



New Milford
Public Schools
50 East Street
New Milford, CT 06776



New Milford High School
Greg Shugrue, Principal

Liz Curtis, Ass't. Principal
Suzi Greene, Ass't. Principal
Donna Luzi, Ass't. Principal



Schaghticoke Middle School
Dana Ford, Principal

Gerald Robinson
Ass't. Principal



Sarah Noble School
Len Tomasello, Principal

Kristine Golden,
Ass't. Principal

Don Naiman, Ass't. Principal



Hill & Plain Elementary
Dr. Sandra Nadeau, Principal

Marcy Sterlis, Ass't. Principal



John Pettibone Elementary
Paula Kelleher, Principal

Marcy Sterlis, Ass't. Principal



Northville Elementary
Susan Murray, Principal

Joan Kick, Ass't. Principal

Spotlight on New Milford Schools Community Issue

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A Message from the Board of Education



Welcome back to a new school year and the second community issue of our newsletter. The goals of this newsletter are to provide you with a better understanding of your school system, and to encourage you to share your ideas and thoughts with the Board of Education.

We are excited to implement several items outlined in our budget for the 2011-2012 school year, including:

- Reestablishment of summer school for students who completed grades three to eight
- Restoration of seventh grade general music at Schaghticoke
- Reinstatement of a part-time music position at Sarah Noble Intermediate School which enables us to offer band to all students beginning in fourth grade
- Reinstatement of a part-time custodian at New Milford High School
- Hiring of a state mandated elementary health teacher for grades K-6 to assist classroom teachers in delivering the health curriculum that must be taught by a certified health educator
- Introduction of our full-day kindergarten program that is funded this year through the Education Jobs Fund

On the back cover of this newsletter you will find an update on the school district's Strategic Plan. We concluded the first year of implementation of the plan that is a blueprint of our actions through 2015.

We encourage you to get involved in the future of our schools by attending any of the

Board of Education meetings listed below.

For more information, visit www.newmilfordps.org or call 860 355-8406.

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

September 13, 2011

October 11, 2011

November 8, 2011

December 13, 2011

Annual Meeting—7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Budget Hearings @ 7 PM

January 17, 18 & 24, 2012

Snow date: January 19, 2012

*Budget Adoption @ 7 PM

January 25, 2012

Snow date: January 26, 2012

February 14, 2012

March 13, 2012

April 10, 2012

May 8, 2012—Lillis Administration Building

June 12, 2012

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the SNIS Media Center, unless otherwise noted.



Final preparations are being made to the restructured parking lot/playground area at Hill and Plain school.

NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome the following new staff to New Milford Public Schools:

New Milford High School

Mrs. Araceli Acosta, Spanish
Ms. Emily Bosson, English
Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Claudia DeMoura, Spanish
Mrs. Megan Dey, Social Studies
Mr. Daniel Marcoux, Social Studies
Mrs. Kristie O'Neill, Business
Mr. John Palmer, Paraeducator
Ms. Shannon Proehl, English
Mrs. Carol Smeriglio, Paraeducator

Schaghticoke Middle School

Ms. Michelle Boudreau, Special Education

Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Mrs. Anne Bilko, Administrative Intern
Ms. Tracy Birkins, Grade 4
Ms. Elisse Duque, Grade 5
Ms. Jodi Edelstein, Special Education
Mrs. Robyn Kelleher, Grade 4
Mrs. Monica Miller, Grade 6 Mathematics
Ms. Tracy Olmsted, Grade 6 Soc. Studies
Mr. Timothy Polhemus, Music
Dr. Leonard Tomasello, Principal

Hill and Plain Elementary School

Ms. Kate DeBarber, Grade 1
Ms. Danielle Iosa, Kindergarten
Mrs. Carol McKay, Paraeducator

John Pettibone School

Mrs. Dawn Delpha, Grade 2
Ms. Jo Gallagher, Reading
Mrs. Gretchen Rondini, Kindergarten

Northville Elementary School

Mrs. Gayle Bouzakis, Kindergarten
Ms. Jenna Guidice, Grade 3
Mrs. Maura Jabbonsky, Paraeducator
Ms. Megan Lago, Grade 3
Ms. Danielle Spencer, Special Education
Mrs. Betsey Thibodeau, Nurse

District-Wide

Mrs. Jill Bracksieck, Mathematics Coach
Mrs. Melissa Khalatbari, K-6 Health
Mrs. Kathleen Sanders,
Food & Nutrition Services Secretary

Teacher of the Year



New Milford Teacher of the Year, Tracy Nevins, with her daughters (l-r) Laura and Emily and her mother, Janet.

Tracy Nevins, 7th grade science teacher at Schaghticoke Middle School, was named New Milford Teacher of the Year at the 2011 annual Back to School kick-off event at New Milford High School.

Mrs. Nevins has been at NMPS for 15 years. In addition to science, she has also taught math and English.

Mrs. Nevins credits her own teachers and the incredible group of people at Schaghticoke Middle School for her own teaching success.

There is always something going on at New Milford High School Athletic Department. For a great inexpensive night out, attend one of the many sporting activities listed in home schedules below. Complete schedule information can be found at www.newmilfordps.org/nhs under the Athletics tab. Admission to home sporting events are: Adults: \$5 and students: \$3.

Cross Country

Tue., 9/14	Pomperaug	4:30 p.m.
Tue., 9/21	Bethel	4:30 p.m.

Field Hockey - Freshman

Thu., 9/15	Masuk	4:30 p.m.
Thu., 9/22	New Fairfield	4:30 p.m.
Sat., 10/1	Bethel	9:00 a.m.
Thu., 10/6	Weston	4:30 p.m.
Wed., 10/19	Pomperaug	4:30 p.m.
Tue., 10/25	Joel Barlow	4:30 p.m.

Field Hockey - JV

Tue., 9/20	Bethel	5:15 p.m.
Mon., 9/26	Brookfield	5:15 p.m.
Wed., 9/28	New Fairfield	5:15 p.m.
Fri., 10/7	Pomperaug	5:15 p.m.
Fri., 10/14	Immaculate	5:15 p.m.
Tue., 10/18	Weston	5:30 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Newtown	5:15 p.m.

Field Hockey - Varsity

Tue., 9/20	Bethel	3:45 p.m.
Mon., 9/26	Brookfield	3:45 p.m.
Wed., 9/28	New Fairfield	3:45 p.m.
Fri., 10/7	Pomperaug	3:45 p.m.
Fri., 10/14	Immaculate	3:45 p.m.
Tue., 10/18	Weston	4:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Newtown	3:45 p.m.

Football - Freshman

Thu., 9/22	Bunnell	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/6	Stratford	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/13	Newtown	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/27	Masuk	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 11/10	Brookfield	3:15 p.m.

Football - JV

Sat., 9/24	Bunnell	10:00 a.m.
Mon., 10/10	Stratford	10:00 a.m.
Sat., 10/15	Newtown	3:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Masuk	4:00 p.m.
Sat., 11/12	Brookfield	10:00 a.m.

Football - Varsity

Fri., 9/16	Bethel	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 9/30	Joel Barlow	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 10/28	Masuk	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 11/4	Stratford	7:00 p.m.
Thu., 11/24	New Fairfield	10:00 a.m.

Boys Soccer - JV

Thu., 9/15	Newtown	4:00 p.m.
Mon., 9/19	Immaculate	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 9/24	Newtown	11:00 a.m.
Sat., 10/1	Stratford	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/6	Masuk	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 10/15	Weston	1:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/17	Joel Barlow	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 10/22	Torrington	1:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Bunnell	4:00 p.m.

Boys Soccer - Varsity

Tue., 9/13	Kolbe Cathedral	4:00 p.m.
Mon., 9/19	Immaculate	6:00 p.m.
Sat., 10/1	Stratford	4:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/6	Masuk	6:00 p.m.

Sat., 10/15	Weston	4:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/17	Joel Barlow	6:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Bunnell	6:00 p.m.

Girls Soccer - JV

Thu., 9/22	Brookfield	3:45 p.m.
Tue., 9/27	Oxford	3:45 p.m.
Tue., 10/4	Pomperaug	3:45 p.m.
Mon., 10/10	Bethel	3:45 p.m.
Thu., 10/13	Newtown	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 10/15	Weston	3:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/20	New Fairfield	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 10/22	Torrington	1:00 p.m.

Girls Soccer - Varsity

Thu., 9/15	Notre Dame	3:45 p.m.
Thu., 9/22	Brookfield	3:45 p.m.
Tue., 9/27	Oxford	3:45 p.m.
Tue., 10/4	Pomperaug	3:45 p.m.
Thu., 10/13	Newtown	3:45 p.m.
Sat., 10/15	Weston	6:00 p.m.
Thu., 10/20	New Fairfield	3:45 p.m.

Girls Swimming - Varsity

Tue., 9/27	Newtown	4:00 p.m.
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Volleyball - Freshman

Wed., 9/21	Newtown	3:30 p.m.
Fri., 9/30	Masuk	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 10/3	Oxford	3:30 p.m.

Volleyball - JV

Wed., 9/14	Stratford	3:30 p.m.	Varsity	5:00 p.m.
Wed., 9/21	Joel Barlow	5:00 p.m.		6:30 p.m.
Fri., 9/23	Bethel	5:00 p.m.		6:30 p.m.
Tue., 9/27	Weston	4:00 p.m.		5:30 p.m.
Mon., 10/3	Pomperaug	5:00 p.m.		6:30 p.m.
Fri., 10/7	Brookfield	3:30 p.m.		5:00 p.m.
Wed., 10/19	Kolbe Cathedral	3:30 p.m.		5:00 p.m.
Mon., 10/24	Newtown	3:30 p.m.		5:00 p.m.
Wed., 10/26	Northwestern	4:00 p.m.		5:15 p.m.

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Senior Citizen Benefits

The Board of Education offers any senior citizen 60 years of age or older a 50% discount to admission to any school sponsored activity such as athletic functions or musical events.

A FREE season ticket to school events is available to senior citizens who are New Milford town residents and 65 years of age or over. The free senior citizens pass is available at the Central Administration Office located at 50 East Street in New Milford during normal business hours.





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Strategic Plan Update

We have concluded the first year of implementation of our Strategic Plan. Highlights of the district's accomplishments include the following:

- **Communication:** monthly electronic newsletters to staff, parents and community subscribers; updating of the school district's website; increased content programming on Channel 17 and continuation of a comprehensive volunteer program in our schools
- **Character education:** each school promoted the same character attribute monthly through morning announcements, bulletin boards, the district website, and parent information. A character attribute is integrated into each new and revised curriculum guide.
- **Goal setting:** students and families in grades 4-12 are involved in setting, pursuing, and achieving goals. At the kindergarten through third grade level, students and parents are beginning the process of setting goals.
- **Technology:** every school in the district has received electronic whiteboards; a significant number of staff have been trained to use electronic whiteboards and other forms of technology; and the technology scope and sequence was approved by the Board in March 2011.
- **Curricula:** the district's curriculum handbook was revised and five curriculum guides were approved. The Committee on Learning approved a new Five-Year Curriculum Plan in November 2010 and the full Board approved the plan in December 2010.
- **Attract, develop, evaluate, and retain highly qualified staff:** school schedules are developed and adjusted to provide collaborative planning time for staff; and the teacher evaluation document is reviewed annually by a group of administrators and teachers
- **Identify and utilize the support and resources available in the community:** the high school held an information fair; the elementary schools sponsored a community health fair; and a community resource guide is available online for each school to access through its server

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

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