

# 2024

## PRINCIPALS POST



# Happy New Year

Dear Parents, Guardians and friends of New Hope,

I hope that 2024 has started off well for you and your family!

As you all know, this month NHCS started off in our new building at the United Methodist Church in Smithville. It was great to welcome our students, families and friends into the new building on our first day of this semester, where we enjoyed catching up, giving tours, eating donuts and washing it all down with a delicious mug of coffee that was kindly supplied by Leeah Shipley at Cornerstone Coffee. Our students have settled incredibly quickly into their new surroundings and immediately got back to learning and working with their teachers.

### Inclement Weather

This is always going to be a topic of debate 'to open, or not to open that is the question'. NHCS will always aim to have in-person school as much as possible. However, when inclement weather hits, there is a process that the school goes through for the best decisions to be made. The process includes, but is not limited to, researching local and regional weather forecasts, weather warnings and advisories, the different locations that families are driving from, the condition of the school site, the state of local roads to and from the school; and the impacts on families who are required to go to work and would need child care if the school building is closed. In-addition the school understands the need for families to know as soon as possible if there are variations to the school day to make changes to work schedules and childcare arrangements.

NHCS very much appreciates your support and understanding when the school is closed due to inclement weather conditions.

### Enrollment for 24/25 school year

At the beginning of February, the school will be sending out an email with a link to enroll your student(s) for the 24/ 25 school year. Current parents already enrolled at the school will have two weeks to complete the enrollment application before enrollment will be open to new families. Please look out for the 24/25 enrollment email.

I have been approached by a number of families regarding the possibility of opening a Kindergarten class at NHCS. If you would be interested in this potential opportunity, please check the relevant box on the enrollment form so we can understand the demand for this service.

### NHCS School Board

I would like to thank all the applicants who presented to parents, families, and friends of NHCS on Thursday, January 4th with the hope to be elected to the School Board. It was so impressive to hear the passion, dedication and determination of the candidates who clearly want to make NHCS the best school it can possibly be. On Thursday, January 25th, the newly elected School Board held its first meeting.

I pray that 2024 has started off well for you and your family and I thank you for your continued support towards our incredible staff, administration team and myself; it is our privilege to serve you and your family.

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