ETTLE CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

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

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Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

Happy New Year! While New Year celebrations are usually enjoyed on January 1st, at Nettle Creek School Corporation we celebrated the start of our New School Year last week as students and staff returned for another





action-packed year of growth and learning. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Hillman and his crew who really don't get their summers away. While classrooms were comparatively quiet places during the summer, Operations Department employees cleaned, painted and trimmed in preparation for the coming school year. Ms. Toler completed bus routes. Bus drivers contacted families with pick-up times and delivery times. Mr. Retherford has gone over every bus to be sure that they were ready on Day One to carry children safely to and from school. Instructional staff members did a lot of things all summer to assure that this year will be the best school year ever. Teachers have attended instructional workshops and are working in teams to plan



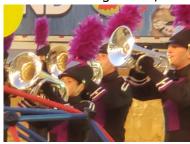
lessons that meet or exceed the requirements of the Indiana Academic Standards. Administrators attended workshops and organized a million little details to assure their schools run successfully, like clockwork, for staff and students. We are very thankful for everyone's good work! Their efforts resulted in a very successful first week of school!

Hard Work Pays Dividends For The Hagerstown Golden Tigers Marching Band!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Sloniker and the students in the marching band for earning a spot in the evening performance at the Indiana State Fair Band Day contest. Band members and Band Boosters have worked hard all summer to prepare a show that earned The Golden Tiger Marching Band a spot in the



evening's Sweet Sixteen! It was a beautiful day at the State Fairgrounds, and the students made our town proud as they presented this year's show entitled "Ready or Not, Here We Come!". Look for the marching band to perform in the Jubilee Days parade this weekend and to perform their award-winning show for fans during halftime at our first football game on August 31st.



Thanks For The Helping Hand!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to the students, staff and volunteers at both buildings who helped with student registration this year. The hallways in both buildings were organized into registration stations to assure that the process went smoothly.

NCSC registered an additional 28 students this year which puts enrollment back over 1,100 students who are receiving the Tiger Advantage! We welcome back current students, and we greet new students and their families along with the

new staff who came on board as a result of this growth in student enrollment. It's going to be a great year!

Nettle Creek's Student Support Team Receives Training!

Centerstone of Indiana, Inc. hosted a regional awareness workshop recently for its employees and for other school individuals and community people interested in helping students work through childhood trauma. All members of Nettle Creek School Corporation's Centerstone staff and Communities In Schools staff along with board member Marcie Houghton attended this day-long event. Thank you for bringing this information back to help our students in need.

Condensed Days Continue!

Nettle Creek School Corporation will continue to use Condensed Days to enable

teachers and administrators to GROW @ THE CREEK professionally. Last year staff learned about class goal setting, using student assessment data to guide instruction, and strategies to increase student engagement in class. Condensed Days mean a late start for students on selected Fridays during the school year. Bus pick-ups will be 30 minutes later than usual, and school doors will open at 8:20A.M. at the elementary school and at 8:25A.M. at the Jr./Sr. high school. This year, Condensed Days will be held on the following Fridays:

September 14, 28 August 17, 31 October 26 November 9 **December 7** February 1, 15 March 1, 15 April 12, 26 January 18 **May 10**

We recognize that childcare on Condensed Days can be a challenge for families. To help address this need, K-12 parents are welcome to drop children off at the Circle Drive door at HES beginning at 7:30A.M. Students will be supervised and breakfast will be available. A Grab-And-Go breakfast is available for all students in both buildings when they arrive on Condensed Days.

Community Partnerships Are Important Here!

Parents and community members have probably seen signs around town that tell about community organizations that partner with NCSC to serve students. This newsletter is glad to share upcoming events with families as space permits. If you are interested in publicizing your student-focused community event, we are glad to lend a hand. Please send your information to Dr. Doering in advance, and we'll work together to be sure all of our students are GROWING @ THE CREEK both inside school and out!

High school cheerleaders are selling mums this week. The delivery date is September 22nd. Colors are purple, gold, bronze, white and red. 1 for \$6.50 or 3 for \$18. Call Ms. Stainbrook at 765.489.4511 to order.

Erica Laster and Matt Sullivan are local Scout leaders who have a call out to boys and girls interested in Scouting. Scouting helps children build character, gain confidence, and make friends through a wide range of activities. Ms. Laster can be reached at 765.518.8903 and Mr. Sullivan is available at 765.993.3148.

Hagerstown Optimists Fall 2018 Recreation Soccer Sign Up is being held. Information is available by calling Roy Smith at 765.894.3776. Boys and girls ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to register.









