



THE Paw Print

New Year Brings New Opportunities

I talk a lot about adding new branches to the tree that is Newark City Schools. The beginning of a new school year is a good time to reflect on some of these branches, and to see where new growth can happen.

During the past few years, our district has seen growth in many areas, from helping students to exceed expected growth in reading and math during the school year, to adding programs that are vital to the student experience.

For the 2016-17 school year, this growth mindset is coming to life in a few different ways. One of these new, strong branches is featured in this issue of the Paw Print: STEM Camp has grown from a community-wide effort to get more students interested in science, technology, engineering and math. It provided a snapshot of what students can learn in our engineering classes in middle and high schools.

Another positive growth area within the district this year is in our new gifted initiative. While the district has always worked to differentiate education to students at all levels, and AP classes at Newark High School provide a rewarding and challenging education to our top students, district leadership has long recognized a need to add more to the elementary student's gifted education experience.

This is why, this year, select students in the fourth and fifth grades will have a new experience, with "gifted intervention specialists" at each middle school. The experience will evolve over time, but this is yet another branch that will be added to the tree.

The final branch I'd like to talk about is our new initiative to get every student started on the right foot every morning with breakfast. This year, every student can eat a free breakfast at his or her school. We recognize that students need a good meal to start their day, and



Doug Ute, Superintendent

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White Field 2nd Phase Nears Completion

The next phase of the White Field renovation is nearing completion as the fall sports season approaches. This phase includes new locker rooms, restrooms and a concession stand, as well as a paved parking lot on the Church Street side of the field.

The third and final phase of construction will be completed in future years, and will include a new ticket stand and press box. Anyone who would like to be a contributor to the project can make donations of \$50 and above. Donors will be displayed in the entrances of White Field at the end of the project.

Please contact the athletic office at 740-670-7430 with any questions.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Newark City Schools is to ensure a quality education for all students to become productive citizens in a global society.

Newark City School District Administrators

Douglas Ute, Superintendent

Jeffrey Anderson, Treasurer



Board Members

Tom Bline, *President*

Mr. Bline has served on the board two times, from 2007 through 2009 and 2011 to the present. He is employed by the defense department as an accountant and is the former owner/operator of childcare centers in Licking County. Mr. Bline lives in Newark with his wife Lu. Their two children, Leslie and Mark, each graduated from Newark High School.

Tim Carr, *Vice President*

Mr. Carr has served on the board in 2009, and from 2012 until the present. He is the Senior Pastor at Northside Baptist Church. Mr. Carr lives in Newark with his wife Lora, who teaches at Newark High School. Their children, Andrew and Allyson, currently attend Newark City Schools.

Mike Blowers

Mr. Blowers is the choir director in the Coshocton City School District, and formerly taught at Newark City Schools. Mr. Blowers lives in Newark with his wife, Martha Ann. They have three grown children.

Bev Niccum

Ms. Niccum has served on the board since 2010. Previously, she was president of the John Clem Elementary PTO and cochaired the district's levy committee in 2009. Ms. Niccum works at State Farm, and is a graduate of Lakewood High School. Her oldest son Drew is a graduate of Newark High School, while her younger son Kailus is currently a student in the district.

Warren Weber

Mr. Weber joined the board earlier this year. He is a Vietnam Veteran who retired from the U.S. Air Force after 26 years. He is also a retired Licking County Government Development Director. Mr. Weber lives in Newark with his wife of 39 years, Dee. Two of their three children are Newark High School graduates, and one of their 11 grandchildren is currently a student at NHS.

Alumni Spotlight:

Newark High School has begun to build a proud tradition of graduates receiving appointments to military academies. Since 2013, four NHS students have received appointments to the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Merchant Marines Academy. These appointments include full rides to top tier colleges, worth \$250,000 or more, as well as many other benefits. They are also highly competitive. In 2013, Willie Henderson was appointed to the Naval Academy. He will enter his senior year this fall, majoring in engineering. 2015 graduate Megan Roche is attending the Air Force Academy. The Class of 2016 will see two members head off to the Merchant Marine Academy, located in Long Island, New York. Here is a little bit more about Valerie Bowman and Philip Hall:



Valerie Bowman

Valerie Bowman was one of 14 valedictorians in the Newark High School Class of 2016. She was involved in many activities, including cross country, track, swimming, National Honor Society, Key Club and more. "I really like to see how passionate people are," she said. "People really work hard ... and accomplish amazing things." As Key Club president, Valerie helped to lead the school's "WildcatThon," which raised more than \$4,000 for children's cancer research. Valerie has been interested in serving in the military since she was younger, and she learned more about the military academies after some of her friends had been appointed. Her experience at Newark High School — from Advanced Placement courses to the many clubs and activities — helped Valerie to prepare for her appointment to the academy. "I learned a lot of discipline through cross country, and determination and perseverance," she said. "The academics here are also very challenging, especially when you're taking a full course load."



Philip Hall

Philip Hall was a top student at Newark High School, involved in many activities, including the swim team, Key Club, National Honor Society, Math Club and Quiz Team. He will continue to swim for the Merchant Marine Academy team. He has had the goal of attending a military academy since he was younger, and is excited about attending the Merchant Marine Academy. "It's a smaller college, and that allows me to connect more with the kids around me," he said. "I will be majoring in Marine Engineering Systems, which deals with the design and engineering aspect of ship engines and nuclear propulsion." Philip's experience at Newark High School, and throughout Newark City Schools, has helped prepare him for his future. "I just want to thank Newark City Schools for being able to get me to where I am," he said. "This school district, and the high school, is just amazing. I think nothing can really compare against Newark High School."



Science • Technology • Engineering • Mathematics

STEM Camp

Students from across the district showed their creativity and talent at the first STEM Camp, which was held in June for students entering grades 4 through 9. Throughout the week, students learned to program robots, create 3Dprinted materials, work with an electronic breadboard to power up lights and more. At the end of the week, students had to put all of their new tools together to create amusement park rides. More than 170 students attended the camp, which was free and included lunch from local business. Thirteen teachers helped to design the curriculum for the week and led instruction.



Students use an electronic breadboard to bring electricity to light bulbs.



A student uses an iPad to control a tiny robot.

A student puts the finishing touches on a course for an Ozobot. The tiny robot teaches students how to code by using different colors of marker.



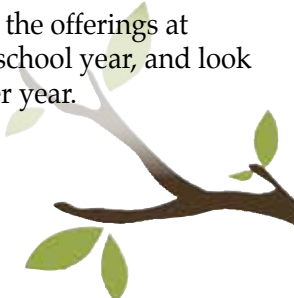
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we want to provide it. Students learn better and feel better on a full stomach.

These three branches merely scratch the surface of the offerings at Newark City Schools. I am excited about the new school year, and look forward to watching our students grow for another year.

It's a great time to be a Cat!

Doug Ute
Superintendent



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here is a brief calendar of events for the beginning of the school year. This is not a complete calendar. Please visit newarkcityschools.org and nhswildcats.com for more information.

Wed., Aug. 17: First Day of School!
(Grades 1-6, 9)

Wed., Aug. 17: 4 p.m.: First home tennis match

Thurs., Aug. 18: First Day for grades 7-8, 10-12

Fri., Aug. 19: 6 p.m.: First home girls soccer match

Fri., Aug. 19: 8 p.m.: First home boys soccer match

Tues., Aug. 23: 7 p.m.: First home volleyball match

Fri., Aug. 26: 7:30 p.m.: First home football game, vs. Zanesville

Mon., Sept. 5: Labor Day, No School

Thurs., Sept. 15: 6 p.m.: Boys Soccer plays Mount Vernon @ Crew Stadium

Sat., Sept. 17: 10 a.m.: Newark Cross Country Invitational, at Evans Athletic Complex

Fri., Sept. 23: 7:30 p.m.: Homecoming football Game, vs. Olentangy Orange

Thurs., Oct., 13: 4 to 9 p.m.: Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner and Performance

Wed., Oct. 19: 7 p.m.: Fall Choir Concert

Sat., Oct. 22: 42nd Annual OMEA Marching Band Invitational @ White Field

Nov. 18 & 19: 7 p.m.: Fall Play at Newark High School

Welcome to The Paw Print


You are currently holding the second edition of The Paw Print, Newark City Schools' new district newsletter.

This important community communication tool will be delivered three to four times per year to varied locations around Newark. We are mailing this issue out as a special edition.

Inside, you will find a note from our Superintendent, Doug Ute; an update about White Field; brief profiles of two outstanding 2016 Newark High School graduates; and more.

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New Building Administrators

When students return to Hillview Elementary and Liberty Middle School this fall, they will meet two new building administrators.

Nick Myers

At Hillview, Nick Myers has been named the new principal. Nick is a graduate of Elgin High School and of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He began teaching in the district in 2003, and has served as the Dean of Students at Liberty Middle School since 2013. Nick lives in Newark with his wife, Holly, and two sons, Parker and Brady. *"I am very excited about being the principal at Hillview Elementary,"* he said. *"The students and staff have been very welcoming and friendly. I am looking forward to being a Hillview Hawk!"*



Adam Rose

Adam Rose is the new Dean of Students at Liberty Middle School. Adam is a 1993 graduate of Newark High School, with a degree from Bowling Green in 1998. Adam taught in Newark from 2000 through 2009, and has served as an Athletic Director at TriValley High School and Southwest Licking Schools. Adam lives in Newark with his wife, Kate, and their son Austin. *"I am excited about returning to Newark City Schools and being part of a fantastic school district,"* he said. *"Go Cats!"*