



# THE Paw Print

## STEM Programs Engage Students in New Ways



Superintendent Doug Ute read to Carson Elementary kindergarten students for Community Helpers Week in April.

Students who are engaged in activities are more likely to attend, do better in, and graduate from school. Newark City Schools are focused on adding branches to the tree of education in Newark, in the hopes that we can reach students in ways that are relevant to them.

Currently, Newark City Schools offers

LEGO Robotics and pre-engineering classes at our middle schools. Newark High School boasts new classes in engineering, coding and programming.

Today's students have the chance to be better prepared for college and the future than past graduates. Next fall, we will further expand these offerings with exciting new opportunities.

This STEM branch is important for current and future Newark students. Students involved with LEGO Robotics are every bit as engaged in their program and competitions as our best musicians and athletes. Participation grew to 12 teams during this year's LEGO competitions — up from four in our first year — and two of those teams advanced to the second round.

Students in our high school programming class built robots this year, and are working on programming them to perform a variety of tasks. They work with timing and sonar sensors to tell the robots how far to travel, when to turn and more.

Students in the Engineer Your World class at NHS — which is one of two schools in Ohio offering the course — have designed and built model cars, pinhole cameras and earthquake-resistant buildings.

Each of these classes teaches students the value of teamwork, following directions and independent thinking. Students have to solve problems that will help them in college and careers, many of which are available right here in Licking County.

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### 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.**

## Student Registration Now at Central Location

New students enrolling into the Newark City School District in grades K-8 will now enroll at the Administrative Service Center, in the former Roosevelt School, at 621 Mount Vernon Road.

This change allows the district to keep incoming student information consistent district-wide.

Registration documents are available to download from our district website, [www.newarkcityschools.org](http://www.newarkcityschools.org), under our Parents menu.

If you are registering your child for school, please bring the following documents: Birth Certificate; Photo ID for custodial parent; Current Immunization Record; Child Custody Records, if applicable; Proof of Residency.

Forms can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days.

## Alumni Spotlight: Jeff Hall



Jeff Hall, a 1974 graduate of Newark High School, is this issue's Alumni Spotlight. Mayor Hall is also the 2016 recipient of the NHS Alumni Citizenship Award. The annual award is bestowed to a graduate who has made a significant impact on the lives of others within our community.

Hall has served as Mayor of Newark since 2012, after a brief stint as the city's treasurer. Mayor Hall graduated from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and got his Master's degree in accounting from The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business.

Mayor Hall has also served the school district as a member of our Graduation Rate Committee, a board member for A Call to College and as a member of many parent clubs within the district. He also serves on the board for the United Way of Licking County and is active in other community organizations.

Hall lives in Newark with his wife, Helen, and their son, Philip. Philip is graduating from NHS this spring, and has received an appointment to continue his education at the Merchant Marine Academy on Long Island, New York.

## Become a Permanent Part of Wildcat Tradition at White Field

Newark's White Field, which has been used since 1938, is currently undergoing a major facelift thanks to strong support from our community. Now, anybody can become a part of the project as we continue with the second phase of construction — new locker rooms, restrooms and concessions.

Donations are now being accepted in various levels that will be recognized in the new entrance to White Field as it is finished in the future.

### The three levels are:

- **Crimson: \$50-\$199**
- **White: \$200-\$499**
- **Champion: \$500 and above**



Donor names and levels will be displayed at the entrances of White Field after the third phase of construction is completed in the coming years.

Please contact the athletic office at 740-670-7430 with additional questions. A flyer with more information is also available at [www.newarkcityschools.org](http://www.newarkcityschools.org).







Members of the Wildcat boys' and girls' basketball teams helped weed and plant flowers at the entrance to the NHS campus.

## NHS Community Clean-Up

Newark High School students and staff members spread throughout the city on April 29 for the fourth annual Community Clean-Up Day. This year, more than 150 students from a variety of athletic teams and clubs — including Key Club, Academic Opportunities for Success and our basketball, football and soccer teams — participated.

The annual event is organized by high school Social Studies teacher Baron Smith, a 2006 graduate of Newark High School. Mr. Smith said he hopes to instill a love for community service in students, while also helping to make Newark a nicer place to live.

Students and staff spread mulch and picked up trash in the following areas around the city: TJ Evans Park; Wells Park; Levin Park; Buena Vista Basketball Courts; Hollander Pool; Newark High School; and along the bike path near Everett Park.

Thank you to the City of Newark's Parks Department for assisting the school with materials for the annual event.



Key Club members picked up trash along the bike path and river, including this shopping cart that was pulled from the river.



A member of the Wildcat boys soccer team helps spread mulch at Levin Park.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The month of May is filled with exciting events district-wide. Here are a few things going on throughout the district this month.

Tues., May 10: Liberty MS  
Band Concert, 7 p.m.

Wed., May 11: Cherry Valley  
4th, 5th grade musical, 6:45 p.m.

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Pops Choir Concert, 6 p.m.

Thurs., May 12: John Clem  
Chorale Concert, 6 p.m.

Thurs., May 12: Legend  
5th Grade Musical, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 12: Liberty MS  
Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 12: NHS  
Orchestra @ The Midland, 7 p.m.

Fri., May 13: NHS  
Spring Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

Sun., May 15: NHS Band  
Car Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tues., May 17: McGuffey  
Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 18: NHS Senior  
Academic Awards, 6 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., May 20-21: NHS  
Acting Ensemble Show, 7 p.m.

Sat., May 21: Cherry Valley Car Show

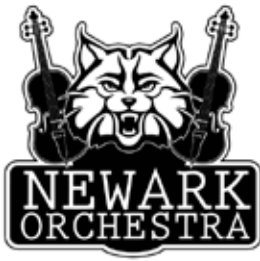
Mon., May 23: All City  
Band Concert, 7 p.m.

Thurs., May 26: Last Day of School!

Thurs., May 26: Liberty MS  
Jazz on the Lawn, 6 p.m.

Sat., May 28: Graduation  
@ White Field, 10 a.m.

Wed., Aug. 17: First Day  
of the 2016-17 school year!



## 3rd Annual Orchestra Pops Concert “Music of the Night”

The Newark High School Orchestras will perform their 2016 Pops Concert, “Music of the Night,” beginning at 7 p.m. on Thurs., May 12, at the Midland Theatre. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., and admission is free.

The Broadway-themed concert will feature music from *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Lion King*, *Sound of Music*, *Les Miserables* and *Brave*. A special guest performance will be given by the 8th grade orchestra. We will also celebrate our seniors, as this will be their final performance with the Newark High School Orchestras.

This is the 3rd annual Pops Concert presented by the NHS Orchestras. They are under the direction of Christopher Lape, assisted by Molly Cline and Matt Coombs.



## NHS Choirs Present Spring Concert, Old Time Rock n Roll

The Newark High School Choir will perform its 2016 Spring Concert, “Old Time Rock n Roll”, at 7 p.m. on Fri., May 13, in the NHS Performing Arts Center. Choirs will perform music from the 50’s, 60’s and early 70’s.

The show features rock tunes by The Beatles, Elvis, The Beach Boys, Frankie Valli and The Mamas & the Papas. Soloists for the program include Lauren Casey, Eduardo Grau, Matt Piper, Ian Murphy, as well as a duet by Ashleigh Cowan and Emily McAlpine.

Purchase tickets from any NHS Choir member or by calling 740-670-7442. Adults are \$10 and Students / Senior Citizens, \$5.

This is the 51st annual Spring Concert at NHS given in the style started by former choir director, Lula Vaia. NHS Choral Directors are Kimberle and Michael Wigglesworth. Accompanists are Cathy Carpenter, piano; Rob Cole, guitar / synthesizer; and Kelsie Hall, bass guitar; and Mike Wigglesworth, drums.

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This is the experience that we at Newark City Schools are working to bring today’s students and tomorrow’s leaders. We want to continue adding branches to our tree. We want to keep our momentum moving in a positive direction.

We are thankful to have a community that supports education the way Newark does. Thank you to the voters who approved the income tax renewal in March. It is because of this tremendous community support that we are able to offer programs like this and many more.

*It’s a great time to be a Cat!*

Doug Ute, *Superintendent*

## From the Treasurer’s Office

The Newark City School District has a lot to celebrate about financially this spring: Voters approved another renewal of the 1 percent income tax that provides 12 percent of our budget; the Treasurer’s Department received a Distinguished Audit Award from the Auditor of State; and a recent bond refinance will save more than \$4 million for taxpayers.

When voters approved the income tax renewal for an additional five years, it allowed the district to continue focusing on education, rather than future renewal tries. The tax raises \$8.6 million of our \$65.8 million budget — about enough to run the district for a month-and-a-half.

In April, a representative from the Ohio Auditor’s Office presented the NCS Treasurer’s Department with a Distinguished Audit Award. The award signifies a clean audit. The district has gone 15 years without any Audit Points or Recommendations.

Finally, the Newark City School District constantly looks for ways to save money and help our dollars to spread farther —

this includes attempts to save money for taxpayers.

The district refinanced bonds from the district-wide construction project earlier this year, saving more than \$4 million in interest for taxpayers. This savings will allow the bonds to be paid off at a lower rate through the end of the life of the bonds. This is the fourth time NCS has refinanced a portion of these bonds; the district has saved taxpayers a total of \$6.2 million in refinancings.

*Newark City Schools’ Treasurer is Jeff Anderson.*

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