



## June, 2016 Family Newsletter



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear NCS Families,

One thing we can could on is change. As I enter my retirement from 32 years as an educator in Wisconsin Public Schools, I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for each year and especially these last three years at New Century School. I am thankful to have been part of this community of students, families and fellow staff members who have all worked so diligently and creatively to advance learning. I wish you all at NCS the very best. It has been an absolute pleasure to begin working with Ann Princl, who will be serving as the New Century School Director. I have great confidence that Ann will be a great match for New Century School. Ann and I will meet several times this summer and into next school year to help ensure a smooth transition. Thanks once again for the pleasure and privilege of serving as the NCS Director. I also have confidence in our students, families and staff that NCS will continue to thrive. Best wishes are extended to your family for a safe, fun, and adventurous summer. Keep reading!

With warm regards,  
Jim Ruder, NCS Director

July 20, Aug. 9 & 24	NCS Summer Play Date from 6:00-7:00 pm
July 25	Registration Opens for Girls on the Run
Aug. 9	NCS Summer Play Date from 6:00-7:00 pm
August 11	Online Registration Assistance from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Stonecrest Community Center, 5673 King James Ct
August 16	Online Registration Assistance from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg
August 16	Online Registration DEADLINE
August 22	Personalized Learning Conferences 9:00 am-3:20 pm
August 23	Personalized Learning Conferences 12:00-7:35 pm
August 24	NCS Summer Play date from 6:00-7:00 pm
Sept. 1	First Day of School
Sept. 7	First day of Girls on the Run from 3:00-4:30 pm
Oct. 11	Picture Day

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REFER TO THE NCS PARENT GOOGLE CALENDAR AND THE NCS WEB PAGE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE ([nccs.verona.k12.wi.us](http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us)) FOR INFORMATION ON WHEN CLASSES HAVE GYM, LIBRARY, FIELD TRIPS, AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER SPECIAL NCS EVENTS AND MEETINGS.



## **LOOK FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN EARLY AUGUST**

In early August, you will be receiving an online registration letter with instructions, including a special code to input that is unique to your child. You will be **REQUIRED** to **register your child online using this information and pay your registration fees on or before August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

If you need translation or technology assistance or access to a computer to register your child online, these are the dates and locations for assistance:

\* August 11th, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Stonecrest Community Center, 5673 King James Ct. and

\* August 16th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club, 4619 Jenewein Road, Fitchburg

New Century School will NOT be open as a site for online registration.

**NEW THIS YEAR: NCS will be using "E-Funds" for you to pay your registration fees in August right after you complete and submit your child's Online Registration.**

This online electronic registration and payment method is more reliable and faster and it reduces errors, so we are excited to move towards this method! Thank you for your flexibility in this!

The registration fees will remain the same as last year and are as follows:  
\*\$60 Bulk Supplies Fee (Optional but most families take advantage of our bulk discounts and this convenient service.)

\*\$15 Technology Fee (This covers technology maintenance, upgrades, and apps purchases.)

\*\$25 Field Trip Fee (covering field trips for the school year)

\*\$4 Planner Fee (Only for students entering 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

(Scholarships are available based on need.)

PLEASE NOTE: For those families who will be purchasing BULK SUPPLIES for next school year when you pay your school fees in August, please remember that **you still need to purchase** these additional items for your student(s):

- gym shoes with non-marking soles
- art smock
- headphones with ear piece comfortable for your child

If you chose to PURCHASE YOUR OWN CLASSROOM SUPPLIES for next school year, you also need to purchase the above items. Starting in mid-June, you can find your Classroom Supplies List on the NCS webpage at the district site [nccs.verona.k12.wi.us/](http://nccs.verona.k12.wi.us/) under "Announcements" in the lower right corner.

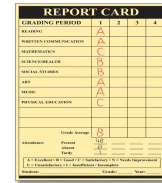


### **SUMMER HOURS**

The New Century School Office is not open regular hours during the summer. If you need to get in touch with someone, please leave a message on the office voicemail at (608) 845-4905 or email Mrs. Stump at [stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:stumpt@verona.k12.wi.us). We will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.



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### **REPORT CARDS AND MAP SCORES**

#### **ENTERING K, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

On the last day of school, report cards will be sent home with students in all grades. For grades 3 through 5, your child's MAP scores will also be in the report card envelope.

The Verona Area School District has a focus on Personalized Learning practices. A key component of Personalized Learning is for teachers to have a deep knowledge and understanding of students. Teachers will be proposing to meet with students and families before school begins to get to know students and learn about their families and the students' learning interests and strengths. NCS classroom teachers will make it a priority to offer a meeting with students and their families, primarily students who are entering kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and other students new to NCS.

If you have a child entering 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> grades, your child's report card envelope will also contain a Preconference Reflection Sheet for you to complete and bring with you to your child's August conference. If you have an incoming Kindergartener, a Preconference Reflection Sheet will be emailed to you.



NCS teachers have set aside Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 am-3:20 pm and Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:00-7:35 pm. Teachers will meet with you at the Verona Public Library using a reserved study room. Please allow 20 minutes for each visit. Thanks for taking advantage of this opportunity. This conference is designed for students and families to talk and teachers to listen. Please bring the completed Preconference Reflection Sheet with you to the conference. It is in your child's report card folder that went home today.

### **THANK YOU NCS VOLUNTEERS!**

Watch for a Sign-Up Genius in your email on the last day of school to sign up for your child's Personalized Learning conference. If you don't receive this Sign-Up Genius in your email, please call the school office at (608) 845-4905.

You rock. Without you there are no extras in school. No auctions or after school clubs. No butter braids or field days. You are an essential part of your child's school experience.

This year, we had about 600 volunteer needs/positions. And most of those were met, which is great!

However, most of those needs were met by 15% of our families. I know we can do better. If each family committed to one volunteer need or position a month, all would be covered. This is our goal.

Next school year we will be checking in with each family to see how you want to be involved in our great school community. We have opportunities for

people with availability across days, nights or weekends and across all types of interests; be it working with kids, doing office work, fundraising, marketing or something else entirely.

Please consider your available time and interests and be prepared to sign up for volunteer hours at Back To School Night (Come early to ensure you get the volunteer spot you want!)

Thanks so much!

Abby Jakowski



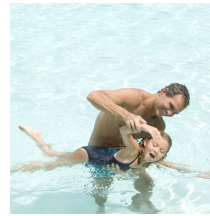
### **THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER GARDEN TENDERS!**

A great big thank you goes out to all of those families who already filled up the Sign-Up Genius and committed to taking care of our school garden this summer! If you have any questions, contact Abby Jakowski at [abby.jakowski@gmail.com](mailto:abby.jakowski@gmail.com).



### **A HUGE THANK YOU!**

A great big thank you to Abby Jakowski who coordinated and the many parents who helped out at Field Day this year! You deserve a huge round of applause! All of the students and staff at NCS, thank you for all of your time and planning to make this day so much fun and such a great success!



### **SUMMER FUN, SUMMER LEARNING**

#### ***What will YOU learn this summer?***

Reading for pleasure is a great pastime! Perhaps you will travel and learn about how different (and how similar) other towns or countries are. Maybe you'll learn how to ride a bike, or rollerblade, or swim, or play the guitar. Maybe you'll build a fort or make the coolest Lego town ever! Is there some skill you haven't had a chance to try? Maybe a relative or friend can show you how to bake or garden. No matter what it is, we hope you have a great summer and will come back to school in September with new ideas to share with others and a renewed thirst for knowledge.

Remember that learning is not something we just do in school; it happens every day and everywhere!



### **THANK YOU FOR OUR "NEW" BOOKS TO READ THIS SUMMER!**

A great big thank you to all of you who donated books for our FREE Book Fair that was on June 6<sup>th</sup>! All of our students were excited to pick books to bring home and enjoy reading this summer! Thanks to Susan Christiansen for coordinating this FREE Book Fair!



## **GIRLS ON THE RUN: GRADES 3-5 AGAIN AT NCS IN THE FALL!!**

New Century Charter School is excited to continue to partner with Girls on the Run of South Central Wisconsin this fall!

Girls on the Run is a wonderful after-school program for girls in 3rd – 5th grades and will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30pm for 10 weeks beginning September 7, 2016 and ending with participants running in the Girls on the Run fall 5K in Waunakee on Saturday November 12, 2016. Girls on the Run teaches life skills and self-confidence through an interactive curriculum and physical activity.

**Registration opens on July 25, 2016**  
at [www.girlsontherunscwi.org](http://www.girlsontherunscwi.org).

Financial assistance is available to qualifying families. For more information about GOTR, participation fees, scholarship assistance and how to register, call 608-831-GOTR (4687) or visit the website at [www.girlsontherunscwi.org](http://www.girlsontherunscwi.org).

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Klawiter at New Century School at:  
klawitej@verona.k12.wi.us



## **FUNDRAISING UPDATES**

A huge thanks to all of our families for participating in our fundraisers this year. Together we raised over \$13,000 to improve the technology available to our students, bring special guest speakers to our school, fill teacher requests for

special project supplies, host an awesome field day, and so much more. Public school budgets are tight and your generosity and participation helps us extend our students' learning by bringing the world into our school and getting our students out into the world! A big thank you to Susan Christiansen for being our awesome fundraising coordinator this year!



## **NCS SUMMER PLAY DATES**

**JULY 20, AUGUST 9, & AUGUST 24**

If you are new to NCS or have been here for a while and are looking for some fun time to connect with other NCS parents and students over the summer, we have several school-wide play dates for you!

Come and join us:

Where? NCS Playground

Who? NCS parents, students & siblings

When? Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Time for each? from 6:00-7:00 pm

Why? Meet friends, old and new, and have fun!

***(Notice: There will be NO access to school bathrooms or water fountains inside the school during these times.)***