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NEWTON FALLS

Exempted Village School District

Welcome Back to School!

from Superintendent Rocco Adduci



As we prepare for another successful year at Newton Falls Exempted Village School District, I am extremely proud of the progress and achievements our students and staff have accomplished during the incredibly difficult time of a global pandemic.

For the 21-22 school year, we have utilized ESSER funding to make many needed improvements around the district, including a new roof on the ES/MS building. We have added additional teachers in both buildings to ensure class sizes stay small to meet the diverse needs of our learners. We are reviving our Gifted program at the middle school and introducing a STEM/Robotics program at the K-5 building also. We have utilized ESSER funding to improve our curriculum and instruction in order to provide the most rigorous and effective education to our students. We are now in the initial planning stages of a future athletic complex that I believe will be transformative for our district and community. Lastly, we are very excited to host Tiny Tots Tigers daycare and preschool at the former elementary building this upcoming school year. This will be a tremendous benefit to our community, families, and students.

This school year will bring many positive changes to the district and I am excited for the endless potential of our students, staff, and community. Thank you for your continued support as we kick off another exciting year of progress!

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Newton Falls Ex. Village Schools

2021/2022 School Year

August '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

1st Teachers - 23 / 1st Students - 26

4 days Students / 7 days Teachers

November '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Thanksgiving Break - 24-29

18 days Students / 18 days Teachers

February '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

No School - 18 / Pres. 21 -No School

18 days Students / 19 days Teachers

May '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Last Day Students and Teachers - 27

20 days Students / 20 days Teachers

September '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Labor Day 6 - No School

21 days Students / 21 days Teachers

December '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Christmas Break - Dec. 22 - Jan. 3

15 days Students / 15 days Teachers

March '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Spring Break - 21 - 25

18 days Students / 18 days Teachers

June '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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October '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

NEOE Day 8 - No School

19 days Students / 21 days Teacher

January '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MLK - 17 - No School

18 days Students / 19 days Teachers

April '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Easter Break 15 - 18

19 days Students / 19 days Teachers

July '22						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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(revised 6/28/21)

Contingency - after 5 calamity days - remote learning.

Staff works additional minutes during the year for TBT meetings and PD

Grading Periods

1st 8/26/21 - 10/22/21
2nd 10/25/21 - 1/7/22
3rd 1/10/22 - 3/11/22
4th 3/14/22 - 5/27/22

Interims Due

1st 9/24/21 Dist. 9/29/21
2nd 11/18/21 Dist. 11/23/21
3rd 2/4/22 Dist. 2/9/22
4th 4/22/22 Dist. 4/27/22

Open House: 8/25/21 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Professional Day Teachers: No School Students

Conference Dates: 10/6/21 & 2/17/22

Graduation Date: May 20, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

School Picture Day: September 1st / Make-ups November 3rd

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Newton Falls Exempted Village School District

We are RESPECTFUL.

We are RESPONSIBLE.

We are ENGAGED.

#Tiger Pride

What's new this school year?

- Additional staff to reduce class sizes
- Silver designation for PBIS program by ODE
- Adjusted bell schedule for later start time
- "Food Court" in Cafeteria with increased choices
- Emotional Support Therapy dog

From Summer to Scholars / JH & HS

Students' first day of school on August 26th, 2021 is fast approaching and we are excited to welcome back our Tigers for the 21-22 school year. The teachers and administrators at the Junior High and High School have been gearing up for an exciting year and both students and parents can expect several changes as we head back to school.

The bell schedule has been adjusted to provide a later start time for students, following recommendations from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and the American Academy of Pediatrics (see page 4). To address learning gaps created by the pandemic, we have hired additional teachers and a guidance counselor in an effort to keep class sizes small and address the individual needs of all our learners.

We are very pleased to announce that the Junior High School has received "Silver" designation by the Ohio Department of Education for our outstanding implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS)! This is the second year in a row that the Junior High School has received acknowledgement at the state level for its PBIS implementation and we are very excited to see what is in store this year for our students, staff, and community.

The JH/HS will continue to focus on holistic education by not only meeting the academic needs of our students, but also their social-emotional needs. Through our School Quality Improvement Grant, the JH/HS has partnered this year with the International Institute for Restorative Practices to implement the SaferSanerSchools™ Program. The SaferSanerSchools™ program works with school administrators, educators, counselors, and support staff to explicitly build positive school climate and culture using restorative practices (the science of relationships and community). We are also excited to add a hypoallergenic therapy dog in our building this year to further support the needs of our Tigers.

We are excited to announce that FWD Ministries has graciously agreed to provide school supplies for every child in the district, K-12, with the exception of math calculators. FWD Ministries has been extremely involved in providing needed resources to our students and community members and we are grateful for their contributions.

The district will host an Open House event on August 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 and it will begin in the HS Gymnasium. The staff and administration of the JH/HS are looking forward to the start of another great year at Newton Falls Exempted Village School District. We hope to see you at the Open House!



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2021 - 2022
Junior - Senior High School Bell Schedule



7:50 Building Opens
8:00 Tardy Bell

8:00-8:10 HS Morning Meeting
JH Breakfast

8:10-8:14 HS Breakfast (Grab & Go)
8:14-8:24 JH Morning Meeting
(Intervention rest of 1st period)

1st period class 8:14-9:00

2nd period class 9:03-9:49

3rd period class 9:52-10:38

4th period class 10:41-11:27

5th period lunch 11:31 - 12:01

5th/6th period class 11:31-12:31

5th/7th period class 11:31-12:01
 12:01-12:31 (lunch)
 12:31 - 1:01

6th period lunch 12:01-12:31

6th/7th period class 12:01 - 12:44

7th period lunch 12:31 - 1:01

8th period class 1:05 - 1:51

9th period class 1:54 - 2:40

Dismissal: 2:40

Detention period 2:45 - 3:15

ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Newton Falls Exempted Village School District

What's new this school year?

- New building principal
- STEM and Gifted programs
- Emotional Support Dog
- PBIS Bronze Award
- "Leader in Me" Program



New Changes to Start the Year off / ES & MS

Dear Families,

My name is Justin Christopher and I am happy to be returning to Newton Falls Schools as the new Elementary/Middle School Principal. It is our goal to provide a warm and welcoming school experience for our students and families by providing a well-rounded education to meet the unique learning needs of all of our children. We place high value in forging partnerships between home, school, and the community as this builds the foundation for a successful educational experience for our students. With that said, Forward Ministries is graciously providing school supplies for our K-5 students!

As we approach the 2021-2022 school year, there will be many amazing opportunities made available in which your child can be involved. Some of these opportunities will include the introduction of STEM to our 4th and 5th graders, the reimplementation of a gifted and talented program, and the continuation of 5th grade Band as well as Art, Music, Library and PE for all of our K-5 students. Newton Falls Elementary/Middle School is proud to announce that we received the PBIS Bronze award for our continued efforts and dedication to make social-emotional learning and student well-being a top priority! Additionally, we will be introducing the 'Leader in Me' program to infuse social-emotional learning into all aspects of student learning. We will also have a hypoallergenic therapy dog in our building to help provide social-emotional support and motivation to our students.

Bus Orientation will take place in the middle school cafeteria on Thursday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. This orientation is for kindergarten and new students who have never ridden a Newton Falls school bus to or from school. If you have any questions about bussing, please call the Transportation Supervisor, Terri Pigg, at 330-872-7295.

Open house is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This event will kick off at the high school gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. and then families will be dismissed to their child's respective school buildings. Class lists will be posted on the front of the old elementary building on Friday, August 20. All students in grades 1–5 will begin school on Thursday, August 26.

Kindergarten students will be doing a staggered start – meaning that they will only attend ONE full day the first week to better acclimate them to their new school and teachers. During this day, they will be given the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, take a tour of the building, and spend time with their teacher having their questions and worries answered to set their minds at ease. Kindergarten students with last names A-M will attend school on Thursday, August 26th. Kindergarten students with last names N-Z will attend school on Friday, August 27th.

School buses will drop the students off in front of the building daily, and pick them up at the same place to bring them home. Student drop off and pick up is through the loop on the right side of the building facing the school. Parents picking up their child are to enter the loop on the right side of the building and follow the directions of the staff assigned to the pick-up line.

I look forward to meeting everyone at the open house and look forward to a great school year!



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Doors Open 8:30

Breakfast 8:35

Tardy Bell 8:45

Student Pick-Up 3:15

Buses Depart 3:30



2021 - 2022
Elementary-Middle Bell Schedule

Breakfast:	8:35 - 8:45
Tardy Bell:	8:45
Morning Meeting:	8:45 - 8:55
1st period	8:55 - 9:35
2nd period	9:35 - 10:15
3rd period	10:15 - 10:55
4th period	10:55 - 11:35
5th period	11:35 - 12:15 (Grades 2-5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Grades K-1) 5th Lunch 11:35 - 12:05	
6th period	12:05 - 12:45 (Grades K-1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Grades 2-3) 6th Lunch 12:15 - 12:45• (Grades 4-5) 6th Recess 12:15 - 12:45	
7th Period	12:45 - 1:25 (Grades K-1)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Grades 2-3) 7th Recess 12:45 - 1:15• (Grades 4-5) 7th Lunch 12:45 - 1:15	
8th Period	1:15 - 1:55 (Grades 2-5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Grades K-1) 8th Recess 1:25 - 1:55	
9th Period	1:55 - 2:35
10th Period	2:35 - 3:15
Dismissal	3:15 - 3:30



HEALTH UPDATES

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As we begin the 2021-22 school year Covid is still with us. Trumbull County has been seeing a steady increase in the number of delta variant covid cases in the past few weeks. Although the delta variant has not resulted in more severe illness or increased deaths, it is more highly contagious and according to the CDC can be acquired and transmitted to others even by those fully vaccinated. Our goal in Newton Falls Schools is to provide full time in person education this year.

What we are doing at school:

- Temperature monitoring upon arrival
- Frequent disinfection of commonly touched surfaces.
- Readily available hand sanitizer/handwashing opportunities.
- Maintaining at least a 3 foot distance in classrooms and cafeteria.
- Ongoing surveillance of Covid cases and implementation of quarantine protocols.
- Students must wear face coverings while on the school bus per CDC guidelines.
- Face coverings inside the school will be optional
- Non-essential visitors will continue to be limited

Here is how you can help: please monitor your child daily for symptoms of Covid.

The typical symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

These symptoms tend to be very mild in children and can appear to be a cold or allergy. If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him or her at home and contact your healthcare provider. Students with any of these symptoms should remain at home until symptom free for at least 24 hours.

In addition to students staying at home when they are sick, they should also stay home if:

- Any household member is being tested due to symptoms of Covid or is diagnosed with Covid
- Your child has been exposed to anyone with Covid.

Notify the school nurse immediately if someone in your household has been diagnosed with Covid.

NEWS FROM OUR CAFETERIA...

Mrs. Dianne McElravy,
Supervisor

Welcome to our 2021-2022 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful relaxing summer.

All K-12 students will eat breakfast and lunch for FREE again this school year! I hope you all will take advantage of this great opportunity! I would like everyone to still fill out the Free & Reduced Lunch forms that are passed out at the beginning of the school year. This is for documentation and also for important things such as P-EBT cards. Please note that you only have to send one form per family.

Students will receive one tray with all the components that qualify for a free lunch (main dish, fruit, veg. & milk). Extra food and snacks are available for purchase.

This year the district is partnering with AVI Food Systems and the JH/HS will be transformed into what you might call a "food court." The students will get to choose from different stations daily. We are excited to see this in action for our Tigers as they loved the different sandwiches and options last year. The Elem./Middle School will feature some menu changes also.

As always, you can get a hold of me through email (mcelravyd@nfschools.org) or phone (330-872-5121 x 9002). Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call. I am looking forward to a great 2021-2022 school year!!

**All K-12
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and lunch for
free this school
year!**



DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Mrs. Lori Witt

Mrs. Witt is a proud member of Trumbull County growing up in Niles, Ohio and graduating from Howland High School. After graduation, she attended Youngstown State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Education with certification in Elementary Education grades 1-8 as well as Special Education K-12. Mrs. Witt continued her education at Youngstown State University earning a Master's of Education in Special Education and a Master's of Education in Educational Administration with a focus on curriculum, instruction and professional development. She brings with her twenty six years of educational experience including her roles as an Intervention Specialist, Special Education Consultant, Principal and Director of Pupil Services. This is Mrs. Witt's third year in Newton Falls and began her tenure as the Elementary/Middle School Principal. It is with deep commitment to educational excellence for all students as well as her passion to equip every child with the skills needed to reach his or her fullest potential that motivates her as she begins her work as the Director of Student Services for the Newton Falls Exempted School Village.

The mission of the Office of Student Services is through collaborative partnership with teachers, families, and support services students ages three to twenty one identified as having a disability receive a Fair and Appropriate Public Education preparing them for success after matriculating high school. We believe that with a problem-solving approach, focused on student learning and equity that we can ensure a quality educational opportunity for all.

The office of student services provides the following services:

- Early entrance into Kindergarten
- Educational Evaluations beginning at age three
- Individualized Education Programming
- Occupational, Physical, Vision and Speech Therapy
- 504 Plans
- School Psychological Services

Child Find:

Local educational agencies are required to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities who may need special education or related services under Federal Regulation 34 CFR 300.00. Parents, relatives, public and private agencies and concerned citizens can help school districts find any child who is of age birth through 21 years of age who may need special education or related services. If you are aware of a Newton Falls Exempted Village child who may have special needs and is not being served, please call the office of Student Services at (330) 872-0909 option 8.



TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with technology related information and items that are available to all students and parents of Newton Falls Schools.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

If any student and/or parent has any questions or concerns about technology used within the classroom or for connecting to educational services supported by the school district, please contact the district's technology office for assistance. When contacting the technology department, please provide information on the issue you are having, as well as, contact information so that we can get back in touch with you to resolve any issues. The following is our contact information:

Phone: 330-872-0294 extension: 7368

Email: techo@nfschools.org

Or you can submit a technology work order through the district's website.

CHROMEBOOK ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS

Each student (K-12) is assigned a chromebook and chromebook charger to be used for this classroom. They will be assigned at the beginning of the school year (or even at open house times). These chromebooks are turned in at the end of the school year for updates and cleaning. Once a chromebook is assigned to a student, they will have the same chromebook returned back to them the following school year (unless the chromebooks are replaced through the district's rotation plan. As budget permits, grades K, 5, 9, will receive new chromebooks each year). If a chromebook or charger cords are not returned at the end of the school year, there may be issues with the student receiving another chromebook the next school year. The technology office will make every attempt possible to contact parents to have chromebooks returned at the end of the school year. Chromebooks cost \$300 per unit, with \$40 per charger cord and are property and managed by the school district. If a student is experiencing issues with a chromebooks, please contact the technology department for assistance.

FILTERED INTERNET

Under Federal Law, the school district is required to filter the Internet to all students. The technology department works with our local ITC (NEOMIN), as well as, monitors the activity of use of the Internet through the school network. If the district did not have this filtering in place, we would not be eligible for any Federal Funding such as eRate (helps offset the cost of the Internet) or Federal Title Funding. We ask that you help us in protecting your children while they are on the Internet. Please review the Student Internet Use Policy and the GoGuadian Parent App Sections for more information.

STUDENT EMAIL

Every Newton Falls student will be assigned a school email address. This email is used for many things including signing into their chromebooks. They also need these accounts to connect with their teachers and for use with Google Classroom. This email is filtered and students are not able to receive email messages from outside of the @nfschools.org domain (unless there is an educational related site that is used by teachers and/or guidance counselors).

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

STUDENT INTERNET USE POLICY

Each year, students and parents are furnished with the Student Internet Use Policy. This is a board approved policy that outlines the proper usage of computers and the Internet within the school district. If a student violates any conditions within this policy, potential discipline actions may take place. Please be sure to sit down with your child(ren) and review this policy each year in order to ensure their safety on the Internet and proper usage of technology for educational purposes.

PARENT AND STUDENT GRADEBOOK ACCESS (PROGRESSBOOK)

Parents and Students are able to access grades online to monitor progress and check for missing assignments and lesson plans from teachers. There are two different ways to obtain an account to login to the site. 1) Students are able to login automatically to the ProgressBook site by using their school provided email address. This was implemented in the 2020-21 school year and now students do not need to have a separate account for ProgressBook. 2) Parents will need to request a security code from the Technology office in order to create their account. In order to obtain the security code, you must be registered as a contact with the appropriate school office. New registrations are provided with a form that you can fill out and the technology office will email you the security code, or you can request one from the technology office using the help desk or by email. Further information and instructions are posted on the district's website.

GOGUARDIAN PARENT APP

Parents are not able to monitor their child's activity on the Internet the same way their teachers, administrations, and the technology department can through the use of the GoGuardian Parent App. GoGuardian is a software program that is implemented by the district to monitor and filter internet activity for students. If a student spends hours upon hours not working on school work and just watching YouTube videos, the teacher and school district is aware of this, and now parents can be aware as well. This app runs on Android and Apple phones. There is a form and directions on the district's website that can be used to request access to your student's Internet activity.

DISTRICT EMAIL LIST FOR INFORMATION

The school district employs 4 different methods in making announcements to the community and parents: we have an automated system that will place out phone calls to all registered phone numbers with the district, we post information on the district's website, we post information on the district's Facebook Page, and we now email the same information out to a district wide email list. If you would like to receive notices via email, please make sure you sign-up on the email list. You can sign-up on the email list through the district's website.





Please Join Us For A

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

Come and enjoy Newton Falls School District's Open House event which will feature Meet the Team for fall sports, Marching Band showcase, and Teacher Meet & Greet to celebrate the new school year for students and families in grades K-12!

WEDNESDAY
August 25th



NF SCHOOLS
*from 5:30-
7:30 PM*

THE EVENT WILL KICK OFF IN THE HS GENE ZORN GYMNASIUM AT 5:30 PM AND THEN FAMILIES WILL BE DISMISSED TO RESPECTIVE BUILDINGS

FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE:

Tickets are on sale at the Superintendent's Office located at 909½ Milton Blvd. for the upcoming Newton Falls Tiger football season from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. daily.

The cost for reserved season passes for 5 home games will be \$40.00. We also have a 10-game pass available for adults to purchase for \$50.00, and students 10-game pass for \$30.00, which is good for any varsity game, i.e., volleyball, soccer, football or basketball. We also have a family pass, which includes the entire immediate family, for \$300.00. Arrangements can be made for a photo pass.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO SELECT ANY OF THESE OPTIONS: You do not have to use the online ticketing procedure. However you must present your pass at the pass gate entrance to be used. Families and individuals can save money using these ticket options.

REMEMBER: NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE OF ANY OF OUR NF SPORTING EVENTS. All tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

The online purchasing of tickets stops 30 mins. after the start of the varsity game. In the case of a JH double header, the tickets will stop being sold 30 mins after the start of the second game.

Directions to purchase Tickets ONLINE:

- Go to: <http://www.newton-falls.k12.oh.us/>
- Go to Home TAB & Slide Down To SPORTS
- Select: Purchase Tickets Online
- Select your Event: GET TICKETS
- Enter the passcode where it asks "Have a Passcode"

CODES FOR THE ONLINE EVENTS -

Girls' Sports: Lady Tigers

Boys' Sports: TIGERS

Please email Athletic Director Greg Lazzari with any questions at lazzarig@nfschools.org.

GAME DAY!

