

THE SMOKE SIGNAL SPRING BREAK

The boy's **baseball team** is traveling to Orlando, Florida over Spring Break. They leave April 1 for the ESPN Wide World of Sports. The Varsity team will be playing two of four of their games at "The Stadium" where the Atlanta Braves hold their Spring Training. The JV team will also play a few games at the quadruplex, which has four different fields in one area. The boys will also spend some time away from baseball. They will be able to spend time on the beach, in the resort's swimming area, and exploring the city of Orlando with their family.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Mr. Davis is heading down south to Hocking Hills, Ohio for a two-day getaway.

Mrs. Prickett is going down to San Antonio, Texas for the first time to visit her family.

Mr. Fryman will be in Fairborn, Ohio for his spring "stay-cation."

Teacher
Vacations

QUINN PETERS WILL BE GOING TO BRANSON, MISSOURI TO PLAY AT TIGER WOODS' FAMOUS COURSE, PAYNE'S VALLEY GOLF COURSE.

CARSON TUCKER IS GOING TO HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR HIS SPRING BREAK.

THE SZAKAL AND HESS FAMILIES WILL BE ENJOYING THE SUN IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

Student Vacations

Every four years the **band** takes a seven day trip to Orlando, Florida. They will be spending time in Animal Kingdom, Universal Islands of Magic, Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom, and they will have a studio session at Universal Studios. They are leaving this Friday. Have fun **band members!**

Disney World

Academic Awards

(*) achieved Principal's list

7th

Adrian Benedict	Ella Bayer *
Isabella Bunting	Jackson Blair *
Tucker Fisher	Ellie Bradshaw *
Lillian Goad	Parker Christman *
Gary Hughes	Brynn Fiely *
Ayden Kane	Michaela Flora *
Eli Leingang	Maddie Karns *
Claire Marchal	Stephanie Knepper *
Nolan Meurer	Brenna Locker *
Ava Meyer	Tanner Long *
Isaac Nance	Jack Van Den Bosch *
Emma Rapp	Lindsey Willoughby *
Jersey Robinson	
Micah Sagers	
Colton Shellenberger	
Will Weber	

8th

Parker Coning	Alec Schaurer *
Alexus Lankford	Peyton Schutz *
Andrew Long	Travis Stanhope *
Kellany Merritt	Clarie Stull *
Tyler Miller	Mia Szakal *
Lee Morrow	
Brady Pleiman	
Trent Robinson	
Meg Yoder	
Chloe Adams *	
Cole Alexander *	
Wren Bauer *	
Mya Denlinger *	
Regan Miller *	
Ally Moore *	

9th

Ellie Bauer	Elliot Cook *
Zurich Bess	Rylee Hess *
Will Bowser	Audrey Miller *
Logan Butts	Candace
AJ Church	Shellenberger *
Anora Claudy	Austin Tippie *
Bronx Claudy	Ava Velkoff *
Rachel Fisher	
Emily Flora	
Evan Hemphill	
Emilia Hild	
Owen Miller	
Kinzie Peters	
Estie Rapp	
Carson Resides	

10th

Dylan Bauer
Seth Coker
Cori Haines
Breanna Ingle
Caitlyn Pleiman
Hayden Wilhelmy
Hannah Williams
Isaac Beidelman *
Emmy Leingang *
Sienna Montgomery *
Ava Rapp *
Grace Stanhope *
Shelby Van Den Bosch *

Quarter 3

(*) achieved Principal's list

11th

Nolyn Denlinger	Brady Downing*
Bella Hall	Damien Hahn*
Brooke Hines	Trevor Jess*
Quinn Peters	Brandon Laughman*
Ty Schauer	Breanna McClish*
Sarah Willoughby	Gisele Michaels*
Stephan Bowerman	Jadaan Miller*
Luke Gilbert	Payton Nicholas*
Zoe Kesling	Terri Peele*
Quinten Reimer	Daniel Rose*
Katie Critz *	
Nate Harju *	
Reese Hess *	
Olivia Rapp *	
Chloe Shellenberger *	
Kylie Velkoff *	
Madie Walters *	

12th

Max Blair	Maryana Conttrel
Eva Bowser	Alex Hartman
Aaron Colvin	Rachel Hix
Mercedes Craig	Mattson Petry
Kaylee Deeter	Grant Avey*
Nicole Devlin	Robert Diehl *
Emma Hemphill	Razz Garber *
Aiden Kelley	Carson Knupp *
Matthew Koon	Harold Oburn *
Hudson Montgomery	Blake Reish *
Ella Rapp	Jude Via *
Luke Redmond	
Dalton Trucksis	
Taylor Polson*	
Jenna Robbins*	
Emma Szakai*	
Caleb Armentrout	
Jessica Blakeley	

Perfect Attendance

7TH:

KHLOE CARVER
ALLISON KRAMER
KEAGEN MERRITT
NOLAN MEURER
EMMA RAPP
ANNA WALL

8TH:

ALLY MOORE
TRENT ROBINSON

9TH:

LOGAN BUTTS
EMILY FLORA
AVA VELKOFF
MATTHEW WALLER

10TH:

DYLAN BAUER
DAKOTA CRAIG
BREANNA INGLE
EMMY LEINGANG
JAEMYN LOWRY

11TH:

CHLOE SHELLENBERGER
THOMAS SPEER

12TH:

ALYSSA HAMPTON

CHRISTOPHER OLANDER

KAYLA OLANDER

AVA RAPP

CALLIE SMITH

HANNAH WILLIAMS

Drama Club @ Newton

Cast:

Ella Rapp,
Henry Ballard,
Arianna Vannus, Chloe Shellenberger,
Cori Haines, Tyler Miller,
Mallory Shade, Jayla
Leland, Ryan Woods,
Evan Clark

Special thanks
to directors
Ms. Short and
Mrs. Wall

Thank you:

Meg Yoder, Dalton
Trucksis, Haley
Caldwell, Andrew Long,
Harlee Adams, Kayla
Olander and Erika
Shellabarger

Cast:

Regan
Miller,
Christian
Maxwell, Gentri Deaton, Brenna Locker,
Allison Kramer, Lexi West, Claire
Marchal, Anna Wall, Kaelyn
Petry, Peyton Schutz,
Christopher Olander, Bella
Garber, Alexis Lankford,
Lillian Goad, Bekah Shough

Belle & Beast Ella & Henry



Two seniors, Henry and Ella, played the lead roles this year and we asked them questions about their time in Drama Club!

Q: How long have you been in drama club?

Henry: I have been in drama for 7 years

Ella: I have been in drama for 6 years

Q: What is your favorite play you've been in

Henry: The Little Mermaid

Ella: Mary Poppins

Q: What is your favorite drama club memory?

Henry: When I was in 8th grade, after opening night, a woman came up to me and told me that I was incredible and that I should pursue acting because I have the talent. That is when my dream of being an actor began.

Ella: Every curtain call and solo.

30

JH and HS
Students

26

Elementary
Students





What is the ACT?

American College Testing, widely known as ACT, is an entrance exam that measures students' college readiness. Students are admitted to well-renowned colleges based on their ACT scores.

ACT[®]

The Juniors took the ACT on
Tuesday, March 21, at Newton.



What is on the ACT?

English
Mathematics
Reading
Science

What are average ACT scores?

US average composite score: **19.8**

Ohio's average composite score: **19.6**

Newton's current senior average
composite score: **19.5**

Important fact!

Not all schools look at ACT scores. Some schools will use scores to help with the admissions process and determine school-based scholarships. For example, for Ohio State University, their average incoming college Freshman ACT score is between a 26-32, whereas Sinclair doesn't even consider the ACT score for admissions.

Junior High Dance

Newton Student Council held their annual Junior High dance on Friday, March 17th. This year's theme was "Celebration!" It also happened to be one of the senior chaperon's, Arianna Vannus' 18th birthday. She even got The Happy Birthday song sang to her by everyone at the dance.

We interviewed a group of Junior High boys and a group of Junior High girls to be able to compare their opinions about the dance. Here are the results.

Boys

Over all thoughts? - It was fun!

Favorite part? - Dancing

Favorite Dance? - Freestyle

Best song played? - Party in the
USA

Over all Rating: 10/10

VS.

Girls

Over all thoughts? - It was cool
and fun

Favorite part? - Spending time
with friends

Favorite Dance? - Cotton-Eyed Joe

Best song played? - Buy Dirt

Over all Rating: 7.5/10



SPRING SPORTS

WITH SPRING SPORTS IN FULL SWING, WE ASKED ATHLETES SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING SEASONS.

Ty Schauer (Junior)- Baseball

What is a team tradition?

Dueces, which is when the count is at two strikes, two balls, and two outs. We either rub the bill of our hats or shake them for good luck.

Who would you say is the team's rival?

Arcanum because we have played them in the conference championships the past two years.

What game are you most excited for?

The Arcanum rematch because we had a close conference championship game with them last year.

COACHES FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM ARE JORDAN KOPP, MR. SCHINDLER, MR. FISHER, TYKE SWANK, AND RYAN MOLLETTE. THERE ARE 23 MEMBERS OF THE BASEBALL TEAM INCLUDING SEVEN FRESHMEN, SIX SOPHOMORES, SIX JUNIORS, AND FOUR SENIORS. GOOD LUCK TO THE BOYS THIS SEASON!

Matthew Koon (Senior)- Track

What is a team tradition?

We always joke about cheetah's having nests while we warm up because of a funny misunderstanding during our first practice last year.

Who would you say is the team's rival?

West Milton because they don't take our home meets seriously.

What meet are you most excited for?

I'm most excited for the District Meet.

NEWTON'S TRACK TEAM HAS THREE NEW COACHES THIS SEASON. MR. LAFOLLETE IS THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL HEAD COACH AND RETURNING ASSISTANT IS MRS. HUGHES. MR. FRYMAN IS THE NEW THROWING COACH AND JUNIOR HIGH HEAD COACH. SENOR TACURI IS THE JUNIOR HIGH ASSISTANT COACH. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 35 MEMBERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND 16 MEMBERS FOR JH TRACK.

Sienna Montgomery (Sophomore)- Softball

What is a team tradition?

We sing a team song before every game and we have stayed overnight in the Field House for the past two seasons.

Who would you say is the team's rival?

Bradford or Arcanum

What game are you most excited for?

The Cancer Classic games because we usually get to play under the lights.

THE SOFTBALL TEAM HAS NEW COACHES. THE HEAD COACH IS BUB TACKETT. ASSISTANT COACHES ARE DEAN EVANS, DOUG RAPPOLD, AND MARIE BREITENBACH. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 12 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM INCLUDING TWO JUNIORS, EIGHT SOPHOMORES, AND TWO FRESHMEN. GOOD LUCK TO THE GIRLS THIS SEASON!





Alumni Athletes



Mrs. Alexander

HS Sports:

Fast-pitch
Volleyball
Basketball

College Major:

Psychology



Edison State

Records:

Newton's
13th
All-Time
Leading
Scorer:

543 points

Advice for young athletes?

"Putting in the time off season matters. It's going to make you stand out, but don't make sports your life. It's important to make time for your family and friends."

Hardest part about being a college athlete?

"Training all the time, and having good time management."

Cameron Caldwell

HS Sports:

Soccer
Baseball

College Major:

Business
Management



Wittenburg

Records:

Most saves in
a season
(255)

Hardest part about being a college athlete?

"Having to perform well in the season and in the classroom. Managing time is very important."

Advice for young athletes?

"Work hard in practice, get in the weight room, play in any leagues you can, and video tape all of your games and see what you can fix."

McKenna Downing

HS Sports:

Cross Country
Cheerleader
Track and Field

College Major:

Zoology and
Environmental
Science



Ohio Wesleyan

Records:

400 M Dash: 62.0
800 M Run: 2:22.1
1600 M Run:
5:28.2
3200 M Run:
12:19.5

Hardest part about being a college athlete?

"Balancing meals with school and practice."

Advice for young athletes?

"Honestly just go for it. I didn't want to run at first but it has brought me so many opportunities. Find someone to look up to."

Maya Diceanu

HS Sports:

Soccer

College Major:

Dental
Hygienist



Indiana University South Bend

Records:

Most Goals
In a Season: 25

Hardest part about being a college athlete?

"Learning to balance school, work, life, and playing soccer."

Advice for young athletes?

"Always give it your all. If you have setbacks, it'll only make you stronger. But most importantly, have fun."



Lisa Deaton

Lunch Staff

Elizabeth Morrow
Valarie Alexander
Megan Robinson
Shari Skinner
Hanna Garber
Lori Miller
Mo Kadel
Rachel Renner



Hungry For Answers!



Fun Fact: Rachel Renner was served by Lisa when she was in high school!

Q: How Long have you worked in the cafeteria at Newton?

A: 24 years

Q: Has this been your only career in your life?

A: No, I was a Registered Nurse for 8 years

Q: What is the worst meal you have to serve/make?

A: Mac and Cheese

Q: What's the best lunch you've ever served/made during your time here?

A: Boseo Sticks



DAVE FRANZ

OTHER CUSTODIANS:

Mike Knupp
Bill Cornett
Aaron Whittaker
Lori Miller
Carson Knupp

Q: How much time do you typically spend at the school in a day?

A: Usually about 8 hours with some overtime.

Q: How long have you worked at the school?

A: 22 years

Q: What's your favorite thing about this job?

A: Working with the kids and my coworkers

Thank you to the Lunch Staff & Custodians for all that you do!!

You are greatly appreciated :)



WHAT NEWTON'S STAFF AND STUDENTS CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE THINGS THAT WE NOTICED AS THE MOST POPULAR AMONG STAFF AND STUDENTS!



THE BRAND "STANLEY" HAS MANY DIFFERENT ACCESSORIES THAT VARY FROM CAMPING EQUIPMENT TO THEIR MOST POPULAR PRODUCT LATELY, STANLEY CUPS. THEIR CUTE STYLES AND EFFECTIVE HANDLES ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF!

NO ONE CAN DENY THE FACT THAT SLIPPERS ARE DEFINITELY A COZY OPTION TO WEAR FOR A CASUAL DAY AT SCHOOL. SPECIFICALLY, THE POPULAR UGG SLIPPERS ARE TRENDING AMONG STUDENTS. WORN WITH JEANS OR SWEATS, UGG SLIPPERS CAN BE DRESSED UP OR DOWN!



HEADPHONES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR AND USEFUL ITEM TO HAVE. WHETHER YOU HAVE THE NEWEST AIRPODS OR BEATS, HEADPHONES IN GENERAL HAVE BECOME A HUGE TREND FOR STUDENTS NO MATTER IF THEY ARE AT LUNCH OR IN STUDY HALL!

ONE OF THE BIGGEST "WHAT STAFF AND STUDENTS CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT" ITEMS THAT WE DISCOVERED WAS SNACKS AND/OR DRINKS! FROM MR. BORCHERS' SUPER COFFEE VANILLA LATTE TO BROOKE HINES' RAINBOW NERDS CANDY, SNACKS HAVE BECOME AN EXCESSIVE NEED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY MANY SNACKS CONSUMED BY STUDENTS AND STAFF THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SOME BRING IN THEIR OWN SNACKS FROM HOME, WHILE OTHERS STOCK UP ON GOODIES IN THE CAFETERIA.



MR. BORCHERS AND HIS SUPER COFFEE VANILLA LATTE



BROOKE HINES AND HER RAINBOW NERDS CANDY



MR. DAVIS AND HIS COFFEE MAKER



MRS. HUGHES AND HER GREEN SMOOTHIE



MAX BLAIR AND HIS PROPEL



MISS NUNEMAKER AND HER DIET COKE



March Menu Madness

Chicken Tenders

Chicken Tenders

Chicken Nuggets

Popcorn Chicken

Mini Pancakes

Grilled Cheese

Hotdog

Hamburger

Mac N Cheese

Chicken Tenders

Popcorn Chicken

Grilled Cheese

Mac N Cheese

Chicken Tenders

Grilled Cheese

Grilled Cheese



Grilled Cheese

Winner!!!!

Pizza

Pizza

Bosco Sticks

Beef & Noodles

Bosco Sticks

Tacos

Pizza

Beef & Noodles

Sloppy Joe

Bosco Sticks

Pizza Rippers

Tacos

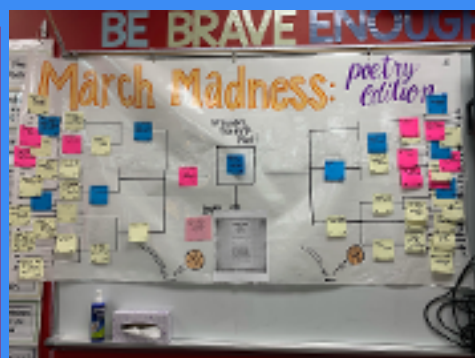
Chicken Patty

Soft Pretzels

Pizza

WITH MARCH MADNESS GOING ON, WE DECIDED TO DO A DIFFERENT KIND OF BRACKET! WE CHOSE TO MAKE A GOOGLE FORM AND ASK STUDENTS THEIR FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH! HERE ARE THE WINNERS!

MS. NUNEMAKER'S 7TH GRADE CLASS DID A MARCH MADNESS BRACKET OVER THE BEST POEMS AND POETS.



Emma Rapp had the winning poem with "Safely Home"

Other March Madness News:

THE NCAA DIVISION I MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT STARTED THIS MONTH. AS USUAL, MANY BRACKETS WERE BUSTED RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE OF THE UPSETS THIS TOURNAMENT ALWAYS BRINGS. 15 SEED PRINCETON UPSET 2 SEED ARIZONA IN THE FIRST ROUND AND BECAME THE FOURTH 15 SEED TO REACH THE SWEET 16 IN MEN'S MARCH MADNESS HISTORY. ALSO, FOR THE SECOND TIME EVER A 16 SEED UPSET A 1 SEED. 16 SEED FDU BEAT 1 SEED PURDUE 63-58. THE ELITE 8 WAS PLAYED ON MARCH 25TH AND MARCH 26TH, WITH NO 1 SEEDS LEFT IN PLAY FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. THE FINAL FOUR IS SET, FLORIDA ATLANTIC WILL PLAY SAN DIEGO STATE AND MIAMI WILL PLAY UCONN. THESE GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST. THE WINNERS WILL THEN PLAY EACH OTHER IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON MONDAY, APRIL 3RD.