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# Spotlight on New Milford Schools

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**Are you ready to start the  
2017-18 School Year?**

**Open Houses/Walkthroughs  
Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

<b>Grades K-2</b>	<b>HPS/NES</b>	<b>12:30-1:30</b>
<b>Grades 3-5</b>	<b>SNIS</b>	<b>1:30-3:00</b>
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	<b>SMS</b>	<b>10:00-11:30</b>

**First Day of School for Students:  
Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

**NMHS and SMS:  
7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**HPS, NES, and SNIS:  
8:50 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

### ***A Note from the Superintendent***



Each new school year brings with it a sense of anticipation and excitement. It is a chance to set new goals and welcome back our students, full of optimism and hope.

Like standing in line for a big roller coaster, some of what makes school so exciting also creates some anxiety. It is usually when I am standing in that line, as the ground shakes beneath me and the coaster screams overhead, that I think of the people that designed and built the coaster. They must have known about the pit in my stomach. With every ride I trust in their design and know I will smile when it is over. We see our schools in a similar light: exciting places full of wonder and new learning, with perhaps a little less adrenaline.

Our teachers and administrators work hard to present an interesting and challenging curriculum that fosters new growth and learning. All of us here in the New Milford Public Schools seek to provide a safe and welcoming environment that emphasizes student belonging and a staff that genuinely cares about your children.

I would like to thank you for partnering with us to educate your children and for choosing to raise your family in this wonderful community. It is with deep respect that I value the trust you place in us. We stand ready to encourage, challenge, and support your children, our students.

*Looking forward to the conversations to come.*  
*Joshua Smith, Superintendent*

### **Registration and Scheduling**



Administrative staff spend much of the summer months tracking the comings and goings of students, since final scheduling of classes is determined by current student enrollment numbers. These numbers change right up to the first day of school and beyond! That is why students do not receive class information and schedules until shortly before school starts. All parents should watch their email this week and next for Back-to-School information for students.

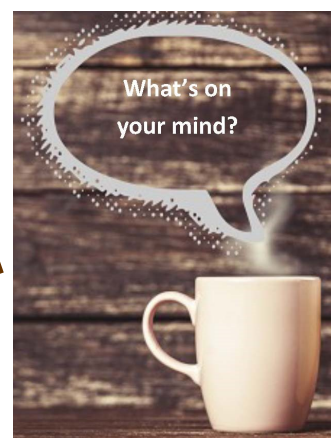
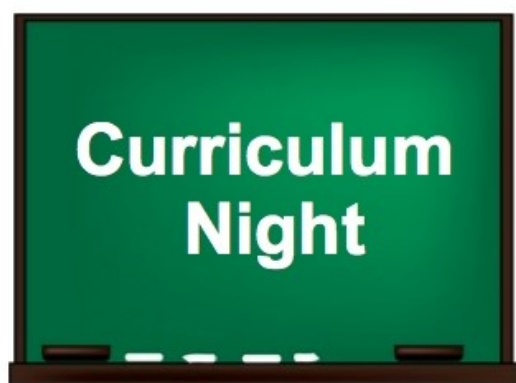
### **Bus Routes for 2017-18**

Bus routes for 2017-18 can be viewed [online at the district website](#). We ask for your patience with bus time pick up and drop off during the first few days of school as drivers and students settle into their routes.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark your calendars for*



**Curriculum Night, Grades K-2**  
**September 25, 2017**  
**(HPS, NES) 5:30 p.m.**

**Curriculum Night, Grade 3**  
**September 26, 2017**  
**(SNIS) 6:00 p.m.**

**Curriculum Night, Grades 4 & 5**  
**September 27, 2017**  
**(SNIS) 6:00 p.m.**

**Open House, Grades 6-8**  
**September 14, 2017**  
**(SMS) 6:00 p.m.**

**Open House, Grades 9-12**  
**September 13, 2017**  
**(NMHS) 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Superintendent of Schools**  
**Joshua Smith for some informal**  
**conversation on a variety of topics.**

**3 Sessions scheduled so far:**

**October 10, 2017**  
**December 12, 2017**  
**March 13, 2018**

**5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**  
**Lillis Administration Building,**  
**Room 2**  
**50 East Street**

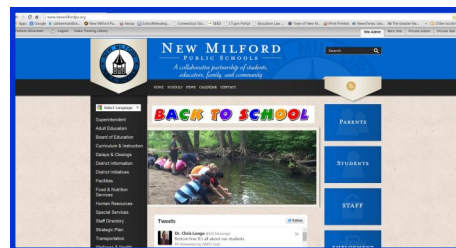
**Can't attend but have a question**  
**or concern?**

**Email [suptoffice@newmilfordps.org](mailto:suptoffice@newmilfordps.org)**

## Stay Connected...

**One of the best sources for information about New Milford Public School events and happenings is our website:** <http://www.newmilfordps.org/>

From the home page, you can visit websites of the individual schools, see a calendar of events, email staff using the staff directory, download district forms and more.



### Can't find your answer on the website?

You can always call the Central Office or individual schools. Phone numbers are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.



### Like your news faster?

Customize our [School Messenger](#) service for important alerts and district emails.



**Are you a twitter fan? All our schools (and many staff members) tweet!** Follow them at:

@NMHS\_CT

@SMS\_CT

@SNIS\_CT

@NES\_CT

@HPS\_CT

@nmpps\_supt

### Sign up for the ParentPlus Portal

This online tool allows you to obtain information specific to your child from any device that has internet access. Depending on the grade level, you can access information such as your child's schedule, homework, grades, and attendance. For security purposes, parents must [sign up to receive a personalized web access code for account log in](#).

PlusPortals  
Login

### Want to know what's happening at the district level?

Attend Board of Education meetings or watch through live streaming or video recording. Links to the schedule, plus the minutes of all Sub-Committee and full Board meetings that have taken place, are posted on our [home page](#).

### Prefer your news from the comfort of your couch?

Watch Educational Access TV on cable channel 194. A schedule of monthly Board of Education meetings and other special programs can be found on the [district website](#). You can view episodes of *Green Wave TV*, New Milford High School's student video production, on their [youtube channel](#).

### Want to attend a high school athletic event?

Visit [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) for up to date schedules and to sign up for alerts about changes in schedule.

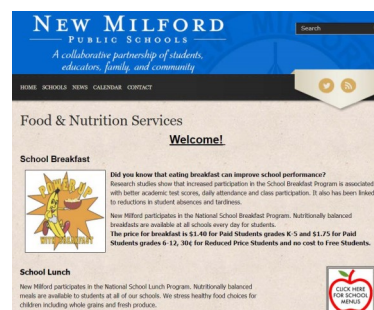
**REMEMBER:** Staying informed works both ways. Please make certain that your child's school has your most up-to-date contact information by completing the back to school forms sent home at the beginning of the school year and by providing any needed updates throughout the year.



## Welcome to School Breakfast and School Lunch

*Back to school also means back to school breakfast and lunch. We asked Mrs. Sandra Sullivan, Food and Nutrition Services Director, to provide an overview of this year's program:*

"Back to School" is here again and what does every parent need more of? Time! The Food and Nutrition Services Department is here to help. Our school meal program is made for students and their parents. Not only are our school meals delicious and nutritious, they're also convenient and affordable for you, and our friendly food service staff is here to serve your children the nutrition they need to succeed in school.



Breakfast is available to all students every morning before school. The cost is \$1.40 for grades K – 5, \$1.75 for grades 6 – 12, .30 cents for reduced students and no charge for free students. Cereal, muffins, yogurt, juice, fruit and milk are just some of the selections.

There is a wide variety of lunch choices daily from a hot meal, cold meal, salads and sandwiches. Students are offered a selection of low fat and fat free milk, colorful portions of fresh fruits and vegetables and a variety of whole grains and lean proteins. The cost is \$2.35 for grades K – 5 and \$2.60 / \$3.10 for grades 6 – 12, .40 cents for reduced students and no charge for free students. Our full [menus can be viewed at newmilfordps.org](http://newmilfordps.org) under the Food and Nutrition Services tab.

A la carte snacks are also available for purchase. All snacks meet strict nutrition guidelines. Choices can include muffins, fruit, yogurt, baked chips, popcorn, frozen desserts or a whole grain cookie. If you have concerns about your child's purchases, please call the cafeteria to discuss how limits may be placed on their account.

Concerned about allergies?? Labels of all the food we serve are readily available for viewing.

For your convenience an easy online payment system is offered to fund and view your student's meal account at [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com). Payments can also be made with cash or a check in the cafeteria. Additional information can be found on the district website under the Food and Nutrition Services tab.



We look forward to serving your children in our cafeterias. If you have questions regarding the breakfast or lunch program, please call 860-354-3712.

For general news and information, make sure to check out the links on our district website under the [Food and Nutrition Services tab](#) on the main page left side menu. You can follow Food Services on Twitter too @NMPSFoodService.

# INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

The Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to our schools. The Board supports a volunteer program that encourages community residents to take an active role to become school volunteers subject to suitable regulations and safeguards.

The New Milford Public Schools recognizes that just about any volunteer situation may result in direct contact with students. Our obligation to take appropriate measures to keep our children safe is one of our primary concerns. We require criminal history checks, at no cost to you, of all adults who wish to act as volunteers in our schools or chaperones on our field trips.

In order to volunteer, whether in the classroom, school or on a field trip, it is necessary for you to be fingerprinted. This takes place through the district's Human Resources department. Fingerprinting dates will be made available through the school office once school begins and will also be posted on the district website.

- ♦ If you have already been fingerprinted and have volunteered each year, it is not necessary for you to be fingerprinted again. You will still need to sign up with your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year.
- ♦ If you have never volunteered before, or have not done so annually, fingerprinting will be necessary. You will need to sign up with your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year and will subsequently receive information about fingerprinting. It is recommended that you sign up earlier rather than later in the year to ensure that you will be able to be fingerprinted in time for the event or activity that you may be interested in volunteering for during the year.

More information will be given to you by the schools. We look forward to having you as volunteers in the New Milford Public Schools.

V O L U N T E E R  
*all that's missing is U!*



New Milford High School is a busy place during this last week of summer vacation. Inside the building, support staff are busy filling teacher boxes with first day of school paperwork and students are setting up the school store. New teachers and incoming freshmen both have orientation, photos included. In the evening, Adult Education is hosting its own orientation for incoming students. The fields are active day and night with band camp and fall athletic practices. Even the Observatory got into the action with a well attended solar eclipse viewing event.





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## New Beginnings



### You Can Be Whatever You Want To Be

*by Donna Levine*

There is inside you  
all of the potential  
to be whatever you want to be,  
all of the energy  
to do whatever you want to do.

Imagine yourself as you would like to be,  
doing what you want to do,  
and each day, take one step  
towards your dream.

And though at times it may seem too  
difficult to continue,  
hold on to your dream.

One morning you will awake to find  
that you are the person you dreamed of,  
doing what you wanted to do,  
simply because you had the courage  
to believe in your potential  
and to hold on to your dream.

August  
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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.