (Wildcat Lanes-Wayne)  ● 4:00pm: JHGWR: Boone Central (A)	3 ● 7:30am: FFA Officer Meeting  ● 4:00pm: G/BBB: Riverside (in SE)  Prom Meeting (lunch)	4 ● 9:00am: Special Board of Education Meeting  State Degree & Proficiency Reviews (CCC)  No School - PK-12	5 ● 2:00pm: JHBBB: Central Valley (A)  ● 2:00pm: HSBWR: CRC Invite (East Butler-Brainard)  ● 3:00pm: JHGWR: Pierce (A)  FBLA Meeting (lunch)  ● 6:00pm: G/BBB: Central Valley (in Greeley)	6 ● 10:00am: HSBWR: Clarkson-Leigh (in Clarkson)  HSGWR: Districts TBD	7 HSGWR: Districts TBD		
8	9 ● 4:30pm: JHBBB: Madison (A)  Senior Class Meeting (lunch)  State Bowling  ● 7:00pm: FFA Meeting  ● 7:00pm: Foundation Meeting  ● 7:30pm: Board of Education Meeting	10 ● 3:00pm: JHBBB: High Plains (Clarks)  ● 4:30pm: G/BBB: Fullerton (in NG)  Skills Meeting (lunch)  State Bowling	11 ● 7:30am: Monthly Staff Meeting  PTO Book Fair (Set up in Library)  SkillsUSA Middle School Championships (GI)  State Bowling	12 ● 1:00pm: 1:00 Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00  ● 4:00pm: JHGWR: Battle Creek (A)  NHS Meeting (lunch)  PTO Book Fair in Library  No Preschool  State Bowling  ● 6:00pm: Senior Parent Meeting (Media Center)	13 ● 2:00pm: HSBWR: Districts (Shelby-Rising City)  No School/Teacher In-Service  ● 7:00pm: Stu Cou/Father-Daughter Dance	14 ● 7:45am: Speech Meet Humphrey  ● 9:30am: HSBWR: Districts (Shelby-Rising City)  ACT Test Date		
15	16 ● 9:00am: Conference Quiz Bowl (Elba)  HS HAL Meeting (lunch)  GBB: Sub-Districts TBD  District CDE Contests (CCC)  ● 7:00pm: PTO Meeting	17 ISR Meeting (lunch)  GBB: Sub-Districts TBD  Girls State Wrestling	18 Student Council Meeting (lunch)  Ash Wednesday  Girls State Wrestling	19 ● 7:15am: Donuts with Dudes  Boys State Wrestling  GBB: Sub-Districts TBD	20 Senior Careers (1st Period)  Boys State Wrestling  ● 6:00pm: BBB: CWC (Barlett)	21 FFA Week (February 21-28)  Boys State Wrestling		
22 ● 7:00pm: Post Prom Meeting	23 BBB: Sub-Districts	24 BBB: Sub-Districts	25 ● 8:00am: Conference Speech Meet (Riverside)  BBB: Sub-Districts	26 Spring Picture Day	27 Senior Careers (2nd Period)	28		



## 2026 Lions Club Alumni Basketball Tournament



The Newman Grove Lions Club will again be hosting an Alumni Basketball Tournament, March 22nd. Rules are the same as in past years. (Spouses of Alumni will be allowed to play in the tournament.) All players must be former Newman Grove School students, but do not have to be graduates of Newman Grove. There are no team entry fees, but all players are expected to pay the regular \$6.00 adult admission price each day. One women's game is planned for Saturday. Remember, your team must have at least five players on hand to start a game! Team entries should be received by February 9, 2025. They will draw for team placement in the brackets the second week of February and announce the schedule after February 16th. **Please contact Dennis McCloud (741-2058), Gene Wissenburg (750-1796), Spencer Wallin ( 741-2499) and Tim Rossow (992-8438) with your team plans.**

# Thank You

**Thanks to all of our community  
volunteers who helped with our  
wrestling tournament on  
December 30th.**

**We truly appreciated all the  
assistance!**



### EARLY OUT/NO SCHOOL DAYS

Wednesday, February 4 (Superintendent Interviews)	No School PK-12
Thursday, February 12 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)	K-12 1:00 PM Dismissal No Preschool
Friday, February 13 (Teacher Inservice)	No School PK-12
Wednesday, March 4 (End of Quarter-Teacher Inservice)	K-12 1:00 PM Dismissal No Preschool
Thursday-Friday, March 5 & 6 (Spring Break)	No School PK-12

### 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](http://www.newman.esu8.org)

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)

KTTC (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.

### 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.