

POSITIVE POINTS
August 15, 2018 Meeting

High School

1. Congratulations to the Class of 2018. Our graduation ceremony was very positive. Special thanks to Senior Class Advisor Rich Bernstein for his work in preparing the class for this ceremony. In addition, a special thank you to our office and facilities staff for their work in preparation for this event.
2. The NHS LINKS team met August 7 & 8th. We had a very positive and productive planning session in setting our target areas for the 18-19 school year. We will be focusing on technology and building positive relationships.
3. Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Franklin's Art classes for completing all the murals in the hallway outside Room 1. The paintings look great!
4. Many of our teachers have been completing curriculum work this summer in preparation for this coming school year.
5. Once again this year our Freshman Mentoring program has approximately 40 students signed up! They will receive training on August 28-29th and will assist with Freshman Orientation.
6. Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29 from 6-7:30 pm beginning in the High School auditorium.
7. The building project continues to move along each day and we are excited to see all of the changes and upgrades.

Middle School

1. New Hires: Art- Marie DiLorenzo, Sped- Mary Carson, Math- Josh Hough, French- Elaine Williams, Math 6- Leslie Schoolcraft, Social Worker- Jessica Button
2. NMS is implementing a new course for all incoming 6th graders called Middle School Mindset aimed to assist them social and emotional navigation at the Middle School.
3. NMS is revamping the curriculum of Digital Media for grades 6-8 to provide greater focus on Digital Citizenry.
4. Summer Steam: Our MS Science Team, Mike Messere and Anne Pysnik held a week long camp hosted at Hillcrest. Its focus was Biology- based evaluating the ecosystem hosted on this 55-acre parcel. From trail clearing to bugs and trees, our students walked away with a deeper knowledge base as it relates to nature's process. Chris Klatt and Brenna McCormack hosted two separate week long STEAM camp sessions focused on robotics and career planning. 6-8 grade students used the Lego EV3 to build and code their own robots for specific challenges. Challenges included working together to complete a maze, team relay race, and sumo wrestling. Students also used the 3Doodler Start pens to learn about 3-D printing and design. 3-D glasses were made and displayed during a fabulous fashion show that pushed students to create using the elements or art and principles of design. NCS D Staff and alumni fostered a program of caring and innovation for a variety of students. Camp provided with breakfast, lunch, transportation, and a trip to Howe Caverns to tour the caves. The best part of the camp was the friendships and designs that were created through innovation and team building activities
5. CCMH has filled the therapist vacancy and plans to be operational by the start of school.
6. Save the date: NHS Sports Hall of Fame will be held on October 13; 5:30 dinner; 6:45 ceremony.

Perry Browne

1. Summer School was a success and our teachers had the opportunity to pilot the tooth-brushing program, sponsored by the Chenango Health Network. We are excited to carry this over into the school year.
2. Perry Browne was also host to the free breakfast and lunch program—this served our summer school students well and it was frequented by Liberty Partnerships on a regular basis.
3. Links was very productive! Thanks to Joe Cirigliano, Melissa Lawrence, Pam Chapman, Liz Pizzuto, and Sara Gilbeau for all their dedication and hard work! We are excited to be focusing on technology initiatives and looking at ACES to help understand the social and emotional needs of our students to build even stronger relationships with them.
4. Curriculum work has been ongoing this summer and will continue through August.
5. We have several new staff members to welcome to Team Perry Browne: In 3rd grade we welcome Gina Parrino and Meghan Keesler, in 4th grade we welcome Nicole Cannon, in 5th grade Charlene Smith and Justina Dolson will make a nice addition. Colleen Davis is our new art teacher. In specials, we have added teaching aide,

Barbara Diamond. Katlyn Carnachan will be an intern counselor, Stacey Roach is our shared nurse, and Amber Oliver, social worker, will be shared with Gibson. We welcome them all to Team Perry Browne! New Teacher Orientation will be held on August 22 and 23.

6. Our Meet and Greet will be held on September 5, from 1-3 pm.
7. A tremendous thank you goes out to Jennifer Post for helping to make the transition as smooth as possible for new Principal Michelle Osterhoudt and Assistant Principal Sean Wood. A thank you also goes out to Barb Rifanburg and the cafeteria staff for their work with our free breakfast and lunch program (and those wonderful banana bread/chocolate chip cookies!). Last, but not least, a big thanks to the custodial staff and our office team for all their hard work getting us ready for the first days of school.

Gibson

1. Teachers were in all summer working on the LINKS plan, screening Bridgers and Pre-K students, working on the next generation science standards, attending Schoology Camp and a multitude of other things. A sincere thank you to everyone for all your efforts over the summer!
2. Participation of aides and TAs for staff development days.
3. At Gibson, we had teachers in all summer working on screening Bridgers and Pre-K students. We have teachers who will attending Schoology Camp and a multitude of other professional development opportunities throughout August to best prepare for the 2018-19 school year.
4. We had a great LINKS 20 experience with a strong team determined to set SMART goals that will inspire and energize our technology and ACES initiatives throughout the school year. Thank you so much to Kyle Wenzel, Suzanne Scafidi, Tracy Ruff, Fran Nial, Mary Ann Keene, Susan LaFever, Amber Oliver, and Amy Marvin for your passion and dedication for doing what is best for our students.
5. We have a large number of new hires that we are extremely excited about welcoming to the Gibson Family. Jennifer Bollen – 1st Grade, Katie Voss – 2nd Grade, Jennifer Bartle – Speech, Teresa Berschwinger – Shared PE, Kelly Smith – Teacher Assistant, Jerevy Bernard – Teacher Assistant, Rebecca Theophel – Teacher Assistant, Lorie Beech – Teacher Aide, Tara Jablonski – Teacher Aide
6. We also have some faculty and staff to welcome back to the Gibson Family! Heather Armstrong – Pre-K, Andrea MacIntosh – Speech, Nicole Beckwith – PE, Stacey Roach – Shared LPN
7. During the summer, our front lobby floor has been completed and looks beautiful. A tremendous thank you to our custodial staff for their efforts this summer. We are thankful for all they do to help us prepare for September!
8. A HUGE thank you to the district technology team that worked so hard all year to provide us with what we need at Gibson to enhance our student learning experience. We will be receiving a chromebook cart in second grade, as well as Google Expeditions and the technology provided for this program. What is Google Expeditions you ask? Google Expeditions is an immersive education app that allows teachers and students to explore the world through over 800 virtual-reality and 100 augmented-reality tours. You can swim with sharks, visit outer space, turn the classroom into a museum, and more without leaving the classroom. A special shout out to Fran Nial for advocating for this amazing learning opportunity for us!