

# Bluejay Bulletin

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## Congratulations Class of 2025!

Back row (l-r): Colton Wissenburg, Zander Jarecki and Superintendent Josh Warren. Middle row: Xavier Standley and Brody Busch. Front row: Gabby Beehn, Abigail Matson, Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris, Emily Schlecht and Halie Nelsen.

Graduation was held on Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m. The class colors were royal blue and silver grey. The class flower was the white carnation and the class motto was "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!" Dr. Suess

*And that's a wrap for the 2024-2025 school year! What a year it has been. I am proud of our students, staff, parents, and community for the support we have received during this wonderful school year.*

*May was a busy time as we held banquets, award ceremonies, track and field day, graduation and much more. We celebrated 7th-11th grade Students on Tuesday, May 13th with dodgeball games and an afternoon filled with life skills sessions. The K-6 students attended a movie at the Gateway Theater to celebrate their hard work for the year.*

*We look forward to seeing you in August as we gear up for the 2025-2026 school year. We will be hosting Back to School Registration Sessions on August 5th. More information will be sent to parents regarding the session information in July.*

*Congratulations to the class of 2025, we wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors!*



## Newman Grove PTO

Hello from your Newman Grove PTO! To show our appreciation to the teachers at Newman Grove we held a week of activities during Teacher Appreciation Week along with a taco/nacho bar. Thank you to all who donated and helped us pamper the teachers and staff at NGPS. It may not feel like summer break with the cooler weather, but that doesn't mean that your Newman Grove PTO has the summer off. We will be busy planning the Back to School Splash and a fall NG apparel order. Be on the lookout for more information on those. Thank you again for a great school year and have a great summer!



*Have a great summer!*

*Mrs. Forre*





## Board of Education Meeting May 12, 2025

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- All members were present, with the exception of Eric Stone. Others in attendance: Superintendent Warren, Principal Forre, Assistant Principal Sauser, Christie Wallin and Donna Schroeter.
- The Open Meetings Act was posted in the room in accordance with the law.
- Approved the agenda as published.
- Approved the minutes of the April 14, 2025 regular board meeting as printed.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
- Principal Erin Forre presented her report to the board, which included: End of the year events: K-6 Rockin Rally on May 12th, 7-12 Life Skills Sessions on May 13th, Last day for students on May 14th, Last day for teachers on May 16th; Acadience Spring Benchmark testing data; Nebraska reads testing data; Projected 25/26 enrollment (approximately 2377 students).
- Mr. Josh Warren presented his superintendent's report to the board, which included: Presentation of the graduating class of 2025; Stage pads are in-waiting for steps before finishing project; Yondr bags-discussion.
- Approved updates to Policy 4040 as presented, with noted changes.
- Approved utilizing a portion of the depreciation fund earmarked for HVAC in gym to locker room and restroom restoration in the amount of \$150,000.
- A motion to table action item Quote from Boone County Epoxy.
- Accepted the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Approved the payment of claims totaling \$316,550.67 (General Fund); \$1,298.70 (Depreciation Fund); \$553,812.51 (Bond Fund); and \$7,620.00 (Building Fund).
- Motion to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m.
- Motion to come out of closed session at 8:15 p.m.
- Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## Second Semester Honor Roll 2024-2025



### High Distinction (All A-4.0)

#### Distinction

(Average Greater than or equal to 3.50)

**Honor (Average Greater than or equal to 3.00)**

GRADE 12: High Distinction: Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris.  
Distinction: Broderick Busch, Zander Jarecki, Abigail Matson. Honors: Gabrielle Beehn, Emily Schlecht.

GRADE 11: High Distinction: Summer McKinzie, Serenity Strong, Aubree Whitaker. Distinction: Anaylen Morales, Kailey Patzel, Keira Voelker. Honors: Micah Cuevas, Owen Kaufman, Keoni Loyd, Elaine Shelton, Jadyn Temme, Elise Witchell.

GRADE 10: High Distinction: Jayden Benson, Madysen Wiese. Distinction: Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Andrew Matson, Isaac Meyer, Isabella Santarosa. Honors: Dylan Luetkenhaus.

GRADE 9: Distinction: Korben Donner, Beckett Jorgensen, Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel.

GRADE 8: High Distinction: Ingrid Hernandez Mendoza, Elia Jarecki, Ashton Zoucha. Distinction: Bayonna Ashby, Ashanti Enriquez, Griffin Nelson, Khoen Voelker. Honors: Ian Chilson, Savannah Douglas, Jacob Matson, Hunter Standley, Mackenzie Wiese.

GRADE 7: High Distinction: Jace Forre, Ana Hernandez Franco, Eddan Sauser. Distinction: Pierce Fehringer, Owen Flood, Paisley Fritz, Tyler Luetkenhaus, Natasha Nelson, Sydney Patzel, Mercedes Summer. Honors: Brooklyn Benson, Allison Duhachek, Kelton Jorgensen, Lucy Kaufman, Cali Kerres, Alicia Ruiz, Cash Sweeter, Morely Warren.

### Congratulations to:

- Brooke Forre and Aleeya Morris who received Honorable Mention in the 2025 Omaha World-Herald Academic program.
- Nebraska State Science Fair: Madysen Wiese and Jayden Benson-Red ribbon and Ricoh Sustainable Development Award; Isabella Santarosa-Purple ribbon, Stockholm Water Prize with cash prize & Ward Laboratories award with cash prize.



## Counselor's Corner

Kylie Sweeter

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### Scholarships Earned by Class of 2025

#### Brody Busch

Qualset Family Ag Scholarship  
Wayne State Commitment Scholarship

#### Brooke Forre

Bluejay Foundation (Girl)  
Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial Scholarship  
Citizens State Bank  
NG FFA Alumni  
Shell Creek Watershed Scholarship  
Masonic Lodge #305  
Newman Grove/St. Edward Booster Club  
Scholarship  
Chadron State College Rural Health  
Opportunities Program  
Chadron State College President's Scholarship  
Peru State College Rural Health Opportunities  
Program  
Black Hills State University Gold Distinction of  
Honor Scholarship  
Concordia University Development Scholarship  
Concordia University Academic Scholarship  
Western Nebraska Cutters Scholarship  
National High School Finals Rodeo-Top in 2nd  
Go Round-Girls Cutting Scholarship  
National High School Finals Rodeo-In the top  
10 of world finals-Girls Cutting Scholarship

#### Zander Jarecki

Bluejay Foundation (Boy)  
R. Craig Nelsen Memorial Ag Scholarship  
Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

#### Abigail Matson

Donald Linden Scholarship  
Buddy/Delores Gustafson Family Scholarship  
Community/Bluejay Foundation Career  
Scholarship  
Donavon T. & Ruth (Romberg) Nelson  
Scholarship  
Fred Fehringer Memorial Scholarship  
Matthew London Memorial Scholarship

Wayne Gearhart Memorial Scholarship  
NECC Peter Kiewit Scholarship  
Susan T. Buffet Foundation Scholarship  
Clarence/DeLoris Nelson Memorial Scholarship  
Albion American Legion Riders Post 162  
MG James Ursano Children Scholarship Program  
Fire & Iron Scholarship  
Masonic Lodge # 305

#### Aleeya Morris

NGEA Study Grant  
Muller Family Scholarship  
Nathan Sawyer Memorial Scholarship  
Shell Creek Watershed Scholarship  
Fire & Iron Scholarship  
Concordia One-Act Scholarship  
Concordia Dean's Scholarship  
Concordia Nebraska Careers Scholarship  
Wayne State College Career Scholarship  
Program  
Wayne State College General Scholarship

#### Halie Nelsen

Newman Grove FFA Workforce Scholarship

#### Emily Schlecht

Pauline Engelka Scholarship  
Citizens State Bank  
Nebraska Wesleyan Scholarship  
Pillen Family Farms & DNA Genetics Scholarship

#### Xavier Standley

Morningside University Founders Scholarship  
Morningside University Achievement  
Scholarship  
Siouxland Proud Morningside Bound Full  
Tuition Award  
Morningside Men's Athletic Bowling Scholarship



Pictured (l-r): Halie Nelsen, Abigail Matson, Gabrielle Beehn, Xavier Standley, Broderick Busch, Colton Wissenburg, Zander Jarecki, Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris, Emily Schlecht.



Pictured to the left: Aleeya Morris giving her Salutatorian Address, with Brooke Forre on the right giving her Valedictorian and President's Address. Below the graduates are all tossing their hats in the air after the ceremony and Abigail Matson is receiving her diploma from School Board President Jeanie McCloud with Principal Forre & Superintendent Warren.



## 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Newman Grove Public Schools held their 127th Graduation on Saturday, May 10th. The students were led in procession by the Junior Class Honor Escorts Aubree Whitaker and Kailey Patzel.

Superintendent Josh Warren provided the welcome address. Aleeya Morris, gave the Salutatorian address, thanking the school staff, families, classmates and friends for all their support throughout the years. Mrs. Sweeter, the school's Guidance Counselor, presented scholarship awards, and recognized individual students for their achievements. Brooke Forre, Valedictorian and President of the class, gave her speech on all the things they will remember from over the years and the people who influenced them. Some of the things she will miss the most is the small everyday happenings or moments.

The senior slideshow was presented. The members of the class then made a special presentation of flowers while the song "Don't Forget to Remember Me" by Carrie Underwood played. Principal Erin Forre then presented the class to the President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Jeanie McCloud. After receiving their diplomas, the graduates went outside to receive congratulations from their guests.





# KINDERGARTEN, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Sports SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Your child will need their kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade or sports physical this year. Here's what to expect:

**Vaccines.** Your Kindergarten child will get two vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- a. ProQuad – MMR & varicella combination
- b. Kinrix – Tdap & polio combination



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vaccines.** Your child will get three vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent cancer and meningitis. Both of these sicknesses can cause long term illness, so a shot will help protect your child:

- a. HPV – Gardasil
- b. Tdap – Tetanus
- c. Meningococcal – Meningitis

\*If your child is on Medicaid or you have no insurance, make sure you go to the clinic in Albion for vaccines. Families with private insurance can get vaccines at any of the clinics.

**Exam.** They will check a urine sample. Please do not forget to schedule your eye appointment with your eye doctor (for Kindergarten).

**Talk.** They will talk with your child about sleep, physical activity, nutrition, relationships, decision making and much more. This is a great time for parents to ask questions or talk about concerns they have for their child's well-being. Also, your child will have a chance to talk to their medical provider alone about anything they may be worried about if they would like.

**What to Bring.** Your school's physical form-filled out

- Wear contacts or glasses if you have them
- Full bladder – so they can get a urine sample
- Immunization records
- Bottles of medication for review
- Insurance card if you have one



Filled out Registration and Vaccine Consent Forms (pick up in advance at clinic or download and print from [www.boonecohealth.org](http://www.boonecohealth.org) under Patient Resources) \*ONLY needed if coming without parent. A parent is preferred.

**When to schedule:** The sooner the better as the schedule gets full in July and August.

**How to schedule:** Call your local clinic to schedule your child's physical.

Boone County Medical Clinic: 402-395-5013

Newman Grove Medical Clinic: 402-447-6214



# Life Skills Day

By Kylie Sweetser

Our 7th–12th grade students spent Tuesday afternoon learning valuable real-world skills during our Life Skills Day! We were excited to welcome a variety of guest speakers who shared their time and expertise on topics such as:



Banking, loans, budgeting, and personal money management



Entrepreneurship



Meal planning



Sewing and laundry



Changing a tire and basic vehicle maintenance



Table manners, phone and social etiquette

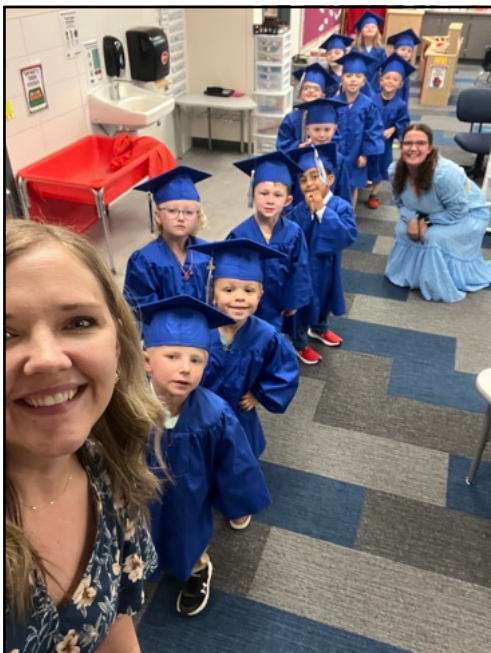


Social media and online safety



Fishing basics

A big THANK YOU to our community members and presenters for helping prepare our students for life beyond the classroom!



## Preschool End of Year

This was the third year for preschool graduation. It was held on Thursday, May 8th. The preschoolers also spent one of their last days going to the park to play. To the right is the morning preschool on top and the afternoon on the bottom.





## Panthers Track & Field



### Burwell Invitational 4-17-25

The NG/SE Panthers traveled to Burwell on Thursday before Easter break. The girls placed 12th with 12 points and the boys placed 13th with 10 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Micah Cuevas (1st-1600 Meter Run); Payton Fehringer (6th-High Jump); Kailey Patzel (3rd-Triple Jump).

### Humphrey/Lindsay Quad 4-22-25

The Panthers went to Humphrey after break for their quad. The girls team finished 4th with 77 points and the boys were 3rd with 73 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Aubree Whitaker (3rd-100 Yard Dash, 5th-Long Jump, 6th-Triple Jump); Payton Fehringer (4th-100 Yard Dash, 3rd-4x100 Yard Relay, 1st-High Jump); Serenity Strong (5th-100 Yard Dash, 3rd-4x100 Yard Relay); Kailey Patzel (1st-Triple Jump, 5th-Discus); Rebekah Ketelsen (2nd-3200 Yard Run); Lakin Prososki (1st-100 Yard Hurdles, 2nd-300 Yard Hurdles, 3rd-4x100 Yard Relay); Katelyn Werts (3rd-4x100 Yard Relay, 4th-High Jump, 4th-Long Jump); Billy Fyfe (6th-100 Yard Dash, 2nd-4x100 Yard Relay, 3rd-4x400 Yard Relay); Micah Cuevas (1st-800 Yard Run, 1st-1600 Yard Run, 1st-3200 Yard Run); Keoni Loyd (2nd-4x100 Yard Relay, 6th-Shot Put); Parker Fitchner (5th-200 Yard Dash, 2nd-4x100 Yard Relay, 3rd-4x400 Yard Relay, 4th-Shot Put); Zaiden Heusman (2nd-400 Yard Run, 3rd-4x400 Yard Relay); Noah Ketelsen (5th-3200 Yard Run); Nolan Werts (2nd-4x100 Yard Relay, 3rd-4x400 Yard Relay, 1st-High Jump); Mason Steensnes (6th-Discus).

### Palmer Invitational 4-24-25

Thursday, April 24th the Panthers traveled to Fullerton for the Palmer Invite. Both teams placed 12th with the girls collecting 5 points and the boys 8. It was a bigger meet with much more competition. Individuals placing in the top six are: Micah Cuevas (2nd-1600 Meter Run); Payton Fehringer (4th-High Jump); Kailey Patzel (6th-Triple Jump).

### Goldenrod Conference Meet at Humphrey 5-2-25

Humphrey hosted the Goldenrod Conference this year. The Panther girls placed 9th with 8 points and the boys earned 7th with 16 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Piper Jarecki (5th-Shot Put); Kailey Patzel (6th-Triple Jump); Payton Fehringer (6th-4x100 Meter Relay); Aubree Whitaker (6th-4x100 Meter Relay); Micah Cuevas (2nd-3200 Meter Run, 2nd-1600 Meter Run); Lakin Prososki (4th-300 Meter Hurdles, 6th-4x100 Meter Relay); Katelyn Werts (6th-4x100 Meter Relay).

### McCool Junction Invitational 5-8-25

The final meet before districts was held at McCool Junction. The girls team earned 5th place with 47 points and the boys finished in 5th as well with 40 points. Individuals finishing in the top six are: Payton Fehringer (4th-400 Meters, 2nd-High Jump); Aubree Whitaker (5th-3200 Meter Run, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay); Brylee Patzel (5th-Triple Jump, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay); Piper Jarecki (3rd-Shot Put, 6th-Discus); Kailey Patzel (5th-Discus); Katelyn Werts (4th-100 Meter Dash, 5th-High Jump, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay, 6th-Long Jump); Lakin Prososki (3rd-100 Meter Hurdles, 4th-300 Meter Hurdles, 4th-4x100 Meter Relay); Rebekah Ketelsen (6th-3200 Meter Run); Micah Cuevas (2nd-1600 Meter Run, 1st-3200 Meter Run); Billy Fyfe (5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Parker Fitchner (6th-200 Meter Dash, 4th-Shot Put, 5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Zaiden Heusman (6th-400 Meter Run, 6th-300 Meter Hurdles, 5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Noah Ketelsen (5th-3200 Meter Run); Nolan Werts (1st-High Jump, 5th-4x100 Meter Relay).

### C-5 Districts at David City Aquinas 5-15-25

The Panthers traveled to David City for Districts this year. The girls team received 10th place with 7.5 points and the boys team finished in 7th with 28 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Micah Cuevas (1st-1600 Meter Run, 1st-3200 Meter Run, 3rd-800 Meter Run); Kailey Patzel (5th-Discus); Payton Fehringer (5th-High Jump); Piper Jarecki (4th-Shot Put); Parker Fitchner (5th-Shot Put). Micah Cuevas qualified for state competition in the 1600 and 3200 Meter Runs.

### State Track Meet 5-23-25 & 5-24-25

Micah Cuevas traveled to Burke in Omaha for the state meet. He finished 14th in the 3200 Meter Run and 17th in the 1600 Meter Run with a personal best time in both.





## NG/SE Junior High Panther Track



### Fullerton Invitational 4-23-25

The junior high traveled to Fullerton for their fourth meet. The girls team placed 10th with 10 points and the boys were 1st with 95 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Morely Warren (1st-100 Meter Dash, 1st-200 Meter Dash, 3rd-Long Jump, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Brooklyn Benson (2nd-200 Meter Hurdles); Ian Chilson (1st-400 Meter Run, 2nd-Discus, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Khoen Voelker (4th-Discus, 2nd-Shot Put, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Griffin Nelson (1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Ashton Zoucha (1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Owen Flood (4th-4x800 Meter Relay); Pierce Fehringer (4th-4x800 Meter Relay); Natasha Nelson (5th-4x800 Meter Relay); Mercy Summers (5th-4x800 Meter Relay); Riley Steensnes (2nd-800 Meter Run, 2nd-Triple Jump); Jaxson Reader (6th-800 Meter Run, 2nd-4x400 Meter Relay); Isaiah Ketelsen (4th-4x800 Meter Relay); Max Kula (4th-4x800 Meter Relay); Payton Kula (5th-4x800 Meter Relay); Isabelle Laska (5th-4x800 Meter Relay).

### Twin River Invitational 4-29-25

The junior Panthers traveled to Genoa for the Twin River Invitational. The girls team earned 9th place with 8 points and the boys took 6th with 33 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Ian Chilson (5th-400 Meter Run, 3rd-Discus, 4th-Shot Put, 5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Morely Warren (5th-100 Meter Run, 5th-200 Meter Run, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Khoen Voelker (3rd-Shot Put, 2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Griffin Nelson (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay, 5th-4x400 Meter Relay); Ashton Zoucha (2nd-4x100 Meter Relay); Brooklyn Benson (5th-100 Meter Hurdles, 4th-200 Meter Hurdles); Riley Steensnes (6th-800 Meter Run); Jaxson Reader (5th-4x400 Meter Relay).

### Goldenrod Conference Junior High Meet 5-5-25

The Goldenrod Conference meet was held in Fullerton and was their last meet of the season. The girls team placed 8th with 17 points and the boys came away in 4th with 57 points. Individuals placing in the top six are: Khoen Voelker (1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay, 3rd-Shot Put, 2nd-Discus); Morely Warren (2nd-100 Meter Dash, 3rd-200 Meter Dash, 1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-Long Jump); Griffin Nelson (1st-4x100 Meter Relay, 4th-4x400 Meter Relay); Ashton Zoucha (1st-4x100 Meter Relay); Ian Chilson (4th-4x400 Meter Relay, 5th-Shot Put, 6th-Discus); Paisley Fritz (5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Cali Kerres (5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Bayonna Ashby (5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Brooklyn Benson (6th-100 Meter Hurdles, 1st-200 Meter Hurdles, 5th-4x100 Meter Relay); Sydney Patzel (4th-Discus); Riley Steensnes (4h-800 Meter Run, 4th-Triple Jump); Jaxson Reader (4th-x400 Meter Relay).

Pictures are by Kelly Schlee. Below is the team picture after the Fullerton meet.



Pictured on the right is next year's FFA Officers are pictured below backrow (l-r): Nate Fowlkes, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Oliver Kaufman, Owen Kaufman. Front: Aubree Whitaker, Kailey Patzel, Allyx Forre. Piper Jarecki, Brylee Patzel.



# NEWMAN GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## ~SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST~

### 2025-2026

#### Kindergarten

Bookbag  
12 Glue Sticks  
2 Erasers  
Scissors (Metal)  
Pencil Box (5"x9")  
2 Notebooks  
2 - 2 Pocket Folders  
2 Pkgs. Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Color 10 Ct)  
2 Boxes Crayola Crayons (24 count)  
Kids Headphones (No Earbuds)  
2 Clorox Wipes  
Velcro PE Shoes  
2 Boxes of Kleenex  
Water Bottle  
Classroom Supply of Snacks

#### First Grade

Bookbag  
12 Glue Sticks  
2 Big Erasers  
Pencils (#2 Lead)  
Scissors-metal  
Pencil Box (5"x9")  
1- Pocket Folder  
2 Pkgs. Crayola Washable Markers (Classic Color 10 Ct)  
2-Boxes Crayola Crayons (24 Count)  
1- Clorox Wipes  
Kids Headphones (No Earbuds)  
PE Shoes  
2-Boxes of Kleenex (long box)  
1 inch 3 Ring Binder with pockets inside & insert on the front  
Water Bottle  
Classroom Supply of Snacks

#### Second Grade

Bookbag  
6 Glue Sticks  
4 oz Bottle White Glue  
3 Big Erasers  
Small Pointed Scissors  
2 Pkgs. Clorox Wipes  
Pencil Box (5"x9")  
3 Spiral Notebooks - Wide Ruled  
4 Pocket Folders with Prongs  
2 Sets of Crayola Markers (10 Count)  
2 Boxes Crayola Crayons (24 Count)  
2 Boxes of Kleenex  
Pencils (#2 Lead)  
PE Shoes  
Kids Headphones (No Earbuds)  
Classroom supply of snacks

#### Third Grade

PE Shoes  
2-3 Boxes of Kleenex  
Girls Clorox Wipes  
Boys Hand Sanitizer  
Pocket Folder  
Wide Ruled Loose paper  
3 Subject Spiral Notebook  
1 Large Glue Stick  
Small Pointed Scissors  
Cap Erasers (Pentel brand are best)  
Large Eraser (Pentel brand are best)  
Package of Ticonderoga Pencils  
12 Count Colored Pencils  
24 Count Crayons (No bigger)  
10 Count Markers Regular (no thin)  
6 to 8 Dry Erase Markers  
Headphones (No Bluetooth)  
Pencil Box (5"x9")  
Classroom Supply of Snacks  
Water Bottle  
~Optional/Not Necessary~  
Highlighter, Colorful Pens,  
1.3 mm Mechanical Pencils (extra lead)  
**\*Please Label All Supplies\***

#### Fourth Grade

2 Boxes of Pencils (#2 Lead)  
4 Glue Sticks  
Erasers  
Scissors-pointed  
12" Ruler (inches/centimeters)  
1 Pkg. Clorox Wipes  
4 Spiral Notebooks (70/80 Pages)  
3 Pocket Folders  
Markers (Skinny and Fat)  
Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
2-3 Boxes of Kleenex  
PE Shoes  
Highlighter  
Earbuds for Personal Use  
Water bottle  
Pencil Box

#### Fifth Grade

1 Large Glue Stick  
Erasers (Pentel brand are best)  
Scissors  
4 oz Bottle White  
Pencils (Ticonderoga brand are best)  
1 Pencil Pouch (for hanging)  
24 Count Colored Pencils  
24 Count Crayons  
10 Count Markers  
1 Pen (Blue, Black, and Red)  
1 Pkg. of 4 Highlighters (variety)  
12" Ruler (inches/centimeters)  
4 Spiral Notebooks (70/80 Pgs)  
1 Composition Notebook  
1 small pkg. Loose Leaf Paper  
1 inch - 3 Ring Binder  
1 Pkg. of 5 Plastic Binder Dividers with Pockets  
2 Boxes of Kleenex  
PE Shoes  
Earbuds for Personal Use  
Water bottle

#### Sixth Grade

Eraser  
Scissors  
Colored Pencils  
Pencils (#2 Lead)  
Pencil Box (5"x9")  
Washable Markers (Multi-colored)  
Crayons  
3 Pens (Blue, red, & Green)  
Small Bottle White Glue  
Glue Sticks  
Highlighters  
Personal Dry Erase Markers  
2 Pocket Folders with Prongs  
White-out  
1 Pkg. Notebook Paper  
1 Pkg. Clorox Wipes  
Hand Sanitizer  
2 Boxes of Kleenex  
12" Ruler (inches/centimeters)  
5 Spiral Notebooks (70/80 pages)  
2 Binders  
Pkg of binder dividers (need at least 7)  
Pkg. of Lined Index cards  
PE Shoes  
Headphones for Personal Use  
Scientific Calculator Texas Instruments (TI-30X IIS)  
Water Bottle





**NEWMAN GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**~SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST~**  
**2025-2026**

**7th-8th Grade Classes**

Bookbag  
Colored Pencils  
Pencils  
Pens (Blue, Black, Red)  
Folders  
Multi Colored Highlighters  
Scissors  
Markers  
Loose Leaf Paper  
Ruler (Inches/Centimeters)  
100 Index Cards (3"x5")  
Scientific Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS)  
4 Notebooks-40 pg minimum for each class  
Trifold poster board for science fair

**7th-8th Grade PE**

Gym Shorts  
T-Shirts  
White Socks  
Athletic Supporters  
Deodorant  
PE Shoes  
Ponytail Holders  
Towel

**Jr-Sr High Classes**

**Accounting Class**

3-Ring Binder  
Notebook

**Ag Education**

1 Inch Binder  
Welding Class-  
Close-Toed Shoes  
Jeans  
Pens/Pencils

**Business**

3-Ring Binder (2"-3")  
Pens/Pencils  
Notebook

**Computer**

3-Ring Binder 2" wide

**English 9-12**

Pens/Pencils  
1 Notebook with 5 subjects (we will use this for reading, writing, vocab, and grammar)  
College Ruled Notebook Paper  
Book Cover for Grammar Textbook  
2 English folders (1 for each semester due to wear and tear)

**Math 9-12**

Notebooks (Notes)  
Pocket Folder  
Ruler  
Pencils  
Book Cover for Textbook  
Scientific Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS)  
Trigonometry (Texas Instruments 83 or 84 Plus)

**World Geography/World History/American History and Government**

Pens/Pencils  
Folder for each class  
Book Cover

**Science 7-12**

Scientific calculator for Physical Science and Chemistry (Texas Instruments 83 or 84 Plus)  
Pencils

**Industrial Tech**

Pencil  
12' tape measure  
ANSI rated safety glasses are required but may be purchased from the instructor if needed  
Closed toe shoes are required in class

All students need a good supply of pens, pencils, folders & notebooks for all classes. **No wireless ear buds for students!**

**Volleyball**

Shoes comfortable for athletic competition  
Black Shorts for Games  
Knee Pads

**Football**

Football shoes or shoes with rubber cleats or replacement cleats  
Black/White Socks  
Can get your own mouthpiece  
Water bottles

**Basketball**

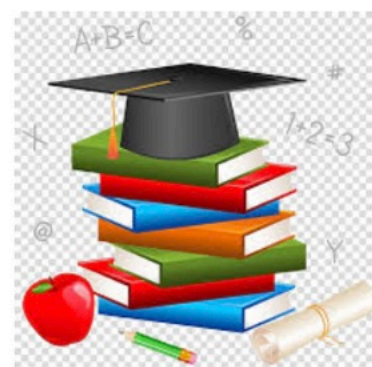
High Top Shoes  
Water Bottles

**Wrestling**

Wrestling Shoes

**Track & Cross Country**

Running Shoes (See coaches for recommendations)





## Academic & Activities Awards



U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award-Brooke Forre. U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence-Colton Wissenburg. U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award-Zander Jarecki. American Citizenship Award-Brooke Forre, Zander Jarecki, Abigail Matson, Aleeya Morris, Halie Nelsen, Emily Schlecht, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Keira Voelker, Aubree Whitaker, Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Isaac Meyer, Isabella Santarosa, Madysen Wiese, Payton Fehringer, Beckett Jorgensen, Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel. 'A' Team Award-Brooke Forre. Newman Grove All-Academic Team-Oliver Kaufman, Jayden Benson, Piper Jarecki, Isabella Santarosa, Summer McKinzie, Kailey Patzel, Aubree Whitaker, Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris. National Honor Society Awards-Character-Abigail Matson, Scholarship-Andrew Matson, Service-Brylee Patzel, Leadership-Halie Nelsen. Academic All-State Awards- Play Production-Aleeya Morris and Kailey Patzel; Volleyball-Kailey Patzel; Speech-Aleeya Morris; Girls Bowling-Summer McKinzie; Girls Basketball-Aubree Whitaker; Track & Field-Aubree Whitaker and Oliver Kaufman. All Athletic Awards (3 sports)-Billy Fyfe, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Piper Jarecki, Oliver Kaufman. Performing Arts Award (3 performing arts)-Aleeya Morris.

### Academic Content Area Awards

**Academic Excellence Award** - The Highest GPA in each academic contest area.

**Bluejay of the Year** - Hardest working student in your subject area, this is not based on GPA.

**Certificates: Gold (97%-100%), Silver (95%-96.9%), Bronze (93%-94.9%)**

**Agricultural Education**-AG Academic Excellence Award-9th-Oliver Kaufman, 10th-Allyx Forre, 11th-Kailey Patzel, 12th-Brooke Forre. AG Bluejay Student of the Year-Brooke Forre. Ag Leadership-Gold Certificate-Brooke Forre. Ag Mech/Welding-Gold Certificate-Owen Kaufman; Bronze Certificate-Zander Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus. Animal Science-Gold Certificate-Summer McKinzie, Anaylen Morales, Kailey Patzel, Aubree Whitaker; Silver Certificate-Serenity Strong. Companion Animals-Gold Certificate-Owen Kaufman, Summer McKinzie, Anaylen Morales, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong; Bronze Certificate-Aubree Whitaker. Food Science-Gold Certificate-Brooke Forre, Emily Schlecht. Greenhouse/Ag Business-Gold Certificate-Abigail Matson, Halie Nelsen; Silver Certificate-Zander Jarecki; Bronze Certificate-Elaine Shelton. Plant Science-Silver Certificate-Abigail Matson; Bronze Certificate-Emily Schlecht. 9th Grade Explore-Gold Certificate-Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel; Silver Certificate-Beckett Jorgensen; Bronze Certificate-Korben Donner, Payton Fehringer. 10th Grade Explore-Gold Certificate-Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Isabella Santarosa, Madysen Wiese; Bronze Certificate-Dylan Luetkenhaus, Andrew Matson. **Business and Technology**-Academic Excellence Award-Allyx Forre. Business & Technology Bluejay Student of the Year-Madysen Wiese. Accounting I-Silver Certificate-Andrew Matson. Accounting II-Gold Certificate-Abigail Matson. Computer Applications-Silver Certificate-Oliver Kaufman; Bronze Certificate-Brylee Patzel. Computer Science Principles-Bronze Certificate-Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel. Digital Imaging-Gold Certificate-Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Nate Fowlkes, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Andrew Matson, Isabella Santarosa, Madysen Wiese; Silver Certificate-Xavier Standley. Introduction to Business-Silver Certificate-Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel; Bronze Certificate-Payton Fehringer, Beckett Jorgensen. Personal Finance-Silver Certificate-Allyx Forre; Bronze Certificate-Elaine Shelton, Jayden Benson, Piper Jarecki, Madysen Wiese. **English**-Academic Excellence Award-English 9 - Oliver Kaufman, English 10-Madysen Wiese, English 11-Aubree Whitaker, English 12-Broderick Busch. English Bluejay Student of the Year-Kailey Patzel. English 9-Silver Certificate-Oliver Kaufman; Bronze Certificate-Beckett Jorgensen, Brylee Patzel. English 10-Silver Certificate-Madysen Wiese; Bronze Certificate-Jayden Benson, Andrew Matson, Isaac Meyer. English 11-Gold Certificate-Aubree Whitaker; Silver Certificate-Kailey Patzel, Keira Voelker. English 12-Bronze Certificate-Broderick Busch. **Foreign Language**-Academic Excellence Award-Summer McKinzie. Foreign Language Bluejay Student of the Year-Anaylen Morales. Spanish I-Gold Certificate-Isabella Santarosa; Silver Certificate-Piper Jarecki, Madysen Wiese; Bronze Certificate-Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre. Spanish II-Gold Certificate-Serenity Strong, Kailey Patzel, Anaylen Morales, Summer McKinzie; Bronze Certificate-Aubree Whitaker, Jadyn Temme. **Industrial Education**-Academic Excellence Award-Isaac Meyer. Industrial Education Bluejay Student of the Year-Andrew Matson. Intro to Woods-Gold Certificate-Isaac Meyer, Austin Schulz; Silver Certificate-Andrew Matson. Small Engines-Gold Certificate-Zander Jarecki. **Mathematics**-Academic Excellence Award-Madysen Wiese. Mathematics Bluejay Student of the Year-Summer McKinzie. Algebra I-Silver Certificate-Oliver Kaufman. Algebra II-Silver Certificate-Aubree Whitaker; Bronze Certificate-Summer McKinzie. Geometry-Silver Certificate-Madysen Wiese, Andrew Matson, Isaac Meyer; Bronze Certificate-Jayden Benson, Piper Jarecki, Austin Schulz.



**Physical Education and Health**-Academic Excellence Award-Beckett Jorgensen. P.E. & Health Bluejay Student of the Year-Austin Schulz. 9th Grade PE / Health-Gold Certificate-Payton Fehringer, Oliver Kaufman, Brylee Patzel; Silver Certificate-Joseph Berney, Beckett Jorgensen; Bronze Certificate-Korben Donner. Strength and Conditioning-Gold Certificate-Brody Busch, Owen Kaufman, Austin Schulz, Zander Jarecki, Kellan Morris. Strength and Conditioning II-Gold Certificate-Micah Cuevas, Keoni Loyd; Bronze Certificate-Billy Fyfe. **Science**-Academic Excellence Award-Jayden Benson. Science Bluejay Student of the Year-Anaylen Morales. Anatomy & Physiology-Gold Certificate-Abigail Matson. Biology I-Gold Certificate-Jayden Benson; Silver Certificate-Piper Jarecki, Isabella Santarosa, Madysen Wiese; Bronze Certificate-Allyx Forre. Biology II-Gold Certificate-Aubree Whitaker; Silver Certificate-Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong. Chemistry-Silver Certificate-Abigail Matson. General Science-Silver Certificate-Keira Voelker; Bronze Certificate-Anaylen Morales. Physical Science-Silver Certificate-Korben Donner, Beckett Jorgensen; Bronze Certificate-Oliver Kaufman. **Social Studies**-Academic Excellence Award-Summer McKinzie. Social Studies Bluejay Student of the Year-Kailey Patzel. American Government-Gold Certificate-Brooke Forre, Aleeya Morris. American History-Gold Certificate-Owen Kaufman, Summer McKinzie, Anaylen Morales, Kailey Patzel, Serenity Strong, Aubree Whitaker; Silver Certificate-Micah Cuevas, Keoni Loyd; Bronze Certificate-Elaine Shelton, Keira Voelker. World History-Gold Certificate-Korben Donner, Fancy Forkner, Oliver Kaufman, Keoni Loyd; Silver Certificate-Payton Fehringer, Brylee Patzel; Bronze Certificate-Joseph Berney. **Performing Arts**-Academic Excellence Award-Brody Busch. Performing Arts Bluejay Student of the Year-Colton Wissenburg. Music Independent Study-Gold Certificate-Gabby Beehn, Brody Busch, Colton Wissenburg; Bronze Certificate-Xavier Standley. Music History-Gold Certificate-Brody Busch, Colton Wissenburg. **Visual Arts**-Academic Excellence Award-Keira Voelker. Visual Arts Bluejay Student of the Year-Anaylen Morales. Art I-Gold Certificate-Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Anaylen Morales, Piper Jarecki, Isaac Meyer; Silver Certificate-Ethan Donner; Bronze Certificate-Elaine Shelton. Art II-Gold Certificate-Summer McKinzie, Keira Voelker; Silver Certificate-Gabrielle Beehn, Elise Witchell.

#### **2024-2025 Drama-Coaches Kathy Busch and Tina Sauser.**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner. Seniors: \*Brody Busch, \*Aleeya Morris, \*Colton Wissenburg. Juniors: \*Summer McKinzie, \*Kailey Patzel, \*Serenity Strong, \*Keira Voelker, \*Aubree Whitaker. Sophomores: \*Allyx Forre, \*Piper Jarecki, \*Isaac Meyer, \*Kellan Morris. Freshmen: \*Payton Fehringer, \*Fancy Forkner, \*Brylee Patzel. Eighth Grade: Eddan Suaser. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Brody Busch: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award. Aleeya Morris: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award, NCPA Academic All-State. Colton Wissenburg: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award. Kailey Patzel: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award, NCPA Academic All-State. Serenity Strong: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award. Keira Voelker: District Superior Performance Award. Aubree Whitaker: Goldenrod Conference Best Supporting Actress Award, District Superior Performance Award. Allyx Forre: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award. Piper Jarecki: District Superior Performance Award. Isaac Meyer: Goldenrod Conference Outstanding Performance Award, District Superior Performance Award.

#### **2024-2025 Speech-Coaches Chelsea Kaufman and Cassidy Wallin**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner. Senior: \*Aleeya Morris. Juniors: \*Elaine Shelton, Elise Witchell. Sophomore: \*Isaac Meyer, Kellan Morris. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Aleeya Morris: OID-6th Place @ Conference, NCPA Academic All-State. Elaine Shelton: OID-6th Place @ Conference, 4th Place in Serious Prose @ Conference & Districts. Elise Witchell: OID-6th Place @ Conference. Isaac Meyer: OID-6th Place @ Conference. Kellan Morris: OID-6th Place @ Conference.

#### **2024-2025 Art-Instructor Audrey Wondercheck**

Students Participating: Seniors: Gabrielle Beehn, Camden Kleckner, Halie Nelsen. Juniors: Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Ashlynn Guthard, Summer McKinzie, Anaylen Morales, Elaine Shelton, Keira Voelker, Elise Witchell. Sophomores: Ethan Donner, Triston Duhachek, Piper Jarecki, Isaac Meyer. Freshman: Macy Kerres. Schedule of Events and Awards: ESU8 Art Show @ Neligh (April 14th). Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya-Acrylic-Red Ribbon; Elaine Shelton-Acrylic-Red Ribbon; Keira Voelker-Pottery-Blue Ribbon; Keira Voelker-Acrylic-Red Ribbon; Ethan Donner-Ink-Red Ribbon; Triston Duhachek-Scratchboard-Red Ribbon. Goldenrod Conference Art Show @ St. Edward (April 30th). Keira Voelker-Pottery-First Place Ribbon; Camden Kleckner-Portrait-Second Place Ribbon; Piper Jarecki-Scratchboard-Second Place Ribbon; Piper Jarecki-Portrait-Third Place Ribbon; Elaine Shelton-Portrait-Third Place Ribbon

**2024 Football Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Michael Roscoe-Assistant Coaches-Braxton Staack, Brett Miller, Bob Adam** Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner #Captains

Seniors: \*#Carter Anson, \*#Shae Murphy, \*#Marcos Paez, \*#Anthony Reader, \*#Mason Steensnes. Juniors: \*Ryan Cumming, \*Billy Fyfe, \*Owen Kaufman. Sophomores: Ryder Beekman, Ethan Donner, \*Nate Fowlkes, Samuel Garcia-Martinez, Rylan Hoadley, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Kellan Morris, Austin Schulz. Freshmen: Kolten Alder, \*Parker Fitchner, Beckett Jorgensen, \*Oliver Kaufman, Bentley Roan, Triton Sindelar, Nolan Werts. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Student Managers: Jayahn Banks, Ian Chilson, Pierce Fehringer, Owen Flood, Jace Forre, Kelton Jorgensen, Griffin Nelson, Malachi Sarniak, Cash Sweeter, Khoen Voelker, Morely Warren, Ashton Zoucha. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Carter Anson: D1-5 1st Team All-District. Ryan Cumming: D1-5 2nd Team All-District. Shae Murphy: D1-5 Honorable Mention All-District. Marcos Paez: NCPA Academic All-State, D1-5 Honorable Mention All-District. Anthony Reader: D1-5 Honorable Mention All-District. Billy Fyfe: D1-5 Honorable Mention All-District. Owen Kaufman: D1-5 Honorable Mention All-District.

**2024 Volleyball Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Ashley Warren-Assistant Coaches-Karla Patzel, Amanda Sindelar** Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Seniors: \*Trinity Sindelar, Kendra Werner.

Juniors: \*Narali Irineo, \*Kailey Patzel, \*Macy Reardon, \*Olivia Reardon, \*Josie Sock, \*Serenity Strong. Sophomores: \*Piper Jarecki, \*Katelyn Werts. Freshmen: Jocelin Bernal, Payton Fehringer, Fancy Forkner, Isis Lopez, Brylee Patzel. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Kailey Patzel: Goldenrod Conference All-State 2nd Team, NCPA Academic All-State. Olivia Reardon: NCPA Academic All-State.

**2024 Cross Country Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Melissa McIntosh-Assistant Coach-Tim Rossow**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Seniors: \*Zander Jarecki, Rebekah Ketelsen. Juniors: \*Micah Cuevas, Elise Wittchell. Sophomores: Korina Bittner, Damien Jones, Noah Ketelsen. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team: Boys: 2nd Place at Conference. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Rebekah Ketelsen: NCPA Academic All-State. Noah Ketelsen: NCPA Academic All-State.

**2024-2025 Girls Basketball Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Brett Miller-Assistant Coach-Karla Patzel** Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Seniors: \*Trinity Sindelar. Juniors: Emily Cruz,

\*Kailey Patzel, Macy Reardon, \*Aubree Whitaker. Sophomores: Korina Bittner, \*Allyx Forre, \*Piper Jarecki, \*Katelyn Werts. Freshmen: \*Brylee Patzel. Student Managers: Brooke Forre, Sydney Patzel, Paisley Fritz. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team: 3rd Place at Elba Holiday Tournament. Nebraska Coaches Association-Currency Academic Excellence Award. - Criteria of TEAM GPA higher than 3.30. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Trinity Sindelar: NCPA Academic All-State, Kailey Patzel: 1st Team All Conference, Honorable Mention All-State Omaha World-Herald, Honorable Mention All-State Lincoln Journal-Star, 3rd Team All-Area Norfolk Daily News, D-1 Defensive Player of the Year. Aubree Whitaker: NCPA Academic All-State. Allyx Forre: Honorable Mention All-State Omaha World-Herald, Honorable Mention All-State Lincoln Journal-Star, Honorable Mention All-Area Norfolk Daily News. New Records:Kailey Patzel broke the school record of 141 rebounds in a season, the new record is 386. Kailey Patzel - rebounds in a game with 26. Kailey Patzel - points in a season was 310, the new record is 350.

**2024-25 Boys Basketball Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Tyler Gray-Assistant Coaches-Josh Warren, Andy Reader** Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner #Captains

Senior: \*#Zander Jarecki, Jace Jones, \*#Marcos Paez, \*#Anthony Reader, \*Mason Steensnes. Juniors: \*Dennis Bernal, \*Ryan Cumming, Keoni Loyd. Sophomores: Ryder Beekman, Rylan Hoadley, Samuel Martinez. Freshmen: Kolten Alder, \*Parker Fitcher, \*Triton Sindelar, Nolan Werts. Student Managers: Jaxon Reader, Morely Warren. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team:2nd Place at Elba Holiday Tournament. New Records: Anthony Reader - St. Edward Record in Career Steals (204). Special Honors Received by Team Members:Zander Jarecki: C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Omaha World Herald, C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Lincoln Journal-Star. Marcos Paez: NCPA Academic All-State, Honorable Mention All Conference, C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Omaha World Herald, C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Lincoln Journal-Star. Anthony Reader: 3rd Team All Conference, C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Omaha World Herald, C-2 Honorable Mention All-State Lincoln Journal-Star. Dennis Bernal: NCPA Academic All-State.

**2024-25 Boys Wrestling Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Braxton Staack-Assistant Coach-Bryton Fowlkes.** Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Juniors: \*Billy Fyfe, \*Owen Kaufman.

Sophomores: \*Nate Fowlkes, Colton Funkhouser, \*Kellan Morris, \*Austin Schulz, Caden Shotkoski. Freshmen: \*Oliver Kaufman.



### **2024-25 Girls Wrestling Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Travis McCloud**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Juniors: \*Ashlynn Guthard. Freshmen: \*Payton Fehringer, \*Fancy Forkner. Student Manager: Mackenzie Wiese.

### **2024-25 Girls Bowling Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Jason Anderson**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner. Juniors: \*Summer McKinzie, \*Serenity Strong. Sophomores: \*Bristol Laska. Freshman: \*Kaylee Applegarth. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Summer McKinzie: NCPA Academic All-State, 8th Place at Districts. Serenity Strong: 6th Place at Districts. Bristol Laska: NCPA Academic All-State.

### **2024-25 Boys Bowling Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Jason Anderson**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Seniors: \*Xavier Standley, \*Colton Wissenburg. Juniors: \*Kalvin Sindelar. Sophomores: \*Abner Carvajal-Hernandez. Freshman: \*Beckett Jorgensen, \*Noah Ketelsen. Student Manager: Jacob Matson. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Colton Wissenburg: 4th Place at Districts, State Qualifier. Kalvin Sindelar: NCPA Academic All-State. Noah Ketelsen: NCPA Academic All-State.

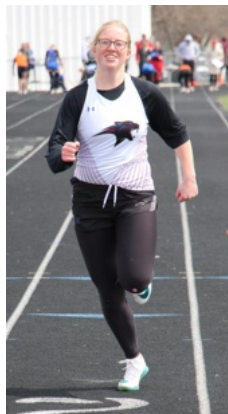
### **2025 Girls Track Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Melissa McIntosh-Assistant Coaches-Tim Rossow, Brett Miller, Bob Adams**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner. Seniors: Alli Brauner, \*Rebekah Ketelsen. Juniors: \*Kailey Patzel, \*Serenity Strong, \*Aubree Whitaker. Sophomores: Kaylee Applegarth, \*Piper Jarecki, \*Lakin Prososki, \*Katelyn Werts. Freshmen: \*Payton Fehringer, Fancy Forkner, \*Brylee Patzel. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Katelyn Werts: 6th Place in 4x100 Meter Relay at Goldenrod Conference. Kailey Patzel: 6th Place in Triple Jump at Goldenrod Conference, 5th Place in Discus at Districts. Aubree Whitaker: NCPA Academic All-State, 6th Place in 4x100 Meter Relay at Goldenrod Conference. Piper Jarecki: 5th Place in Shot Put at Goldenrod Conference, 4th Place in Shot Put at Districts. Lakin Prososki: 4th Place in 300 Meter Hurdles, 6th Place in 4x100 Meter Relay at Goldenrod Conference. Payton Fehringer: 6th Place in 4x100 Meter Relay at Goldenrod Conference, 5th Place in High Jump at Districts.

### **2025 Boys Track Coop with Saint Edward-Coach Melissa McIntosh-Assistant Coaches-Tim Rossow, Brett Miller, Bob Adams**

Students Participating: \*Denotes Letter Winner Seniors: \*Mason Steensnes. Juniors: Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, \*Micah Cuevas, \*Billy Fyfe, \*Keoni Loyd. Sophomores: \*Noah Ketelsen. Freshmen: Joseph Berney, Evan Duhachek, \*Parker Fitchner, \*Zaiden Huesman, \*Oliver Kaufman, Bentley Roan, \*Nolan Werts. Trainer: Kim Ranslem. Special Honors Received by Team Members: Micah Cuevas: 2nd Place in 1600 Meter Run, 2nd Place in 3200 Meter Run at Goldenrod Conference; Qualified for Central Nebraska Track Championships in both 800 and 1600 Meter Runs; 3rd Place in the 1600 Meter Run, 6th in the 800 Meter Run at CNTC; 1st Place in 1600 Meter Run, 1st Place in 3200 Meter Run, 3rd Place in 800 Meter Run at Districts, State Qualifier in 1600 & 3200 Meter Runs, 14th in 3200 Meter Run at State, 17th in 1600 Meter Run at State; Oliver Kaufman: NCPA Academic All-State. Parker Fitchner: 5th Place in Shot Put at Districts.

Pictured is (l-r): Payton Fehringer, Serenity Strong, Kailey Patzel, Piper Jarecki, Aubree Whitaker (top) and Micah Cuevas at State Track & Field in Omaha.



# RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

2024-2025

## Part I: Organization and Finance

### General Information:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Pre-K through 12 Enrollment  | 231                 |
| Teachers' Experience:  | 14.91 years average |
| Administrators' Experience:  | 18.34 years average |
| Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent)                                   | 14                  |
| Total Staff:   |                     |
| Administration   | 3.00                |
| Teachers (including SpEd, Title I):                                      | 21.00               |
| Counselor  | 1.00                |
| Aides (Regular, SpEd, Title I, ESL, Preschool):                          | 6.00                |
| Secretaries:   | 1.00                |
| Bookkeeper/Business Manager:   | 1.00                |
| Custodians:  | 3.00                |
| Food Service   | 2.50                |
| Bus Drivers (Regular & Sp.Ed.):  | 6.00                |
| Specialists from ESU #8  |                     |
| (includes Special Education, Technology, Staff Development, Media, Etc.) |                     |

### Budgeted Revenue Sources:

#### General Fund:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Revenue from Local/County Sources: | 90%         |
| Revenue from State Sources:        | 8%          |
| Revenue from Federal Sources:      | 2%          |
| Reserve, Local, County:            | \$1,767,593 |
| Property Taxes:                    | \$3,473,410 |
| State, Special Education, Grants:  | \$113,000   |
| State Aid:                         | \$325,297   |
| Federal:                           | \$74,700    |
| Total:                             | \$5,754,000 |

### Budget of Expenditures:

#### General Fund:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| All Instruction except Special Ed: | \$4,708,300 |
| Special Education (all programs):  | \$545,700   |
| Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers   | \$500,000   |
| Total:                             | \$5,754,000 |

### Levies (calculated to 6 places):

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| General Fund:        | 0.443917 |
| Special Building:    | 0.057512 |
| Bond Fund:           | 0.095853 |
| Total District Levy: | 0.597282 |

Valuation - August, 2024: \$790,349,856

**2024-2025 BUDGET:** State Aid for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$325,297 a decrease of \$4,249.00 from the previous year.

**PROPERTY TAXES AND VALUATION:** Property taxes still account for the largest share of revenue for schools. Property taxes are based on two factors: property valuation, which is set by the county assessor; and the property tax levy, which is a factor one multiplies with the valuation to come up with the tax. The Nebraska State Legislature continues to set the limit on which districts can set their levies. The limit set for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is 1.05. Some exclusions are allowed to exceed this levy lid.

After the County Assessor has certified valuation figures on August 20th, the budget is then completed and presented to the Board of Education in September for their approval. Final levy figures are then verified by the County Treasurer's office.

**BUDGET:** Newman Grove Schools has a total of seven active budgets or funds which they use during the year. They are the General Fund (which includes the Depreciation and Petty Cash Funds), Employee Benefit Fund, Student Fees Fund, Activities Fund, School Lunch, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund. Of these, taxes are collected this year for the General, Building and Bond Funds. The remaining funds are mostly self-supporting.

**GOVERNANCE:** Governance is through an elected six-member Board of Education, with all members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Candidates for the Board of Education must file according to state law in Madison County, the county of record. Current officers are Jeanie McCloud, President; Eric Stone, Vice-President; Becky Wallin, Secretary; Ginger Buhl-Jorgensen, Treasurer; David Fowlkes and Kevin Patzel, Members.

**BLUEJAY FOUNDATION:** The Bluejay Foundation is a separate entity made up of the members of the Board of Education and four patrons. Officers are Kari Fehringer, President; Becky Wallin, Vice-President; and Christie Wallin, Secretary-Treasurer. The Foundation works toward providing opportunities for our students through scholarships, donations, and special projects. The Foundation is supported by tax deductible donations and fund-raising activities. No tax dollars are involved. Anyone interested in donating toward the mission of the Bluejay Foundation may contact the Central Office or any member of the Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors.

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### VISION STATEMENT

**B** Believe in yourself  
**L** Learn to be great  
**U** Uncover your potential  
**E** Evolve into a productive member of society  
**J** Join student extra-curricular activities, get involved  
**A** Appreciate people around you  
**Y** You can make a difference  
**S** Strive for excellence



## RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION 2024-2025

### 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 lifelong learners, which will allow students to participate in and contribute to society.

### BELIEF AND VALUE STATEMENT

Every student will be given equal opportunities to succeed at Newman Grove Public Schools. All education resources and materials students need to succeed are provided and readily available to every student.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL

The district is in year 2 of a 5 year cycle that began in 2023-2024. The chair of the Continuous Improvement Leadership Team (CILT) is Erin Forre. Each year the CILT team leads the faculty to specifically analyze testing results to make decisions to drive instruction and programs. Our goal for this cycle is:

**Priority Outcome:** Newman Grove Public School will increase proficiency on state and district-wide ELA Assessments through the development of common instructional strategies, consistent language, and targeted ELA professional development.

#### **Priority Goal:**

- By the end of the 2027-2028 school year, Newman Grove Public Schools will increase proficiency on the NSCAS ELA Assessment from 76% to 80%.
- By the end of the 2027-2028 school year, Newman Grove Public Schools will increase proficiency on the NSCAS/MAP ELA Language usage assessment from 77% to 80%.

### STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Schools in Nebraska are held accountable for student achievement and progress. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federally mandated law that requires testing of students in grades 3-8 and 11 in the subject categories of Reading, Math and Science to measure student performance and growth. Graduation rate is also part of the formula. These components are used to determine the progress and growth of students who are considered proficient in the areas tested. To meet the requirements of this law, Nebraska has established a state accountability system called AQuESTT. Each spring the students of Nebraska are required to take the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) to fulfill both prior mentioned accountability measures.

Assessment results are published and archived for each school on the state level and can be found on [www.education.ne.gov](http://www.education.ne.gov). When results are made available for public release, Newman Grove Public Schools submits a news article to summarize the results in the local newspaper and district bulletin. Assessment results are typically available in the fall.

### STUDENT PERFORMANCE

The following information has been compiled to show how students of Newman Grove Schools have performed on college entrance exams, achievement tests, and the mastery of basic skills.

#### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS (A.C.T.)

The ACT Company provides us with a five-year history of our ACT tests (2017-2018 to 2023-2024) and Mrs. Sweeter has added our 2024-2025 scores to date.

Table I shows our average composite scores as well as state and national composite averages. Newman Grove students normally score at or above the national averages and at or slightly below the state averages. 100% percent of our students took the test the past five years with a composite average of 19.6. The ACT is a state mandated test for all Juniors to take.

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TABLE I

Average Composite ACT Scores for All Graduates

| Year            | Local | State | National |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|
| 2017-2018       | 19.8  | 21.4  | 21.0     |
| 2018-2019       | 19.4  | 20.8  | 20.8     |
| 2019-2020       | 19.7  | 20.1  | 20.8     |
| 2020-2021       | 20.8  | 21.4  | 19.5     |
| Fall-Class 2022 | 20    | 20    | 20.7     |
| 2022-2023       | *     | 19.9  | 20.1     |
| 2023-2024       | 18.6  | 18.7  | 19.4     |
| 2024-2025       | 18.9  | 18.3  | TBD      |

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The Class of 2025 has the following scores on the ACT: English: 17.1; Mathematics: 19.9; Reading: 19.1; Science: 18.7; and Composite: 18.9.

#### ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Newman Grove Schools uses the NWEA MAP test to measure student achievement.

During the 2024-2025 school year, we tested our 8-11 students in the NWEA MAP test; while our 3-8th grade students took the NSCAS tests three times a year.

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Table I shows the percentages of Newman Grove students by grade level scoring at or above the National Norms in each subject area. Example: 68 would mean that 68% of the class was at or above the national norm compared to students who took the test nationwide. For most of the classes, we are achieving higher than "average".

# RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

## 2024-2025

### Spring 2024-2025 MAPS Growth Testing Results (8-11th Grades)

#### RIT Scores

#### % of students at or above the normative RIT

| Grade | Class | Science<br>RIT Score   | Math<br>RIT Score  | Language<br>Usage<br>RIT Score  | Reading<br>RIT Score  |
|-------|-------|--|--|---|---|
| 8th   | 2029  | 220<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 213)<br>77% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile  | 242<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 230)<br>77% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile  | 222<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 222)<br>54% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile | 226<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 219)<br>92% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile |
| 9th   | 2028  | 221<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 214)<br>70% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile  | 249<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 237)<br>70% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile  | 225<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 219)<br>50% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile | 225<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 221)<br>60% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile |
| 10th  | 2027  | 229<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 215)<br>93% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile. | 260<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 239)<br>86% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile  | 227<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 221)<br>64% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile | 229<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 224)<br>71% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile |
| 11th  | 2026  | 222<br>Class Average<br>*No National Average   | *249<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 244)<br>79% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile | 222<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 222)<br>71% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile | 223<br>Class Average<br>(National Average is 225)<br>43% of our students<br>scored at or above<br>the 50th percentile |

\*Score from Winter 2023-2024 Testing

RIT = Rasch unit. RIT scores relate directly to the curriculum scale in each subject area. It is an equal-interval score, like feet and inches, so scores can be added together to calculate class or school averages. RIT scores range from about 100 to 300. RIT scores make it possible to follow a student's educational growth from year to year.

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## Newman Grove Public Schools Yearbook Advertisers 2024-2025

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE FINE AREA BUSINESSES!!



### Professional/Miscellaneous Services

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Bud's Sanitary Service    | 447-6472 |
| Complete Pest Elimination | 447-2214 |
| Hill Top Roll Off         | 741-2218 |
| Kaufman Construction      | 741-2960 |
| Levander Funeral Home     | 395-2001 |
| Loup Power District       | 447-2313 |
| N.G. Family Dentistry     | 447-6469 |
| O'Brien Electric          | 560-1667 |
| Theo's Corner, LLC        | 447-6066 |
| Wallin Wash and Groom     | 741-0817 |
| White Star                | 447-6061 |
| Wiese Waterworks          | 920-3133 |

### Financial/Insurance/Legal

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Citizen's State Bank | 447-6211 |
| PKL Law Firm         | 447-2723 |

### Fashion/Beauty/Photography/Floral

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 31:13 Dance Studio    | 741-2178        |
| Double K Photography  | kally_n@msn.com |
| Jodi's Hair Classic   | 447-2420        |
| Prairie Sisters       |                 |
| Sheila's Shear Design | 447-2731        |

### Food/Lodging

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| City Cafe          | 447-6446 |
| Farmer's Wife      | 428-8000 |
| Shell Creek Market | 447-2233 |
| South Side Lounge  | 447-2708 |

### Agricultural

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Benson AG            | 447-6407 |
| Farmer's Pride       | 447-6292 |
| Kayton International | 395-2181 |



### FAVORITE LINE IN THE FFA CREED

"I Believe in less dependence on  
begging and more power in  
bargaining"

### WHAT IS YOUR FFA "ICK"?

Not having black colored shoes or  
boots

### FFA ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS

Ag Demo, Ag Mechanics, SCVD  
Parade, FFA Week Tractor  
Drive, Farm Safety Day, Land  
Judging, Livestock Judging,  
Feed the Farmer

### FAVORITE FFA MEMORY

Attending National FFA  
Convention and going to the  
Lainey Wilson Concert

### FAVORITE AG CLASS

Ag Mechanics

### WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNGER FFA MEMBERS?

Try new things that you  
normally wouldn't do



*Owen Kaufman*  
PARLIMENTARIAN | JUNIOR



### Celebrating Arbor Day

Newman Grove Tree Board celebrated Arbor Day with the school on Thursday, April 24th. The preschool through 6th grade received at book and activities for their classrooms. The 4th-6th were also each given a tree sapling to take home and plant. On Friday, April 25th the 5th & 6th grade students helped



plant a memorial tree in memory of Robert Flood in the mini park. Pictured to the left is the kindergarten class accepting the books and the right is the 5th & 6th grade with the tree they planted.

## Summary of Child Labor Laws

(Sections 48-301 through 48-313)

All minors under 16 years of age shall not be employed or permitted to work unless the employer first has the minor obtain an Employment Certificate from the school district in which the minor resides.

Minors 14-15 years of age shall not be permitted to work more than 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week, before the hours of 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m.

Minors under 16 years of age may not be employed in any work in which by reason of the nature of work is dangerous to life and limb, or in which the minor's health may be injured or their moral depraved.

Call the school for a  
Employment Certificate,  
Newman Grove School  
402-447-6294.



## Staff Awards

The administration recognized the following for their years of service to Newman Grove Public Schools.

**5 Years**

Dee Koenig  
Kathy Busch  
Andrea Miller



**10 Years**

Adam Witchell



**15 Years**

Kylie Sweeter



**25 Years**

Donna Miller



**36 Years-Retirement**

Shelley Dunlap



**Thank  
You  
Shelley  
Dunlap!**

We wish a

**Happy Retirement to Shelley  
Dunlap who completes 36 years as  
a math and elementary teacher.**

**If you wish to send her a card,  
mail it to:**



**Shelley Dunlap  
3071 Kozy Drive  
Columbus, NE 68601**

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides no-cost meals to children ages 1-18 years at approved locations across the state. To find information about summer meals sites near you, visit the SFSP Site Finder at the following link.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder>



## Non-Public Consultation Meeting

On June 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., a meeting conducted by the Newman Grove Public Schools will take place in the central office of the school district.

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend nonpublic schools and home schools which are within the Newman Grove Public School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents of a home-schooled child or a child attending a nonpublic school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend a nonpublic school within the boundaries of Newman Grove Public Schools, are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Donna Miller at Newman Grove Public Schools, (402-447-6294).

## 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.

