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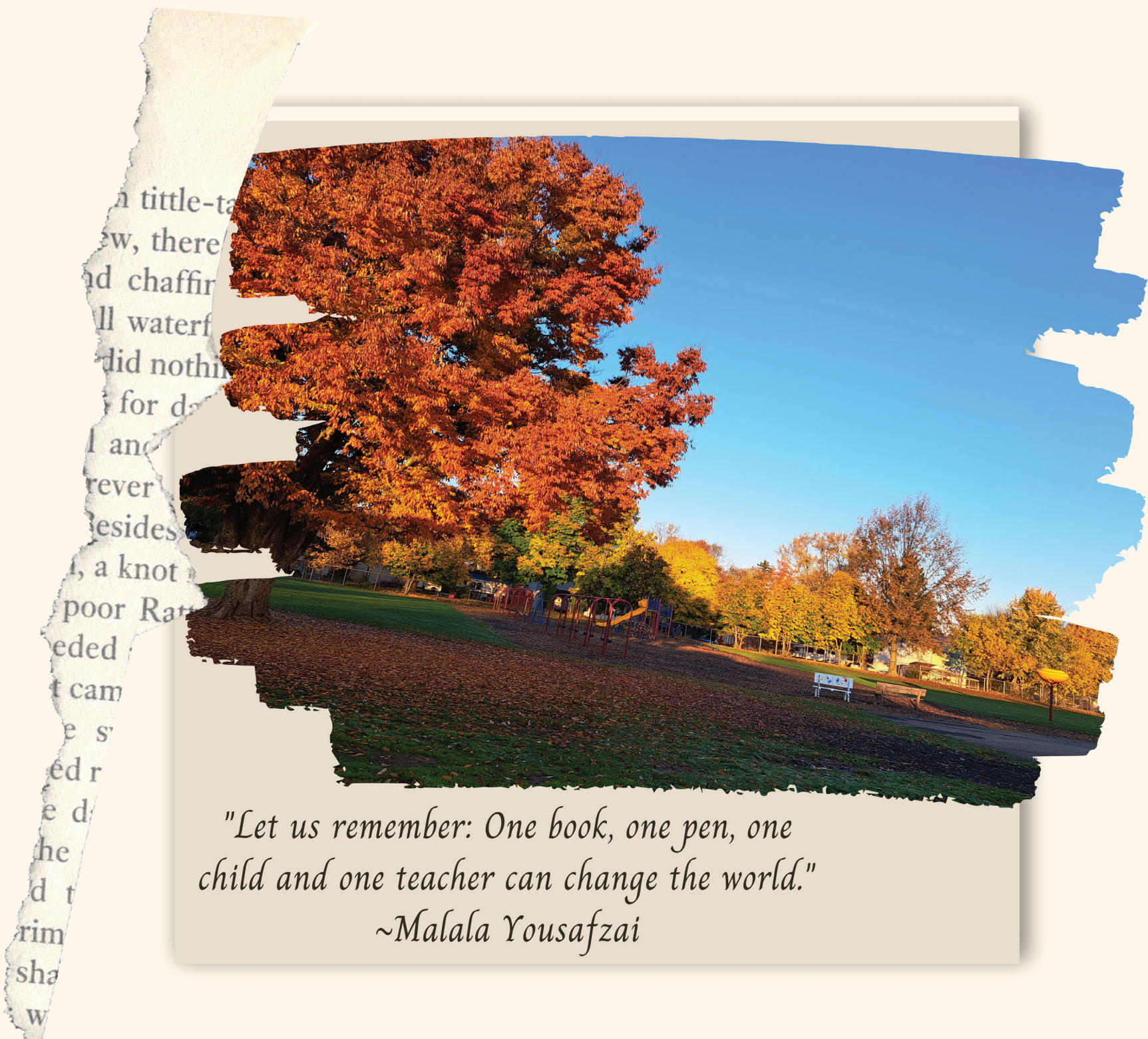


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Accuracy of Calendar

Inclement weather, cancellations, emergencies and/or changes in personnel are often the cause of changes made to the school calendar after it has been sent for print. Everyone is encouraged to check with the appropriate school building office or nesd1.org to verify accurate information.




*"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world."
~Malala Yousafzai*

August 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 3 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Aug. 17 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Aug. 22 Teacher Work Day
- Aug. 23-28 Staff In-Service
- Aug. 23 Meet the Teacher Gr. 3-5 & 9-12
- Aug. 24 Meet the Teacher Gr. K-2 & 6-8
- Aug. 29 First Day of School for Students
- Aug. 29 Erie County Tech School First Day



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PIAA Fall Sports include: Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball, Soccer, Football & Cheer **Please visit the district website for the most up-to-date competition schedule.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 PIAA Football & Golf practices begin	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 PIAA Fall Sports practices begin	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Teacher Work Day	23 Staff In-Service Meet the Teacher Gr. 3-5 & 9-12 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	24 Staff In-Service Meet the Teacher Gr. K-2 & 6-8 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	25 Staff In-Service	26
27	28 Staff In-Service	29 First Day of School 	30	31		



"I WAS TOLD IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT THE LAST GAME DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR STAYS WITH YOU FOREVER, WHICH IS TRUE." ~ JIM OTTO

September 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 4 Labor Day/School Closed
- Sept. 7 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 21 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 11-16 Homecoming Week



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
The NEHS Marching Band schedule can be found on the district website.						1	2
3	4 Labor Day School Closed	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11 HS & MS Picture Day	12	13	14 NEEC Picture Day	15 Homecoming Football Game	16 Homecoming Dance	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Grape Fest Band Competition	

"THE WIND IS RISING, AND THE AIR IS WILD WITH LEAVES. WE HAVE HAD OUR SUMMER EVENINGS; NOW FOR OCTOBER EVES!"

- HUMBERT WOLFE



October 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Oct. 6 1/2 day of School for Students
- Oct. 9 Staff In-Service/No School for Students
- Oct. 19 Board Meeting 7 pm



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 1/2 day for students	7
8	9 Columbus Day Staff In-Service No School	10	11	12	13	14 Winter Sports Physicals
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				



By: Trinity Strike
11th Grade



By: Briell King
11th Grade



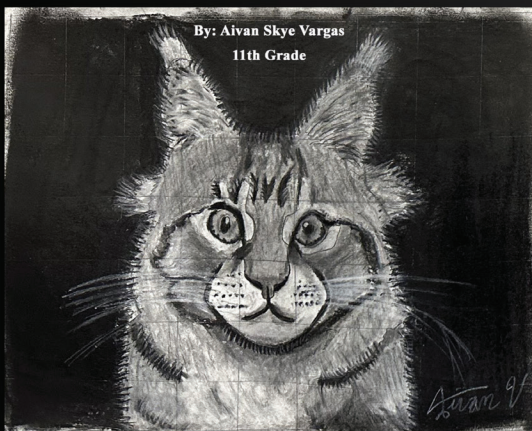
By: Liviya Shawley
11th Grade



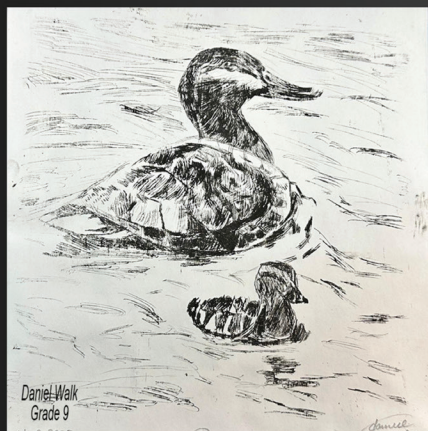
Courtney Jeppson
Grade 12



By: Heather Dacus
11th Grade



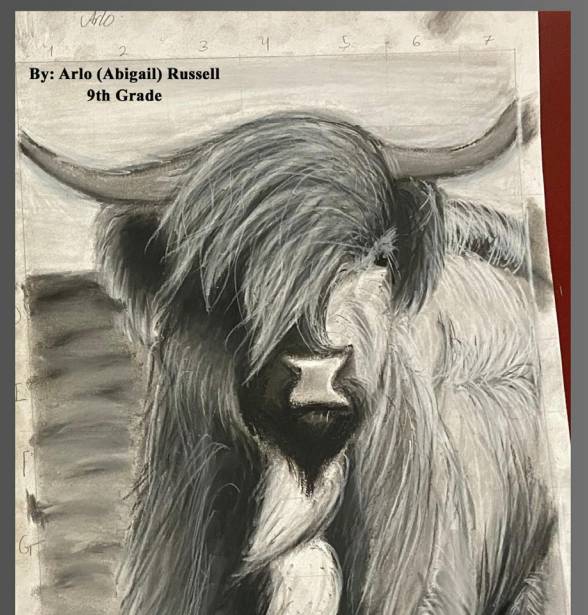
By: Aivan Skye Vargas
11th Grade



Daniel Walk
Grade 9



Chelsea Burch
Grade 11








By: Arlo (Abigail) Russell
9th Grade

November 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 End of First Marking Period
- Nov. 2 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Nov. 9-10 Parent Conferences
- Nov. 16 NESD Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 16 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Nov. 22-27 Thanksgiving Break/School Closed
- Nov. 28 School Resumes



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PIAA Winter Sports include: Swimming/Diving, Basketball, Cheer & Wrestling **Please visit the district website for the most up-to-date com- petition schedule.</p>			1 End of 1st Marking Period	2	3	4
5 	6	7 Election Day	8	9 Parent Conferences 1/2 day for students 	10 Parent Conferences 1/2 day for students	11 
12	13	14	15	16 NESD Picture Retake Day 	17 PIAA Winter Sports practices begin	18
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Break School Closed 11/22-11/27	23  Thanksgiving Break School Closed 11/22-11/27	24 Thanksgiving Break School Closed 11/22-11/27	25
26	27 Thanksgiving Break School Closed 11/22-11/27	28 School Resumes	29	30		




"HOLIDAYS ARE ABOUT CREATING CHERISHED MEMORIES WITH LOVED ONES AND FINDING MAGIC IN THE SIMPLEST MOMENTS."
- JEREMIAH SAY

December 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 4-15 Keystone Winter Wave 1
- Dec. 7 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Dec. 21 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Dec. 22 1/2 day of School for Students
- Dec. 25-29 Christmas & Winter Break



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Winter Keystone Testing	5 Winter Keystone Testing	6 Winter Keystone Testing	7 Winter Keystone Testing 	8 Winter Keystone Testing	9
10	11 Winter Keystone Testing	12 Winter Keystone Testing	13 Winter Keystone Testing	14 Winter Keystone Testing	15 Winter Keystone Testing	16
17	18	19	20	21 	22 1/2 day for students	23
24 New Year's Eve 31	25  Holiday Break School Closed 12/25 - 1/1/24	26 Holiday Break School Closed 12/25 - 1/1/24	27 Holiday Break School Closed 12/25 - 1/1/24	28 Holiday Break School Closed 12/25 - 1/1/24	29 Holiday Break School Closed 12/25 - 1/1/24	30

WINTER Memories



January 2024

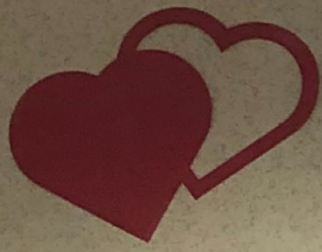
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day! - School Closed
- Jan. 2 School Resumes
- Jan. 3-17 Winter Keystone Wave 2
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed
- Jan. 18 End of 2nd Marking Period
- Jan. 18 Board Meeting 7 pm



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 School Resumes	3 Winter Keystone Testing	4 Winter Keystone Testing	5 Winter Keystone Testing	6
7	8 Winter Keystone Testing	9 Winter Keystone Testing	10 Winter Keystone Testing	11 Winter Keystone Testing	12 Winter Keystone Testing	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Teacher Work Day No School for K-11/ Hybrid Day for Seniors	16 Winter Keystone Testing	17 Winter Keystone Testing	18 End of 2nd Marking Period 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Kindness



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bloom



February 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 1 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Feb. 15 Board Meeting 7 pm
- Feb. 16 Staff In-Service - No School for K-11
- Feb. 19 President's Day/School Closed



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Staff In-Service No School for K-11 Hybrid Day for Seniors	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 School Closed					
25	26	27	28	29		



"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~ Dr. Seuss

March 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 7 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- Mar. 21 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- Mar. 26 End of 3rd Marking Period
- Mar. 29 Easter/Spring Break



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
PIAA Spring Sports include: Softball, Baseball, Track & Field, MS Volleyball, MS Soccer, and MS Track & Field **Please visit the district website for the most up-to-date competition schedule.						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	PIAA Spring Sports practices begin						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
 SPRING FORWARD							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
		End of 3rd Marking Period			Easter/Spring Break		
 31					No School for K-11 Hybrid Day for Seniors		



April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1 - 5 Easter/Spring Break
- April 8 No School for K-11
- April 18 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- April 24 Kindergarten Registration
- April 22- 26 Language Arts PSSAs Gr. 3-8
- April 29-30 Math PSSAs Gr. 3-8 and Make-ups
- April 29-30 Science PSSAs Gr. 4 & 8 and Make-ups



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Easter/Spring Break School Closed	2 Easter/Spring Break School Closed	3 Easter/Spring Break School Closed	4 Easter/Spring Break School Closed	5 Easter/Spring Break School Closed	6
7	8 No School for K-11 Hybrid Day for Seniors	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 	19	20
21	22 PSSA Grade 3-8	23 PSSA Grade 3-8	24 PSSA Grade 3-8	25 PSSA Grade 3-8	26 PSSA Grade 3-8	27
28	29 PSSA Grade 3-8	30 PSSA Grade 3-8				

Zoo Adventures with 2nd Grade



May 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1-3 Math PSSAs Gr. 3 - 8 and Make-ups
- May 1-3 Science PSSAs Gr. 4 & 8 and Make-ups
- May 2 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- May 13-24 Spring Keystone
- May 16 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- May 27 Memorial Day - School Closed



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 PSSA Grade 3-8	2 PSSA Grade 3-8	3 PSSA Grade 3-8	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13 Spring Keystone Testing	14 Spring Keystone Testing	15 Spring Keystone Testing	16 Spring Keystone Testing	17 Spring Keystone Testing	18
19	20 Spring Keystone Testing	21 Spring Keystone Testing	22 Spring Keystone Testing	23 Spring Keystone Testing	24 Spring Keystone Testing	25
26	27 Memorial Day School Closed 	28	29	30	31	

"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS."
-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



June 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1 Graduation Day!
- June 6 End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School
- June 6 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- June 20 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6  Last day of school 1/2 Day Dismissal End of 4th Marking Period	7	8
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16 	17	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

North East Marching Band



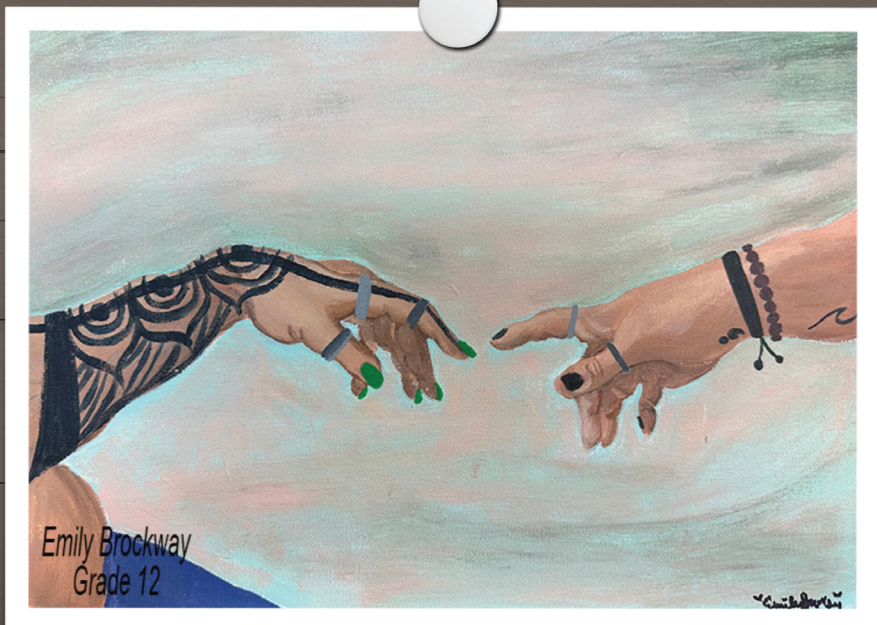
July 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 Independence Day



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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			



"ART IS A PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO
LEARN TO TRUST THEIR IDEAS,
THEMSELVES, AND TO EXPLORE WHAT
IS POSSIBLE."
~ MARYANN F. KOHL



August 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 1 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)
- Aug. 15 Board Meeting 7 pm (tentative)

CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT
WWW.NESD1.ORG
FOR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION



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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Chloey Chwatek
Grade 12

NORTH EAST SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the North East School District is to challenge and empower all students to develop and achieve personal aspirations, pursue a love of learning and be responsible citizens in a dynamic world.

VISION & PHILOSOPHY

The North East Board of School Directors believes the manner in which they can function as a leadership team is to work together to carry out the strategic plan and our vision. We will strive to discuss and solve issues on their merits, thereby creating an atmosphere where everyone trusts that any issue can be discussed without fear. Mistakes are treated as lessons.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Nick Mobilia, Pres.
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 Mrs. Sally Abata
 Mr. Paul Behnken
 Mr. Corrie Boyd
 Mr. Charles Ferruggia
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 Mr. George Sucha
 Mr. James Wargo

As the North East School District, we believe that while we are entitled to and responsible for our personal opinions and votes, we are also responsible that our differences of opinion should not become a diversion to the greater good of the staff, students, and district. We believe we are an integral link in creating a seamless mesh in the partnership with our staff and community.

Non-Discrimination Statement - North East School District is an equal opportunity educational institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, culture, religion, sex, marital status, age, political beliefs, socioeconomic status, disabling condition, or vocational interest in its activities, programs or employment practices as required in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the (ADA) of 1990.



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Greishaw, Mary	Coccarelli, Mike	Kunzler, Angela
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Jones, Tonya	Fisher, Steve	Newton, Gale
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Senger, Ashley	Ray, Billy	
Sheehan, Leann	Russell, Lynn	
Taylor, Emily	Schultz, Tom	
Wilkinson, Lois	Yori, Martin	

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Elementary Center

BREAKFAST: \$1.00 LUNCH: \$2.00

Middle & High School

BREAKFAST: \$1.00 LUNCH: \$2.15

Breakfast and lunch menus are available on the district website.

Use of School Facilities - The North East School District encourages the use of the school facilities by the public when they are not in use for their primary purpose of educating students. Information regarding application procedures, fee structure, and regulations governing the use of public schools is available at nesd1.org > **Custodial & Maintenance.**

Transportation - There are two bus trips every school day in the morning and after school that transport North East School District students to and from school. Students in the middle school and high school will be transported to school on the first trip of the morning and home on the first trip at the end of the school day. Students in the primary and intermediate schools will be transported to school on the second trip of the morning and on the second trip at the end of the school day. Specific details are available in each school. *Please note Policy 810.2 Audio/Video Monitoring of Buses, which includes the purpose of the District's use of video cameras capable of recording audio and video on school buses to aid in the control of student discipline, safety and security purposes. Concerns, suggestions, and any issue regarding transportation should contact the Transportation Coordinator at 725-8671 ext. 4288 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

**EMAIL IS THE BEST FORM OF COMMUNICATION FOR ALL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.
CURRENT PHONE EXTENSIONS ARE LISTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE UNDER STAFF • STAFF DIRECTORY.**

Earle C. Davis Primary School

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Kamdyn Fisher, 202



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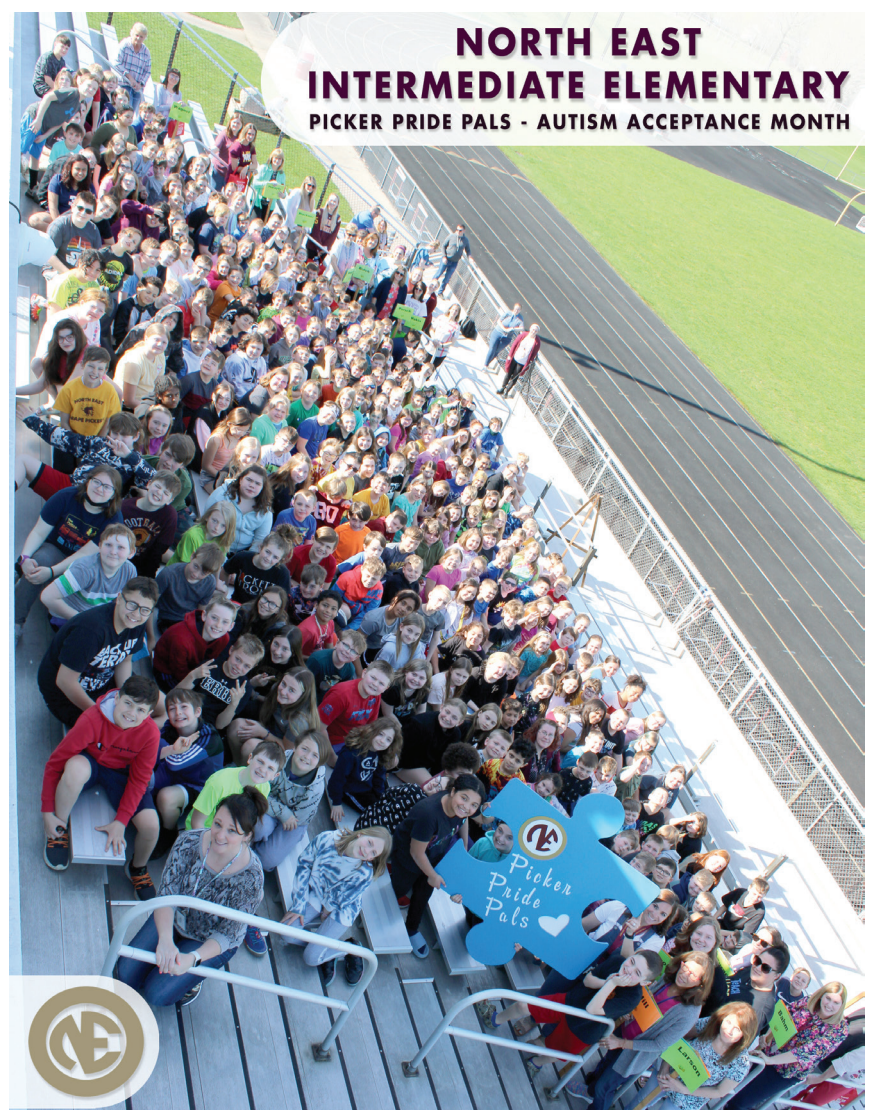
Intermediate Elementary School

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North East Middle School

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Advanced Placement Courses (AP) - These classes are offered to qualified juniors and seniors. Students have the opportunity to complete college-level courses at the secondary level and may obtain college credit and/or placement through the Advanced Placement Program. Students enrolled in AP courses may elect to take an AP exam for the subject(s) in which they are enrolled. There is a fee for each exam. Mercyhurst and Gannon qualified students who have completed their junior year of high school may enroll at one of the area colleges on a part-time basis upon approval of the guidance department and the principal. All costs associated with attending the college program are the responsibility of the student and his/her family.

Graduation Requirements	
English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
Phys. Ed./Health	2 Credits
Arts & Humanities	2 Credits
Electives	7 Credits
Total	27 Credit



North East School District Policy & Guidelines

Visit our web site at www.nesd1.org to view any district policy or if you do not have access to a computer, you may call any school office for a copy.

Beginning with this page of the calendar, you will find valuable information related to School District general information, guidelines and policy. This is meant to inform parents, families, students, staff, and community members to be fully prepared for the school year. Please be encouraged to contact school and building offices for any questions or concerns you may have.

Admission to School - Policy 201

The Board shall enroll school age students eligible to attend district schools, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations. Immunization records, birth certificate, proof of residence, grades/records/report cards, health records, and Individual Education Programs (IEP's) from previous schools when applicable, are required to register a child in North East School District.

Emergency Closings of Schools Information for Parents, Guardians, and Teachers

In the event it becomes necessary to close schools because of inclement weather (or for any other reason), the district will follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Sapphire notification system will allow the superintendent, principals, and other designated staff to record a detailed voice message and instantly send it to parents/guardians.
2. Radio and television announcements will also be made indicating which schools will be closed and how buses will operate if there are any changes. Every effort will be made to get information to the media prior to 7:00 AM. Please listen to one of the local stations if closing seems likely.
3. Please do not call the radio or television station, the school district offices, or homes of personnel unless it is absolutely necessary. Remember schools are OPEN when there is no announcement that they are closed.
4. Personnel will be notified directly by Sapphire notification system in the event it is deemed necessary to close school during the day, after sessions have begun, an announcement will be made by radio and television stations to that effect.
5. When schools are closed, all extra-curricular and athletic activities are canceled on the same basis as the instructional program.

Student Records - The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (Policy 216) affords parents and students over the age of 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives the request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school office) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible students may ask the North East School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. Parents/eligible students should notify the school principal in writing, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the principal decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the principal will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of his/her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Detailed procedures regarding a parent's/eligible student's rights to appeal this decision are set forth in District Policy 246 are available in the Superintendent's office. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when he/she is notified of the decision to deny the amendment request and that he/she has a right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in a student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assigning another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirement of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue
SW Washington, DC 20202-4605

Senior Citizen Gold Card - Gold Cards are available to all North East Senior Citizens. The Gold Card allows North East senior citizens to attend many NESD sponsored activities throughout the school year free of charge. A Gold Card does not provide admission to tournaments or out of district games or events. Gold Cards are available at the District Administration Office. Senior citizens who would like a card must show proof that they are 60 years of age or older and are residents of North East.



Special Education

For more information, please contact Special Education Supervisor:
Mrs. Brianne Hodges at bhodges@nesd1.org (814)725-8671 ext. 3018



Special Education - Evaluation - North East School District has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. Parents may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to either the Special Education Supervisor or Principal of the school their child attends. Upon receipt of this request, the District will arrange to meet with the parents to discuss their concerns, the special education evaluation process, and answer any questions. Parents of preschool-age children, ages three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the Early Intervention Supervisor, NW Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5, 252 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 or call 1-800-677-8461.

Consent - School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation or reevaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found on the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net. Once written parental consent is obtained, the school district will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation, the parent can request an independent education evaluation at public expense.

Special Education Supports Available

North East School District offers a wide array of supports aimed at meeting the needs of students in special education. Some of these programs are housed on-campus while others are in conjunction with other districts in the area.

- Learning Support
- Emotional Support
- Autistic Support
- Life Skills Support
- Speech and Language Support
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing Support
- Visual Support
- Physical Support
- Multiple Disabilities Support

Program Development - Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professionals and the parents determine whether the child is eligible for and in need of special education services. If the child is eligible, the individualized education program (IEP) team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement.

Program Development continued... Once the IEP develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff will issue a Notice of Recommended Educational Placement/Prior Written Notice. Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Confidentiality of Information - The North East School District maintains records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained with the strictest confidentiality. Parental consent, or the consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under State law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The age of majority in Pennsylvania is 21. North East School District must protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information at the collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. One official at each participating agency must assume responsibility for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information. North East School District must maintain, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of employees throughout the district who have access to personally identifiable information. For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the FERPA at the following URL: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

Special Education - IEP/NOREP

Every student in a special education program has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) written by the IEP team that identifies goals and objectives for the school year. Parents/guardians receive a copy of the IEP and may contact the student's teacher if there are any questions. Approval for special education is given by the parent's/guardian's signature in the Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP). The NOREP is kept in the student's special education file in the Special Education Office, along with the student's Evaluation Report and IEP.

Due Process - Due Process is a series of steps to assure students of a free, appropriate, public education. A parent/guardian should participate in each decision that affects the student's education program. No changes are ever made without the knowledge or consent of a parent/guardian. A parent/guardian has the right to disagree with a decision and may seek a review in a pre-hearing conference, mediation, or due process hearing with the school district.

Gifted - The North East School District is required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 PA Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, the parent may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. Parents who feel their child may be gifted should contact the principal of the school their child attends for more information. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedure in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence.

Section 504/Chapter 15 - Parents of children who do not require special education are protected by the regulations of Chapter 15 of the School Code. North East School District is required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15. Parents who feel their child may be a child with a "protected handicap" should contact the principal of the school their child attends or the Supervisor of Special Education for the North East School District.

Gaskin v. Pennsylvania Department of Education

The Gaskin case mandates changes in some special educational services. As part of the court settlement, PDE requires all school districts to share the Notice of Procedural Safeguards to the parents of students receiving special education services. A copy of this Notice is now posted in each school building. Parents may access the Notice on the following websites:

www.education.pa.gov
www.pilcop.org

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

The North East School District offers a parent advisory group consisting of parents, grandparents, and/or guardians of students with special education needs, in addition to school staff and administration. SEPAC members promote and support parent involvement, provide workshops and trainings, as well as supports positive collaboration between home and school. For more information regarding the North East SEPAC group as well as upcoming trainings, please visit our website at www.nesd1.org and select 'Special Education' under the District drop down menu.



Student Information



Guidance Services - Assisting each student in realizing his/her ultimate potential is the goal of the North East School District. Counselors work as part of the educational team to help each individual student assess their strengths and limitations; make suitable decisions for life; develop positive attitudes; choose academic courses that are appropriate; solve personal problems; discover talents and abilities; plan for post-secondary education; and decide on a possible career. Achievement of personal development and fulfillment by each North East student remains the primary focus of the guidance department.

Standardizing Testing - The results of standardized tests are considered by teachers and administrators when various educational decisions are made concerning an individual student. Listed below are the tests given in North East School District:

CogAT – The Cognitive Abilities Test - Measures students learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school: Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal.

Keystone - The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency in various subjects. During the school year the following Keystone Exams will be available: Algebra I, Literature and Biology. In future years, pending funding, additional Keystone Exams will be administered. The Keystone Exams are one component of Pennsylvania's proposed system of high school graduation requirements. Keystone Exams will help school districts guide students toward meeting state standards.

PSSA - In compliance with the federal "Every Student Succeeds Act" Pennsylvania State System of Assessment (PSSA) is a set of mandated tests of reading and math in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11, writing samples in grades 5, 8, and 11, and science assessments in grades 4, 8, 11. Students must demonstrate a performance level of proficient or higher on these assessments. The state awards certificates of achievement. The goal is to help all students reach proficient or advanced.

ASVAB – The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes a validated aptitude test and interest assessment. The results are used to guide career exploration using our career planning tools.

MAP – Measures of Academic Progress

Ongoing assessments will be given to the students in grades 3-8. The emphasis of the MAP program is to help teachers measure student growth throughout the school year and to use assessment data to inform instructional decision-making.

Study Island - Study Island is a benchmark assessment tool used in grades 3-8 to predict student success on the State PSSA test. The computer-based assessment covers Math, Reading, and Science, and is administered several times per year.

Future Ready PA Index - The Future Ready PA Index offers a web-based resource for districts/schools to communicate performance results to various constituencies and assist districts and schools in aligning and focusing resources for continuous improvement.

Working Papers - The high school principals issue working papers required for student employees who are under the age of 18. Students may secure an application for working papers during regular office hours at the high school. Parents/guardians must sign the application for the student. The completed application must be returned to the high school office.

Locker Policy - School lockers are the property of North East School District. At no time does the North East School District relinquish its exclusive control of lockers provided for convenience to the students. All lockers will be subject to periodic general inspection for the purpose of sanitation, maintenance, and to insure the health, safety and welfare of the school environment. Lockers will also be subjected to periodic searches by the principal or other designated school officials, including dogs trained to identify controlled and/or illegal substances.

School Insurance - School insurance is available to students at a personal cost each year and covers injury and required treatment that may occur during the school day.

CHIP - Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP is PA's program to provide quality health insurance for children of working families who otherwise could not afford it. For additional information or to sign up, please visit CHIPcoversPAkids.com

Animal Experimentation - Student's Right of Refusal Section 15-1523 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949 gives all students in public and non-public schools the right to respectfully refuse to dissect, vivisection, incubate, capture, or otherwise harm or destroy animals or any part thereof as part of their course of instruction. Students will be assigned alternative work to fulfill the course requirements.

Communicable Diseases - Absence from school because of head lice infestation is a problem that often affects a student's ability to achieve academically. Chronic cases of infestations impact schools financially and administratively in dealing with the removal and return of a student with chronic head lice infestation. Students and parents will receive specific information regarding the policy and procedures from their child's school.

Dispensing of Medication - Students requiring medication during the school day must secure notarized forms from the school office that will authorize the school nurse, building principal, or the principal's designee to dispense approved medicine.

Vacations/Trips - In the event that a student must miss school because of a vacation and/or trip, a Request for Approval of Trip form must be completed at least five (5) days in advance of the trip. Students shall be required to make up all work missed. In some cases students will make up actual time. Days missed will be counted as illegal or in-excused (based on age) without prior permission.

Alternative Education Programs

The North East School District, in cooperation with Bethesda Lutheran Services, participates in alternative education programs designed to meet the needs of middle and high school students who are having chronic behavior problems. Students placed in the Bethesda program attend classes run by. As an additional alternative education program the District utilizes the Harborcreek Youth Services Academy. Each student receives an individual program with a specific set of goals. Once a student accomplishes these goals, the student is eligible to return to the home school under probationary status.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The North East School District has established its commitment to healthy student growth and development. It continues to recognize the need for an appropriate student assistance program that will deal with at-risk student behaviors. For assistance contact Ms. Heidi Martin at 725-8671 or hmartin@nesd1.org

Contraband Material

Certain items do not belong in a school environment. They include but are not limited to the following: Drugs, Drug paraphernalia, Alcohol, Tobacco, Electronic/Vapor Cigarettes and similar products, Weapons, Guns (Including firearms, cap, pellet, paintball, water, BB, air-soft, etc.), Ammunition (Including bullets), Bean shooters, Knives (any type), Metal knuckles, Straight razors, Razor blades, Laser pointers, Lighters, Matches/Lighters, Noxious, irritating or poisonous gases (Including mace and pepper spray), Poisons, Explosive materials, Bombs, Missiles, Chains, Metal objects (Including any object intended to do bodily harm or threat of bodily injury to another), Sling shots, Blackjacks, Cards/Dice, etc.



Public Notices & Disclosures



Directory Information

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow North East School District to include this type of information from a student's education records in certain school publications. Examples include, but are not limited to: Playbill, in a drama production, the annual yearbook, honor roll, or other recognition lists, graduation programs, and sports activity sheets, such as for those used for wrestling, showing of weight and height of team members.

Directory information is information that is generally considered not harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. This information can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent unless the parent or eligible student has advised the District that he/she does not want the information disclosed without his/her prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish year books.

The North East School District has designated the following information as directory information: Student's name, address, telephone listing, e-mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height for members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, the most recent educational agency or institution attended, and grade level.

In addition, the Every Student Succeeds Act requires that the District shall provide access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings upon requests made by military recruiters or institutions of higher education unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If parents do not want North East School District to disclose directory information from their child's education records or disclose the listed information to recruiters from the military or institutions of higher education without their prior written consent, they must notify the District in writing by September 30 of the current school year. Parents should direct their questions or written requests to the principal of their child's school.

Annual Notice of Pest and Weed Management

The North East School District uses an Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our IPM approach focuses on making School District buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the School District buildings and grounds to detect any pests presents.

The pest monitoring team consists of building maintenance staff, but also relies on office and teaching staff as well as students to report pest sightings. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. These techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, and physically removing pests, among other approaches. From time-to-time, it may be necessary to utilize chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the School District will attempt to use the least toxic product available. Applications will be made only after normal school hours. Notices will be posted in those areas at least 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Parents or guardians of School District students may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at a school. To receive this notification, you must notify the School District in writing that you would like to be notified. Please include your email address in order to facilitate this communication. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem (ie. wasps, ants, rodents, etc.), notice will be provided by email to any parent or guardian who has requested notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification process include disinfectant, anti microbial products, self-contained baits, and swimming pool maintenance chemicals. Please do contact the School District at 814-725-8671 if you have any questions regarding the IPM plan.

Accommodating Dietary Needs of Children with Restricted Diets-USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

North East School District participates in federal school meal programs and is required to make reasonable accommodations for children who are unable to eat the school meals because of a disability that restricts their diet. A "Medical Plan of Care for School Food Service" is available at every school and also on the District's publically accessible website. The "Medical Plan of Care for School Food Service" form may be used to obtain the required information from licensed medical authorities (physician; physician assistant; certified registered nurse practitioner or dentist). The written medical statement must include: (1) an explanation of how the child's physical or mental impairment (disability) restricts the child's diet; (2) an explanation of what must be done to accommodate the child; and (3) the food or foods to be omitted and recommended alternatives, if appropriate. School Nutrition Program Contact: For more information about requesting accommodations to school meals and the meal service for students with disabilities at the School District please contact: Mrs. Robin Hedlund Email: rhedlund@nesd1.org Phone:814-725-8671. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, the School District is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, a complainant may complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or the complainant may write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, complainants may call (866) 632-9992. Complainants must submit the completed form or letter to USDA:

- (1) By mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
 - (2) By fax: (202) 690-7442; or
 - (3) By email: program.intake@usda.gov.
- The USDA's telephone number is: 866-690-7442

Annual Notice of Asbestos-Containing Material

In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"), the North East School District has performed inspection of all school buildings for asbestos containing building materials. The inspection resulted in a finding of no asbestos in North East School District Buildings.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The North East School District is an equal opportunity education institution and does not discriminate in employment, educational programs or activities based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age or disability, because a person is a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era or any other legally protected class, or for engaging in any other protected activities. The School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates, as required by Title IX, including in admission and employment practices. Additionally, the School District provides equal access to Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This policy of non-discrimination extends to all other legally protected classifications. Publication of this policy is in accordance with state and federal laws including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries pertaining to discrimination on the basis of disability or alleged violations of Section 504 may be made by contacting the District's Section 504 Compliance Officer, Mrs. Brianne Hodges, Special Education Supervisor. All other inquiries implicating the other protected classes and laws listed above should be directed to the District's Title IX Coordinator Complaints of Title IX sexual harassment and/or discrimination may also be referred to the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. The grievance procedure for reporting incidents on the basis of disability is outlined in the District's Family Information Guide in the "Section 504 Complaint Procedure" section. The procedure for reporting incidents regarding harassment, including Title IX Sexual Harassment, is outlined in the School District's Code of Conduct and more specifically in District Board Policies 103 "Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students" and 104 "Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff," copies of which are available on in the District's website. The District does not discriminate in any manner, including Title IX sexual harassment in any District education program or activity. The Title IX Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator can be contacted at:
Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator-Staff (Policy 104)
Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent
mhartzell@nesd1.org
814-725-8671 x. 3906

Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator-Students (Policy 103)

Dr. William Renne, Principal
wrenne@nesd1.org
814-725-8671 x. 1000

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501-6505

COPPA imposes certain requirements on operators of websites or online services directed to children under 13 years of age, and on operators of other websites or online services that have actual knowledge that they are collecting personal information online from a child under 13 years of age. North East School District utilizes a variety of online platforms to collect, access and analyze student data to improve academic instruction and school performance. In doing so, the District is also committed to complying with COPPA and believes strongly in the intent of the law: to protect children under age 13 and account for the dynamic nature of the Internet.

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, discussed in more detail below, requires that the District provide notice to parents of the instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum within the district which may involve the collection, disclosure or use of personal information obtained from students, as defined by COPPA, for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, the websites that are used as part of the instructional materials.



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Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):

- (a) Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
- (b) Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
- (c) Sex behavior or attitudes;
- (d) Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- (e) Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- (f) Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- (g) Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
- (h) Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

- 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
- 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
- 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request, and before administration or use:

- 1. Protected information surveys of students;
- 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

The School District will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. The School District will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The School District will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

Notification of Privacy Practices

This notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully. The privacy of your health information is important to us.

Our Legal Duty

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of student and employee health information. In the case of students, this requirement arises from the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). However, in certain limited circumstances, another federal law also applies to student and employee health information. This other federal law is called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). In those limited circumstances where FERPA does not apply to student health information, HIPAA requires us to

provide this Notice describing our privacy practices, our legal duties, and the rights of students and employees concerning their health information. This Notice is provided in the student handbook and is distributed to all employees. We must follow the privacy practices described in this Notice while it is in effect as those practices relate to the types of student and employee health information protected by HIPAA ("Protected Health Information" or "PHI"). To the extent it relates to a minor or unemancipated student's health information, this Notice contemplates that most rights and/or decisions concerning PHI will be exercised and/or made by the student's parent or guardian. This Notice takes effect on the effective date indicated below. We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all PHI that we maintain, including PHI we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request. Employees and students may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice.

Uses and Disclosures of Health Information

Unless further restricted by any applicable state law, we may use and disclose PHI without an authorization as follows:

Treatment: We may use or disclose PHI to another physician or other health care provider providing treatment to an employee or student. For example, if a student transfers to another school, we may disclose PHI to the new school. If a student or an employee needs to be sent to the hospital for emergency medical treatment, we may disclose PHI to the ambulance service and to the hospital.

Payment: In some circumstances, we may be able to receive reimbursement for the medical care provided to students or employees. We may use and disclose PHI to obtain payment for such services. For example, we may provide PHI to Medicaid or the ACCESS program in order to get paid for taking care of a student. To do this, we will provide PHI to the billing company that handles our reimbursement claims.

Health Care Operations: We may use and disclose PHI in connection with our health care operations. Health care operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of health care professionals, evaluating practitioner and provide performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

Other Uses and Disclosures Permitted Without an Authorization:

We may use and disclose your health information, without having you sign an authorization form, for the following reasons:

- 1. Where the Disclosure is Required by Law, in Judicial or Administrative Proceedings, or by Law Enforcement.

For example, we may disclose your protected health information if we are ordered to do so by the Court, under a warrant or subpoena, or if a law requires that we report that sort of information to a government agency or law enforcement authorities, such as in the case of a dog bite, suspected child abuse or neglect, or a gunshot wound.

- 2. Where the Disclosure is for Public Health Activities.

Under the law, we need to report information about certain diseases, about problems with certain medications, and about any births and deaths, to government agencies that collect that information. We may also need to provide some health information to the coroner or a funeral director, if necessary, after a patient's death.

- 3. Where the Disclosure is About Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence.

For example, we may disclose your protected health information if we reasonably believe that you are the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence to a government authority, including a social service or protective services agency, authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

- 4. For Health Oversight Activities.

For example, we will need to provide your health information if requested to do so by a government. We will also need to provide information to government agencies that have the right to inspect our facilities or to investigate health care practices.

- 5. Uses or Disclosures for Specialized Government Functions.

For example, we may disclose protected health information to authorized federal officials for the conduct of lawful intelligence, counter-intelligence, and other national security activities. We also may disclose protected health information to a correctional institution or a law enforcement official having lawful custody of a student or employee under certain circumstances.

- 6. For Workers' Compensation.

We may provide your health information as described under the workers' compensation law, if your condition was the result of a workplace injury for which you are seeking workers' compensation.

- 7. To Business Associates.

We may disclose protected health information to a business associate and may allow a business associate to create or receive protected health information on our behalf if we obtain satisfactory assurances that the business associate will appropriately safeguard the information.

Uses and Disclosures for Care and Notification Purposes

We may use and disclose your protected health information to notify, or to assist in the notification of, a family member, a personal representative, or another person responsible for your care, regarding your location, general condition, or death. For example, if you are hospitalized, we may notify a family member of the hospital and your general condition. In addition, we may disclose your protected health information to a disaster relief entity, such as the Red Cross, so that it can notify a family member, a personal representative, or another person involved in your care regarding your location, general condition, or death.

Other Uses and Disclosures Require Your Prior Written Authorization

In situations other than those categories of uses and disclosures mentioned above, or those disclosures permitted under federal law, we will ask you for your written authorization before using or disclosing any of your protected health information. In addition, with certain exceptions provided for by law, we must ask for your specific written authorization to disclose information concerning mental health disorders and/or treatment, drug and alcohol abuse and/or treatment, or HIV status. If you choose to sign an authorization to disclose any of your health information, you can later revoke it to stop further uses and disclosures to the extent that we have not already taken action relying on the authorization. Your authorization must be revoked in writing.

Rights of Students and Employees

• **Access:** Students and employees have the right to look at or get copies of their health information, with limited exceptions. A student or employee may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format the student or employee requests unless we cannot practically do so. The student or employee must make a request in writing to obtain access to PHI. We may charge a student or employee a reasonable, cost based fee for expenses such as copies and staff time needed to make copies of PHI. If the student or employee prefers, you will prepare a summary or an explanation of the PHI for a fee. Contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice for a full explanation of our fee structure.

• **Disclosure Accounting:** Students and employees have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed their PHI for purposes, other than treatment, payment, health care operations and certain other activities, for the last six years, but not before April 14, 2003. If a student or employee requests this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge the student or employee a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests. A student or employee must make a request in writing to obtain an accounting of our disclosures.

• **Restrictions:** Students and employees have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of their health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement, except in an emergency.

• **Alternative Communication:** Students and employees have the right to request that we communicate with them about their PHI by alternative means or at alternative locations. The student or employee must make their request in writing. Such requests must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location the student requests. We will accommodate all reasonable requests.

• **Amendment:** Students and employees have the right to request that we amend their health information. A request from a student or employee must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny such requests under certain circumstances.

• **Electronic Notice:** If you receive this Notice on our Website or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are entitled to receive this Notice in written form.

Questions and Complaints

If employees, students, parents, or guardians want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us. If students or employees are concerned that their privacy rights have been violated, or disagree with a decision we made about access to their health information, or in response to a request to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of his or her own PHI, or to have us communicate by alternative means or at alternative locations, the student or employee may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. Students and employees may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We can provide the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request. We support the rights of students and employees to the privacy of their health information. We will not retaliate in any way if a student or employee chooses to file a complaint with us or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. North East School District Privacy Officer: Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent # 2367717.v1

NESD Public Notices & Disclosures

Legal Information

The North East School District ("District") is obligated, pursuant to various federal and Pennsylvania laws, to notify the parents/guardians of District students of their rights regarding various issues. The following information will explain these important concepts and give required notifications of student and parent/guardian rights on various topics set forth below.

- 1. Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA").

The Every Student Succeeds Act was signed into law on December 10, 2015. The ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act and provides more flexibility around federal education policy by shifting authority back to states and communities. The Pennsylvania Department of Education, with input from key stakeholders throughout the Commonwealth, submitted Pennsylvania's ESSA Consolidated State Plan to the United States Department of Education and that Plan was approved on January 12, 2018. The District will implement all required components of the plan and will provide required legal notifications and updates to students and parent throughout this school year via regular US mail and/or on the District's publicly accessible website. The ESSA requires that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in programs supported by Title I funds meet the applicable Pennsylvania certification and licensing requirements. District Schools that receive Title I funds must provide to each individual parent of a child who is a student in such school timely notice that the student has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does meet applicable Pennsylvania certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(B). Accordingly, if your child is being taught by a teacher who does not meet the "appropriate state certification" guidelines, you will receive written notification from his/her school.

- 2. Right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications.

Parents/guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher/s including the following:

- (a) Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching.

(b) Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived.

(c) What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration, and

(d) Whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications. Additionally, parents/guardians shall be notified by the District administration if or when their child is taught by a teacher who does not meet the definition of "appropriate state qualification" for four consecutive weeks.

- 3. Right to request state assessment information.

At any time, parents/guardians can request:

(a) Information on policies regarding student participation in state assessments and procedures for opting out, and

(b) Information on required state assessments that includes: subject matter tested, purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

NESD Supplemental Privacy Links:

Edmentum:
<https://www.edmentum.com/privacy/policy>

IXL
<https://www.ixl.com/privacypolicy/servicechildrenprivacypolicy>

NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress):
<https://legal.nwea.org/nwea-privacy-and-security-for-pii.html>

PDE SAS [Standards Aligned System]:
<https://www.pdesas.org/Page/Viewer/ViewPage/24/?SectionPageItemid=846>

Renaissance Learning:
<https://www.renaissance.com/privacy/>

ReThink Ed:
<https://www.rethinked.com/privacy-policy/#:~:text=ReThinkEd%20will%20never%20sell%20your,or%20permitted%20by%20the%20contract>

SAVVAS Learning Company:
<https://www.savvas.com/index.cfm?locator=PS219q>

- 4. Homeless Children and Youth.

The No Child Left Behind Act and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the ESSA, require that homeless children and youth have full and equal access to an appropriate public education and that they experience success in school. Homeless students shall have access to the same educational programs and services provided to other District students. Students shall not be discriminated against, segregated, or stigmatized based on their status as homeless. The District administration shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children within the District, encourage their enrollment, eliminate existing barriers to their attendance and education and keep identified homeless children in their school of origin.

Students enrolling in the District who are, or become, homeless students should notify the District of that fact so the District can better ensure that the student's rights under federal and Pennsylvania law are explained to him/her and to his/her parents. "Homeless students" are defined as individuals lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. "Homeless students" include:

- (a) Children and youth sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- (b) Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- (c) Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- (d) Abandoned in hospitals.
- (e) Living in public or private places not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.
- (f) Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings.
- (g) Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described in this definition.

If permanent housing is secured during the course of the school year, the student will continue to be considered homeless for the remainder of the current school year, and the student may remain at the school of origin during that period of time.

The District's local liaison for homeless children and youth is Dr. Jennifer Ritter, who can be reached at 814-725-8671. The local liaison serves as the primary contact between homeless families and school staff, district personnel, shelter workers and other service providers. The local liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically.

- 5. Migrant student education.

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, as amended by the ESSA, and Pennsylvania's Migrant Education Program, the District cooperates and participates in the Northwest Pennsylvania Tri County Intermediate Unit's ("IU") migrant education program for the benefit of migrant children attending District schools. A migrant child is a child age 3-21 years who has moved across a school district line with/or to join a migrant parent or guardian, or on their own, within the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in qualifying agricultural or fishing work including agri-related businesses such as meat or vegetable processing. The District works in conjunction with the IU to improve and coordinate the educational continuity for migrant workers or the children of migratory workers who reside within the District and encourages the parents/guardians of migrant children to inform the District of that status so the District can better ensure the student's rights under federal and Pennsylvania law are explained to him/her and to his/her parents.

- 6. English Learners.

English Learner ("EL") students are those students whose first language is not English and who are in the process of learning English. The District provides language instruction for students who are determined to be English Learners. If your child is identified to participate in the District's English as a Second Language ("ESL") program, you will be notified of further details about your child's rights and participation in the ESL program at that time. The District delivers its ESL programs within students' home schools. Additionally, if your child participates in the District's ESL program, you will receive notice of opportunities to attend meetings for the purpose of formulating and responding to recommendations from parents of students who are English Learners and identified for participation in the ESL program.

- 7. Victims of violent criminal offenses/persistently dangerous schools.

The Unsafe School Choice provision of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. §7912, as amended by the ESSA, requires Pennsylvania to establish and implement a policy requiring that a student attending a "persistently dangerous school" or who becomes a "victim of a violent criminal offense" while in or on the grounds of a District school that the student attends be allowed to attend a safe school within the District. As required by the No Child Left Behind Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has adopted standards for identifying "persistently dangerous schools" and for students who become "victims of violent criminal offenses." (22 Pa. Code §403.6) It is the policy of the District to abide by these standards, as set forth below.

(a) Persistently dangerous schools. No school in the District has been designated a "persistently dangerous school." If a school is designated as such, the District will notify the parents/guardians of all students of that designated school of their rights regarding their continued attendance at that school.

(b) Victims of violent criminal offenses. The terms "victim" and "violent criminal offense" have the following meanings:

(i) "Victim" or "Student Victim" shall mean the student against whom a violent criminal offense has been perpetrated while the student was in or on the grounds of the public elementary or secondary school that he or she attends.

(ii) "Violent Criminal Offense" is defined as any of the following offenses that are set forth in Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (the Pennsylvania Crimes Code): kidnapping; robbery; aggravated assault (on the student); rape; involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; sexual assault; aggravated indecent assault; indecent assault; attempt to commit any of the following: homicide, murder or voluntary manslaughter.

- (A) Student Opportunity to Transfer.

i. Except as provided below, a student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of the public elementary or secondary school that he or she attends must be offered the opportunity to transfer to a safe public school within the District, including a charter school.

ii. In order for a student victim to be entitled to transfer to another school under these standards, the violent criminal offense first must be reported to law enforcement authorities by the student, the student's parent or guardian, or school officials.

iii. A student victim (or his or her parent or guardian) may apply to the District to transfer to another school within thirty (30) calendar days after the incident is reported to school authorities.

(B) Procedural requirements if a student is a "victim of a violent criminal offense."

i. Within ten (10) calendar days of receiving notice of the violent criminal offense, the District administration shall notify the student victim that he or she has the right to transfer to a safe public elementary or secondary school within the District, including a public charter school.

ii. The notification and offer to transfer shall state that no student is required to transfer to another school.

iii. Upon receipt of an application to transfer, the District administration should transfer the student as soon as possible, and shall transfer the student within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the application.

iv. A parent/guardian is not guaranteed to be able to transfer their child to the school of his/her choice. However, when considering a student's request to transfer to another school, the District administration should take into account the particular needs of the student and the parent.

v. A charter school only has to accept a student who meets its admission criteria if space is available.

vi. If there is not another safe school within the District to which students may transfer, the District administration is encouraged, but not required, to establish an agreement with a neighboring school district to accept the transfer of students.

8. Comprehensive support and improvement" or "targeted support and improvement" status. If the District receives notices from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that the District has been identified for "comprehensive support and improvement" or "targeted support or improvement," the District shall promptly notify the parents of every enrolled student in that identified school of all information required by 34 CFR §§200.19 – 200.31.

