

Remember Jubilee Days this weekend!

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Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

Happy New Year! It might come as a bit of a surprise to receive this greeting in the middle of August, but for everyone at Nettle Creek School Corporation, the start of the new school year, with all of its promise, is at least as exciting as when December turns into January. The new school year has begun superbly. Students have successfully settled into their classes with new teachers and new friends. If you would like to join the excitement at either school, and make a contribution to the future of our community by supporting our youth, both schools are inviting parents and community volunteers to stop in. We'll find just the right activity to match your interests and the time you have available! Ms. Hokey is the principal at HES (765.489.4555). Mr. Childs is the principal at HJr./Sr.H (765.489.4511). We are looking forward to hearing from you!



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Nettle Creek Family of Schools

Thank You Neighbors!

The courtyard at Hagerstown Elementary School was a busy place the Saturday before school started! What began as a simple offer by Jesse Walker, Youth & Family Minister at New Testament Church of Christ, to help out with a school project that many hands could accomplish together



turned into the realization of a dream that many teachers and staff at the elementary school have had for quite some time! It took several hours for upwards of 50 church members to spread new mulch on the playground, and where there was once a stretch of nondescript lawn in the courtyard, there is now a lovely garden space that includes trees, bushes, picnic tables with purple & gold umbrellas, and flowers thanks to Mr. Walker and NTCC families. During nice weather, the

garden will be a great place for classes to assemble and for parents and grandparents and their children to eat lunch when they visit. During the winter, this same area will provide an uplifting view for the students and teachers whose classrooms look out onto this special spot. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Walker, Ms. Walker - who teaches First Grade here, and to all of the kind folks at NTCC who made this possible!



The Hagerstown Golden Tiger Marching Band Sets A New School Record!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Sloniker and the students in the marching band as they attained an Eighth-Place Finish out of forty-nine bands competing at the State



Fair band contest this month. Band members and Band Boosters have worked hard all summer to prepare a show that earned the band more points in the State Fair Band Day competition than they have ever earned there before. It was a beautiful day at the State Fairgrounds, and the students made us proud as they presented this year's show entitled "Three Till Midnight". The marching band will perform in the Jubilee Days pa-



rade this weekend and will perform their award-winning show during half-time at the Homecoming football game on September 15th which starts at 7:00P.M. Nice job, Tigers!



New Lunch Choices Are A Big Hit!

About a year ago an in-depth look was begun when Food Service accounts began showing a decline in revenue. Work at that time made it clear that food prices and inefficiencies were causing expenditures to exceed revenue. Various options were studied guided by what students said they would like to see at lunchtime - larger portions and more variety. After looking at different food providers and visiting other school cafeterias, the decision was made to partner with Chartwells to provide food services at both breakfast and lunch for both schools. Our kitchen employees are still the same, however they have received culinary training by professional chefs, and they are doing more food preparation from scratch while using recipes developed by nutritionists that still meet the current federal guidelines. Last year about 50% or less of students ate school lunches. This year, 85% and more students choose an entree, serve themselves and are enjoying school lunches more. Parents will find the school menus posted on our website contain much more information including nutritional information and photos, and while Chartwells tried to hold lunch prices here the same as last year, the State used the same calculator it uses to set lunch prices at other school programs and required NCSC to raise lunch prices by a dime. Lunch Box is still available for parents who want to prepay the cafeteria. Community organizations who would like to hold catered events in either of our cafeterias are welcome to give us a call to make arrangements. New menus with wider choices including many made-from-scratch items are available for you!



The Nettle Creek Advantage Lasts A Lifetime!

We received a letter recently from Brenda Hoodlebrink who many of us know is Aimee Hoodlebrink's mom. Aimee is in college now, and Ms. Hoodlebrink sent us the text of a speech Aimee delivered at school because it shares so well about the Nettle Creek Advantage:

"... Among the quality of education, the athletics, and the students, Hagerstown Junior-Senior High School was my ideal school. First and foremost, education. Education in most schools consists of lecturing, activities, homework, and tests. This is no different for Hagerstown. I have been through lectures in business, the activities in economics, the homework in calculus, and the tests in history. However, there was so much more to education at Hagerstown. The teachers at Hagerstown know you personally and care about you. They want you to succeed and will help and push you to get you where you aspire to be. They will give you life advice, joke around with you, and teach you all at the same time. They aren't just teachers; they are friends.



Teachers are not the only aspect of Hagerstown's quality education worth noting, though. For the past two years, Hagerstown has been working with schools across the country to become more college ready. The school has been adding more Advanced Placement courses to their curriculum as well as Ivy Tech dual credit courses. Students now have the opportunity to graduate as sophomores in college, as I did. They also have a better understanding of what college entails. That is Hagerstown education..."

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Aimee for demonstrating so well the Nettle Creek Advantage, and we wish her the very best in what we are sure will be a very successful future!