

Annual Report to the Community

September 2013 - June 2014

New Germany Rural High School



A note from the Principal

It hardly seems possible that the 2013-2014 has come and gone. There were many highlights during the year starting with our Academic Awards in September and concluding with our 59th graduating class!

I was very pleased that in partnership with our school board, local business and families we were able to provide i-Pad minis for every student in Grade 7 to assist in their learning. We also offered 3 new course offerings; Mikmaw Studies 10, Oceans 11 and Sociology 12 along side our popular Options and Opportunities program and Advanced Placement courses which continued to flourish.

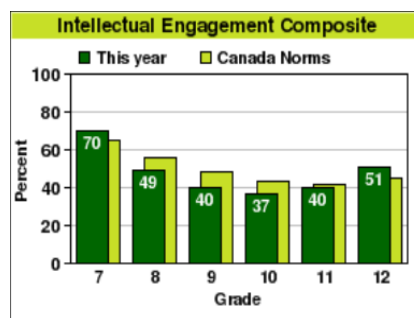
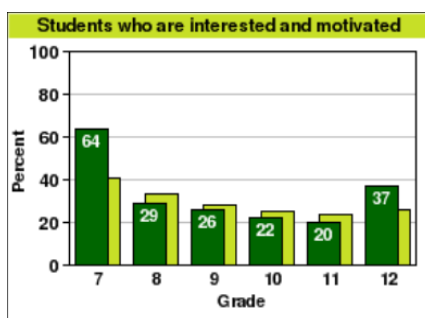
Our drama productions, Night of the Arts, and Athletic Programs were again very successful! We captured both the district and regional championships in junior girls and boys soccer and were the Regional Champions in Senior Girls Basketball.



I would like to wish our vice principal, Mrs. Joyce Veinot-Gates, all the best in her new position next year as Principal of Chester Area Middle School. Her leadership and dedication over the past three years to New Germany Rural High school has been **fantastic** and her passion and energy will be missed within our school community.

Data and Results

In 2012 students on the Tell Them From Me survey reported they that they were below the Canadian Norm for being interested, motivated and intellectual engaged in their learning. The students will be asked to complete the survey again in 2014-2015 to see if improvement has been made in this area.



Professional Learning

At NGRHS the embedded time allowed our staff the necessary structured time to meet in professional learning teams to look at individual student learning as it relates to our school improvement plan. We divided up our staff into 8 collaborative learning teams; Options and Opportunities, Mathematics, Fine Arts, Science, English Language Arts, Student Services, Teacher Assistants, and Social Studies consisting of 2-6 members in each. We were able to meet thirteen times for ninety minutes each time in our groups and worked on incorporating more writing opportunities in each class and providing new real life learning opportunities for our students. Once a new strategy was tried the staff were able to discuss how students did and what supports could be tried next. We look forward to resuming this work next year!

Continuous School Improvement

Throughout the year staff and students have been working hard to meet our two school improvement goals. In conjunction with our Staff, School Advisory Council and Student Council, last year and throughout this year, the following two goals were developed and will continue to be the framework for our school improvement until 2016.

Student Achievement Goal:

By May, 2016 the percentage of students from grades 7-12 who meet or exceed expectations in writing will improve.

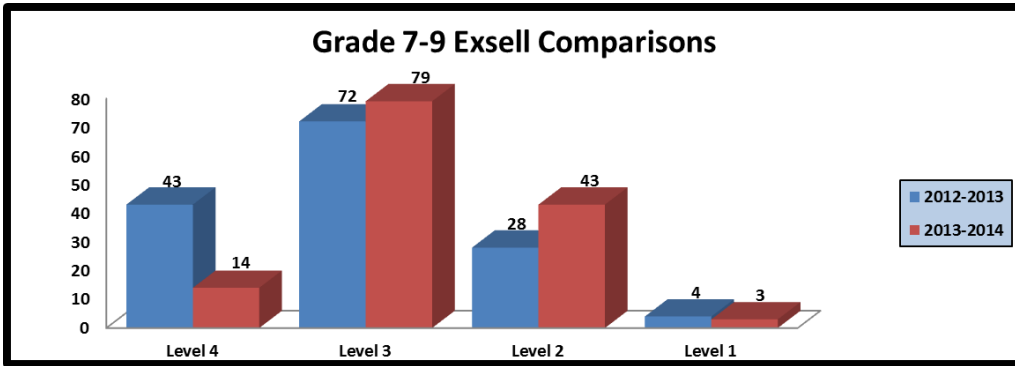
School Performance Goal:

By May, 2016 the percentage of NGRHS students who report being interested, motivated and intellectually engaged in their learning will improve.

A great thank you to our parents/guardians for all the support that they have given their children and teachers this academic school year, our local businesses for all the financial and moral support we to help provide educational activities for our students outside of the classroom, and lastly to all of the many volunteer coaches and facilitators for all their valued contributions to our students!

School Goals

1) Exsell 7-9: Student Writing Exemplar Scores (based on ExSELL Testing)

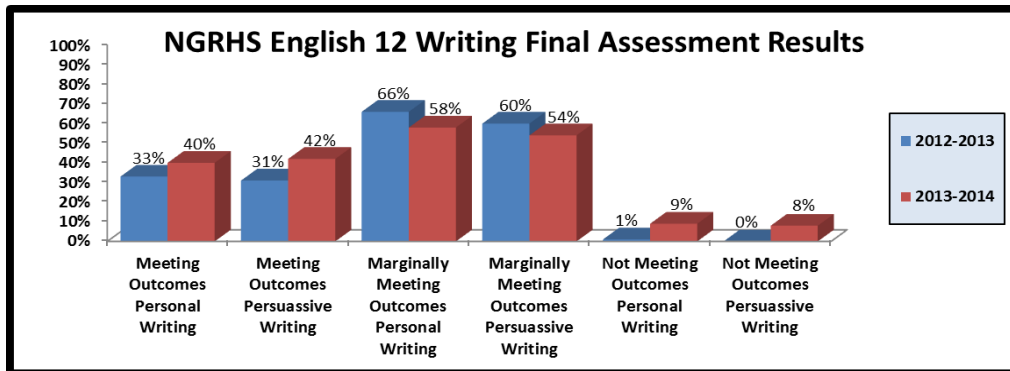


Level 4 = Above Expectations Level 3= Meeting Expectations

Interpretation: Approximately 1/3 of our students are not meeting expectations in writing in grades 7-9.



2) English 12 Writing Final Assessment Results:



Interpretation: The majority of our grade 12 students are not successfully meeting outcomes in writing.

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