

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Barry Derfel, H.S. Principal

In the October District Bulletin, I shared with you many of my hopes and dreams for the 2012 – 2013 school year. I am energized by, and proud of, the ways in which students, staff, and families have enthusiastically stepped up to help make these hopes and dreams become a reality. Our students in the National Honor Society have been working hard to get many of its key programs underway, including the Canned Food Drive, the Tutoring Program, the Points Picnic, the 2012 – 2013 Induction Ceremony, and Volunteer Coordination for the Elementary School Fall Festival. These efforts actively promote scholarship, leadership, service, and character throughout the school. Our seniors have been routinely modeling appropriate and respectful behavior in the senior lounge, showing that young people can learn self-control by taking responsibility for their work and actions. All members of the school community have been working hard to help make our College and Career Ready (CCR) Labs an initiative that genuinely supports teaching and learning throughout the building. Students, families, and staff have also been promoting a safe, healthy, and effective learning environment by agreeing to advocate for their needs at an appropriate time, in an appropriate place, and in an appropriate manner.

To be sure, the school year is still young and there will be growing pains along the way. Therefore, we must build on our early successes by resisting the tendency to fall back into our old habits and behaviors when the work gets frustrating and confusing. The first marking period is over and the second marking period is halfway complete. There are some students who are not yet, or who are no longer, finding academic or social success. Together, we need to figure out why this is happening and adjust our practices accordingly.

Winter is slowly approaching, and we must push ourselves to develop a more comprehensive plan for helping our students learn and leverage the skills and networks they need to secure jobs that pay a living wage and that will provide them with genuine access to health care and other essentials. And, we must continue the dialogue about hunger in Newfield. To what extent is hunger in Newfield a problem, and what can we do to eliminate it altogether?

Much has been accomplished. Much has yet to be done. Please reach out and invite me into your homes and neighborhoods. Please come into school any Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. and join me for informal conversation in the cafeteria. If we remain conscious, consistent, and committed to doing what is best for Newfield, we will continue moving in the right direction. We must work together to do this well. I am here and ready to work.

HS Perfect Attendance

Sept. 5 - Oct. 19, 2012

Grade 9

Jordan Adams, Jeffrey Allen, Alexis Baker, Jacob Bastian, Luke Biskup, Casey Bledsoe, Casandra Bona, Chyanne Castrechino, Elisha Ford, Reanna Furman, Thome Garcia, Tyler Gardner, MacKenzie Green, Kiersten Henderson, Spencer King, Alexander Laue, Robert Miller, Derek Mosher, Sarah Sexton, Alexis Shay

Grade 10

Marcus Alger, Nicholas Bell, Hayley Brewster, Rachael Bump, Max Carter, Dillon Castrechino, Devin Cooper, Dawn Dickens, Cody Frederick, Carlton Lenahan, Ke'Andra Malone, Katie McKee, Brandon Monahan, Melissa Naylor, Luke Nye-Smith, Alex Schreiber-Harris, Christie Sexton, Alexandra Strednak, Nathaniel Strednak, Megan Tuckerman, Ashley Tyskewicz, Kierra Yancey

Grade 11

Steven Apgar, Jacob Brazo, Mariah Crawford, Wesley Demming, Alexander Fuller, Myles Garcia, Kagan Gehring, Desirae Gradel, Tiffany Harden, Zachary Hunter, Samuel Kopf, Alexander Miller, Brandon Moore, Alexis Murray, Tristan Pakkala, Joshua Robbins, Dakota Rumsey, Lauren Schumacher, Amy Stranger, Brianna Zichettella

Grade 12

Robert Bentley, Storme Dannic, Erin Doucett, Aaron Dougherty, Dominique Everhart, Jackie Gerow, Allison Harris, John Heiderich-LaDue, Peter Hoskins, Anna Johnson, Luke Krogman, Colin Miller, Zachary Mosher, Megan Pakkala, Kodie Sears, Kiersten Sinn, Cynthia Ulbing, Jonathan Vanetten, Devin Ward, Lindsey Wood, Michael Yaples