



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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August 2023

District Administrator

The Start of A New Academic Year

The School District of New London is actively preparing for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year that is set to begin on September 5. We encourage parents/guardians to work with their children to set attainable educational goals and foster positive relationships within the school community by participating in various back-to-school activities. These



are great opportunities for families to get involved and strengthen their ties with the school while helping their children prepare for a successful school year. We wish everyone a great school year!

Staggered Start

To ease the transition and continue to provide time for onboarding, class meetings and orientation for each grade level, the School District of New London again has a staggered start schedule for the first days of September.



Tuesday, September 5 -

Grades 5K, 1, 2, 5, 9

Wednesday, September 6 -

Grades 4K, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Thursday, September 7 -

all grades

August 28-31 Back-to-School Inservice Schedule

Back to school in-service will welcome certified and support staff on August 28-31. As we prepare for the start of the academic year, anticipation is high to greet students and our school community for the 203-24 academic year.



B212

The August B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes our District clubs/organizations, advisors, and coaches actively involved with fall student opportunities. With many of our fall activities underway, students are actively engaged. Thank you to our fall clubs/organizations, advisors, and coaches.



FFA Members Vie for Selection to Compete in 2023 National FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards

More than 20 agricultural teachers and college professors from throughout the U.S. recently met virtually to determine what FFA members will compete for top honors in the 2023 National FFA proficiency award areas. Brooke Casey of the New London FFA chapter in New London, WI, has been named a national finalist this year for the Veterinary Science Agricultural Proficiency Award. She is the first national finalist New London has had since 2005.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students compete in areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management.

Proficiency awards are also recognized at local and state levels and provide recognition to members exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways. This award is supported by Merck Animal Health, Elanco Animal Health, Tractor Supply Company, US Poultry & Egg Association, Zoetis, Indiana Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance, Phibro Animal Health Corporation, and Sustainable Futures Fund.

Brooke looks forward to interviewing with a panel of judges in September and representing the State of

Wisconsin on stage at the National FFA Convention on November 3.

Brooke is a 2022 graduate of the School District of New London.

Wisconsin Association of School Boards Business Honor Roll

Annually, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) offers the opportunity for School Board members and Districts to submit nominations to recognize quality business partners. The intent is to highlight and acknowledge quality business partners that have historically supported District efforts to enhance school communities. A discussion will take place on current WASB Business Honor Roll nominations and as well as allow Board members the opportunity to discuss business partners who have gone above and beyond to support our great District



Director of Business Services

Sugar Bush Project Update

We will provide the most up-to-date information on Monday at the meeting. The unit ventilators are supposed to arrive on Thursday, August 10. They are an integral part of the project. By Monday, the HVAC crew will be able to give us an update on how the installation is going.



Intermediate / Middle School Project Update

The main hallway bathrooms and the switchgear change are now completed. There are some punch list items to be completed and the last shipment of wallcovering was not acceptable so we made them send it back. They will ship the new covering as soon as possible and will hopefully be installed before open house.

Director of Pupil Services

District Bilingual Coordinator receives National Board Certification

Bilingual/English Learner teacher at Parkview Elementary and Coordinator for the district, Joanna Mertz, was invited to the Governor's residence in Madison on Friday, July 21, for the National Board Pinning Ceremony. Joanna earned her National Board Certification in December in the area of English as a New Language/Early & Middle Childhood. She is one of only 23 teachers with this certification in Wisconsin, demonstrating accomplished teaching in her daily work with students here in New London.



Bilingual Registration

Our bilingual tutors worked with our bilingual families to assist them with completing registration for the school year for all their students. Thank you to our entire bilingual team for assisting the families with this process.

Director of Teaching and Learning

New Teacher Inservice

August 16, 2023, marks our New Teacher inservice event. Although much of what is covered in the first session relates to Human Resources, onboarding, access and process, it is also a celebration of the new members of our Bulldog Staff. This year, I have asked for a handout



from both the Parks and Rec and New London

Chamber to compliment our welcome to the District with a welcome to the community.

August 17 will continue efforts with time to support putting our access into action with new and veteran staff reviewing process, expectations and learning maps to get ready for the school year. Kandi and I look forward to the event as it is always a true kick off to a great year.

American Reading Company Summer

This summer we have had 3 implementation team meetings with 15 or more staff to work through planning and implementation of American Reading Company in year 2. The team has been diligent in planning, collaborating and providing needed input on how to best prepare for our second year. Our Instructional Committee and Implementation team will provide information and data to share with the board in an upcoming topic summary.

Summer School Success

Our final sessions of summer school are wrapping up with Band and Choir events to get our musicians ready. Sincere thanks to instructors, staff, families and students for a great summer.



Online Registration in Family Access

Thank you to families who have logged in and updated their records in Family Access for the 2023-2024 school year. For those who have not, please do so prior to the start of the year. Late enrollment and communication or updates impact our ability to staff and plan for students.



Included in our online registration process is an annual application for Free and Reduced lunch and fees. This information also allows our district to receive additional federal budget dollars to offset costs. Information is confidential. For any questions or needed support for registration, please contact Lesley Baehman, lbaehman@newlondon.k12.wi.us.

Instructional Committee

Instructional Committee met on August 10, 2023, to review our current practice and policies related to retention, promotion and remediation as well as Alternative and At-Risk efforts. The team and the full board had the information to be reviewed as “pre-conference” materials so conversations and questions were ready. The team will be meeting next on September 28 at 7:00 a.m. The team is also looking for manners to be more active in reporting on committee topics to assure the full Board has the opportunity to grow in understanding.