



The STAR Reporter

Naldrett Newsletter



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Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.



Principal's Corner

Happy Holidays,

The Christmas holiday is quickly approaching. It is hard to believe it is already December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support. We value our partnership with you and look forward to a continued relationship throughout the remainder of the school year. Shortly after we return from the holiday break, our staff will continue to go over our positive behavior expectations within our PBIS program and the Positivity Project.

We are beginning the second quarter of the school year. It is important to focus on developing the whole child. Perhaps the new year will be a great time to try something new (i.e. a sport, hobby, lesson or activity). Please talk with your child about short-term and long-term goals early so you can continue to be a support as we strive for academic success. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

I wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.

Heidi Stephenson, Principal

REMINDER:

CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS AT THE END OF THE DAY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

No school from December 21st, 2024 through January 6th, 2025.

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2025.

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



COOKIES WITH SANTA: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH



Families A-L: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Families M-Z: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

YOU MUST RSVP for this event no later than Dec. 6th! You may attend at whatever time works best for you. It's more like an open house style event.



Classroom Christmas Parties

Parents, please watch your child's backpack for information regarding individual holiday party information – communication will come from classroom teachers. The last day of school for 2024 is on Friday, December 20th, and we will have a full day of school. School will resume at its normal time on Monday, January 6th, 2025. Happy Holidays!!!

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

Parents, with everything going on in the next few weeks, PLEASE make sure to pay attention when dropping your student(s) off and picking them up. The drop off line is not a parking spot. If you need to get out of your vehicle to help your child carry items into school, please park in the parking lot and cross at the crosswalk by the crossing guard.

Do not pull into a parking spot and drop your student off to cross on their own. Cars that are leaving the lot may not see the kids. Our first goal is to keep everyone safe – students and parents alike!!!

Last of all, **NO PETS** should be in the pick-up area! As gentle as your pet may be, we don't want to run the risk of someone getting injured or bit. Thank you for your cooperation!

Let's Stay Healthy!

Parents, PLEASE remember to follow the 24-hour fever free or vomit free without medicinal help rule with your students if they are ill. Thank you for your cooperation!



1st Quarter Honor Roll Announced!

With our first quarter behind us and conferences completed, we are VERY proud to announce our First Quarter Honor Roll Students. *Congratulations to:*

4th Grade – All A: Jackson Arnold, Brendan Bouvia, Charlee-Rose Caparo, Alora Clark, Alexandra Cretu, Mackenzie Crudder, Kalea Diaz, Frankie Farah, Katherine Fiegel, Brayden Gleisner, Wayne Hall, Nolan Jent, Joseph Linke, Cassidy Philliben, Jovan Raduc, Jackson Roomsburg, Logan Stasyk, Bella Stewart, Lilyann Stringer, Holly Tokarz, Teagan Vandebosche, William VanHamlin, Kelan Worboys and Ryan Zajac.

4th Grade – A/B: Miles Allen, Cooper Babisz, Andreanna Bean, Irelyn Crown, Chase Culler, Olivia Daly, Aubree Dulics, Michaela Eschenburg, Chloe Felder, Lauryn Gillison, Aubrey Gruner, Benjamin Hubbert, Riley Janes, Arabella LaValley, Evelette Luna, Grace Mylan, Jameson Peiffer, Kelton Plante, Elena Ramlow, Sophia Ray, Logan Sharples, Vincent Turczyn, Andrew Walker and Parker Waters-Witulski.

5th Grade – All A: Eleanor Bommarito, Zoey Criner, Easton Elsey, Aiden Gruber, Gabrielle Jordan, Constantine Matti, Mia Moeller, Brady Palin, Max Pulvirenti, Anderson Ramlow, Brady Wilson and Iman Zajac.

5th Grade – A/B: Emma Bechill, Noella Carlisi, Giovanni Caruso, Charlotte Collins, Isabella Dietrich, Levi Eveland, Alaina Gatto, Payton Huskey, Ayden Jones, John Kort, Owen Krauseneck, Kylee Lietz, Kamilla Locke, Christian Magnan, Liam Mosely, Ashton Nester, Tyler Pate, Hailey Raymond, Lillyana Rushlow, Matthew Schroeder, Logan Scott, Brooklyn Snell, Gianna Turcott and Chase Vornold.

Great job, everyone!!!

Naldrett Student Council News

The Student Council Butter Braid sale brought in over \$2,000! This money will be used for school and classroom resources that teachers need to support our school and students. Thank you to all who purchased or helped in any way. We greatly appreciated our student council participants and advisors to make this a success! Thank you to Mrs. Bowman, Ms. Gorham and Mrs. Baumgarten for all of the organization!

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

NEW BALTIMORE GOODFELLOWS – NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS

The New Baltimore Goodfellows are now accepting applications for their “No Child Without a Christmas” program. Gifts are given to children birth through age 15. Applications are available from any Anchor Bay School and the New Baltimore City office. Completed applications can be returned to the above locations or mailed directly to New Baltimore Goodfellows, PO Box 82, New Baltimore, MI 48047. You can also email completed applications to nbgoodfellows@yahoo.com. **Applications must include ALL required information:**

- Proof of Anchor Bay School District Residency (Example: copy of current driver’s license or utility bill).
- Signed application by a Parent or Guardian.
- A VALID phone number on the application – Phone number is necessary to notify you of the date you will receive the gift.
- Copy of the Birth Certificate for each child is required.
- Proof of Income for the family required. (Example: Copy of a current Bridge Card)

No phone call referrals will be accepted. Applications are being accepted now through Friday, December 6th, 2024.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE!

In an effort to remain as healthy and as safe as we possibly can during these uncertain times, we are remaining diligent in our day-to-day operations. If you need to come and sign your student in or out of school during the day, there is a table in the entrance way with a QR code posted. Use your phone to scan the code and follow the screen to sign your child in/out of school. If needed, press the doorbell and we will be able to speak with you through the intercom system. The door will be opened for the student to enter or leave, and family members should stay in the entrance way. If you need to drop off lunches, water bottles, gloves, etc., please leave them on the table in the entrance. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in these efforts to stay safe!

STAR COUNCIL: DINE AND DONATE UPDATE

Just a quick update on the Buffalo Wild Wings event... We received a check for \$273.21 from Patton Wings, Inc. Thank you to all who showed up to support this event!!!

CELL PHONES / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The district recognizes that cell phones have become a part of daily life. Many students have them, however, we would discourage students from bringing them to school. **In the event that students are instructed by parents to bring them, they must be turned off and stored in lockers during the day.** The district assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or vandalism to wireless communication device brought onto district property.

If students need to contact their parents for any reason, they are to **USE THE PHONE IN THE CLASSROOM** with the teacher’s permission, or **USE THE PHONE IN THE OFFICE**. They are not to use their cellphones during school hours.

Star Council Information

The Naldrett Star Council Parent Advisory Group is calling for volunteers for the 2024/25 school year!

What is the Naldrett Star Council?

The Star Council is parent advisory group much like a PTO where Naldrett parents, families, teachers and staff can work together to create a network of support and community for the children in our school and make a lasting impact on our students' growth and development.

Why join?

Students Benefit - Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them to perform better academically

Schools Benefit - The Star Council supports our school's teachers and administration which, in turn, creates a positive and caring atmosphere in our school community

Make Connections - Get to know the teachers and staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school

Come learn how you can support our students and staff by volunteering for one of the many Naldrett-hosted events this school year!

We are looking for volunteers for some of the such as:

Star Council Committee's /Volunteer sign-up sheets (these will be available at **OPEN HOUSE** to sign up!)

- * Kindergarten Boo
- * Trunk or Treat
- * Book Fairs (December and Spring)
- * Thankful Thursday
- * Popcorn Friday's
- * The Santa Shoppe
- * Glowstick Walk-a-Thon
- * Positivity Project #otherpeoplematter
- * Restaurant Nights (3)
- * Ice Cream Social
- * 5th Grade Celebration

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22nd, in the library. Free babysitting will be available!

Check out our Naldrett Website for more information!

Positivity Project Updates:

Teachers continue to have daily lessons at the start of each day that covers a character trait....
ask your child what trait are they
learning about in school this week?

**#otherpeoplematter #buildpositiverelationships #kindwords #safehands #goldenrule
#treatothersthewayyouwanttobetreated**

Character Strengths Overview

Character strengths — as classified by positive psychology — are a family of positive traits expressed through a person’s thoughts, feelings, and behaviors that are universally recognized for the strength that they create in individuals and communities.

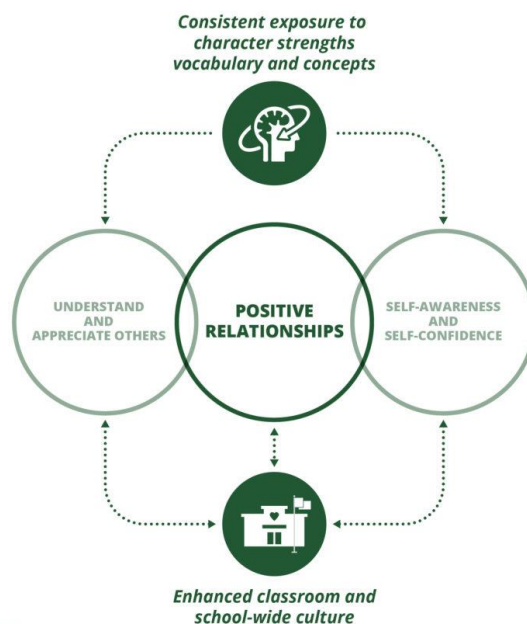
Making children aware that every one of them has all 24 [character strengths](#), provides the foundation for genuine self-confidence grounded in self-awareness. At the same time, it helps children better understand why everyone is different and how to appreciate those differences.

Unlike our height, weight, or skin color, character strengths aren’t something that can’t be seen with the naked eye. Therefore, understanding and valuing them — [especially in other people](#) — requires a framework of consistent reflection and discussion.

By consistently teaching our youth about the character strengths that everyone possesses, they will see people based on the content of their character. This ability will enhance their self-awareness and self-confidence, understanding and appreciation of others, and [interpersonal relationships](#) – which will positively influence our youth (individually and collectively) across their lifespans.

Ranging from bravery and creativity to integrity and gratitude, [positive psychology’s 24 character strengths](#) are the foundation of The Positivity Project’s model.

OUR MODEL



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UPCOMING DATES - 2024-2025



- Monday, Dec. 2: School Resumes
- Monday, Dec. 2: New Baltimore Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 2-6 – Book Fair Week! Watch for more info from teachers!
- Fri, Dec. 6: CC Classrooms to Premier – Bowling Trip
- Sunday, Dec. 8: Naldrett Run Club @ New Baltimore Jingle Bell Run
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 9-13: Santa Shoppe
- Tuesday, Dec. 10: 4th Grade Music Program – 6 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 11: Cookies with Santa (5:30-7:30)
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 16-20 – Spirit Week!
 - Mon, Dec. 16: Merry Monday – Christmas Colors (Grinchy Green/Santa Red)
 - Tues, Dec. 17: Mad About Plaid – Flannel Day – Wear your favorite flannel shirt.
 - Wed, Dec. 18: Holiday Cheer – Ugly Sweater/Christmas Shirt Day
 - Thurs, Dec. 19: Winter is Coming – Wear your warmest Christmas Socks & Headwear.
 - Fri, Dec. 20: Long Winter’s Nap – Wear your coziest sleepwear.
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 – NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK
- Monday, Jan. 6 – School Resumes

A Merry Christmas to All.....and a Happy New Year, too!!!