



# Family Newsletter

## September 2023

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! I would like to take a quick moment to introduce myself again. My name is Matt Mahoney and I am serving as the interim 7-12 principal this school year. I recently retired after 33 years in education. I spent the first 11 years teaching Technology Education, 16 years as middle school principal, and served the past 6 years as high school principal. I am a lifelong resident of the area and reside in Canandaigua so I am familiar with Naples and the surrounding area. I have had a great start and I am excited to be part of the Naples school community.

The opening days of school went smoothly and it is great to have all the students back. This is the first monthly Family Newsletter that you will receive this year. Our goal is to keep you informed of upcoming events, important dates, and other pertinent information. If at any time you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [mmahoney@naplescsd.org](mailto:mmahoney@naplescsd.org) or call (585) 374-7900.

**High School Construction Project:** Construction on the auditorium remodeling has begun so you will begin to see construction vehicles and trailers on school grounds. Most construction will take place outside the school day to minimize any disruption to learning.

### Useful Staff Contact Information:

- Main Office Phone Number: (585)374-7900
- **Interim Principal:** Mr. Matt Mahoney, [mmahoney@naplescsd.org](mailto:mmahoney@naplescsd.org)
- **Assistant Principal:** Mrs. Heather Clark, [hclark@naplescsd.org](mailto:hclark@naplescsd.org)
- **10-12 Counselor:** Mr. Bill Murphy, [bmurphy@naplescsd.org](mailto:bmurphy@naplescsd.org)
- **7-9 Counselor:** Mrs. Monica Kastner, [mkastner@naplescsd.org](mailto:mkastner@naplescsd.org)
- **Secretary:** Ms. Evelyn Letta, [elletta@naplescsd.org](mailto:elletta@naplescsd.org)
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## Looking Ahead:

- Monday-Friday, 9/11-15 - [Spirit Week](#)
- Saturday, 9/16 - Homecoming Games & Dance
- Monday, 9/18 - School Picture Day
  - (Senior Group Photo)
- Tuesday, 9/19 - 7th Grade Field Trip
- Thursday, 9/28 - Open House @ 7-8pm
- Thursday, 10/5 - **SAVE THE DATE:** Charlie

Applestein is coming to Naples in the evening to present to parents and guardians! Charlie is an expert on strength based practices and is coming to Naples to share strategies on how to support your student for academic success.

## Updates from the Guidance Office: by Mr. Murphy

- The [Rochester Area Colleges Fair](#) visits Naples on *September 26, from 10:00-10:45*.
- [PSATs](#) are on *October 25*. Juniors can register with Mr. Murphy by September 13. The cost is \$18 (check made payable to Naples CSD).
- Students may [add or drop a course](#) through *Friday, September 21st*. Students can only remove non-required classes and will be asked if their parent supports the change beforehand.
- Mrs. Kastner will teach [Community Circles](#) with Mrs. Powers in Family Consumer Science on Fridays.



## R.I.S.E. School-Wide Expectations

Just a reminder that our school-wide expectations are Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Excellence. Monthly, teachers will be nominating students who demonstrate these attributes to receive RISE Awards.



**NEW: Online tutoring program available for FREE!**  
Here is the [link](#).



## Academic Assistance Program and Eligibility Policy

For more information on our policy please click this [link](#)

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

## Shout-Out Cards

Be on the lookout for shout-out cards coming home in the mail for your student! Teachers are looking to celebrate the good that our students are spreading every day!

## Upcoming Field Trip for ALL 7th graders and 9th-grade mentors: Cumming Nature Center by Mrs. Colleen Betrus

All 7th graders and their 9th-grade mentors will be traveling to Cumming Nature Center on Tuesday, September 19, 8:45 am-1:45 pm for a team-building field trip. The 7th grade team organized this field trip last year and it was a really fun trip that helped our 7th graders build connections with our 9th grade mentors. The students will be able to hike the trails, play team-building games, enjoy lunch outdoors, and participate in a shelter-building challenge. Information will be going home to all 7th-grade families and the families of 9th-grade mentors very soon.

[Click here for more information about the trip.](#)



## National Honor Society Membership & Induction Ceremony:

By Mrs. Lindsey Alongi

Juniors and Seniors will be notified of their candidacy for National Honor Society after grades have been finalized for Marking Period 1. Students with a cumulative (all of High School) average of 90 or better are invited to apply for membership into this national organization that honors and rewards students commitment to academic excellence, leadership, service, and integrity. Please watch your email for information or see Mrs. Alongi with any questions. The National Honor Society is scheduling donors for the Fall Blood Drive!



Schedule your  
blood donation  
appointment today.

Appointments [available to the community](#) and any [students 16 or older](#) by [clicking here](#) or searching for Naples on the Red Cross donation page. **Thursday, October 12, 2023 10am-3pm High School Gym** Please see [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for teen donation guidelines or Mrs. Alongi with any questions!



### **Fastbridge Learning:**

Next week students will be taking a universal screening which is a quick assessment that measures a student's skills or behaviors expected for his or her grade level. Screenings will be conducted three times per year. Depending upon the results of the initial screening, the school team may recommend that a student is provided additional instructional support to address the student's areas of need. If you have any questions, please contact the Director or Student Learning, Curriculum, and Assessment at 585-374-7937.



### **Fire Drills & Lockdowns**

We will be holding our annual Fire Drills and Practice Lockdown drills throughout the fall semester.



### **Get Your Student Involved in these [NCS Opportunities](#)!**

Sign-Up for Clubs, Activities, & Sports using FamilyID. [LINK](#)



## **GET INVOLVED** with the **Naples Parent-Teacher Partnership (PTP)**



Mrs. Kastner & Mrs. Clark  
will begin Lunch Bunch  
groups with all 7th grade  
students starting the week  
of September 11th.

## **NAPLES JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Spirit Week**

**Monday 9/11 ~ Adam Sandler Day**

**Tuesday 9/12 ~ USA Day**

**Wednesday 9/13 ~ Anything, but a Backpack Day**

**Thursday 9/14 ~ Decades Day**

Grade 7 - 1950s

Grade 8 - 1960s

Grade 9 - 1970s

Grade 10 - 1980s

Grade 11 - 1990s

Grade 12 - 2000s

**Friday, 9/15 ~ Green & White day (Assembly @ 1:30pm)**

**Homecoming Dance ~ Saturday 9/16 from 8-11pm cost \$5**