

# Newton Falls

Exempted Village Schools



## Welcome Back to the 22-23 School Year!

By Mr. Justin Christopher,  
Interim Superintendent

Entering into the 2022-2023 school year, I am excited for the many opportunities available for our students to become involved in academic, athletic, extracurricular and fine and performing arts.

I'd like to take a moment and thank you for your continued support and partnership which helps us to provide students opportunities for a well-rounded education. I want to thank each and every staff member for the shared effort in making this possible, from the administration, teaching staff and school guidance team who make teaching and learning possible, to our support staff that works hard to prepare the facilities, update technology, plan for food services and get transportation ready.

Safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. For the upcoming school year, we plan to have a school resource officer in the junior-senior high school and a school resource officer in the elementary-middle school.

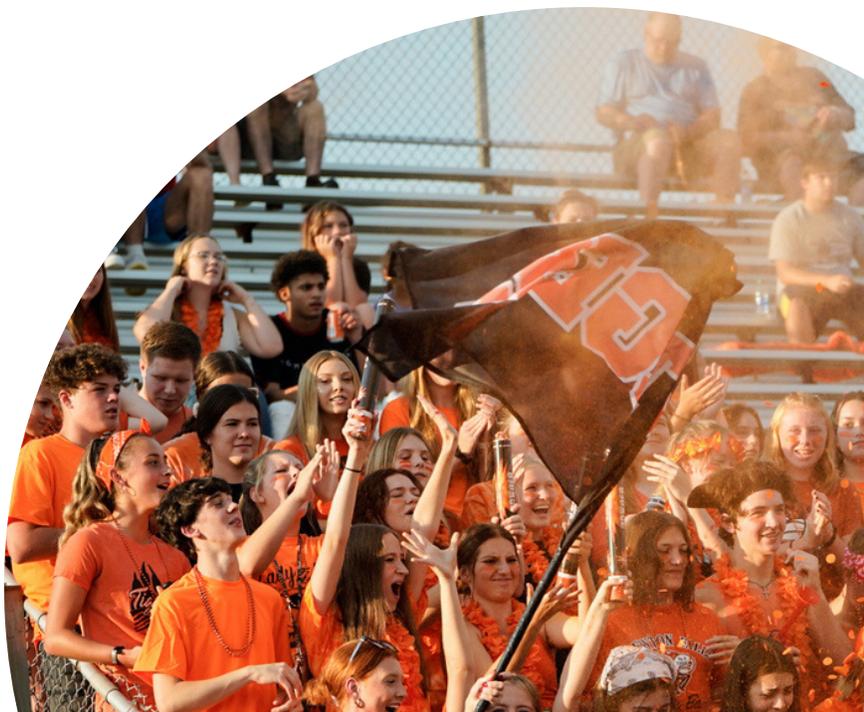
## Upcoming Events

Open House → 8/17 5:30-7 PM

1st Day for Staff → 8/17

1st Day for Students → 8/23

School Picture Day → 8/31



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Through the outstanding efforts of Principal Rachael Rankin, the school district will be receiving a school safety grant to improve and upgrade the district's safety alert equipment, detection devices and video surveillance. School administration will continue to partner with the local police and first responders as well as the Ohio Schools Council state safety consultants to prioritize the decisions and investments we make in keeping our students and staff safe.

We will continue to communicate with students and families in multiple ways. Please continue to check the school website, establish correspondence with your child's teachers, and check the Newton Falls Schools social media. I look forward to connecting with you at many of our school athletic, music, extracurricular, and school sponsored events. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the school buildings this Fall.

Yours in Education,

Justin Christopher  
Interim Superintendent

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# NEWTON FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

August 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Teacher In-Service 17, Open House 17  
 Teacher Work Day 18, No School 19  
 Teacher PD Day - 22  
 First Day Students - 23  
 7 days Students/ 10 days teachers

September 2022						
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Labor Day -5 No School  
 Remote Learning - 27  
 21 days Student/21 days Teachers

October 2022						
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ELMS/JH/HS - Conferences 12  
 NEOEA DAY - No School 14  
 No School - 24 For PD Day  
 19 days Students/ 21 days Teachers

November 2022						
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Remote Learning - 3  
 Thanksgiving Break 23-25  
 19 days Students/19 days Teachers

December 2022						
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Remote Learning - 1  
 Winter Break 21-30  
 14 days Students/ 14 days Teachers

January 2023						
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No School - 2  
 No School - 9 for PD Day  
 MLK Day - No School -16  
 19 days Students/ 20 days Teachers

February 2023						
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ELMS/JH/HS -Conferences 16  
 No School -17  
 President's Day -20 No School  
 18 days Students/ 19 days Teachers

March 2023						
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No School - 13 for PD Day  
 22 days Students/ 23 days Teachers

April 2023						
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Easter Break - 5-10  
 16 days Students/ 16 days Teachers

May 2023						
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Last Day Students - 25  
 Last Day Teachers - 26  
 19 days Students/ 20 days Teachers

June 2023						
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Contingency Plan for days in excess of 5 - End of School Year

July 2023						
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174 Student Days  
 183 Teacher Days

Grading Periods	
1st	8/23/22 - 10/21/22 42 days due
2nd	10/25/22 - 1/6/23 - 42 days due
3rd	1/10/23 - 3/10/23 41days due
4th	3/14/23 - 5/25/23 49 days due

Interims Due	
1st	9/23/22 - Dist. 9/28/22
2nd	11/22/22 - Dist. 11/30/22
3rd	2/3/23 - Dist. 2/8/23
4th	4/21/23 - Dist. 4/26/23

Open House 8/17/22
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Districtwide
Professional Day Teachers: No School Students
Conference Dates: 10/12/22 and 2/16/23
Graduation Date: May 19, 2023 - 7:00 PM



**WELCOME BACK!**

# Junior High & High School

We are incredibly excited to welcome our students back for the 22-23 school year! We have many exciting things happening in our Junior High & High School for the new year.

Through a partnership with Alta Care Group, we will be offering an after-school enrichment program for students in grades 6-8. This will take place twice a week and more details will come very soon!

We have a variety of new courses that we are offering to students, including multiple CCP classes where students can earn college credits through Eastern Gateway Community College.

We have also increased our elective course offerings in the Junior High to provide a more engaging learning experience for our 6th-8th grade students.

We are very proud to announce that we have received **GOLD** designation by the Ohio Department of Education for our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) program. This is the third consecutive year that we have been acknowledged by the ODE for our PBIS program!

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to the building this year and are excited at the potential for the 22-23 school year!



**MRS. RACHAEL RANKIN**  
PRINCIPAL

As a former English teacher in the district before leaving her classroom to serve as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rankin has been at Newton Falls for over 13 years. This is her second year as Head Principal and she holds degrees from Kent State, Walden University, and Bowling Green State University. She has coached basketball previously and shares two children, Cooper and River, with her husband Chad.



**MR. ROBERT BAUMAN**  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Born and raised in Newton Falls, Mr. Bauman has taught in the district for over 15 years before entering administration during the 21-22 school year. He attended Mount Union and also holds a Masters Degree from Grand Canyon University. He has coached football and baseball and enjoys spending time with his wife, Lena, and his two children, Sophia and Arman.

# WELCOME TO

JH &  
HS



Hi there!

Welcome Miss Madison Hartung to the Newton Falls family! Miss Hartung will join the Science Department and will be teaching 7th and 9th grade Science this year.

## WHAT'S NEW?

We have a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) dedicated to the JH/HS this school year!



WELCOME MRS. BEVER AS OUR NEW JH & ATTENDANCE SECRETARY!

JH After School PROGRAM:

*Parent Education Hub*  
Check out our new resource page for parents on the district website under the JH/HS tab!

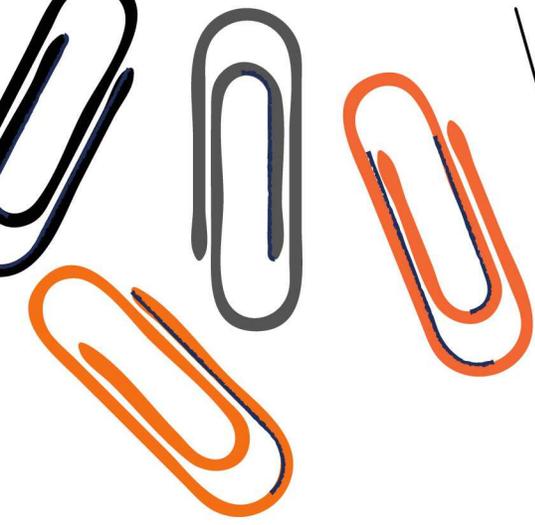
**JH Students:**  
There are NO locks on lockers. You may bring your own lock but you MUST provide the combination to the JH office. Key locks are not permitted.

## Important UPDATES

- 1 New Dress Code Policy
- 2 New Code of Conduct
- 3 Clear Book Bags
- 4 New Bell Schedule

Please check our website for all updated info!

DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON...



# YOUR PRINCIPALS:

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JH/HS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
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# BELL schedule

# 2022-23



**NEWTON FALLS JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL**  
WWW.NFSCHOOLS.ORG

**BUILDING OPENS @ 7:30 AM**

**1ST PERIOD**  
GRAB & GO  
BREAKFAST  
7:35-8:25 AM  
TARDY BELL: 7:40

**2ND PERIOD**  
BUILDING-WIDE  
INTERVENTION  
8:28-8:58 AM

**3RD PERIOD**  
9:01 AM - 9:45 AM

**4TH PERIOD**  
9:48 AM - 10:32 AM

**\*5TH PERIOD LUNCH A**  
10:35 AM - 11:05 AM

**DETENTION**  
2:30-3:00 PM

**\*6TH PERIOD LUNCH B**  
11:05 AM - 11:35 AM

**\*7TH PERIOD LUNCH C**  
11:35 AM - 12:05 PM

**8TH PERIOD**  
12:08 PM - 12:52 PM

**9TH PERIOD**  
12:55 PM - 1:39 PM

**10TH PERIOD**  
1:42 PM - 2:25 PM

## LUNCH BLOCK CLASSES

**\*5TH / 6TH PERIOD CLASS**  
10:35 AM - 11:35 AM

**\*5TH / 7TH PERIOD CLASS**  
10:35 AM - 11:05 AM CLASS  
LUNCH 11:05-11:35  
11:35 AM - 12:05 PM CLASS

**\*6TH / 7TH PERIOD CLASS**  
11:05 AM - 12:05 PM

Newton Falls Exempted Village School District:

# ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2022- 2023 school year! We are excited to have all of our students with us once again and look forward to a year filled with excitement, high quality educational experiences and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Returning to the Elementary/Middle School this year is Mrs. Witt. Mrs. Witt will be serving as the Principal of Kindergarten through Third grade as well as the Director of Student Services. It is with great excitement that she returns to the building and she looks forward to partnering with families, providing educational leadership and working with staff to create an inviting educational environment for all students.

Joining the Elementary/Middle School team this year is Mr. Crowder. Mr. Crowder has 29 years of administration experience. He is an alumni of Newton Falls with 23 years of experience with the Newton Falls district as a coach, substitute teacher, interim athletic director, transportation supervisor, building principal, and director of Business Operations. Mr. Crowder will be the Principal of the Middle School, grades 4 and 5. In addition to his principal role, Mr. Crowder is fulfilling the role of Director of Transportation.

Mr. Crowder and Mrs. Witt will be working collaboratively, combining their years of experience and background knowledge, to cultivate the best educational opportunities possible for ALL students at the Elementary/Middle school building.

## NEW STAFF:



Ms. Rebecca Eggleston is joining our team as our school counselor. Prior to becoming a school counselor, Ms. Eggleston worked within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District as an academic and behavioral student success advocate with City Year Americorps. It was this experience that further inspired her decision to pursue a career in school counseling and fulfill her passion to support and advocate for student success. Ms. Eggleston's counseling approach is student-centered and solution-focused, meaning that meeting student needs and supporting students in finding solutions is her first priority. She shares that she is excited to be here and is looking forward to an incredible school year!



Mrs. Julie Stimpert is joining the Newton Falls family as an Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Stimpert is a resident of Newton Falls, former board member and has seven years experience as Intervention Specialist.



Mrs. Debra Radcliffe will be an administrative assistant this school year. Mrs. Radcliffe has lived in Newton Falls for twenty nine years. She has been a valuable member of the school district for twenty two years fulfilling the roles of bus driver and a paraprofessional.

This year the district will be implementing the i-Ready Learning System. This system is a collection of high-quality instructional resources that helps students learn and grow through assessment of skill mastery in Reading and Math followed by a personal learning pathway. This system provides scaffolded support, offers an engaging platform and provides timely data for our teachers.



# **ES / MS**

# **BUILDING**

# **SCHEDULE:**

**8:30 am - Doors open**

**8:30 am - 8:40 am - Breakfast**

**8:40 am - Tardy Bell**

**11:35 am - 12:05 pm - Kindergarten and First Grade lunch**

**12:15 pm - 12:45 pm - First and Second Grade lunch**

**12:50 pm - 1:20 pm - Fourth and Fifth Grade lunch**

**3:15 pm - Car riders released**

**3:20 pm - Bus dismissal begins**

**KINDERGARTEN:**

**AUGUST 23RD - STUDENTS WITH THE LAST  
NAMES OF A-J**

**AUGUST 24TH - STUDENTS WITH THE LAST  
NAMES OF K-Z**

**ALL STARTING ON AUGUST 25TH**





# DEPARTMENT OF *Special Services*



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.

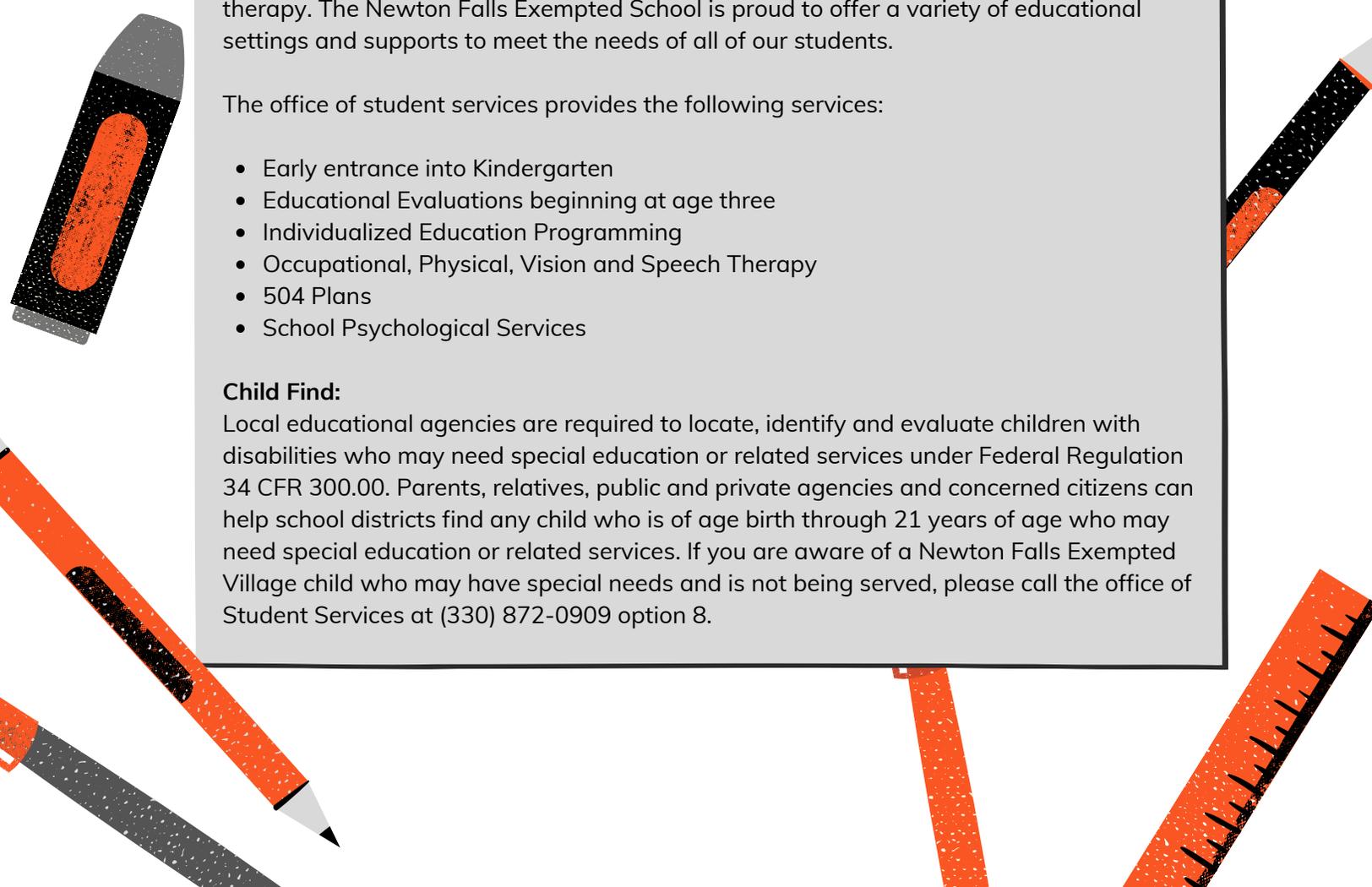
The Office of Student Services works hand in hand with general education teachers, intervention specialists, auxiliary staff members and administrators to meet the unique needs of our students with disabilities. Currently, we employ thirteen intervention specialists, six paraprofessionals and one school psychologist to provide direct service to students in grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Additionally, we enjoy a collaborative partnership with the Trumbull County Educational Service Center to provide high quality educational programming for our students in preschool, students needing more specialized programming as well as provide occupational, physical and vision therapy. The Newton Falls Exempted School is proud to offer a variety of educational settings and supports to meet the needs of all of our students.

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.





# MEET THE SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM



Mrs. Witt is beginning her fourth year with Newton Falls School District. 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 seven years of educational experience including her roles as an Intervention Specialist, Special Education Consultant, Principal and Director of Pupil Services. Mrs. Witt believes that with positive and open collaboration between students, families, administration and all community members that every child will achieve at the highest level.



*Lori Witt, Director*



Mrs. Avnet is beginning her third year with Newton Falls School District. She is a (soon-to-be) mother of 3 boys. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, her Master's Degree in Education, and her Educational Specialist Degree in School Psychology at Youngstown State University. Mrs. Avnet's study and practicum experiences focused on children with low incidence disabilities. She completed her School Psychology Internship at Boardman Local Schools and from there she began working at Newton Falls. Mrs. Avnet is from a small town and feels right at home at Newton Falls. Mrs. Avnet believes that with proper and early identification/intervention, every child can and will succeed. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Avnet at 330-872-5121 X 5201

*Miranda Avnet, School Psychologist*

Mrs. Holesko is returning to Newton Falls schools, but this time as the Speech therapist for the district rather than a student. Mrs. Holesko was raised in Newton Falls, and graduated from Newton Falls High School in 2000. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University then continuing on at Cleveland State University for her Master's in Speech and Language Pathology. She has been working as an SLP for 13 years, and looks forward to using her knowledge and experience to help the students of Newton Falls schools. She is driven to see the students succeed as well as working with all staff members to ensure all students will be able to reach their goals. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Holesko at 330-872-5121 X 3104



*Tara Holesko, Speech & Language Pathologist*



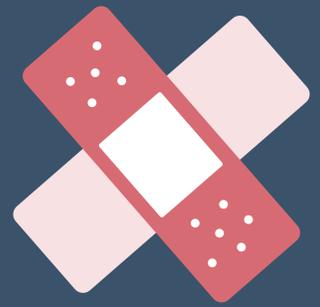
Mrs. Thomas has worked in the Special Services Department for over 30 years and is an Alumni of the Newton Falls High School. She earned her Associates of Business Management degree from Kent State University. She enjoys working with the staff, students, and families and is eager to help when called on. Mrs. Thomas keeps the Department of Special Services organized by performing a wide variety of highly independent and complex support services for the Director of Special Services and support team. Maintaining strict confidentiality of the students' information and the department is always a top priority for her. Mrs. Thomas feels that every student is important and wants to see them succeed in all areas of their life.

*Nancy Thomas, Special Services Administrative Assistant*



# HEALTH UPDATES

Mrs. Rhonda Knoske, RN, JH/HS, 330.872.5121 x 1024  
Mrs. Melissa Pugh, RN, ES/MS, 330.872.0695 x 1053



Welcome back to school! We are hoping for a healthy and safe school year for all of our students and families! Newton Falls Schools have two school nurses, Mrs. Melissa Pugh at the Elementary/Middle School and Mrs. Rhonda Knoske at Junior/Senior High. We are happy to help you with any health care need your child may have. It is very important to make us aware if your child has any type of chronic illness such as asthma, diabetes, seizures, food or bee sting allergies or any other condition that may impact him/her while he/she is at school. Information you provide allows us to work with you and your healthcare provider to meet whatever health needs may arise to ensure the safety of your child at school.

Due to Covid, the past couple of years have been quite challenging for our students and staff. Although Covid is still with us, medical advancements have made it possible to curtail some of the most stringent measures that have been in place since the pandemic started. The most recent guidance from the Ohio Department of Health for schools is:

If students or staff feel sick or suspect they might have COVID-19, they should stay home and take a rapid test. If positive, students and staff should stay home from school for at least 5 days and longer if necessary until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. Additionally, after isolation ends, students and staff should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for 5 days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart).

Schools will no longer be contact tracing or enforcing masking of exposed students. Please continue to let us know if your child tests positive for covid so that we can excuse those days from school. These new guidelines make it even more important that students with any covid symptoms remain at home and away from others until they are able to be tested. Keep in mind that this guidance may change as the school year progresses if the local health department advises otherwise.

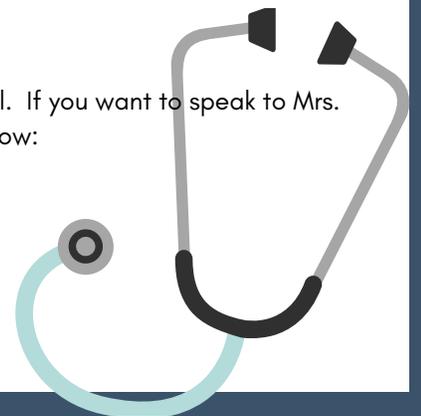
Although our focus has been on Covid over the past few years, we continue to see other communicable diseases in our student population. It is very important that you monitor your child carefully on a daily basis for any symptom of communicable disease. Please do not send your child to school if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- Temperature greater than 100°F
- Skin rash with unknown cause
- Vomiting/diarrhea within previous 24 hours
- Sore throat with unknown cause
- Redness/Drainage of the eyes
- Cough that cannot be controlled
- Feeling generally unwell/fatigued

Make sure to call the attendance office to report your child absent from school if he/she is ill. If you want to speak to Mrs. Pugh or Mrs. Knoske about your child's health, please feel free to contact us as indicated below:

**Mrs. Melissa Pugh**  
Grades K-5  
330-872-0695 ext. 1053  
[pughm@nfschools.org](mailto:pughm@nfschools.org)

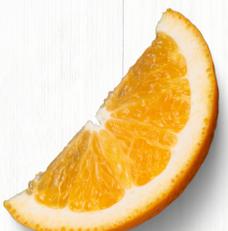
**Mrs. Rhonda Knoske**  
Grades 6-12  
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# Welcome Back!

## From the Cafeteria Staff



Our cafeteria staff would like to welcome you to the new school year! It is such an exciting time for you and your child! We get just as excited! The ladies and myself make a special effort to make their time spent with us a good experience. I would just like to touch base with you on a few things that I hope will make the transition smooth when the school year begins.

Unfortunately this year the school lunches are not free to everyone. Lunch prices for the 2022-23 school year will be on the school website. The free and reduced application is in Final Form on the website and I encourage you to fill out the form promptly and email it back to me. I will email you as soon as I do your application to let you know if you qualify. A new form has to be filled out yearly. One form per family.

If you qualify for a free or reduced lunch, you automatically qualify for a free or reduced breakfast. We serve breakfast every morning in the cafeteria. We offer a wide variety of items. Studies show that children who start the day with breakfast are more ready to learn. If getting your child to eat breakfast at home is difficult and causes a rush, I encourage you to allow your child to join us for breakfast in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to charge for their breakfast, but we will always let them have something.

If there are days that your child is packing their lunch and you qualify for free or reduced lunch, they DO NOT get to have their milk for free. We are only permitted to give milk with a tray. You may, however, put money in your student's account and they can purchase milk using that account. Of course, you can also send them with money to purchase their milk. A carton of milk is 40 cents.

Each student has an account set up in the register and you may at any time send money to be deposited into their account. Many parents send money on Monday for the week ahead, or even for a month at a time. This saves you from sending money each day. You may also use our online payment option. Go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).



We understand that on occasion, a child will forget their lunch money or the money in their account is depleted. We allow your child to charge in an emergency and that charge should be paid the next day.

If your child accumulates more than 2 charges, they are given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit, and milk. If you ever have any trouble paying or your financials have changed recently throughout the year you can always apply for free and reduced. Applications are accepted the whole year. We NEVER and will NEVER let a student go without lunch, but we do expect the charges to be paid promptly. You will receive a note from the cashier or a phone call from the supervisor. Please remember that if you send in \$10.00 and have \$5.00 in charges, the charges comes off first.

I hope you have a great start to a successful school year! Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions you may have. My number is 330-872-7090 ext. 1041

Sincerely,



**DIANE MCELRAVY, CAFETERIA MANAGER**