

MUSIC *notes*

Solo & Ensemble

This year we had 22 students attend Solo & Ensemble in Winter, WI. Each of the students performed very well and received many 1 and 2 ratings for their performances. The Music Department is very proud of the hard work and effort that each of the students put towards their events! We are pleased to announce that we will have two students attending State Solo & Ensemble at UW—Eau Claire on May 4th. These students received a starred 1 rating on their events.

Aaron Hinton (11th) — Clarinet Solo



Upcoming Events

State Solo/Ensemble

May 4th @ UW - Eau Claire

7-12 Spring Concert

Monday, May 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

K-6 Concert with FFA

Thursday, May 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.



On March 15th, the Pep Band traveled to Flambeau HS to compete in the conference-wide Pep Band Playoffs. Our JH/HS students put in a great deal of work for the competition. Our students received the Best Musicianship award, meaning that we played our notes and dynamics more accurately than the rest of the ensembles there. We are looking forward to competing again next year!



Trojan Talk

April/May/June 2019

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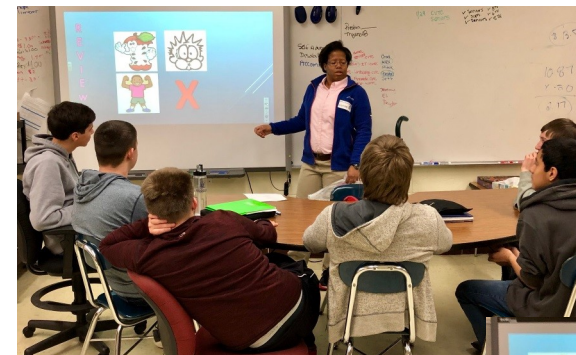
New Auburn School web site: www.newauburn.k12.wi.us

View the Trojan Talk in color at: www.newauburn.k12.wi.us/Apr-May-June19.pdf

Go to our website & sign up for the Athletic Activity Schedule

LIKE us on Facebook to get updated school information

New Auburn High School's Career Skills Class received a presentation by Kecia Thompson-Gordon, Blackhawk Technical College student, on February 18th, 2019. Kecia will be graduating in May as a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). She shared with the students what a PTA does on a daily basis and what her training to become a PTA looked like. She also shared a powerpoint with the students on proper body mechanics. She spoke on the importance of body mechanics in their day-to-day routines

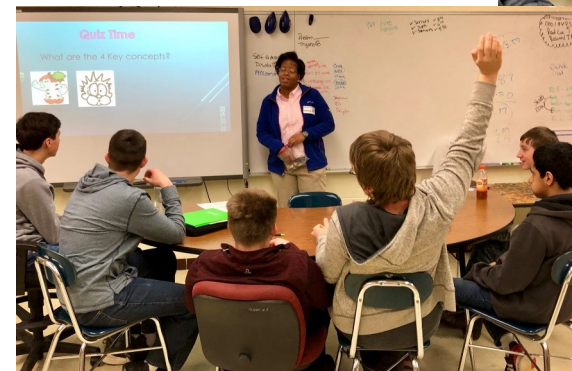


Kecia quizzing students on knowledge gleaned from presentation

such as vacuuming and lifting. Kecia stated, "I think that talking about my career is important for two reasons. First, I don't think that very many people have ever heard of a physical therapist assistant or know that there are several tech schools in the state that offer the two year program. Secondly, there are many benefits to going in to physical therapy. Talking about what I do gives me the opportunity to help people understand what great resources physical therapists can be for not only rehab purposes but also for injury prevention." Student Jeremy Java stated, "It was more interactive to have a guest speaker talk about her career than reading about it." Students were able to ask questions and participated and were reminded of good body mechanic practices. Mrs. North commented, "Whenever possible, we like to have speakers come in and share their real-life stories with our students in order that they increase knowledge."



Kecia demonstrating to student proper lifting techniques



Kecia sharing power point on proper body mechanics



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Important Dates

- April 8—Late Start 10:10 am
- April 13—Prom 8:00-11:00
- May 6—Late Start 10:10 am
- May 20—6:30 pm
7-12 Spring Music Program
- May 22—10:30-3:00 pm
Elementary Track & Field
- May 23—6:30
K-6 Spring Music Program
- May 24—9:00-11:00 am
HS Awards Day
7:00 pm-Graduation
- May 27—NO SCHOOL
- May 29—10:30 am
4-K Graduation
- June 6—10:00-11:30
Elementary Awards Day
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Greetings to all parents and community members of the School District of New Auburn! In an effort to offer as much communication and transparency as possible, I have decided to start providing our school community with a monthly school district news report. This report will appear on our school district web page, our school Facebook page, and in our school newsletter. It is my intention to share with our community a summary of actions taken at our monthly school board meetings and any other current and relevant news that we can share. We invite you to all stayed tuned into our school news.

The February monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, February 18th. Below is a summary of actions taken by our school board:

- **GYMNASIUM IMPROVEMENTS** - Our school board is interested in trying to provide our public with a safer means of getting in and out of our bleachers in the big gym. The school board gave the approval to have our bleacher aisles widened and install handrails on the north bleachers. If this is well received, the bleachers on the south side may be modified at a later date.

- A contract was also approved to have the basketball backboards, gym curtains, and bleachers inspected and serviced to make sure they are all in safe, working order.

- **TESTING** - Each year the state requires public schools to provide a report to the school board that shows progress made with closing the achievement gaps between classifications of students. This is known as the AGR report. Ms. Mason, the Principal, presented this report, based on the first year results of our new achievement testing system. The school board approved her report, which identified areas our students are showing gains.

- **THERAPY DOG** - A new trend in public schools has been the introduction of trained therapy dogs coming into schools for the purpose of helping children cope with social and emotional struggles. The theory is somewhat similar to a child going to a doctor's office and being given a teddy bear to hold and cuddle to feel safe. In schools, the dogs are trained to provide children with an escape from their anxieties so that they can relax, talk, and share what they are feeling in order to get the help they need. Mr. Kowalski, Guidance Counselor, is giving the school board

some ideas to consider that include the possibility of bringing a trained therapy dog into our school in the future. The school board is curious as to how this would be received by our community.

- **SCHOOL CLOSINGS** - It is no secret that this winter has been one to talk about when it comes to school closings. We went from a winter without any snow to a year of unprecedented numbers of school closings statewide. Most schools have been forced to add school days to meet the state requirement for the minimum number of instructional hours required per year. In New Auburn, we were fortunate enough to have enough additional instructional hours already in our school schedule so that we did not have a lot to make up. After seven days of school closings this year, we were only ten hours short of our requirement at the time of the school board meeting. February 22nd was scheduled to be a half-day of parent-teacher conferences and teacher in-service time. Instead, the school board voted to cancel those activities and hold a full school day. On top of that change, the school board also agreed to remove the hall passing minutes each day and have the administration include convert those minutes into instructional time. This has positioned our school district to be caught up on our state required time for classes and still be ready in case of one or two additional cancellations yet this year.

- **SUMMER SCHOOL** - Summer school is back in New Auburn for 2019! After a year off that involved some classroom renovations, we will be holding a two-week summer school program with full-day classes from June 10-21. We will be offering instruction at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Watch for summer school announcements that will be coming out soon!

- **RETIREMENTS** - I would like the community to join our school board and staff in congratulating and thanking Dan Hanson and Sharon Sonnentag as they have decided to retire this spring. They have both done a very nice job in keeping our school building and grounds in fantastic condition over the past decade or two. They will be moving on and enjoying the next phase of their lives.

- **NEW MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR** - I would also like the community to join us in congratulating Dennis Webb as our new Maintenance Director in the school district. The

Board agreed to promote Dennis into this position after serving in the second position for several years. Dennis has been a pivotal employee on our custodial staff for several years and is ready to step up and take over Dan's duties.

- **CUSTODIAL VACANCIES** - We will be posting two full-time, night custodial positions with fringe benefits. Qualified and interested community members are encouraged to apply in the district office. Approximate wage rate will be \$12-\$14 per hour. Those positions will be filled as soon as possible.

- **COACHING EVALUATIONS** - The school board has also approved a new evaluation system for all athletic coaches. Under the new evaluation system, all coaches will be required to meet specific expectations surrounding communications and player development. It is our hope that this new system will assist coaches in consistently improving their coaching abilities and providing the best opportunities and experiences for all athletes and their parents.

At the risk of making this first article too lengthy, I will call it a day and send this on to my staff to publish. If any of our readers have specific questions for me about this article or about anything you would like me to comment about in the future, please send me an email at the address below.

I am also interested in offering a monthly coffee social at our local restaurant if any of our citizens would like to sit and visit in person with Ms. Mason, Principal, and myself. We would love to have coffee and visit to talk about school events. Please send us an email or call us if you would like to be a part of that.

Have a wonderful day and drive safely.

Thank you.

Scott Johnson
johnsons@mail.newauburn.k12.wi.us

715-237-2202, ext. 101

2019 Yearbook For Sale Online

The 2019 yearbook is on sale for \$25 thru 3-31-19 then \$30 thru 6-1-19

You may order from our homepage (www.newauburn.k12.wi.us) using a credit card or cash or check made payable to New Auburn Yearbook in the art room or at certain sporting events.

Included in the 48-page, full color, hardcover yearbook:

- Senior and baby portraits, senior class photos and snapshots, senior trip, and graduation
- 7th – 11th grade student and class photographs
- Junior high and high school sports teams and snapshots
- Homecoming and prom
- FFA, Band, Choir, Letter Club, and other clubs
- Staff photographs and snapshots



Senior Yearbook Photos Due Now!

Student Lifetouch photos will be used in the yearbook if senior portraits are not turned into Mrs. Van Grunsven by April 15th. Baby photos are also needed at that time. Digital photos approximately 3"x4" with a 300 dpi resolution may be emailed to vangrunsvenk@mail.newauburn.k12.wi.us. Hard copies may be dropped off in the art room. Seniors are also asked to complete a Senior Activity sheet which lists all the activities seniors were involved with since seventh grade. Sheets can be picked up in the art room and delivered to Mrs. Van Grunsven in the art room when completed.

Thank You, Yearbook Sponsors!

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring a page in the yearbook and/or buying a yearbook for a graduating senior:

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| ○ Barron Mutual Insurance Company | ○ Kevin's Refrigeration Service |
| ○ Bloomer Floral & Gift | ○ New Auburn Area Fire Department |
| ○ Blue Diamond Family Dental | ○ Northwest Coin Machine |
| ○ Bridge Stop | ○ River Country Co-op |
| ○ Ken & Karie Butterfield of Precision Concrete | ○ Security Bank – New Auburn |
| ○ Chetek Bakery | ○ Shadick's Price Rite Foods |
| ○ Citizens Connected | ○ Skaw Precast Co. Inc. |
| ○ Dairy State Bank – Bloomer | ○ Subway of Bloomer & Chetek |
| ○ The Frog and the Fly Bistro & Pub | ○ Synergy Cooperative |

It's not too late to sponsor a page in the yearbook! Sponsorships will be accepted until May 24, 2019 and cost \$50 per page or \$90 per spread. Money raised will be used to buy each graduating senior a yearbook then used to reduce the cost of the yearbook for 7-11 students. If you would like to sponsor a page or buy a yearbook for a graduating senior, please contact Mrs. Van Grunsven at vangrunsvenk@mail.newauburn.k12.wi.us or 715-237-2505 x. 121.

**Thank you for supporting the students of
New Auburn and the New Auburn yearbook!**



VOTE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

APRIL 2, 2019

There are 2 positions available on the School Board

The candidates are:

- 1. Mckinze O. Berg (unopposed)
- 2. Timothy L. Trowbridge (unopposed)
- 3. Write In _____
- 4. Write In _____

**BLOOMER/NEW AUBURN
FOOD PANTRY**

(left at the Veterans Flags toward Middle School,
turn right at first stop sign and continue to address).

Open: Friday
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: 808 Jackson Street
Open to anyone living in the Bloomer or
New Auburn School District area.



School District of New Auburn
PO Box 110
704 N. East Street
New Auburn, WI 54757

The School District Report By Scott Johnson, District Administrator March 2019

Greetings to all parents and community members of the School District of New Auburn! In an effort to offer as much communication and transparency as possible, I have decided to start providing our school community with a monthly school district news report. This report will appear on our school district web page, our school Facebook page, and in our school newsletter. It is my intention to share with our community a summary of actions taken at our monthly school board meetings and any other current and relevant news that we can share. We invite you to all stayed tuned into our school news.

The March monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, March 18th. Below is a summary of actions taken by our school board:

- **Therapy Dog** - The school board was approached at the last meeting about the concept of investing in a professionally trained therapy dog who would come to school each day and be available to students in need of social, emotional, or other mental health comforting. This is a practice that is beginning to spread across several school districts and it is getting very positive reviews and as a wonderful tool for helping troubled children cope with problems. Our school board has requested Mr. Kowalski to return with a proposal/contract for them to review and consider approving. Nothing is final yet, but we are a step closer, especially if fundraising efforts prove to be successful to help offset costs.

- **Group Health Insurance** - Last year our school board agreed to join a consortium of school districts in the region who wanted to test the theory that we stand a better chance to save money on the cost of health insurance for our employees if we band together and look for companies that want to bid to a much larger, collective group of school employees. The idea behind that theory is that when a school district stands alone and has a bad year of health insurance claims, the insurance companies may raise the rates excessively and create an undue burden on the taxpayers. When we unite, a school district that has a year with lots of medical claims, gets protected because those claims get spread across the school districts who have low claim years. We recently learned that indeed our health insurance rates appear to be on schedule for a lower rate as a consortium than many districts in the consortium could have afforded had they been alone.

- **Purchase of a Floor Scrubber** - The time has come for a new floor scrubber in the school district, so the board has invested in one that will do a fantastic job for years to come. Our district has a reputation of being one of the cleanest facilities in the region. This will help us to maintain that great reputation.

- **Board Policies-Volume 27, #2** - Throughout the year our school board reviews and updates various school board policies as needed and as advised. The school board approved a first reading on amendments to some of the policies contained in volume 27, #2. Those policies can be found on the district web page.

- **Snow Days vs. Contract Days** - Each year teachers contract to work a set number of days in the school year. That contract allows for a few days to be forgiven in the event of snow days. This year happened to be an exceptional year where the school had to be closed a total of nine days. The Leadership Team asked that if the school board required the extra days to be made up, they would like the board to consider allowing staff to make up the hours through professional development and other extracurricular participation that would be above and beyond the contract. The board voted to require teachers to make up 30 hours of additional time. This time must be pre-approved and recorded by the principal. Any hours that are not made up prior to June 20th shall result in a deduction of pay. Leave time may be applied if the employee has accrued personal leave.

- **Review of Bids on Use School Bus** - One of our older substitute school buses broke down last summer with a broken head gasket. We have learned that the cost to repair the bus exceeds the value of the school bus so the bus was advertised for sale with a notice for bids. We received a total of four bids. The school board approved the \$1000 sale of the bus to the highest bidder.

- **Resignations** - The resignation of Emily Campbell, Fifth Grade, was officially accepted for the end of the school year. Best wishes to Miss Campbell in her future. She will be missed! Thanks to Miss Campbell for serving the students of New Auburn.

- **New Custodial Hires** - Due to the fact we have two key members of our maintenance staff retiring soon, we have completed the search and screen process to replace them. We are pleased to announce the names of Dalton Hinke and Brian McFaul as our new night custodians. Please help welcome to both of these individuals to the school

district team..

- **2019-2020 Staffing** - Our school board took a look at what next school year will look like in terms of programs and staffing. Each year we look at who might be retiring or resigning, where changes need to be made in the instructional programs being offered, the numbers of students in each grade or subject, the number of staff members we need to get the job done properly, and how all of those things fit into the budget. It can be a very perplexing job balancing the best education we can offer with being fiscally responsible and prudent with the taxpayers' money. Sometimes these changes can call for positions to be added and sometimes it can call for positions to be eliminated or reduced. The school board approved next year's staffing pattern and those changes will be discussed first with any individuals who may be affected by those changes personally, before making any news more public.

I would like to remind our community that the school board election will be held next month on April 2nd, Election Day. Please be sure to vote at the polls. We have two spots open and only one incumbent running. Wayne Dachel will not be seeking re-election for a new term. Tim Trowbridge is seeking re-election. McKenzie Berg is the only other district resident who filed for school board candidacy.

Our April school board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22. The elected school board members will be sworn in at that time.

As always, community members are welcome to contact or visit the school with any questions.

Happy Spring to All!!

NEW AUBURN CAREER SKILLS CLASS

New Auburn High School's Career Skills class, composed of eight students, partnered with a variety of representatives of local businesses and agencies for mock interviews. Students were given the opportunity to improve their



L to R Lorna Margenau, Dorothy Folz, Shayla Jarvis, Chris Poradish, Kelli Ludwigson, Jane Hill and Brandon Nelson

interviewing skills and gain tips from the experts on creating effective resumes. This sixth annual Mock Interview Day was held on Thursday, February 28th, 2019 at the Back 40 Dining in Bloomer, WI.

For the first time, the event started with a "Community Conversation" where students were able to ask the guest panel questions regarding their place of business or agency. Example questions included, "What do you like most about your job?" and "What does a typical work day look like for you?" Following the 60 minute discussion, the group entered the dining room for a "business



L to R Kelli Ludwigson, Brandon Nelson, Jane Hill, Shayla Jarvis, Chris Poradish, Dorothy Folz, Lorna Margenau, Jessica Edinger

luncheon" where everyone had a chance to get better acquainted prior to the formal interviews. Following lunch, students rotated between six interviewers and were able to receive helpful feedback on their resumes and interviewing strategies.

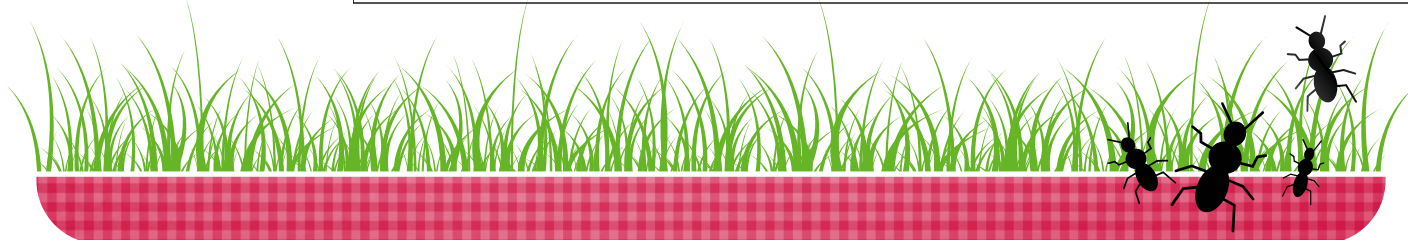
Interviews were conducted by Kelli Ludwigson representing Security Bank in New Auburn; Dorothy Folz, owner of Rice Lake's Culvers; Lorna Margenau, Special Education Director of New Auburn School District; Jane Hill and Brandon Nelson, owner and transportation director of Growing Opportunities and Resources in Rice Lake; Chris Poradish from Inclusa; Shayla Jarvis from Division of Vocational Resources (DVR); and parent Jessica Edinger sat on the "Community Conversation" panel.

Student Mackenzie Lange stated, "Even though I have had a job and interviewed before, this experience was more formal and I was given a lot of feedback on how to improve my answers and fix up my resume." This event was organized by Kristine North-New Auburn Career Skills Class Instructor and Shirley Berlin from Growing Opportunities. We want to thank the Back 40 for hosting the event for the past three years.

"This type of activity gives an opportunity for students to practice real-life interview experiences, as well as ask questions of employment experts to find out what employers expect from their employees." Shirley Berlin from Growing Opportunities

April/May/June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	SPRING BREAK						
7	8 LATE START 10:10 am	9 4:00 pm MS Track @ Barron V Track @ Spooner	10	11 4:00 pm V Track @ Siren	12	13 8:00-11:00 pm PROM	
	FFA NATURE'S VISION FUND RAISER						
14	15 4:15 pm MS Track @ Clear Lake	16 4:15 pm V Track @ Clear Lake 4:30 pm MS Track @ Cornell	17	18 4:00 pm V Track @ Bruce	19 HOLIDAY BREAK	20	
	CLASS OF 2021 KRINGLE FUNDRAISER						
21	22	23 4:00 PM MS Track @ Bloomer V Track @ Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	24	25 4:30 pm V Track @ Cornell	26 4:30 pm MS Track @ Ladysmith	27	
	CLASS OF 2021 KRINGLE FUNDRAISER						
28	29	30 4:00 pm MS Track @ Colfax V Track @ Bloomer	1 MAY	2 4:00 pm MS Track @ Bruce	3 4:00 pm V Track @ New Auburn	4	
5	6 LATE START 10:10 am 4:00 pm MS Track New Auburn	7 3:30 pm V Track @ Colfax	8	9 TBD V Track @ Flambeau	10 4:00 pm MS Track Conference Meet @ Cameron	11	
12	13	14 TBD V Track @ Flambeau	15	16	17	18	
19	20 TBD V Track @ Colfax 6:30 pm 7-12 SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM	21	22	23 3:45 pm Varsity Sectional @ Cameron 6:30 pm K-6 SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM	24 9:00-11:00 am 7-12 Awards Day 7:00 pm GRADUATION	25	
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY BREAK	28	29 10:30 AM 4K Graduation	30	31	1 JUNE	
2	3	4	5 SPLASH FOR CASH	6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR K-11 Early Dismissal 1:00 pm	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	SUMMER SCHOOL						
	SWIMMING LESSONS						
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Summer School 2019 Dates:

Greetings- I'm super excited to direct Summer School for the New Auburn School District this year. I have directed Summer School for thirteen years at my former school and enjoyed seeing students continue to learn fun, academic material through hands-on experiences during their first few weeks of summer. This year, I'm proud to present to you a session called "Packed Full of Fun" and an upper elementary/ middle school version of theatre (performing on the last day of Summer School). This event is offered to children living in the New Auburn School District, or attending the New Auburn School. Mark your calendars with the following dates

(hoping that we don't get pushed back because of snow days.) More details will come home in a registration form this spring. Cindy Guest
 Note: Traditionally Summer School has been Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for three different weeks in June. This year we are going to try something new by having Summer School the first two weeks of summer.

Packed Full of Fun (Grades K-6)
 June 11-14 (T-F)
 June 17-21 (M-F)

Theatre (Grades 4-8)
 June 11-14 (T-F)
 June 17-21 (M-F)



SUMMER SCHOOL K-6
 June 11-14 (T-F)
 June 17-21 (M-F)

THEATRE (Grades 4-8)
 June 11-14 (T-F)
 June 17-21 (M-F)

2019 Job Olympics

New Auburn High School was one of the six schools represented at the 2019 Job Olympics (5th annual) event. This year's event took place on Wednesday, February 27th from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at the Chippewa Valley Technical College-Chippewa Falls Campus. Job Olympics is a competitive event for high school students with disabilities. Job simulations are used to create realistic job situations. Judges of the event included business and vocational people from the surrounding community.

New Auburn students winning first place included:
 Mackenzie Lange winner of "Hanging Apparel";
 Remington Robey winner of "Silverware Rolling" and
 Preston Clark winner of "Stocking."
 Also in attendance was Jeremy Java. Other events included, "Mock Interview", "Folding Clothing", "Soft Skills", "Custodial", "Best Bagger" and "Table Setting."

Student Eli Edinger stated, "I appreciated that we were scored with Rubrics for each event. I was able to see my score sheets after the event in order to see how I did. I liked



that each event was timed and it was competitive."

Every student was able to leave with a written evaluation of their skills performance of the tasks that they did along with earning a variety of awards and door prizes.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons will once again be offered to children living in the New Auburn School District, or attending the New Auburn School, ages 5 and older, through the *Bloomer Aquatic Center*.

The cost of instruction will be **\$32.00**.

Lessons will be 8 days for 40 minutes each time.

Monday through Thursday, **June 10-13, 3:30 & 4:15** start, bus 3:05 & 3:50,
 Monday through Thursday, **June 17-20, 3:30 & 4:15** start, bus 3:05 & 3:50,
 Pick up and drop off are at the New Auburn School

Parent Chaperones will be needed for each bus—each day.
 Please indicate below if you are interested in helping out.

Please complete the form below and return with payment payable to New Auburn School to the High School office by April 30th.

Any questions please contact Michele at 237-2505 x104.
 Please return the bottom half to the High School office.

1 form per student—additional forms may be requested, please call 237-2505 x 104

Child's Name _____
 (Current)

Grade _____ Parent Name _____

Please print

Parent signature _____

Contact Phone Numbers _____

Last Completed Class or _____ First Time Attending Class

Level Names Have Changed

_____ **Level 1**
 (Beta Fish = Pike 1/Polliwog)

_____ **Level 2**
 (Catfish = Polliwog/Pike 2)

_____ **Level 3**
 (Guppy = Guppy/Eel/Ray)

_____ **Level 4**
 (Jellyfish = Minnow)

_____ **Level 5**
 (Shark = Fish/Flying Fish)

_____ **Level 6**
 (Junior Life Guard)

_____ Yes I would like to help with being a chaperone.

Please Do Not Write Below line—Office Use Only

