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ETTLE CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

"Our mission is to provide an exemplary educational experience that maximizes each student's highest potential."

" P E O P L E A R E I M P O R T A N T H E R E ! "



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Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

May is an extra-busy month at Nettle Creek School Corporation! Teachers put finishing touches on their instructional plans to provide all of their students information they'll need for future success, and students have all ears open with eyes on the teachers as they finished up projects in preparation for the end of the school year on Thursday, May 25th. Environmental Services employees are planning and preparing for the projects they will accomplish over summer break in both buildings along with cutting a whole lot of grass. Administrators are building staffing plans for 2017-2018 and planning summer professional development for their staffs and for themselves so that we all continue to GROW @ THE CREEK!

I'm guessing among many other things, parents are weighing summer childcare options and hoping to include at least a little family vacation time into the months of June or July, and community activity sponsors are adjusting schedules and routines to accommodate students and their families who are out of school for a little over two months. Best of luck to all as we work together to wrap up another very successful year at Nettle Creek School Corporation and prepare for an even better one in 2017-2018!



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

2017-2018 Registration Dates & Times!

With more grades moving to 1:1 technology, more courses taking advantage of online learning materials, and grade levels K-12 using MAP testing in August, we are holding Registration Days for both school buildings in June so that all of the technology will be ready to go on the first day of the new school year. Feedback from parents indicates that they like a June registration with the opportunity to pay book fees so that the bill can be paid before the other expenses connected with school that arise in August come along. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be as follows:

Grades K-6 at Hagerstown Elementary School - Wednesday, June 7th from 12:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. and Thursday, June 8th from 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M.
Grades 7-12 at Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School - Wednesday, June 7th and Thursday, June 8th from 11:00A.M. to 7:00P.M.

Success By The Numbers!

In February we received confirmation that Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School's graduation rate set a new school record with 95.9% of the Class of 2016 graduating on time. A month later, HJr./Sr.H was listed as a Top Ten High School in Indiana by the College Board for its Advanced Placement program. Now, *U. S. News & World Report* ranked Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School as a Top 100 High School of nearly 600 schools in the State of Indiana. Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School also was recognized in National Rankings and earned a Bronze Medal. U.S. News & World Report ranks schools based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.



Learning Is An Ongoing Process!

While most of us think of a school year's timeline in terms of August to May, Project Child classrooms take a multiple-year approach to learning. Students in the Intermediate Program shared progress reports recently of projects that began last year, continued through this year and will continue to be developed by students into the future.

While standards-based, the secret to this longevity began when teachers took students through a guided process that helped students identify projects about which they are passionate. Their passion, not a deadline, has fueled student success all along the way. Genius Hour in these classrooms

provides the time for individuals and groups of students to make progress on their projects. Topics selected for research and development range from technology development and manufacture to assistive orthopedic device development. Students journal their progress and maintain websites with student-made videos that chronicle their progress. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to these students for their perseverance and to their program teachers as well as teachers outside of the program who are working together to guide our students through this deeply worthwhile opportunity to take charge of their learning!



Please Be Aware!

At Nettle Creek School Corporation we take the partnership between home and school to provide whatever is necessary to educate successful children very seriously. It is in the spirit of this partnership that we send a caution out to parents about a new series on Netflix called "13 Reasons Why." Its story centers around a young girl who leaves behind audio recordings for 13 people who she says played a role in her decision to take her own life. We take signs of student stress very seriously at school, and mental health advocates have raised concerns over the message this series conveys. If you believe your child may be struggling, please contact your school counselor. This link has more detailed information and resources we believe you will find useful. Thank you. <http://www.nasonline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide/13-reasons-why-netflix-series-considerations-for-educators>

To Bee Or Not To Bee?!

We're sure Prince Hamlet had a different answer in mind when he first asked this question, and student Madison Brown decided the correct answer at NCSC is "To Bee!" We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Brown for writing a grant which brought an active bee hive to the outdoor (thank goodness!) classroom in the Ag Department. One hive was obtained by Ms. Brown, and a second hive was made possible by board member Gary Keesling of Pappaw's Hunny Farm on Lacy Road. Mr. Keesling will also serve as a mentor to Ms. Brown and the Ag students who will tend the hive over the summer and into the next school year! They put the BEE in the BEEf Farm!



Some Dates To Know!

Hagerstown Elementary School

May 24 - Kindergarten Graduation 10:00A.M.
May 25 - 6th Grade Graduation 10:00A.M.

June 7th & 8th 2017/2018 Student Registration at both schools
August 9, 2017 First Full Day of School for K-12 students

Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School

May 21st - Senior Salute 5:30P.M. in the Auditorium
May 25th, 26th, 27th - Willie Wonka 7:00P.M. in the Auditorium
May 31st - Spring Sports Program
June 1st - Honors Night
June 4th - Graduation 2:00P.M.

Community News!

Nettle Creek Players will host a Volunteer Call-Out & Summer Planning Meeting from 3:00P.M. to 5:00P.M. on Saturday, May 20th during a day-long Heart of Hagerstown celebration in the tent on Main Street in downtown Hagerstown. Volunteers needed for the summer theater season include: box office, ushers, set construction, and more.



Thank You For A Great Year!

Everyone at NCSC wishes you and your family a wonderful and safe summer vacation! We look forward to seeing you when school resumes on August 9th!