Dear Bulldogs,

As we close the 2019-2020 school year, we look back on a year none of us will ever forget. This past school year presented a number of teachable and learning moments as well as challenges. It is important during this pandemic that we share our gratitude with our staff, students, parents, guardians, and community members.

- Thank you to our teachers for quickly pivoting to eLearning, for learning new technology and platforms, and for finding new ways to teach and connect with students.
- Thank you to our food service workers for continuing to serve meals while our buildings were closed. At New Haven alone we distributed close to 24,000 meals each week!
- Thank you to our custodians and maintenance employees for cleaning, sanitizing, and keeping our buildings maintained and ready for when our staff and students return in the fall.
- Thank you to our Technology Department staff for making sure students that needed assistance with their iPads and software received it.
- Thank you to EACS administration who helped provided leadership and guidance during this pandemic.
- Thank you, parents and guardians. We know it was not easy to work and care for your families while helping your children navigate eLearning. We appreciate you!
- Thank you to our students who wrote hundreds of letters of gratitude to our local healthcare hero's at Parkview, Lutheran, and Dupont Hospitals.
- Lastly, I would like to thank our staff and teachers for their hard work during this time. Our staff was presented with a number of obstacles that they were able to overcome in order to provide our students the education they deserve.

Congratulations to all of our students! We celebrate each of you and your promotion during a year we will never forget!

Congratulations to our retirees: Don Jones, Deb Rupp, and Trisha Mitchell. Thank you for your contributions to New Haven Junior High throughout the years! You will be missed.

Finally, we are grateful for our New Haven community for your patience and coming together to support our students during this difficult time.

Forever grateful,

Chad M. Houser
Principal

**Vision Statement**

NHJHS is the CHOICE for students and families in the New Haven Community.

**Mission Statement**

It is the mission of New Haven Jr. High School to provide the following:

- Engaging curriculum
- Open communication between school and parents
- A safe and secure environment
- High behavioral and academic expectations for students
- Extra-curricular options for all students
Counselor’s Corner: Summer 2020

The 2019-2020 school year sure is one we won’t forget. It’s been a bittersweet year for three special teachers who will not be returning next year and will start their retirement. This year we say goodbye to Mr. Don Jones, PE teacher and Ms. Deb Rupp, School Counselor. Also, Mrs. Trisha Mitchell, Special Education Teacher is leaving NHJH with plans to stay home with her family. These three staff members spent their careers with EACS, specifically NHJH and will be dearly missed. Their dedication and love of our students and families will be irreplaceable. Thank you for all your years of service.

The guidance department wants to especially recognize Ms. Deb Rupp for her years of service as School Counselor at New Haven Junior High. Best of luck in your retirement years, Ms. Rupp. You will be missed.

Students- we look forward to seeing you in August. We have been working hard on your schedules and are excited to welcome you back when school starts. One big change is all 8th Graders will be taking a Career Exploration class. This class will be a semester long and students will receive high school credit for this class. Be sure to stay healthy over the summer by reading, exercising, practicing mindful moments and thinking about all you are thankful for.

Lastly, we’d like to welcome Ms. Julie Stills, as our new school counselor. You will be meeting her in August when we return. She will be a great fit at NHJH and we are excited to have her as a NH Bulldog.

Stay safe and be well,
Mrs. Gilpin (A-K)
Ms. Rupp (L-Z)

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In the News:
New Haven Jr. High School would like to acknowledge the nominees for Teacher of the Year. This is a tremendous honor as each nominee received nominations from the peers. The nominees were Mr. Aaron Snyder, Mr. Corey Knight, Mrs. Karen Gilpin, and Mr. Sam Gensic.

Mrs. Karen Gilpin, was the finalist for 2020 New Haven Teacher of the Year.

Each of the four teachers are a part of an outstanding staff. New Haven Jr. High students are very fortunate to have such a hard-working, dedicated, and caring staff. Congratulations to all.