

NRHEG Public School

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Our Mission

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.

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NRHEG School District Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent

I have invited NRHEG Secondary Principal David Bunn to share highlights from the Secondary School with you this month. Thank you to Mr. Bunn and the Secondary School staff for all they do for our students!

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The August 15, 2016, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm, and the September 19, 2016 School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for all you do in support of students!

Dale

NRHEG Secondary School Happenings

By David Bunn, NRHEG Secondary School Principal

It is that time of year again where schedules are being created, items are being ordered, custodians finishing up summer cleaning and other summer tasks to be completed prior to the start of the school year. We are coming off a wonderful school year with much to celebrate throughout the year. The following list is a snapshot of some accomplishments, (this is not a conclusive list): Wyatt Fitterer 2nd in state for wrestling, band winning the Waseca Marching Classic, Clay Target Team finished 4th in the state. Additionally, Collin Christenson and Kyle Bartz (Waseca High) were 10th and 14th individuals in the Individual Tournament, Ben Witikko placed seventh nationally with investment essay, Girl's Basketball placing 2nd in sectionals and choir earning an excellent rating at contest. We are also very proud of all our scholarship and award winners in academics and athletics. Also some other noteworthy accomplishments were adding a relationship and satellite office Fernbrooke to provide mental health services, the implementation of ChromeBooks as part of our one-to-one initiative, 5th Grade Transition Day, District Veterans Day program, Panther Pride Reward Celebrations to mention a few. I want to personally thank the staff for their commitment for continual school improvement. Additionally, I would

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

like to thank the students, parents and community for being so supportive to our wonderful school. There is much to look back upon last year and be proud of as a community. Last year's success can only catapult us into this year.

During the 2016-2017 school year our school will continue to evolve and strive to be better. We cannot rest on our laurels of complacency, but must set our goals higher. To initiate communication between home and school, we are planning an Open House on August 31 from 4-8. Families are encouraged to come and meet the teachers, obtain schedules, turn in and complete any paperwork and attend some general information sessions. We are excited to have this opportunity and cannot wait to see you there. Also, during the Open House, from 6:30 to 8:00 will be our 6th Grade Orientation. We are so excited for our new 6th grade students to join our Secondary School! We understand there may be a sense of nervousness coming to a new building and want to make sure through the orientation that students and parents are ready for the transition.

We will have a very busy year this year as we move forward in implementing our strategic plan. Two areas in particular that we will develop an action plans for are under the category of "All Students Graduate" and "Closing the Achievement Gap". This year we will have some leveling of Language Arts classes; Leveling, simply put, is placing students into skills based sections where curriculum is tailored to student needs. Our staff has been working hard in making plans that will guide our success through this process. In the end, we want all students to show growth academically and achieve at high levels. In focusing on "All Students Graduate", we will be closely investigating the development of an Alternative Learning Program. The potential for an alternative learning program would serve students that struggle in our traditional system for various reasons. As a school, we need to find ways to better serve all students.

As a school and community please welcome to following staff members: Carrie Petsinger (School Nurse), Teresa Buendorf (Social Studies), Claire Dempsey (M.S. Science), Renee Moravec (Speech), and Jordan Paula (Business Ed.). We are very fortunate for adding such a great pool of new staff members that are of such high caliber.

So in just a few short weeks, the floors will shine, rooms put back together, new curriculum delivered and ready, athletes practicing and the wonderful sounds of crowds will fill our great school again for another year! Our district will continue live our mission and vision: *Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed* while striving to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities*. Panther Pride: Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

Here is to another great year!