



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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December 2024

District Administrator

All Weather Benches Donation

The New London American Legion Auxiliary and Heise Heating and Air Conditioning recently donated two all-weather benches to the Intermediate Middle School. The outdoor benches are in front of the Intermediate Middle School by the American flag and near the outside recess area behind the Intermediate Middle School. Our sincere thank you and appreciation to the New London American Legion Auxiliary and Heise Heating and Air Conditioning for their generosity to the School District of New London.



B 212

The December B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes the New London Intermediate Middle School staff and students who recently participated in the "One Book One School Event." During the event, students, staff and families were encouraged to read together and share the storyline of the "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus" by Dusti Bowling. On November 19, the "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus" was brought to life as staff, students, and families participated in a family fun night at the Intermediate Middle School. Special thank you to our Intermediate Middle School media specialist, Katie Kovalaske, the 7th and 8th grade English Language Arts Department, the Intermediate Middle School student council, and our families who actively participated in the event.



District Parent Advisory Council

On December 4, the School District of New London's Parent Advisory Council met. The goal of the District Parent Advisory Council is to create an opportunity for cooperative conversations with parents and community stakeholders with the intent to support our District mission statement of "Success for All Students." Our next meeting will be on February 3.

Board of Education Student Representative



Welcome New London High School Senior Evan Retzlaff as the School District of New London Board of Education student representative. Evan's involvement as the Student Board of Education representative will allow a student perspective to be

shared with the Board of Education as a non-voting member.

Winter Weather and Unforeseen School Closures

Should the need to close on-campus instruction during the 2024-2025 academic year occur due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, the District will utilize an E-Learning/At-Home Learning framework to meet daily learning expectations. Google Classroom will be utilized as the primary learning platform for students in grades 5 through 12. Pre-Kindergarten through grade 4 students will receive advanced At-Home Learning expectations from classroom teachers to fulfill during a day of At-Home Learning.



If the District cancels the traditional at-school learning day, typically, notification will be made by 5:30 a.m. via Skylert messaging, the District website, Facebook and local TV and radio stations. Students will be encouraged to utilize the day to address E-Learning/At-Home Learning expectations. Please

note that extracurricular activities will also be canceled on days that at-school learning is closed. The District Administrator or the designee can make special arrangements if necessary.

****Key Factors Considered in Weather Closure or Delay Decisions****

- Alerts regarding road conditions and weather from various sources, including weather websites, local TV stations, the County Patrol, the New London Police Department, the district transportation department, communication with neighboring school districts, and firsthand assessments of road conditions.

****Related Conditions That May Lead to Cancellations or Delays ****

- Snow, ice, fog, drifting, and severe cold, both current and forecasted.
- Building or system failures.

Director of Business Services

MPB Lunch Table Donation

Most Precious Blood donated two cafeteria tables to Readfield Elementary for use during lunch. We sincerely appreciate their donation to help with serving our lunch and breakfast needs at Readfield.



Facilities Committee Meeting

The Facilities Committee met before the Board meeting tonight to discuss the following topics:

- A. Review and discussion of Town of Caledonia Tennis Court Project
- B. Review and discussion 2025-26 bus purchase bids
- C. Review and discussion of 2025 roofing projects bid process
- D. Review and discussion of 2025 high school flooring project bids
- E. Review and discussion of high school stadium bathroom / concession options
- F. Review and discussion of capital projects budgets and facilities plan

We will provide a brief update at the Board meeting and the minutes will be in the January packet.

Director of Pupil Services

Northland Electrical Services Donation

Northland Electrical Services donated an AED and a mounted wall cabinet to store the device. This AED will be placed in the New London Intermediate/ Middle School. The School District of New London would like to extend their sincere thanks to Northland Electrical Services for their tremendous generosity and continued support of the school district.



Pictured from left to right are:

Josh Murnane, Associate Principal of ISMS
Kandi Martin, Director of Pupil Services
Scott Bleck, District Administrator
Jenny Penn, School Nurse
Leslie Paul, Health Aide
Tara Berkhahn, Northland Electrical Services
Caitlin Koch, Northland Electrical Services
Ann Pinch, Principal of ISMS
Pete Mroczynski, Dean of Student ISMS

Shamrock Club of New London donates \$500



The Shamrock Club of New London has reached out to donate \$500 to the school district to be applied towards the purchase of an additional AED (automated external defibrillator) device. Anne Stedman, presented the check for \$500 on behalf of the Shamrock Club. A

sincere thank you to their organization for the generous support of our district's commitment to safety.

Social worker conference awards \$500 grant to Erin Marsh



School social worker Erin Marsh recently applied for a \$500 grant with the Wisconsin School Social Work Association (WSSWA) for the Zen Den project at the High School. An announcement was made on 11/15/24 at the annual WSSWA conference that one of the grants available was awarded to New London to help get the project completed.

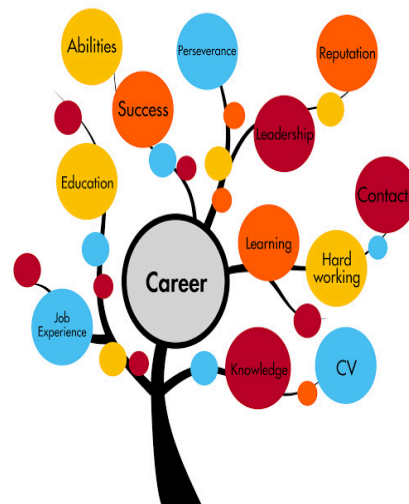
Bulldogs of Character at the Winter Wonderland Parade

The Bulldogs of Character organization will participate in Winter Wonderland on the Wolf parade sponsored by the New London Chamber of Commerce. Students from the elementary schools will ride the hay wagon float which is pulled by Martin Farm. Percy the Bulldog and the Bulldogs of Character groups also hand out candy to citizens that came to watch the parade. The parade will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024. Pictures below are from the 2023 parade!



Academic Career Planning for 2025

All future freshmen and their parents will be receiving information about the Academic and Career Planning process soon. This will occur on Monday, January 6, 2025, at the High School. New London strives to engage our



students in a variety of opportunities during their high school career. Our goal for the academic and career planning process is to make sure all students and families are informed consumers of the educational options New London High School has to offer. An overview of the scheduling process, graduation requirements, and career and college readiness opportunities will be discussed.

The High School counselors will provide a presentation that will cover scheduling, pathways, academic planning, and a variety of other helpful information. Each student will receive a folder with high school information and scheduling resources. The High School counselors will share the slideshow with families that were not able to attend.

Following Future Freshmen/ACP night, the counselors will present the same information to all 8th grade students at the Middle School and Emanuel and help them start scheduling courses. The High School counselors will return to the Middle School and Emanuel in mid January and meet with each student individually to discuss and check their course selections. Parents and students will be provided the scheduling dates and deadlines ahead of time via email.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Instructional Committee Meeting

On December 3, the Board of Education Instructional Committee met to discuss the upcoming New London High School student course description catalog for the 2025-2026 academic year. The high school course description catalog is revised annually as appropriate with the committee's perspective. Students and families will actively begin class course registration starting in January 2025. The 2025 high school course catalog is also referenced with the December Board of Education meeting materials as a topic summary.

