

**NEWAYGO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**December 11, 2024**

Good morning Newaygo Middle School,

Happy Birthday - None

Lion Pride Time will look a little different today - we are having an ornament affirmation activity in Lion Pride Time. Your Lion Pride teacher will walk you through this activity. We look forward to the many positive, cool things you shared about your classmates.

Family surveys will be given to you yesterday. Please bring them home and have parents sign them. The class with the most papers returned to their lion pride teacher wins donuts!!!

WHO SAID IT - trivia (running until Christmas Break)

Any 7th grade girls interested in playing basketball, there will be a meeting in PT in Mr. Brummel's room on Friday. (12/13)

We're going to London & Paris for Spring Break in 2027 and you're invited! 7th and 8th graders only.

If you are interested, register for the info session that's on January, 15th to be considered for this opportunity. There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity! Check your emails for the registration link. (leave in until Jan. 15th)

The **CKH Leadworthy theme for December is Responsibility: Do Your Part.**

Responsibility is about taking ownership of your thoughts, words, and actions. A responsible person values and takes care of the things in their life—whether they bought them or not. Responsibility means recognizing the importance of your school, family, friendships, and personal goals and making an effort to care for them.

When we think of someone who is responsible, we think of someone who is trustworthy and dependable. They take pride in doing their best, no matter the task. Responsible people work hard, take care of their health and relationships, and own the decisions that shape their lives.

Not all of us are naturally responsible, but that's okay! Responsibility is a skill we can all grow in, and this month, we want to focus on taking personal responsibility and doing our part. So we can improve our grades, meet our goals, and make our school the best place it can be!

Let's show our Lion pride and take ownership this month, Lions!

Keep up the hard work on Math NWEA this week, and then Reading and Language Usage NWEA tests will begin next week.

We have two short weeks of school before the end of the 1st semester. Start now to complete all homework assignments. Also, any student who fails a semester core class (Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA) will be expected to attend summer school. Utilize the 8th hour. Teachers please sign up students who may be failing and need that help.

We've noticed some of you slipping on expectations during Pride Time, and we want to make sure everyone stays on track! A few quick reminders:

1. **Be on time!** Tardiness to PT is not okay.
2. **Leave your backpacks in your lockers.** No need to bring them to class.
3. **Check into your pride time first** before going to see another teacher.
4. **Have a pass!** You can only visit another teacher if you've got a pass from them.
5. **Plan ahead.** Don't leave PT to check with teachers about missing work—handle that before primetime.
6. **Stick to the rules!** Use Smart Pass, and go straight to where you're supposed to be—no locker stops or bathroom breaks along the way.

We all need to work together to keep pride time productive. Let's finish this semester strong!

### **Lions lead with pride!**

\*\*Next week, Dec. 16-20, is Holiday spirit week for the whole school! The Student Council will be putting up posters around the school describing the dress up days. Look for these posters and start planning your fun holiday outfits! As the week goes on we will start reminding you in the announcements.

\*\*Remember College/Career today! Look for staff and students to be wearing shirts to promote colleges or careers and listen as one of your student council members highlights Central Michigan University!

\*\*This Friday (12-13) Student council will be hosting Hat Day! Pay \$1 to wear your favorite school appropriate hat all day!

Toys for Tots and the School Spirit Challenge!! Pick up an unused toy to be donated and drop it in the collection box in the front office.

Newaygo Middle School National Junior Honor Society goal is 200 toys. We currently have 209 toys.

As an incentive.....HUGE incentive.....The grade level that brings in the most toys can have Wednesday the 18th of December OFF from Khan academy and can have a Pride time free day that day in class. Thank you, Mr. Smith!

Bring in those toys!! - Deadline to turn in toys is Wednesday, December 11th. Currently the FIFTH GRADE is in the lead!

Next NJHS meeting will be today December 10th from 3:15-4 in Mrs Gerke's room.

Check out the Lost and Found area. It's overflowing again. Life Skills class will be cleaning it out soon

Donuts and hot chocolate this Friday, December 13th is for 7th and 8th graders.

Wrestling begins right after Christmas break! 6th, 7th, & 8th grade. You must have a physical on file.

Now if you would please, stand, placing your hand over your heart, and join your class in saying our Pledge of Allegiance.....Have a great day Lions!