



# NEW HEIGHTS SCHOOL

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## Summer Updates For New Heights Families

### Honor Roll 6-12

The school year has ended and final grading, with the exception of a few students who have “incomplete” grades, is complete and has been sent home. This past year presented many challenges to school systems and families alike, but we were required to conduct school with some modifications and students were required to engage either in person when schools were open or virtually through whichever virtual platform the schools chose to administer. Sadly, our school had some students who just couldn’t find a way, even with support, to manage to get the schoolwork completed and turned in for grading. However, we also saw many of our students overcome the difficulties presented during the pandemic and found a way to thrive by completing the work and submitting it in a timely manner. The honor roll, which is included in this letter, lists the students in 6-12 grade who earned the highest academic marks amongst their peers. You will notice there are 3 categories identified. Approximately 1/3 of our 6-12 grade students made this honor roll. We are proud of and care about all of our students, but we want to offer this special recognition to those students who earned the highest marks in their classes. Congratulations to all honor roll students. Hopefully we will have even more students on our honor roll next fall.

### New Heights Garage Sale 6/24 & 6/25

In an effort to raise “seed” funds for the potential renovation of our playground, New Heights is hosting a “garage sale” in the gymnasium of the school on June 24<sup>th</sup> and potentially June 25<sup>th</sup> depending on interest. We have gathered a lot of great items from our staff, families and the local community, so consider coming out to the school and pick up some bargains on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the gym.

### Registration: Enrollment/Transportation

If you have not registered your child/children for the upcoming school year, you need to register in Parent Access through JMC. If you need assistance, you can call the main office of the school (651-439-1962) and someone will assist you.

If you are needing/requesting transportation service for next year you must register directly with Stillwater District, as they provide transportation service for New Heights. Simply go to [stillwater-schools.org](http://stillwater-schools.org) > Menu > Services > Transportation > Register for Transportation > Private/Charter School Registration, or click on the direct link to the form is [HERE](#).



### IMPORTANT DATES

- New Heights School Garage Sale **June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**
- Application for Education Benefits Application available after **July 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Board of Directors Meeting **July 13<sup>th</sup>— 9:00 am**



### **Application for Education Benefits (Free and Reduced Meals)**

Whether your family intends on actually eating school meals or not, it is EXTREMELY important that all of our eligible families complete the form because several sources of federal funding are allocated to schools such as New Heights based on the free and reduced meals eligibility count for each school. So, please watch for the notice to complete the forms and please strongly consider completing the application whether you feel you family will actually participate in the meals program at New Heights or not. Important funding the school needs may be dependent on you completing those applications. Forms will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup> and we will send out a notice with instructions. If you question whether you would be eligible, please complete the application anyway as you may qualify and will be counted in the school's eligible population. It is worth a try and all students will benefit from the funding the school will receive.

### **Covid-19 Moving Forward**

The government still has not provided schools in MN with guidance for next year with regard to Covid 19 protocols. As things stand, it is our belief from prior communications that schools and districts will be given local control over how each system decides to handle school moving forward. At this time, we expect our school to return to normal or as close to normal as possible. That means school will most likely return to full-time in person 5 days per week and there will not be a distance learning option at New Heights. Whereas some of our students were successful at distance learning, the school tamed lessons down to a more manageable level during the pandemic to ensure the highest percentage of our students

possible could get through it. That said, New Heights's model is based on relationships first and in-person learning where students and teachers are side-by-side working together to accomplish school-related tasks. I'll ask you to trust that moving to a full on-line school system will look very different than distance learning because most people who were having to attend school through distance learning did not choose it and schools had to soften the approach to allow for most students to be successful. Since distance learning will now change to on-line learning, schools have to get special permission from the department of education and many/most school systems are not going to go through the process to become an on-line provider; the process is quite rigorous. New Heights is not going to do that either. So, we hope you choose to stay with New Heights moving forward, but we want you to know that you should plan, for now, that school will most likely look like it did prior to the pandemic and so you should expect, for now, that your kids will be in school as normally required, 5 days per week for 6 1/2 hours per day with no mask and no social distance requirements.



### **Graduation**

Finally, we held our second virtual (due to Covid restrictions) graduation ceremony for our 9 graduates on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was festive, personal, historical, and relational. We celebrated the accomplishments of our 9 graduates and sent them off, hopefully with a set of skills that are timely and relevant for the world they are living in right now. We are already excited about our next crop of potential graduates for next school year.

Have a great summer everyone. If you need anything from the school, you can contact us in the school's main office Mondays through Thursdays from 9-3 except on holidays.

Take care and have a great summer!

*~ Thomas M. Kearney, Principal & Superintendent*

# Academic Honors for 4th Quarter

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Students with an A in all 6 classes will be recognized as Principal's Award Students.

## HONOR ROLL

Students with an Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above will be recognized on the Honor Roll.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Students with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher will be recognized as an Honorable Mention.

### Principal's Award

#### Students:

**Josiah Kummer** (6th Grade)  
**James Cinader** (7th Grade)  
**Elizabeth Granlund** (7th Grade)  
**Addabelle Brown** (8th Grade)  
**Abbie Bell** (9th Grade)  
**Gavyn Groebner** (10th Grade)  
**Zainah Mansour** (10th Grade)  
**Grace Tacheny** (11th Grade)  
**Sam Steele** (12th Grade)  
**Taylor Suchy** (12th Grade)

### Honor Roll Students:

**James Schuster** (8th Grade)  
**Ethan Wadding** (9th Grade)  
**Camden Briggs** (10th Grade)  
**Kyle Brown** (10th Grade)  
**Mykaela Collins** (10th Grade)  
**Brady Wegge** (10th Grade)  
**Madalynn Suchy** (11th Grade)  
**Elijah VanLoon** (11th Grade)  
**Amanda Richardson** (12th Grade)  
**Jacob Schneider** (12th Grade)

### Honorable Mention

#### Students:

**George Colarusso** (6th Grade)  
**Atreyu Bernier** (7th Grade)  
**Gavin Braun** (7th Grade)  
**Samuel VanDyke** (7th Grade)  
**Grace Warolin** (7th Grade)  
**Brett Wedan** (7th Grade)  
**Hannah Emison** (8th Grade)  
**Joshua Emison** (8th Grade)  
**Donovan Perez** (8th Grade)  
**Jillian Briggs** (9th Grade)  
**Brayden Petersen-Judge** (9th Grade)  
**Charlie Torres** (9th Grade)  
**Emily Busta** (10th Grade)  
**Madison Drum** (10th Grade)  
**Jasmine Kunde** (11th Grade)  
**Jaime Ornelas Warolin** (12th Grade)



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# Semester 2 Academic Honors

## Principal's Award Students for Semester 1:

Students with an A in all classes throughout the second Semester (Q3&Q4) are recognized as **Principal's Award Students**.

**Josiah Kummer** (6th Grade)

**James Cinader** (7th Grade)

**Elizabeth Granlund** (7th Grade)

**Addabelle Brown** (8th Grade)

**James Schuster** (8th Grade)

**Abigail Bell** (9th Grade)

**Madalynn Suchy** (10th Grade)

**Grace Tacheny** (11th Grade)

**Jacob Schneider** (12th Grade)

**Sam Steele** (12th Grade)

**Taylor Suchy** (12th Grade)

## Honor Roll Students Semester 1:

Students with an Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above for the second Semester (Q3&Q4) are recognized as **Honor Roll Students**.

**Brett Wedan** (7th Grade)

**Madison Drum** (10th Grade)

**Donovan Perez** (8th Grade)

**Gavyn Groebner** (10th Grade)

**Ethan Wadding** (9th Grade)

**Zainah Mansour** (10th Grade)

**Camden Briggs** (10th Grade)

**Brady Wegge** (10th Grade)

**Kyle Brown** (10th Grade)

**Elijah VanLoon** (11th Grade)

**Mykaela Collins** (10th Grade)

**Amanda Richardson** (12th Grade)

## Honorable Mention Students Semester 1:

Students with a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher for the **Semester** (Q3&Q4) are recognized as deserving an **Honorable Mention**.

**George Colarusso** (6th Grade)

**Jillian Briggs** (9th Grade)

**Gavin Braun** (7th Grade)

**Aspen Stevens** (9th Grade)

**Grace Warolin** (7th Grade)

**Charlie Torres** (9th Grade)

**Hannah Emison** (8th Grade)

**Emily Busta** (10th Grade)

**Joshua Emison** (8th Grade)

**Jasmine Kunde** (11th Grade)