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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,



Nettle Creek Family of Schools



I haven't heard of a suitable substitute for the questionable phrase Old Man Winter, but whichever PC name one chooses, I think everyone would agree that he/she arrived at the Nettle Creek Valley this past Saturday. We send tips of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Hillman and Mr. Clark for their work throughout the weekend getting the drives and parking lots ready for school on Monday morning! We would like to acknowledge our staff who cleared school sidewalks, and the work of the city, county and state road crews for clearing and salting the streets. Homeowners contributed, too, by clearing their sidewalks and bus

turn-arounds after the big snow. The weather has spoiled us a little this winter. Last weekend's snow is a reminder that we live in Central Indiana, and we can expect more as January and February unfold.

### Information On Friday's Lockdown

If you have a child who attends either school at NCSC, you are undoubtedly aware that we had a lockdown late on Friday afternoon. We apologize to the parents who received the information from their children before the One Call finished the task of notifying you. This event was the result of a Jr./Sr. high school parent who called in to share that her child reported to her that he heard that another student brought a weapon to school. When schools receive this sort of information, even if it is based on hearsay, we take measures to secure our buildings. It is a fine line between sharing information about our safety protocols so that parents have confidence in our procedures and describing those procedures in too much detail that would enable a person to plan around the safety measures we have in place. We would like to commend Chief Folkner and his staff for their immediate response and their determination that the situation was, in fact, safe and that we could proceed with dismissal as usual. After situations similar to this one, the principals do fact finding to determine if the appropriate response for the students involved is educational or disciplinary or both.



### We're Proud Of This Tiger!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Collin Beaty for some recognition he received from Jay County after a recent basketball game. "We have a player with a disability, and we asked if we could play a 5th quarter to allow him to play. During the game, one of your players, #33 Collin Beaty, allowed our player to steal the ball from him and shoot it. He made the shot. It was an awesome show of sportsmanship." Nice job, Collin; you made that athlete's day. We're all proud of you!



## Good News From The New Castle Career Center!

Do you know that NCSC is a partner with the New Castle Career Center? Nettle Creek School Corporation is committed to assuring every student that they will be prepared for what they choose will come next for themselves after graduation. Typically, most of our graduates pursue the pathway that leads to higher education. A significant number of our students choose to enter the world of work instead, and we need them to be equally prepared for this choice as well. As a result, several small school corporations, including NCSC have come together with New Castle Community Schools to offer high school classes that cover a broad range of career education. Some of the most popular Career Center programs for NCSC students are Health Occupations, Building Trades, Culinary Arts and Graphic Design. Students can earn industry certifications that prospective employers find very attractive when they are making hiring decisions. Chris Lamb, Director of the NCCC, has sent word that Henry County's Redevelopment Commission approved a three-year annual contribution of \$30,000 to the New Castle Career Center. "This support will allow the program to purchase additional equipment to help train students and enhance the skills of the area's workforce." If you are a local business person who would like to add your support to our students through the Career Center, you can contact Mr. Lamb at 765.521.7402 Thank you!



## Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School Goes From Good To Great!

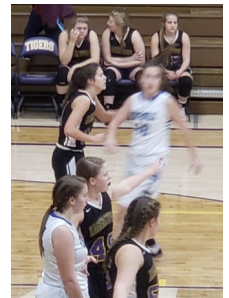
We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to everyone involved in making our students a success! The IDOE recently released high school graduation rates for 2017-2018, and Hagerstown broke the record it set last year. In May, 98.33% of the Class of 2018 left NCSC with a high school diploma. Acquiring a high school diploma has shown to be a powerful indicator of future success in life regardless of whether the graduate is headed to college, a career or the military. Ms. Olinger, our high school guidance counselor, is quick to point toward fellow staff members, community volunteers who work with students and the students themselves who have done the heavy lifting in order to graduate on time; but it is she who tracks each student's progress for four years to assure that they each reach the goal. Thank you, Ms. Olinger! In terms of graduation rate, **Hagerstown High School is ranked in the TOP 10% of all high schools across the State.** Congratulations! We are very proud of these students and this accomplishment.

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## Congratulations Tiger Basketball Teams!

Members of the girls' basketball team and the boys' team, too, receive a tip of the Tiger's tail for recent wins. The Lady Tigers made us proud when they brought the Wayne County Tournament Championship Trophy home to NCSC with their Championship win. Each team in the tournament was in top form, but it was our girls' team that came out #1. The boys' team is celebrating, too. Their recent win against Winchester 64 to 37 shows what these gentlemen can do. Coaches Olinger and Romack credit their players for their success and the result of their hard work during practice all through the season. If you haven't stopped by to see the teams play, we guarantee you an exciting game!



## This Doesn't Happen Very Often!

The Board of School Trustees unanimously approved Member Davis' motion to honor the contributions of three community pillars by naming various school facilities in their honor. Former Superintendent Frank Cory will lend his name to the Cory Athletic Complex, the football field now honors Mr. Mark Childs, and the bus garage will now honor the contributions of the Hunt Family. Mr. Niles Hunt retired last year as a bus driver after 45 years of service in that position. This honor also recognizes family members Mr. Gerald Hunt and Ms. Marilyn Hunt for their service to our school corporation. We thank them all sincerely!

