

THE

NORSEMEN NEWS

I hope this message finds you well. We are having a great homecoming week and are looking forward to the homecoming games in the gym this Friday night, following the volleyball game against Serena. Don't forget about the faculty staff barbeque happening that evening as well—tickets can be pre-purchased online.

It's hard to believe that the school year has already started and that we're in October. Fall sports are gearing up for postseason play, and basketball season is just around the corner.

A reminder that there will be no school on October 10th and 13th. Also, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 22 and 23. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with teachers.

Additionally, senior seminar presentations will begin next week, and we are excited to see the hard work that all the seniors have put into their presentations. Lastly, the FFA will be attending the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis from October 28 to November 1.

As the semester is almost half over, please make sure that you are working your hardest in classes to ensure that you finish strong.

Mr. Miller

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New Staff Alert

By: Blerim Berisha, Hadley Hergenbahn,
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The sun is bright and the air is crisp on an early August 14th morning. The first bell rings as students file into the gym for the first day assembly. The bleachers quickly fill with familiar faces awaiting the new year's announcements. Laughter bubbles into the room as familiar faces reconnect. Excitement builds up as they notice two new faces in the building.

With the start of the new school year, we have welcomed two new staff members here at NCHS: Mr. Miller, who will be working in the office as our new Assistant Principal, and in the gym, Ms. Monroe is our new P.E and Health teacher.

Mr. Miller is in the office working on the day to day life of the staff and students keeping up with discipline and being our athletic director. Mr. Miller has previous educational experience as P.E teacher at Parkview Middle School where he taught for 16 years. He also served as an assistant principal at Parkview for two years. Mr. Miller is very eager to work with the school and help to run things more smoothly. He is helping to work on new changes for the school year including possibly adding a shot clock for our basketball season. Mr. Miller is also happy to be working in such a good environment. He says, "The staff here at NCHS teaches and manages their classes extremely well."

Superintendent/Principal Mr. Ulrich revealed Mr. Miller's genuine care about his

community and his attention to his work. He also spoke about how Mr. Miller has quickly adjusted to the culture of his coworkers and fits in well with them. Mr. Ulrich says, "I found him (Mr. Miller) to care about Newark and his students."

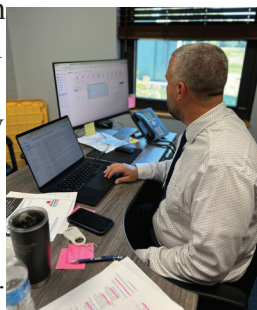
Ms. Monroe revealed her eagerness to work in such a friendly environment for her first year in education. She is excited to help students learn how to take care of both their physical and mental health both in the

Below: Ms. Monroe's first official NCHS yearbook photo

classroom and the gym. Ms. Monroe reveals why she became a P.E teacher saying, "I chose PE/health teacher as my profession because it took all of my interests and made it a job. I love to exercise, eat healthy, learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, etc." Ms. Monroe is also excited to open up her teaching styles and explore different things. She is thrilled to not only continue benefiting others, but herself as well while being a teacher at Newark Community High School.

Ms. Monroe works very closely with Mr. Cooper, the other P.E teacher. Mr. Cooper states, "Working with Ms. Monroe gives me another person to bounce ideas off of." He believes that having Ms. Monroe is a great way to deepen the physical education program here at NCHS. Ms. Monroe also agrees that working with another person is great. She states, "I love working with Mr. Cooper. He is very helpful and a great mentor in my first year teaching. I've learned a lot from him in the first month of school and I'm sure there's a lot more to come."

We have had a great start to this new school year with a terrific staff. Our new



Above: Mr. Miller hard at work in his office



staff seems to click really well and are already making great improvements to the learning environment here at Newark. On behalf of the Publication Production class, we wish Mr. Miller and Ms. Monroe good luck - we are happy to have them here!

FFA At The Fair

By: Daniel Venegas, Destini Lindzy, Marilyn Morel, Miranda McBroom, Yaimara Martinez

High 70's, low 60's, this was the perfect weather to spend the day outside at the fair. Roughly 180,000 individuals came to enjoy the many festivities the Sandwich Fair had to offer. Such as carnival rides, buildings filled with the community's creative work, various livestock animals, and food vendors supplying food as crazy as alligator on a stick.

From September 3rd through the 7th, Newark FFA participated in the 137th annual Sandwich Fair, working at the FFA petting zoo. Many of our students also submitted their creative work into the Home Ec, Livestock, Collections, Art, and Horticulture buildings. The Sandwich Fair is an important staple in our community, but people all over the country also flock to it every year.

Mr. Steffen, NCHS Ag teacher and FFA Advisor, has been teaching at Newark for 32 years and will retire at the end of this school year after his youngest son, Toby graduates. Toby has been involved in FFA throughout the past 4 years of high school as well. He took on the role of reporter during his sophomore year and was elected president during his junior and senior years. Mr. Steffen has been the Newark AG teacher since 1993, but next year, the fair will look a little different for him. He says, "I will still be superintendent of the fair, but I will miss no longer being a part of the farm zoo." Mr. Steffen is currently the Superintendent of the FFA Farm Zoo as



Above: Mr. Steffen is interviewed by WSPY at the Sandwich Fair

well as the Draft Horse Pull. When Mr. Steffen retires from being an Ag teacher, he will not be a part of the FFA Farm Zoo; however, he will still be involved in the Draft Horse Pull.

In preparation for the fair, Newark FFA members spent their time after school the week before the fair setting up the FFA farm zoo.

Many students also worked at the FFA Farm Zoo, taking care of the animals and informing people about them, including Senior Toby Steffen. He says, "We planted mums around the trees, as well as set up pens for the FFA barn."



Above: Junior Gavin S. and Seniors Toby S. and Garrett S. are interviewed by WSPY News

People come from all over the country to the Sandwich fair, many of whom have never seen farm animals or don't know much about them. Junior Easton Kempia says, "People getting to learn about the animals is my favorite part about the fair." It's important that the FFA members properly inform the fairgoers about the animals. Mr. Steffen has given current and past students experience and knowledge in the field of Agriculture, which students apply to everyday life.

With Mr. Steffen retiring, planning for next year's Sandwich Fair looks a little different. Mr. Steffen shares his expectations for the next school year, saying, "I expect other schools to take over and a new Ag teacher to be as active as I was."

If you are interested in being a part of FFA, don't be afraid to reach out. FFA is a student-led organization that makes up a large part of our school, and we will need our upperclassmen next year to step up and be leaders for our community!

Beyond The Bells

By: Heather Buhle, Morgen Hergenbahn,
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Over the start of our thrilling new school year, Newark students have been excited about the start of sports, the Sandwich fair, and Homecoming. The seasons are slowly shifting from summer into fall, and students are adjusting to not just the change of temperature, but the return to school routines and homework.

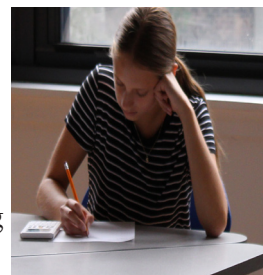
Our Newark students take much pride in working hard academically and athletically. Our students are ready for a fresh start to make lots of memories. With Homecoming week upon us, students are excited to compete in a week full of traditions and games. Homecoming week has been a huge part of Newark High School for a very long time. Students especially love dressing up and getting in the homecoming spirit. Additionally, The Sandwich Fair was a fall favorite to many students because of the warm weather, fun rides, and great fair food. That being said, even though most students go to the fair to spend time with their friends, some students spend their fair time working.

Senior Reggie Chapman's chose to work at 5 B's, providing food for the fairgoers. Reggie says, "It was busy- 5 B's is the biggest vendor there so we served a LOT of people...one in every 6 to 10 people that go to the Sandwich Fair come to 5 B's to eat." With all this success, Reggie is looking forward to next year's Sandwich fair already!



Above: Senior Reggie C. use his creative skills to work on his ceramics project, providing him a much needed break after a busy fair week.

Senior Sadie Pottinger has taken it upon herself to offer helpful advice to the incoming students as the school year begins. This advice contains some thoughtful insight that she has learned during her time around Newark. She says, "One piece of studying advice I give to incoming freshmen is to pay attention in class, take notes, and study everyday." She also discussed how the classes she has taken, and currently taking, will help her in the future, stating, "Taking AP Lang will help me in the future with strengthening my writing skills and being able to make strong arguments." Along with Sadie, Junior Ella Bromeland also offers her advice for incoming freshman. Ella says, "Always keep up on your notes for your tests."



Above: Refreshed from Summer Break, Freshman Sophia L. focuses on her work in Algebra I

Instead of thinking about tests, some of our freshman decided to spend their first few weeks of high school reminiscing about their summer vacation. Freshman Tim Blanchard loved spending time with family and enjoying the summer. He says, "I went to Houston, Texas this summer, and the highlight was trying Texas Roadhouse for the first time with my dad." His freshman classmate, Sophia Ludwig, spent her summer soaking up the sun in Florida. She says, "We visited Coco beach and got to swim in the ocean for the first time." Our freshmen seemed to enjoy traveling this summer, but we hope that they are ready to "lock in" for the first year of high school.

There are many events to look forward to in the fall season here at Newark. Volleyball games, reconnecting with friends, and the fan-favorite homecoming dance and traditions. Although it has just begun, we have no doubt that this will be a year to remember!

Volleyball Sports Update

By: Kolton Rizzo, Malia Maddox, Matthew Underhill, and Evan Toftoy

Sports are a crucial part of any school, but how do our students balance athletics AND academics? A look into our volleyball team's goals and motivations will show why we say, "Go Norsemen!"

Newark girls volleyball has been on a roll and only continues to improve. From the freshmen to the seniors, they all work together and show great talent and sportsmanship. Our volleyball team is working hard to represent our school, this season, so let's cheer them on as their season continues and show our appreciation. From August 25th to the end of September, our volleyball team has competed in 15 games, and has only managed to rack up three losses.

Our volleyball team shows their motivation and drive on the court, stating that their teamwork is their driving force. However, a lot of effort goes into that

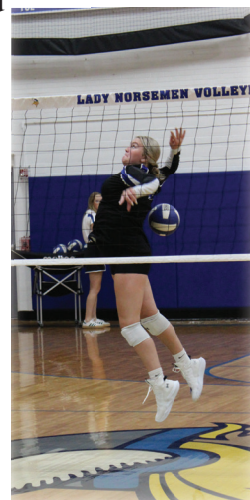


Above: The JV Lady Norsemen gather together for a picture before Blue and White Night

teamwork. Junior Taylor Jeffers says, "We always put in a lot of work and effort into practices throughout the whole season, which

seems to pay off in the postseason. We are also a team that is very dedicated and we always want to go as far as we can so our want to win really adds to the success too." Clearly, hard work and dedication throughout the season seems to have a strong impact on the post season.

Dedication and hard work is a crucial aspect of excelling in the sport. Given the team's current record, some students are curious about how far they expect to go this season. Senior Heather Buhle says, "I believe our team will be very successful in conference and regionals this year, and that we can win sectionals if we focus hard enough." With the right amount of focus, this team should not have a problem with working hard enough! Heather has strong expectations this year!



Above: Sophomore Makaylee M. jumps up with power during warm-ups.

Our players have high hopes about this season, but how did they become involved with volleyball in the first place? Senior Heather Buhle states, "I first got into volleyball by doing summer camps with my friends when I was in grade school and stuck with it because I enjoyed practicing and playing with my friends." Going to camp helps you achieve your full potential, create friendships, and win games.

As mentioned before, our team has pretty high expectations for the season, and Junior Taylor Jeffers states, "Our team is looking to at least make it past Sectionals this year, which we have not been able to do the past few years. But, every

year our main goal is to make it to state.” With the way this team has been playing, we think State is definitely on the horizon!

While the season is just starting, it seems the Lady Norsemen have high expectations, and a strong determination to achieve their goals. Let’s be there for our Lady Norsemen, cheering them on from the stands as they prepare to make it to state! Go Lady Norsemen!