

# Dr. Anthony Berthiaume

## Superintendent

### New Lothrop Area Public Schools

February is a short month, but we have many school and extra-curricular activities taking place. We will be hosting DK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences, Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. As I have mentioned before, this is a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with teachers thus far in the school year. **A special note:** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> we have staff professional development; students will not have school. Also, Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, students and staff have the day off to observe President's Day.

Another important event of note is the Elementary's annual Valentine's Day parties that will take place on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 1:15 p.m. and classroom parties start at 1:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom and mingle with other parents as well as involve themselves in the classroom party.

As a district staff, we believe that it is imperative to have our students experience learning activities outside of the classroom. Our staff and students do an outstanding job with the numerous events that extend beyond the school building. Below are a few of the activities and events that highlight that belief including, the Winter Special Olympics, Frankenmuth Snowfest, and FFA leadership contests.

Mrs. Jessica Marcet, our Jr./Sr. High School Math Teacher took a group of high school students to volunteer at the Area 22 Special Olympics at Hartley Outdoor Education Center in St. Charles. Our students volunteered at the sledding hill by catching athletes at the bottom of the hill and returning equipment to the top of the hill. This is a great event for our students and we hope to participate in the Winter Special Olympics in the years to come.



On January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, a team of New Lothrop students competed in the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Carving Competition sponsored by Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. The team was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Wickerham, our Jr./Sr. High School Art Teacher. The students who participated were Kiara Gemalsky, Hannah Rau, Jillian Rau (Team Captain), and Taylor Yaros. The team did an outstanding job competing against other high school teams and tied for fifth place overall out of twenty teams! The sculpture they created was a gnome with mushrooms called "Endings and Beginnings"; it was truly amazing to see their artistic ability and teamwork in action!

FFA contest season has arrived! On January 30<sup>th</sup>, our New Lothrop Chapter led by Mr. Wyrick, Agri-Science Teacher & FFA

Advisor and Mr. Charles Henige, FFA Junior High Advisor, went to Durand High School to participate in this year's district leadership contests. The New Lothrop FFA Chapter had 43 students competing in various contests such as Parliamentary Procedure, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, agricultural issues, job interview, demonstration, public speaking and other categories. Out of the 43 students who competed, 35 students advanced to Regionals! Perry High School will be hosting the Regional competition on February 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:00 p.m. Thank you to all of you who came and supported, judged, and helped our students.

We take great pride in making sure we offer the best education possible to our students in the classroom and through our offered extra-curricular activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office phone number is 810-638-5091.

Sincerely,

Anthony Berthiaume, Ph.D.  
Superintendent