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A Message from Superintendent Dr. Troy Miller



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the School District of New Richmond! We are glad to have you join us for another year of growth, connection, and unique opportunities.

Our dedicated educators and staff are prepared to inspire and guide your children on a journey filled with new discoveries, new friends, and countless memories.

As we progress into the school year, I am pleased to announce that our Strategic Plan is almost complete. It has been a long and great process that started back in March with various groups involved in analyzing data and creating and designing content. We will be presenting our Strategic Plan to the School Board in October and we look forward to sharing our new Strategic Plan with all of you.

Once again, welcome back to the School District of New Richmond! We are happy to feel the buzz of enthusiasm in our classrooms and we look forward to an excellent school year.

Respectfully,

Dr. Troy Miller
Superintendent

Strategic Plan Update

In March 2023, with a vision to continuously meet the needs of our students and drive positive change, the process of designing a new Strategic Plan for the School District of New Richmond began. During phase one, the Assessment Phase, data was collected from the New Richmond community and the district overall. Over 649 online survey responses were received along with feedback from principals, school board members, community groups, two world cafe community feedback events, and input from staff within all five school buildings.



In June 2023, the School District of New Richmond partnered with Kristin Wiersma of Focus Consulting to assist with identifying the district's strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and recommendations.

Support from our community, dedicated staff members, and a variety of activities for students to participate in were highlighted and identified as some of the district's greatest attributes.

A crucial topic immediately identified as an area of concern for many, is the current state of district facilities and future growth of the New Richmond community. To proactively address this concern, the School District of New Richmond partnered with Wold Architects and Engineers. In addition, a Core Planning Team was established composed of community members, parents, staff, and school board members. This team would work in conjunction with Wold Architects and Engineers in hopes of providing fresh perspectives, generating new ideas, evaluating, and offering effective solutions.

In August 2023, the Board of Education selected and approved School Perceptions, an independent education research firm, to solicit a community wide survey and collect feedback and information regarding facilities and district growth. New Richmond residents are encouraged to participate in the survey before November 6, 2023. <https://www.schoolperceptions.com/Survey/index.php?loginId=TJKN-PTJF-YLRY-XYQ>



Strategic Plan Update



A Design Team composed of parents/community members, teachers, district leaders, and board members took on the task of filtering the massive collection of data, aspirations, and feedback, and reducing it to clearly define the future success of the School District of New Richmond. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the School Board for approval on October 23, 2023 at the regular school board meeting to be held in the New Richmond High School Large Forum Room.

To stay up to date on our strategic planning process, please visit our website at:
<https://www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us/district/strategic-plan-2023.cfm>.

We Are The Tigers

During the Strategic Planning process a short online survey was sent out to the New Richmond community to gain insight on what it means to be a New Richmond Tiger and we received over 180 responses. Along with input from the Administrative team and guidance from John Jenson of Josten's SchoolMark, the journey of the Strategic Plan and identifying what it means to be a New Richmond Tiger was transformed from raw data information into the visual art of **FEARLESS PURSUIT**.



- Tigers are not afraid of the chase and they never back down.
- Tigers are motivated and driven to be fearlessly bold and unique.
- A New Richmond Tiger must earn their stripes by being fearless in their pursuit of excellence both in and out of the classroom each and every day.

Save The Date

Coffee & Conversation

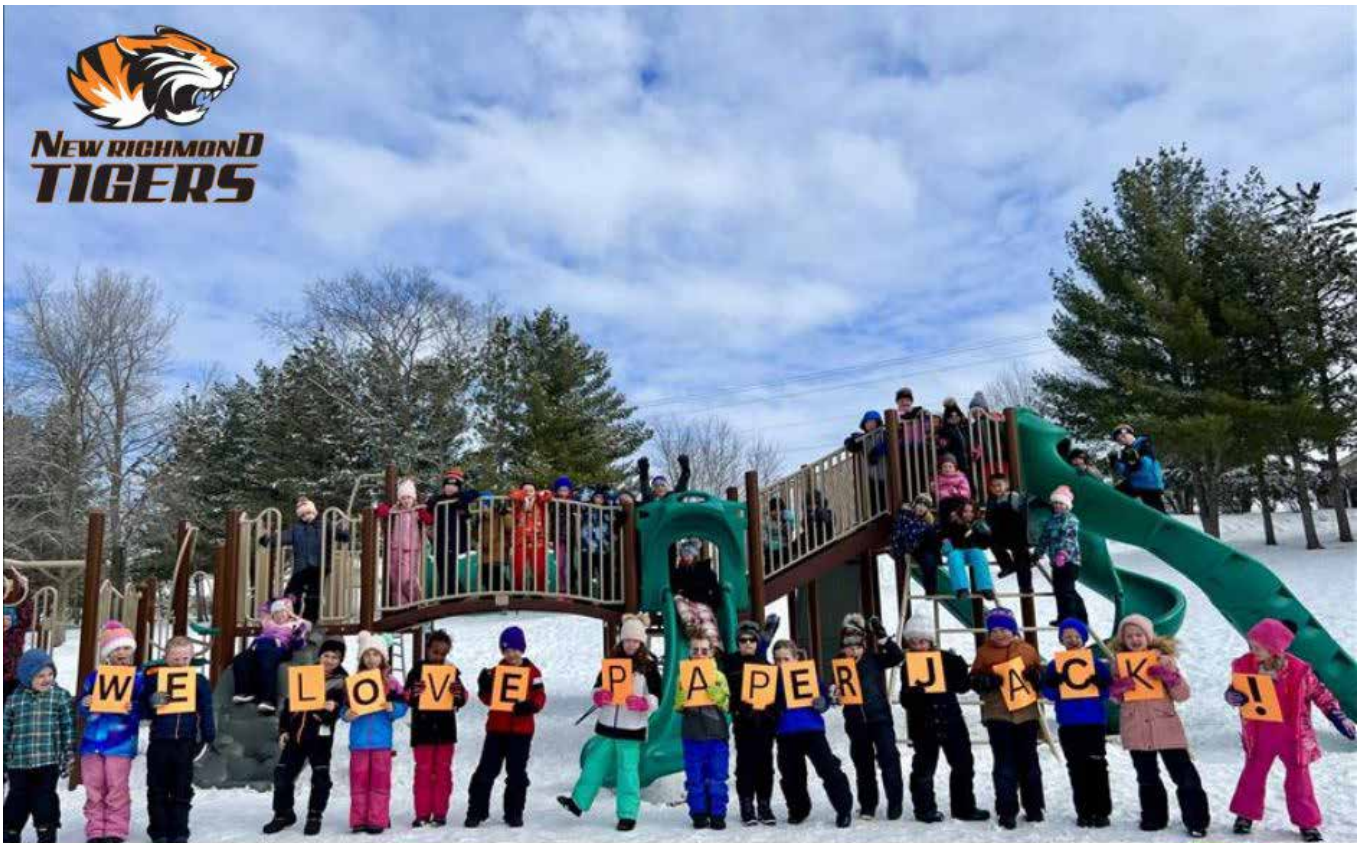
WHO: ALL SDNR PARENTS/GUARDIANS
WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
TIME: 8:30-9:15 A.M.
LOCATION: MEDIA CENTER @ MIDDLE SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN SUPERINTENDENT MILLER FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.

District Website

Your support as parents and guardians is invaluable and we invite you to stay connected to us through our district's communication channels for the latest updates, events, and inspiring stories. It is our pleasure to announce that we now have a new district website that will enhance your families' experience and strengthen your connection to our district. Please view our new district website at <https://www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us/>.





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“The honorees for our 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award have set a national example for what it means to Raise the Bar in education,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.

National Blue Ribbon Schools serve as models of effective and innovative school practices for state and district educators and other schools throughout the nation. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores, and graduation rates: Exemplary High-Performing Schools (are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests) and Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing Schools (are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups and all students).

Paperjack Elementary will be announced at the awards ceremony on Thursday, November 16, and Friday, November 17, 2023, in Washington DC!

We are proud of Paperjack Elementary for being presented with this honorable award.

National Blue Ribbon Award - *Congratulations Paperjack Elementary*

Here is what some of our staff say about receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award:

“I couldn’t be more proud and thrilled that Paperjack Elementary has been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award, the most prestigious national award a school can earn! I am truly blessed to be part of an amazing school of students, families, teachers, staff, and leadership!” ~ *Heidi Johnson Weyer - 1st Grade Teacher*

“Our Paperjack students are amazing - they are artists, musicians, athletes, learners, readers, leaders, and so much more! It felt great to know that Paperjack was selected as a Blue Ribbon School. There are so many bright and loving people that make it a great place to be.” ~ *Dakota Mark - Music Teacher*

“Honestly, this award is for the people of Paperjack. Whether it’s the students, the staff, or the families, this award celebrates the powerful, connected, and loving feeling that breathes through this building. Everyone here makes this school the best community I have ever worked in.” ~ *Kieran DuHoux - 4th Grade Teacher*

“Teaching at Paperjack has been unlike any other workplace I have experienced. It is a school where you can feel the positive energy when you walk through the doors. We are truly part of a team with the common goal of building relationships and taking ownership of the learning and well-being of every person who spends their days here. Being invested in the success and belonging of all makes Paperjack a great place to work and learn each and every day.” ~ *Jennifer Riordan - 4th Grade Teacher*

“I have always been proud to be a Tiger and teach for the School District of New Richmond. I am beyond thrilled to hear the announcement that Paperjack Elementary has received the National Blue Ribbon Award. Paperjack has a very student-centered, progressive, and positive environment that makes every student and staff feel welcome. I am blessed to be a part of our awesome Paperjack family!” ~ *Julie Gilbertson - 2nd Grade Teacher*

See Additional Information Below:

Please watch the Blue Ribbon Schools Announcement video here:

<https://youtu.be/KmpzyX8PVIA>. New Richmond is shown at the 32:35 mark

Please read about 2023 Awardee Paperjack Elementary here:

https://nationalblueribbonsschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/23wi111pu_new_richmond_paperjack_elementary_school.html

Please view the full list of 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools here:

https://nationalblueribbonsschools.ed.gov/assets/reports/2023/2023_exemplary_high_performing_schools.pdf

Please learn more about the Blue Ribbon Awards here:

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-announces-2023-blue-ribbon-schools>



Welcome New Teachers - *We're glad you are here!*

Go Tigers!



Emily
Bechel

Speech Language
Pathologist

District



Regan
Berman

Special Services

Middle School



Samantha
Clark

Special Services

Paperjack
Elementary



Theresa
Davenport

Instructional Coach -
Literacy

District



Nicole Durow

Special Services

Starr
Elementary



Lexi Dvorak

Grade 4

Hillside
Elementary



Chloe
Fankhauser

Special
Services

Middle School



Lindsey Fick

Kindergarten

Hillside
Elementary



Andrea
Fonseca

Special Services

Middle School



Shannon
Fortner

Special
Services

Hillside
Elementary



Dana Friend

Grade 1

Hillside
Elementary



Jacob Jensen

Social Studies

High School



Jatelyn
Johnson

Grade 1

Hillside
Elementary



Tammie
Johnson

Reading
Interventionist

Starr
Elementary


















Hannah
Jorgenson

School Psychologist

District

Welcome New Teachers - *We're glad you are here!*

	<p>Matt Kaiser</p> <p>Math</p> <p>High School</p>		<p>Lauren Langhout</p> <p>Special Services</p> <p>Starr Elementary</p>		<p>Tate Meierotto</p> <p>Special Services</p> <p>Middle School</p>
	<p>Eli Moore</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <p>Hillside Elementary</p>		<p>Madison Mueller</p> <p>Math Grade 7</p> <p>Middle School</p>		<p>Michelle Nelson</p> <p>Math Grade 8</p> <p>Middle School</p>
	<p>Caitlin Olson</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <p>Starr Elementary</p>		<p>Gracia Ruth</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>Hillside Elementary</p>		<p>Alyssa Schmitz</p> <p>English</p> <p>High School</p>
	<p>Rachael Sherman</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <p>Hillside Elementary</p>		<p>Abigail Sjoblom</p> <p>Grade 5</p> <p>Starr Elementary</p>		<p>Caroline Stark</p> <p>Grade 3</p> <p>Starr Elementary</p>
	<p>Heather Stoffa</p> <p>Social Studies Grade 6</p> <p>District</p>		<p>Heather Vogel</p> <p>Physical Therapist</p> <p>District</p>		<p>Sophia Volkert</p> <p>Grade 4</p> <p>Paperjack Elementary</p>

Welcome New Teachers - *We're glad you are here!*



Carlee Jo
Vonderheid

Biology/Chemistry

High School



Riley Walz

Physical Education/
Adaptive PE

Starr
Elementary



Sarah
Wilhelm

Interventionist

Paperjack
Elementary



Meet Your New Director of Teaching and Learning



Jenna Peters

Director of Teaching
and Learning

District

SDNR Emergency/Inclement Weather Procedures - Updated 10/20/23

On behalf of the School District of New Richmond, we would like to remind everyone of our protocols with school closures and other District emergency procedures. Please know that everyone who is enrolled in our Emergency Communication System will receive communication in the form of an email, phone call, and/or text message of any school closure. We will also have the announcement published on local TV stations and district social media platforms, and we will inform the WCCO radio station.

Should inclement weather or other emergency situation(s) require the District to close school(s), the following procedures will be followed:

On the first school closure day of the 2023-2024 school year due to inclement weather: There will be no school for students.

On the second school closure day and all following closure days of the 2023-2024 school year due to inclement weather: Students will participate in a Distance Learning Day as defined by their school building.

When School is Closed:


- Automated calls will be placed to parent/guardian contact information as soon as possible using the District's Emergency Notification System if conditions warrant the closing of schools.
- Listen to radio station WCCO (AM 830) and/or watch WCCO-Channel 4, KSTP - Channel 5, FOX - Channel 9, or KARE - Channel 11 for announcements. Announcements will also be posted on the district website and social media pages. Normally decisions are called in BY 5:30 a.m., but there can be delays in getting through or having the announcement read.
- Determination and communication on all after-school activities will be decided by approximately NOON. This includes practices, rehearsals, open gym, games, concerts, Community Education, etc.
- Tiger Pack will remain open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for students with the additional school closure contract. Guardians can sign up online through Eleyo (<https://newrichmond.ce.eleyo.com/>) for the separate school closure contract for \$15.
- NR4K is canceled.

NEW!
Tiger Pack open from
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**for students with the
additional school
closure contract.**

When School is Delayed (Late Start) or Dismissed Early:

- Automated calls will be placed to parent/guardian contact information as soon as possible using the District's Emergency Notification System if conditions warrant a delay or early dismissal of schools.
- Listen to radio station WCCO (AM 830) and/or watch WCCO-Channel 4, KSTP - Channel 5, FOX - Channel 9, or KARE - Channel 11 for announcements. Announcements will also be posted on the district website and social media pages. Normally decisions are called in BY 5:30 a.m., but there can be delays in getting through or having the announcement read.
- For an early dismissal, all after-school activities are assumed to be canceled with an early dismissal unless there is an announcement, or information specifying otherwise. This includes practices, rehearsals, open gym, games, concerts, Community Education, etc.
- If there is a 1 hour late start, Tiger Pack will open at 7:00 a.m.
- If there is a 2 hour late start, Tiger Pack will open at 8:00 a.m.
- If there is a 1 hour early dismissal, Tiger Pack will close at 5:00 p.m.
- If there is a 2 hour early dismissal, Tiger Pack will close at 4:00 p.m.
- If there is an early dismissal, the afternoon NR4K classes will be canceled.

These are guidelines and may be adjusted in accordance with the circumstances and weather conditions. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.



School Closure Care Tiger Pack

Need care when school is closed?



Location: Hillside Elementary

Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM

Cost: \$42

Guardians can sign up online through Eleyo for a separate school closure contract for \$15. All students with this additional contract will be permitted to attend in the event of school closures.

Register @ <https://newrichmond.ce.eleyo.com/>
Or by heading to the SDNR website and selecting 'Families' and then 'Tiger Pack'

Reminders for unscheduled late starts/early releases:

To attend in these instances Tiger Pack only requires a contract on file for the current school year.

2-hour late start --> Tiger Pack opens at 8 AM
2-hour early release --> Tiger Pack closes at 4 PM



This notice is to inform parents that ALL Kindergarten students will be screened for possible speech/language concerns at each of the elementary schools during the last two weeks in November starting November 20th. These screenings are done to identify students that may need further speech/language testing/evaluation and will be conducted by the school district's speech and language pathologists.

All children will be screened in the areas of sound production, sentence construction, understanding, voice ability, and stuttering. If your child is in need of further testing, you will be contacted by one of the district speech/language pathologists. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to opt out of the screening, please contact the speech-language pathologist at your son's or daughter's school. If you do not contact the speech language pathologist at your child's elementary, this serves as consent to screen your child.

Early detection of potential delays can provide an opportunity for additional support in language development.

Why Screen for Speech and Language Development?

Speech and language skills are used in every part of learning and communicating with other children in school and are a critical part of early literacy development. Early detection of potential delays can provide an opportunity for additional support in language development.

What can I do to help my child's language development?

The American Speech Language Hearing Association recommends several ways that parents and caregivers can help children meet speech and language milestones, including:

- Ask children to identify objects based on descriptive clues
- Ask children to give you directions and follow them
- Give children your full, undivided attention when they speak
- Allow children to respond to you
- Practice building vocabulary
- Encourage children to ask questions if they don't understand what a word means
- Read stories with age-appropriate plots
- Ask questions – Who? What? When? Where? Why?
- Include children in planning and discussing activities

Please contact the SLP at your building with any questions or concerns regarding this event.

Carey Reetz, Hillside Speech - Language Pathologist at (715) 243-1491 or
creetz@newrichmond.k12.wi.us

Kristin Taipale, Paperjack Speech - Language Pathologist at (715) 243-1525 or
ktaipale@newrichmond.k12.wi.us

Brooke John, Starr Speech - Language Pathologist at (715) 243-1587 or
bjohn@newrichmond.k12.wi.us

Maureen Schindeldecker, Starr Speech - Language Pathologist at (715) 243-1564 or
mschindeldecker@newrichmond.k12.wi.us

3-year-old Child Development Days

FREE Screening

WHO: All School District of New Richmond children age 3

WHAT:- Child Development Review
 - Vision and Hearing Screening
 - Community Resources

WHEN: Thursday, February 1st & Friday, February 2nd, 2024

WHERE: Northwood Technical College, 1019 S Knowles Ave,
 New Richmond, WI 54017

More details to follow closer to the event.

Clip & Save

Hillside Elementary School	Paperjack Elementary School	Starr Elementary School
243-1400 Attendance Phone 243-1419 Starting Time 8:45 a.m. Dismissal Time 3:55 p.m. Early Out Dismissal1:55 p.m.	243-7400 Attendance Phone 243-7405 Starting time 8:45 a.m. Dismissal time 3:55 p.m. Early Out Dismissal 1:55 p.m.	243-7431 Attendance Phone 243-7434 Starting time 8:45 a.m. Dismissal time 3:55 p.m. Early Out Dismissal 1:55 p.m.
New Richmond Middle School	New Richmond High School	
243-7472 Attendance Phone 243-1616 Starting Time 7:35 a.m. Dismissal Time 2:57 p.m. Early Out Dismissal12:57 p.m.	243-7451 Attendance Phone 243-7445 Starting Time 7:35 a.m. Dismissal Time 2:57 p.m. Early Out Dismissal12:57 p.m.	

SCHOOL FOOD NOTES

SCHOOL NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

BOBBIE GUYETTE, MPH, RD, CD
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL NUTRITION



Greetings New Richmond Families,
I hope you have had kids come home to you talking about something new they tried, or a meal they enjoyed at school. Or maybe they told you about something they did not enjoy? We definitely hope for more of the good comments, but fully realize there will be negative feedback as well. Our department is striving to turn those negative comments into constructive feedback to ensure we have something at our meal times your children enjoy!



National School Lunch Week

In early October we celebrated at all sites with taste tests. Students in all grades were offered samples of potential new menu options. Some were a hit, and some were not! We learn so much from taste tests, and the students LOVE SAMPLES!

**Photos from elementary sites testing our NEW Baked Ziti featuring plant based crumbles.*

Try It Tuesday

Elementary sites & St. Marys test a new, and more *unique*, food item every month. We run this promotion every other year. September's feature was FRESH ROASTED BEETS & October featured PUMPKIN SEEDS! In past school years some items have been so popular we have added them to our regular rotation!



Homecoming is a crazy, yet rewarding time of year for all students. No matter if you are a football player on the field, or a Student Council officer, it is one jam packed week full of all sorts of fun!

To begin our Homecoming adventure, we start on Sunday with lockerbay decorating! Decorating our lockers requires lots of communication from Class Officers to their grade, as we need to make sure we have enough supplies and people to make our lockers roar!

A typically regular Monday morning becomes a not typical Monday morning as it's Homecoming week! And guess what? Everyone gets to wear Pajamas!! Each day throughout the week features a different dress up day students and staff alike can dress up for. These daily themes were decided through a Google Form sent out in prior weeks, and the themes were then considered and chosen by Student Council members! Our dress up days consisted of:

- Monday - PJ
- Tuesday - Adam Sandler
- Wednesday - Barbie vs. Ken
- Thursday - Class Color
- Friday - Tiger Pride

Until Wednesday (9/27), the Student Council fundraising committee held a penny drive competition—a battle against each grade. Student Council members devoted before school, after school, and during lunch to make sure our fundraiser was a success! The grade with the most points gets to vote on a teacher to pie in the face! The Freshman won the Penny Drive and voted on Mr. Brown to pie in the face!

Each day during lunch a club is hosting an activity. This was made possible by the Lunch Activity committee. They had to contact each club advisor, and see if they would be willing to facilitate a lunch activity! Tuesday was Chess Club, Wednesday was Student Council, Thursday was Computer Club, and Friday was Earth First. A huge thank you to these clubs for doing a lunch activity!

Clash of Classes is a super fun day on Thursday. It is an hour long activity time where you can choose any event to participate in. Some examples include: Science Lab Mystery, Bean Bags, Tiger Face Painting, and Badminton! Thanks Clash of Classes committee and teachers for making this possible!

Before it's time for the Friday night lights, Student Council sponsors activities during our pep rally. The Pep Fest committee does a lot to get our pep rally

ready. They write the questions that will be asked to the Homecoming court, organize who will MC the event, decide the class and court games, and prepare a Google Form to find out who is willing to participate in the class game. Inside our pep rally we have lots of fun things planned such as: varsity teams performing, announcing the King and Queen, and the classic Mattress Races!

All of these events are publicized and so successful through posters, emails, and Instagram posts made by the Promotion Committee!

To finish off Homecoming week 2023 Student Council holds a semi-formal dance themed "City Nights" from 8-11 PM. In a short span of three hours from 3-6 PM, the Commons at NRHS is transformed from a cafeteria to a glamorous city night. The Dance Committee decided to purchase brand new decorations this year and cannot wait to bedazzle the Commons with them! When the clock strikes 7:30 PM, all Student Council members arrive. StuCo welcomes people in the doors, checks them in and helps anyone purchase any last minute tickets, and we even work the concessions stand! The dance is a sparkling night that truly glows with the glimmer of a city night!

Homecoming 2023 was an awesome success! It is impossible to fully describe all of the behind the scenes that student council members, class officers, and staff do to make this week successful. A special thank you to Key Club for organizing window decorating on Main Street businesses! A huge thank you to everyone that made all things Homecoming possible! So excited for HOCO 2024!



Congratulations to our homecoming court members! The voting form was sent to students on Monday of Homecoming Week and the king and queen were crowned on Friday during the pep fest.

Front from left to right: Ireland Green (tennis), Anna Carrillo (cheer), Emma Eastep (golf), Emma Koepple (volleyball), and Katelyn Dohrmann (cross country) Back from left to right: John Dunlap (soccer), Kyle Germain (football), George Schroeder (football), Cole Trosen (cross country), and Azariah Zappetta (soccer).

NRHS Homecoming 2023 - Written by Student Council Member & Sophomore Class President, Gabby Tesar



Congratulations!
NRHS 2023 Homecoming King and Queen
Ireland Green and George Schroeder

The second annual Powderpuff games were a success!
Congrats to the Juniors on their win!

Inspire Every Student to Learn to Their Potential

The mornings are becoming more brisk at the school farm these days. That certainly doesn't take away from the excitement of this past summer and all the successes we had at the SOAR Center!

What a wonderful group of volunteers we have on the farm! I certainly can't do all the work by myself, so I am forever grateful to those who assist me in our agricultural endeavors. Thanks to Tara Van Eperen who has been my right hand lady for years now. She's right there to lend a hand always and that is appreciated greatly!

Another HUGE thank you goes out to all the folks who adopted our May calves - Krastyo Malinov, Jefe Nutrition, Annette Noak with her awesome grandchildren - Kyler, Brayden and Everett, and the Rasmussen family - Trent, Chelsea, Sadie and Grace. We wouldn't be able to offer this opportunity and raise steers without the farmers - thanks to our friends at Minglewood, the Raymond Family and the Van Dyks for partnering with us to get these calves to the SOAR Center!

with the castration process. In the end, the humans helped these animals get back on track and life is now even better than before for these steers. Thanks to the students who answered the call to hold halters, spray the Blu-cote and help to ensure the steers were kept comfortable. Uffda!



Our vegetable garden produced an amazing abundance of farm fresh produce this summer. We had a late crop of veggies, so we are still tabulating the total of what was produced. I owe the entire garden success to Heidi Headlee, my SOAR Garden Manager, wonderful friend and volunteer the last few years. I am also so thankful for the Threshing Table and the Lenz family who donated seeds for the garden this year. The rest of the seeds were planted in the greenhouse and then transplanted into the garden. That project was led by Rose Gillis, a NRHS grad and future ag teacher studying at UWRF. Our School Nutrition staff led by Bobbie Guyette did an amazing job processing all that we had and turning it into super fresh amazing food for school lunch! Now we will clean it up, plow it, add fertilizer and be ready to do it all again next season!

One of our interesting things this summer was Leroy, a three month old steer, breaking his leg. The break was where your wrist would be - so his front right leg. A huge thank you to Dr. Schommer and Dr. Engel for connecting with us to cast it. Dr. Engel then came back to meet with 13 students six weeks later to teach them and visit about what it's like to be a vet.

Likewise, Dr. Keller was a real trooper this summer as we dealt with a few interesting experiences that he and I hadn't seen before in our years raising and treating animals. One calf, Jack was allergic to anesthesia and Chester had some major issues





In mid-September we processed three head of cattle for school lunch and our fall steak sales. We brought them to Eggert's in Deer Park and the Advanced Animal Science class and additional FFA members went through the whole process from getting them into the trailer to learning how they get processed into the meat we

sell. After Eggert's, the carcasses move to Ross' Locker in Glenwood City where they are cut into saleable pieces as retail cuts. This time we had 28 total people join in the fun and learning experience on a day we didn't even have school! It was fantastic to see all those students and adults want to learn more about how meat makes it from the farm to the table. A HUGE thanks to Pete Kruschke and Mark Konu who were our partners in transportation of the steers to Eggert's. We all enjoyed lunch at Not Justa Cafe after our work was done. Thanks to their staff for preparing and serving us delicious food. Stay tuned for the future steak sales on social media as it's difficult to obtain fresher meat than what we offer!

Loading cattle for processing was made sooooo much easier by the work of JHaas Excavating and the new driveway system they put in for us in late June. It's magical. We were loaded and on our way in less than 10 minutes this time and in the past we were stuck in the mud around the house. We all LOVE our new driveway! Thank you!

Speaking of that driveway project, a shout out goes to our district's Building and Grounds and Maintenance staff led by Jon Thompson. They have all worked diligently to really help with odds and ends at the farm that hadn't been done in years past. Thank you for your investment of time and resources to help improve the SOAR Center!

Thanks to the folks who came out to tour the farm through the summer and into fall. It was great fun for us to give you a tour! We are always looking for more tourists and volunteers. Reach out and join us!

As always we appreciate your involvement and support of our project! If you have any time, talents or treasures to share, please feel free to reach out to me at rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us or 715-243-1761.



**We all LOVE
our
new driveway!**

*Thank you
JHaas Excavating &
our District's Building and
Grounds and Maintenance
staff for your investment of
time and resources to help
improve the SOAR Center.*





It is with great pride that the School District of New Richmond announces a wonderful accomplishment. Rose Gillis, an NRHS graduate who is studying to be a future agriscience instructor and FFA advisor herself, has earned the American FFA Degree. This is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the organization after YEARS of hard work and dedication. Less than one percent of the 945,000+ FFA members ever achieve this status and she's been approved for this amazing achievement.



In 1998, Gillis' teacher, Rachel Sauvola, also achieved this accomplishment and commends Gillis on reaching this esteemed level. In order to reach this level, Rose had to first earn her Discovery, Greenhand, Chapter, and State FFA Degrees. Congratulations, Rose Gillis, on this honor that truly exemplifies your commitment to agriculture. Setting goals and working hard every day to reach them is how you have earned the American FFA Degree. The School District of New Richmond is very proud!



The School District of New Richmond is honored to announce that Abby Sauvola made it into the National FFA Chorus. She will be at the National FFA Convention from Saturday, October 28, through Sunday, November 5. Sauvola will meet the other FFA members from across the country, get her music, practice, and then perform every day on the national stage where over 70,000 FFA members gather in Indianapolis, Indiana. Performances will be held during the sessions, shows, and concerts throughout the convention. There are only 50 members chosen out of hundreds of applications! This would not have been possible without the extra efforts made by Jodi Mealey, helping to get the audition sent in. Mealey also



assisted back in February with Sauvola's audition to the State FFA Honors Chorus. Sauvola had a tremendous time performing and singing two solo pieces during the State FFA Convention and Wisconsin State Fair as a result of her being chosen to be in our State Chorus. This was her second year singing at the state level. She was one of 72 students selected out of over 21,000 members in Wisconsin. Congratulations, Abby Sauvola, on a grand accomplishment!



The School District of New Richmond is excited to announce that Rain Taylor has received a National nomination for the National FFA Talent Competition after placing fifth at the State FFA Convention. With the help of Jodi Mealey, Taylor submitted her audition for National FFA Talent and was able to perform at State. Although Taylor was not selected to compete in Nationals this year, we are thrilled with her accomplishments and hope to see her performing again soon! Congratulations, Rain Taylor, on this amazing accomplishment!



Summer has led us into fall once again. We're excited to be back at school with all sorts of activities on the horizon. As we reflect on our summer, three cheers for all of our members who represented New Richmond at the State FFA Convention in June, helped to get the school garden planted and assisted with chores and animal projects over the summer.



A group of FFA members and their families attended the Falcon Frontier Rodeo at UWRF. What a fun time cheering on the collegiate competitors!

Three cheers for Natalie Konsela, a new freshman member who has been helping to coordinate a food drive for Homecoming week. Thank you for your commitment to helping hungry people in our community!

The leadership team has been working these last few weeks to prepare for this exciting year ahead and all the opportunities we are excited to invite you to get involved with!

We held our first middle school meeting too and had 14 people there. We learned about different components of agriculture and had a delicious agricultural treat. Our next meeting will be Oct. 10th in Mrs. Hanson's room from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, our tractor pull for Heritage Day was canceled due to rain. So the members gearing up to attend the National FFA Convention set up a brat stand on October 8 at Farm and Home to make some



money to defray the cost of their trip.

A huge thanks to ALCIVIA and BNA Realty Group with help from Land O'Lakes who presented the FFA chapter with a \$5000 gift recently. We appreciate your investment into us as students! Another huge thank you to Krumm Exteriors for being a sponsor of our National Convention trip! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We can't wait to present our adventure to you upon our return.

Looking forward, a group of young FFA members in 5th-9th grade will attend the FIRE Conference at UWRF to learn more about the organization and its opportunities. National FFA Convention will be at the end of October into early November. Fourteen people will be attending from NR with lots of exciting activities and awards in store.

Another group of members is gearing up for the World Dairy Expo with a 4:00 am departure for Madison. It's not often that students get to see the sunrise with their teacher, but this trip is it! Three members will judge beautiful bovines, while others will watch the show and meet industry professionals from around the world. Some will take in workshops where they learn more about the industry and others will interview the exhibitors and watch the cows get their pictures taken professionally. It's an eye opening experience for all those who attend!

The FFA chapter and its members are always looking for volunteer opportunities and new experiences. If you have things to share - ideas, time, talents and/or treasures, please reach out to Mrs. Sauvola at rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us or 715-243-1761.

TICKETS: \$10 ONLINE
\$12 AT THE DOOR
OUR.SHOW/NRHSCHICAGO



CHICAGO

BOOK BY
**BOB FOSSE &
FRED EBB**

MUSIC BY
JOHN KANDER

LYRICS BY
FRED EBB

*BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS
SCRIPT ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON
MUSIC EDITING BY PAUL MCKIBBINS*



NEW RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

NOV. 10TH & 11TH - 7:00PM

NOV. 12 - 2:00PM

2023



CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
www.concordtheatricals.com

Community Education Is Proud To Present - *Adult Classes*

Walking Indoors

Walking is limited to when school is in session, during nonschool hours. Pick up the complete info when you get your pass at Community Ed! Please bring a photo ID.

Starr Elementary
Free

Volleyball: Open Gym

W, 10/18/2023 - 5/1/2024

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

NRMS - Gym

\$20 covers entire season, join anytime!

Yoga Sculpt for Intermediates - November In Person & Virtual

M, 11/6/2023 - 11/27/2023

4:40 PM - 5:40 PM

Starr Elementary - 233 Music Room or via zoom

\$20

Open Craft Club

F, 11/10/2023 - 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM, \$5

F, 12/8/2023 - 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM, \$5

F, 1/26/2024 - 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM, \$5

F, 2/16/2024 - 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM, \$5

NRMS - FCE

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People - Virtual

Sa, 11/11/2023

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Online class out of your home

\$69

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People - Virtual

Sa, 11/11/2023

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Online class out of your home

\$69

Basic Dog/Puppy Manners Obedience - ages 12 weeks and older

M, 11/13/2023 - 12/18/2023

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Starr Elementary - Gym

\$80

Maintain, Don't Gain - Holiday Challenge 2023

This 7 week challenge will encourage you to maintain your weight over the holiday season! If you are not more than 2 pounds more than your initial weigh-in, you will be entered in the drawing to be

one of the 3 winners that will split 50% of the entry fees!

11/13/2023 - 1/3/2024

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Online class out of your home

\$39

Canvas Painting - Make at Home Kit

DEADLINE: November 7

All kits come with a traced canvas, paint, brushes, color reference chart, color reference photo, and video tutorial. It is a step-by-step guide through the process of your painting.

Canvas offerings: Hummingbird 12x12,

Gnome, Magic in the Sky 11x14, Autumn

Birch 10x20, Angelica Angel 11x14

Pick up kits, 11/14/2023 - 11/17/2023

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM,

\$37

Annual Turkey Day Bootcamp

Th, 11/23/2023

6:00 AM - 7:30 AM

NRHS - Gym

\$10

Men's Pick-up Basketball

Su, 11/26/2023 - 4/21/2024

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Hillside Elementary - Gym

\$25 for the entire season

Yoga Sculpt for Intermediates - December In Person & Virtual

M, 12/4/2023 - 12/18/2023

4:40 PM - 5:40 PM

Starr Elementary - 233 Music Room

\$15

Mortgage 101

Tu, 12/5/2023

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Paperjack Elementary - Media Center

Free

Stargazing: Wisconsin Star Watch

Tu, 12/5/2023

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Hillside Elementary - Cafeteria

\$15

New Home Construction 101

W, 12/6/2023

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Paperjack Elementary - Media Center

Free

Homeownership: Should I Rent or Buy?

W, 12/13/2023

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Paperjack Elementary - Media Center

Free

Christmas Eve Bootcamp

Su, 12/24/2023

6:00 AM - 7:30 PM

NRHS - Gym

\$10

New Years Eve Bootcamp

Su, 12/31/2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

NRHS - Gym

\$5

Basic Dog/Puppy Manners Obedience - ages 12 weeks and older

M, 1/8/2024 - 2/12/2024

6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Starr Elementary - Gym

\$80

Community Chorus

Sa, 1/20/2024 - 3/2/2024

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

NRHS - Choir/Orchestra Room -F181

\$28

Hypnosis: Lose Weight and/ or Stop Smoking/Vaping

You will recieve a "refresher card" to attend future classes for free.

Tu, 3/5/2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Paperjack Elementary - Media Center

\$52, \$94 for both weight loss & stop

smoking

Mamma Mia!

Deadline Dec. 15, 2023

Su, 2/11/2024

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Orpheum Theatre

\$140

Hairspray

Deadline January 5, 2024

Sa, 3/16/2024

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Orpheum Theatre

\$109

Community Education Is Proud To Present - *Youth Classes*

Power Up: Open Gym!

F, 11/17/2023
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Starr Elementary - Gym
Free

Stargazing: Wisconsin Star Watch

Tu, 12/5/2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Hillside Elementary - Cafeteria
\$15

Gingerbread House kit

W, Th, 12/6/2023 - 12/7/2023
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Online class out of your home
\$8

Power Up: Open Gym!

F, 12/15/2023
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Starr Elementary - Gym
Free

3v3 Indoor Soccer League Grades 3-8 Boys & Girls

Su, 11/12/2023 - 12/17/2023
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49 or \$79 for November & January
Sessions

3v3 Indoor Soccer League Grades 9-12 Boys & Girls

Su, 11/12/2023 - 12/17/2023
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49 or \$79 for November & January
Sessions

Tiger Boys & Girls Advanced Soccer Training Grades 7-8

Su, 11/12/2023 - 12/17/2023
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49

Tiger Girls Advanced Soccer Training Grades 9-12

Su, 11/12/2023 - 12/17/2023
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49

Wrestling Club Grades PreK-K

Tu, 1/2/2024 - 3/12/2024
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
NRMS - Wrestling Room 168
\$70

Wrestling Club Grades 1-2

Tu, 1/2/2024 - 3/12/2024
6:45 PM - 7:45 PM
NRMS - Wrestling Room 168
\$70

Wrestling Club Grades 3-5

M, Th, 1/8/2024 - 3/21/2024
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
NRMS - Wrestling Room 168
\$70

3v3 Indoor Soccer League Grades 3-8 Boys & Girls

Su, 1/7/2024 - 2/4/2024
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49

3v3 Indoor Soccer League Grades 9-12 Boys & Girls

Su, 1/7/2024 - 2/4/2024
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
NRHS - Gym
\$49



Community Education Is Proud To Present - *Empty Bowls 2024*

Empty Bowls Week 2024 – March 11 - March 15, 2024

If you are unfamiliar with New Richmond's Empty Bowls event, it is an annual event that donates all of the money raised to the New Richmond Happy Kids Backpack program. The Happy Kids Backpack program allows kids to take food home in a backpack for the weekend to help provide to those that otherwise might not have meals to eat. This program is currently used by over 70 families per week right here in our community!



Empty Bowls 2024

Empty Bowls In Person Soup Event:

Thursday, 3/14, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
NRHS Commons
*see image on next page

MARCH 11 - MARCH 15



EMPTY
BOWLS
SOUP EVENT
2024



THURSDAY, MARCH 14
4:30PM - 6:30PM
NR HIGH SCHOOL

**17TH ANNUAL
EMPTY BOWLS 2024
MARCH 11 - MARCH 15**



Monday: Food Drive Kick-Off

*Food Collected at all School Buildings
and Various Community Businesses

Tuesday: Community-Wide Hats for Hunger

*Various Community Businesses and Schools

Wednesday: Sponsor a family for a week/month

Thursday: Event Night! Soup at NRHS

*4:30-6:30 pm

purchase prior on the Community Ed website or at event

Friday: Food Drive Collection



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Director of Human Resources – Holly Butler.....	715-243-7443
Director of Teaching and Learning– Jenna Peters	715-243-7429
Director of Special Services – Kathy Rogers	715-243-7426
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Supervisor of Communications – Madelyn Westra	715-243-7427
Supervisor of School Nutrition (Meal Accounts)– Bobbie Guyette.....	715-243-1714
District Nurse – Ryan Vang.....	715-243-7424
Community Education Coordinator – Sara Rogers	715-243-7421
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Hillside Elementary	715-243-1400
Principal – Heidi Link.....	715-243-1401
Attendance Line – 24 hours a day.....	715-243-1419
School Counselor	715-243-1409
Health Assistant	715-243-1408
Fax.....	715-888-1552
Paperjack Elementary	715-243-7400
Principal – Andy Hoepfner.....	715-243-7403
Attendance Line – 24 hours a day.....	715-243-7405
School Counselor.....	715-243-1504
Health Assistant	715-243-7405
Fax.....	715-888-1562
Starr Elementary	715-243-7431
Principal – Nicholas Hall.....	715-243-7433
Attendance Line – 24 hours a day.....	715-243-7434
School Counselor	715-243-1556/1577
Health Assistant	715-243-1589
Fax.....	715-888-1566
Middle School	715-243-7471
Principal – Doug Hatch.....	715-243-7473
Assistant Principal – Michele Wood.....	715-243-7474
Attendance Line – 24 hours a day.....	715-243-1616
School Counselors	715-243-7477/7485/1672
Health Assistant	715-243-1616
Fax.....	715-888-1560
High School	715-243-7451
Principal – Nichole Benson	715-243-7454
Assistant Principal – Jeff Swanson	715-243-7453
Assistant Principal – Lisa Faletti-Watkins.....	715-243-7456
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director – Austin Junker.....	715-243-7455
Attendance Line – 24 hour a day	715-243-7445
School Counselors	715-243-7446/7447/7448
Health Assistant	715-243-1709
Fax.....	715-888-1557

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